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**A GERMAN BORN AMERICAN SPEAKS.**

Every once in a while we read of some distinguished citizen of German ancestry, but naturalized as an American, speak in burning words that should be dinned in the ears of all, native-born or naturalized.

Prof. Max F. Meyer, of the University of Missouri, recently the recipient of an invitation to join one of the organizations with high-sounding names whose real object is to paralyze the fighting arm of the American government, in replying that the invitation was an insult, said:

"I am thoroughly familiar with the present organization of the German social body and with its culmination, the present German government. I am much more familiar with it than any of your committee. I have lived in Germany 25 years. I was born there. I was educated there. I spent 19 years of my life in German educational institutions from the kindergarten to the research laboratory."

Prof. Meyer cites these things to show that he knows Germany not from the outside, but from the inside, as a land in which the military class is the governing class. Stating these facts, Professor Meyer then utters the solemn warning to disloyalists in this country:

"If Germany wins this war, 50 years hence its government will rule the American people. I do not want my American children to be put under the yoke which I escaped by coming to America. My hope is that the German government will be overthrown and that the German nation, my relatives and friends will enter an international organization for peace and justice.

"But the German government, the fearful danger to our future, can be overthrown only by raising armies, not by sitting around your council tables and working for the repeal of conscription laws."

**THE SLAB CREEK SAGE SAYS**

Most advocates of peace at any price are married men.

A loud voice is a powerful weapon of defense and offense.

Two heads are better than a dozen in a love affair.

If a man is really fond of music he seldom tries to sing.

A wise man doesn't lie—neither does he tell all the truth he knows.

When a man is easily bought the buyer is usually sold.

Most men who think they are great don't even look the part.

What puzzles a small boy is how his mother can wear such a hot slipper.

It is easy to reason with a man after you have staked him to a hot dinner.

A husband has grounds for divorce if his wife refuses to help him with the housework.

A cheerful lie makes more friends than a solemn truth.

People with peppery tempers are not the salt of the earth.

No, Raffalo, earthquakes were not invented by the Quakers.

A diplomat is the fellow who has acquired the art of going after what he wants while the other fellow is waiting.

**STATE NEWS NOTES**

**Brief Items of Interest from Various Towns in Oregon.**

The Polk-Yamhill-Marion Medical association held its monthly meeting at Dallas.

Oregon Agricultural college alumni has 18 per cent of its membership in national service.

A severe earthquake shock was felt in the Lakeview section at 5:45 o'clock Saturday morning.

Forty thousand young trout have recently been planted in the northern part of Klamath county.

The Oregon Poultry and Pet Stock association will hold its annual show in Portland December 3 to 8.

James Joseph Coyle, for 65 years a resident of Oregon, died at his home in St. Paul. He was 70 years old.

Oregon's quota of aircraft fir that it is to supply for government uses has been announced as 4,500,000 feet.

The grain and provision store of Charles Burkhalter at Grants Pass was destroyed by fire with a loss of \$30,000.

A public meeting to organize a Benton county agricultural council will soon be called by the county agricultural agent.

Boys at the state training school for boys contributed \$13.20 with which to buy Christmas packages for the soldiers in France.

Earnings of paroled men since July, 1915, total \$235,473.77, according to a report of Parole Officer Keller, filed with the governor.

Polk county has dug the greater part of its potato crop, and in almost every district about one-half of a normal yield is reported.

Charles B. Croano died suddenly at Toledo. He was 73 years old and had been prominent in state and county politics for many years.

October was an exceptionally dry month in Astoria. The records show that the total rainfall during the month was but 1.25 inches.

During the month of October the state industrial accident commission sent out 3928 pay warrants to injured workmen and for hospital fees.

During the month of October 1225 automobiles were licensed by Secretary of State Olcott, and the total for the ten months of this year is 48,312.

Governor Withycombe has appointed Thomas Nelson of Astoria a member of the state board of pilot commissioners to succeed Edward C. Judd, resigned.

Work on the fish dam 20 miles up the north Umpqua river from Roseburg, has been abandoned by the state, owing to the inability to secure the needed men.

Judge J. C. Moreland, clerk of the supreme court, announced that out of 15 who took the examination for admission to the bar at Salem October 3, six failed.

Farm and garden and general produce raised at the Oregon state hospital for the 10 months from January 1 to October 31 this year amounted to \$87,943.73.

Mrs. A. M. La Follette, wife of State Senator La Follette, of Marion county, died at the Salem hospital from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. She was 70 years old.

The per capita cost at the state penitentiary has increased from \$21.33 in January when there were 466 inmates, to \$28.40 in October, when there were 341 inmates.

Plans for the immediate erection of a large planing mill at Wendling and the gradual electrification of the Wendling plant of the Booth-Wells Lumber company were announced.

State Fire Marshal Wells has issued a warning about fires from defective flues and chimneys. He urges all citizens to make an inspection of their flues and chimneys and avoid possible loss.

Through the office of the Wheeler county agricultural agent, a carload of rye has been distributed among the farmers near Fossil. A shortage of rye seed necessitated a shipment from outside points.

The second annual home-coming week-end at Oregon Agricultural college, inaugurated as a custom of the institution last fall, is to be staged this week, with a program crowded with athletic contests.

Bids were opened by the state highway commission Tuesday for grading the Wolf creek hill, in Josephine county, a distance of approximately five miles. This is one of the worst hills on the Pacific highway.

It was indicated at a meeting of the state tax commission, sitting as a board of equalization, that the as-

essed valuation of both the Southern Pacific and O. W. R. & N. Co.'s properties probably will be reduced slightly.

For a month the Forest Grove school board has experimented with a cafeteria, furnishing a noonday hot lunch for the pupils and teachers at cost. The result of the first month's experience has proved highly successful.

Carl L. Davis, secretary of the Coos County Fire Patrol association, declares that forest fires have caused more damage and required more expenditures by the association than in any year since the patrol was organized.

The port of Bandon is considering the construction of a \$20,000 dredge for the purpose of guaranteeing the port a certainty of shipping the year around. Recent bar trouble caused by shoaling is expected to be taken care of by such a dredge.

Several Coos county high schools with domestic science departments are resuming the usual winter custom of serving noonday lunches for the accommodation of students who prefer to dine at the schools instead of returning home for meals.

Concluding that moving pictures furnished the state institutions by a film supply company of Portland were unfit for exhibition, the board of control has directed its secretary to make arrangements for a censorship of the films provided.

Secretary of State Olcott has sent notices to all state officials that any claims presented by them against the state for expenses for either passenger or Pullman fares or freight expense tax under the new war tax law will not be audited by his office.

The appropriation of \$7500 for the state grain inspection department, under the public service commission, is now exhausted and the commission is preparing to ask the emergency board to authorize the department to incur a deficiency of probably \$5000.

A. E. Borthwick, one of the widely known grand army veterans of Oregon, formerly commander of the department of Oregon and at one time clerk of Multnomah county, died at his residence in Portland following an illness of several months. He was 72 years old.

Students of the normal school at Monmouth are making a comprehensive study of the different kinds of food products. The purpose announced in giving this instruction to the students is to enable them to teach the pupils the plan of the government to conserve food for the allies.

Six of the 468 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending November 1 were fatal. They were: John Wade, Astoria, brakeman; A. L. Badger, Portland, steel worker; W. H. Tice, Falls City, logger; Frank Geelan, Knappa, logger; E. Weatherston, Bend, logger, and John Oliver, La Grande, sawmill employe.

In October 25 vessels loaded at the mills in the lower Columbia river district and their combined cargoes amounted to 29,028,370 feet of lumber. During the same period 11 vessels loaded 9,427,842 feet of lumber at the up-river mills, making a grand total of 29,456,212 feet of lumber that was shipped by water from the Columbia river in the month of October.

Shaniko is a claimant for Liberty loan laurels. Without wishing to underestimate the performance of Powers which averaged subscriptions of \$100 for each man, woman and child, and was accorded highest rank in the United States, Shaniko calls attention to the fact that with less than 300 population it contributed \$52,200, or \$174 for each inhabitant of the community.

In the belief that the grade of the old Oregon-Washington railroad may be used as the basis for a water-level road from Pendleton to Echo, a number of Pendleton business men and farmers have started a move to have the state highway commission locate the state road between these two towns so that it will pass over the old right of way, down the Umstilla river, instead of over the hill where the present road lies.

That the Horsefly irrigation project, which originally was created to irrigate 16,000 acres of rich land in Langell and Yenna valleys, about 20 miles east of Klamath Falls, by the installation of a dam at the head of Miller

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creek in Horsefly valley, will now be divided into about three separate units, and each unit proceed on its own private enterprise, was practically decided at a meeting of the members of the district held at Bonanza.

To correct an error made when he attempted to appoint members of the state board of vocational education before the law authorizing such board was effective, Governor Withycombe has reappointed the board members, with one change. He appointed C. F. Adams of Portland to serve in place of W. B. Ayer, food administrator.

Other members are Mrs. George McMath and E. J. Stack of Portland, Mrs.

Charles H. Castner of Hood River, and J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction.

The big reservoir of the Tumalo irrigation project in central Oregon is pronounced a failure in a report made to the state desert land board by a commission of engineers appointed to investigate the project. The engineers recommend that water be procured from the Deschutes river to irrigate the lands in the project. This would involve a cost of \$340,000, they estimate. Leakage, due to bad breaks, and slow percolation make the present Tumalo reservoir useless for storage purposes, the report claims.