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A LASTING BOOM

We have all read of mining booms, oil booms and land booms and we have seen these booms make new cities overnight and turn barren country into prosperous communities.

We are now in the midst of a berry boom. Instead of the danger of a collapse at a later period, such as follows many booms, there is only prospects for a continued and growing demand for berry products.

The reason for this is simple. The rest of the world has never been able to get such berries as are grown in western Oregon and Washington because they cannot grow them themselves and because we were never able to ship the green fruit any great distance in good condition.

With the development of the fruit juice, preserving and jam plants, conditions have changed. Single firms like the Phez Products Co., have been spending hundreds of thousands of dollars advertising berry products nationally and internationally.

Hundreds of millions of people who never had a chance to eat berries before are now able to get them in many delicious forms.

The result is that the demand is growing faster than new acreage can produce. This demand will constantly increase. People eat all the time and fruit products are one of the main articles of diet.

For this reason the so-called berry boom is not a boom at all as most booms go. It is simply the delayed development of an industry that is needed very badly to help feed the world.

Increased acreage of strawberries, loganberries and raspberries is sure to bring the grower very profitable returns for years to come and it is a question whether we can produce enough to supply the world trade that is developing.

The opportunity is here if we take advantage of it.

GROUPS OF LUNATICS

"To arms, comrades!" read a circular issued by a secret organization calling itself by the horrendous name of "American Anarchist Federated Commune Soviet." It demands a "bloody revenge" for the recent raids made by government representatives on Red headquarters in various cities.

"We must unite secretly," it declares, "call strikes in all industries, begin to seize all food stores and factories, and attack with any weapon we can. Our victory will come only by our using all weapons of force that we can lay hold of in fighting our enemies."

These wild, whirling words need cause no undue alarm. They are probably sincere. They may indicate the purpose of desperate men. It is necessary to ferret out such men, and imprison or deport them, because they are crazy and liable to break out at any time in acts of criminal violence. But that is about all.

They are more significant than other lunatics only because they have a certain capacity for working together—their is group lunacy rather than individual insanity—and there are more of them thinking alike than is usually the case with men of "fixed ideas." But altogether they are few in number, compared with the great, level-headed, sensibly progressive public.

It is well to be on guard, but no one need take them too seriously. There will be no "revolution" at the hands of such groups of fanatics. There will be merely the trouble of seizing them like any other lunatics when they wag their delirious tongues, or at the worst, treating them like the mad dogs they are, when they turn rabid and run amuck.

The next big investigation will be that the people undertake to find out why the Republican majority isn't keeping at least ten per cent of its promises of good legislation. When the inquiry comes it is pretty certain that some distinguished gentlemen will be convicted in the court of public opinion of having obtained office under false pretenses.

Railroad legislation is promised now "after the disposition of the treaty." Republican obstructionists are not satisfied with delaying the treaty—they are using that willful delay as an excuse for procrastination in respect to other business.

J. D. Ryan, former director of aircraft production, made Republican investigators look like the subjects of investigation, and they lost their temper. These delvers in the mire don't relish having their own mud thrown back at them.

The attention of certain Republican Senators is respectfully called to the War Department's coming sale of 673 anvils. These gentlemen are already supplied with hammers.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

A Delicate Hint—

The Mexican situation is reported as very delicate, but just how anything connected with Mexico or Mexicans can be referred to as delicate is not apparent to the ordinary mind, says the Eugene Guard. Those most conversant with affairs south of the Rio Grande regard it all as a dirty mess that ought to be cleaned up thoroughly and for all time to come.

A Gold Mine—

The beauty of the berry crop is that any man or woman can get into the business with little or no capital and by work make him or herself independent in the course of a few years. This may seem like talk, the Yaquina Bay News declares, and it would have been five years ago; but industry has now made it possible to preserve our fruit crop in different ways and forms and send it to the ends of the earth.

Adequate Punishment—

The Centralia murders should have the effect to restore the death penalty for capital crimes in Oregon. Suppose that crime had been committed in this state instead of in Washington. Lynch law would have been the only adequate way of punishing those murderers, thinks the Polk County Itemizer.

A Slight Accommodation—

The local O. E. northbound passenger Sunday evening backed up from here to Junction City to pick up a bunch of passengers that they had inadvertently overlooked at that place. —Harrisburg Bulletin.

In Hope of Clemency—

An inmate of the pen confessed Tuesday that he was the party who had robbed Smith & Fontaine's store a few months since, and said the plunder would be found under the flouring mill. He is a little late with his confession as the stuff was found some time since under Kothoff's warehouse. —Jefferson Review.

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

Ha! We've Got a Contribution
Dear Sirs or Madams:—Being of the unsophisticated masses, I desire enlightenment, namely as to who is the "obsequious two-thirder" mentioned in your column of wit and humor so often. I make this bold and assertive statement as the I was not ashamed of this mental insufficiency, but I am. It makes me feel bad. So I will close. Hoping you are the same, I remain, Yours as it were,
A. MANLEY MANN.

Answer.—Answer tomorrow.

A FAR CRY

The Obstreperous Two - Thirder whistled a merry snatch from "It's a Long, Long Ways, Etc."
"I was just thinking," he explained, "that the guy who named it near beer didn't have much idea of distance, now did he?"

PARAGRAPIFICATION

Where there's a will there's a lawyer. Some suckers we fish for nearly land us. Life being one grand song doesn't mean chin music. This is a temperate zone but some of us are not. Some chickens don't have to scratch much for a husband. We little know how little we know. Dreams can't come true until you wake up. Some bosses dress nearly as well as their clerks.—Mail.

THEY ARE DRY NOW

In days of old the Germans bold Quaffed lager-beer with their chow. Then came the Yanks with naughty pranks.
Ha! Where are those Deutchmen now?

NO WOMAN'S LAND

No Man's Land used to stretch across France; No Woman's land is a belt of dilapidated kitchens in Chicago, where the Bridgets have struck.

QUERRIES

Sir—Why do human eyes remind one of a school room?
Answer—Because the pupils are always there. T. Quince

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