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ITALY MORE REASONABLE

There are many signs that Italy has been coming to her senses lately. The return of the Italian delegation to Paris was the first symptom of returning sanity. Since that there has been practical recognition by Italy of the basic principles at stake, particularly the right of other nations to some self-determination of their own.

The most striking proof of this is Italy's renunciation of the so-called Dodecanese or 'Dozen Islands,' an archipelago in the Aegean Sea which was assigned to Italy in the secret Pact of London, but whose population is almost wholly Greek. Having acknowledged the impropriety of keeping those islands, Italy may be expected to show a similarly enlightened attitude with regard to the Adriatic problem. And it must be admitted that by this honorable surrender she has strengthened her case for whatever genuine rights she may have in the Adriatic.

The Fiume matter is not settled yet, but it is believed that the compromise announced recently will be carried out, and the strictly Italian city of Fiume will be awarded to Italy, while most of the adjacent Slav population will be joined to a new seaport created especially for Jugoslavia a few miles down the coast. Along with this, Italy would get a few important points along the Dalmatian coast, with the bulk of Dalmatia going to the Slavs, who constitute the bulk of the population.

Thus the most serious trouble arising among the allies at the peace conference is vanishing and Italy, instead of aping ancient Rome, is assuming her proper place as one of the enlightened powers controlling the modern world according to modern standards of international justice.

* EDITORIALS of the PEOPLE *

Judge McKnight Writes

Editor Democrat: The pink sample ballot is once more abroad in the land and it reminds us that we are soon to have another election. The big bond special is due on June 3d, 1919, with a ballot containing ten different methods for increasing the tax burden. I could see touches of humor through it all did I not realize that it is a very serious matter to the taxpayers of the county. I would like to go into details but space forbids. I will therefore confine myself mainly to one phase of the situation that might escape the attention of the general public. Would it not be well before we vote these great debts upon ourselves, which must be paid in taxes, to first inquire what will be our tax ability to pay. It might surprise many to know that our capacity in this direction is growing less. The assessed value is the true index of the taxing strength of a county and not the real value. The two should never be confused as under the laws of Oregon at the present time so many forms of property are now exempt from taxation. A county might be rich in certain classes of property that is entirely beyond the assessor's reach. His hands are tied by statute and the assessment rolls of the state of Oregon will decrease very rapidly from this time on.

The legislature of late has been almost as active in exempting property from taxation as it has been in piling up burdens on the rest of it. The following classes of property have been lost from the tax roll: household goods, automobiles and mortgage notes. The government bonds have absorbed the money. The S. P. land

grant is no longer taxable. It would also appear from an order received from the department last year that the county might lose, under certain conditions, certain taxes on railroad lines. If the lines remain under government control there can be no question but we will eventually lose all of this property. The truth of the matter is we are fast approaching a condition bordering on single tax. The real property will soon be carrying all of the burden. Judging by the rate we are moving now, we will in all probability arrive at that point about five years hence. This will be about the time we would be called upon to raise the first annual payment of the \$100,000 county bonds.

This ill-advised and intemperate road agitation will result in much harm since a form of road construction is contemplated which is entirely too expensive for most counties under present conditions. Furthermore it has created a demand for state aid which is a deception and a cruel illusion. As one taxpayer puts it: "State aid taken from my county and my own pocket and offered me under conditions is not aid to me but a trick worked upon me." The legislature seems to have passed another bond measure of \$10,000,000 for state road purposes. Then it appears we must bond the county to get back our share of the \$10,000,000. There seems to be no law then to give us back our part of the money but it does put us in a fierce competition with the rest of the counties.

The general trend of the movement seems to be to borrow for present needs and charge it up to the past, then bond the future to the limit and let the next generation pay for that. It is claimed that it will all go through according to schedule, possibly it will. I would not care to make any prediction as to the result of a special election as that is a part of the trick. It is much easier by a constant agitation to set a wave in motion than it is to check it. If these measures and amendments all carry, I am afraid the taxpayers of the state of Oregon will awaken to this fact to their bitter cost.

D. B. McKNIGHT.

Ignorance may be Bliss

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some country Slaughter-
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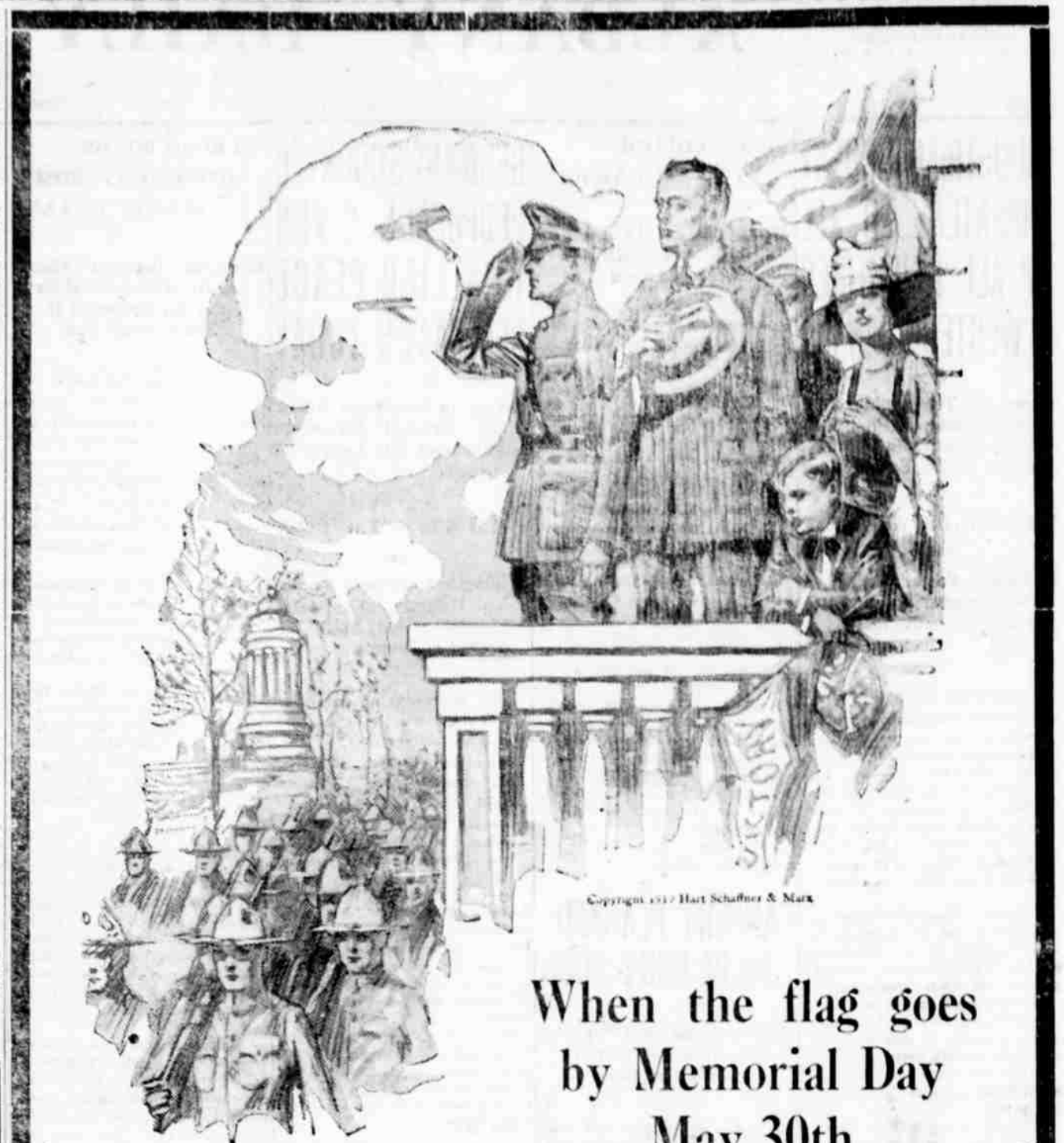
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When the flag goes
by Memorial Day
May 30th

HATS OFF as the flag passes; that has always been the rule; but Americans had to go to war to learn what the flag means, and how to pay honor to it.

Decoration Day is no longer a memorial of the Civil War; it is a day of tribute to all heroic souls who have shown devotion to the highest patriotism; to those who gave their lives, and to those who were willing to do so.

The clothing business can
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Weather Report—

Yesterday's temperature ranged from 49 to 71 degrees. The river registered 5.8 feet.

Ash Swale Items

BROWNSVILLE, May 28.—Special.—George Moore of Brownsville, who died at his home here Saturday, was buried at the Masonic Cemetery Sunday. Mr. Moore was a native son of his place and for several years ran a garage here. He was the son of Wm. Moore, the democratic candidate for sheriff during the last election. The farm residence on the old Stan-

ard homestead burned down Thursday afternoon, with complete loss, there being no insurance. Logan Calloway and family were living on the place. Mr. Calloway and other members of the family were sick with the influenza and Mr. Calloway was carried to Oscar Carlson's home in a critical condition. It is thought the fire caught from a defective flue.

Brownsville has been making great preparations for the Pioneers' Picnic to be held in June. The Linn County Pioneers' association have held their annual picnic at Brownsville for several years and this is a big event for

this section. The 'flu' has not halted preparation for the event, as it is the next two or three weeks.

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