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THE 1920 STYLE

"All we, like sheep, are led—" either "astray" or in the proper direction. So few people seem really to do their own thinking, so many seem blindly to follow the "style," whatever it may be, that apparently almost anything can be put over on the general public if only a little leadership and publicity are forthcoming.

During the war, everyone saved food. It was the style. Nor was any perceptible harm done to the nation's physical well-being. A few people, who eschewed wheat cereals entirely from the summer of 1917 to the winter of 1918, have never quite got back their former appetite for corn meal mush, johnnycake and oatmeal porridge. But that's a minor detail.

During the war, everyone saved money. It was the style. Many people went to extremes and saved unwisely—that is, they let their personal and household needs go unsatisfied to the point where they had to go to the other extreme of unwise buying after the armistice was signed. But that was a minor detail, and by now the adjustment has been made to normal conditions.

During 1919, everybody bought and chattered with reckless abandon. It was the style. There was a minority, the conscientious ones, again, who tried to maintain their balance in the whirl. This time the action of the minority was not a "minor detail." It proved the leaven which shall be maintained through a period of bewilderment: and "what a human being has done, a human being can do."

These were the same people who, while the majority talked wildly of "unrest," said nothing and sawed wood. Now, in the period of fuel shortage, they have a woodpile. It can be done. People can work, and save, and keep their heads, and be happy as well as sensible, no matter what the apparent conditions around them.

All we need in 1920 is to make work and thrift and good sense and quiet happiness the style. But every fellow must do his share to keep the style stylish.

ARE WOMEN PEOPLE?

That is the question suffragists used to ask, making its answer the foundation for their demand for the ballot. They are now being given the ballot, and sex as an issue in politics ought to drop out of sight forever. The action of the Oregon Legislature Monday put the women of the country one step nearer the polls.

Women are people. They are citizens. They have equal rights with men in the matter of electing officers and making laws.

To demand, as some women have, that each state be represented on the national committee of either party by "two representatives, one woman and one man" is ridiculous. It is to inject the question of sex back into matters

of government. On national committees, in Congress or in any other department of government, citizens should be elected to serve, regardless of sex, for their qualifications to fill those particular offices. If a given man is better qualified, he should be elected. If a given woman is better fitted to occupy a certain place than anyone else, then to her the place should be given. There are jobs in the country peculiarly in need of women to carry them out. There are others better turned over to men.

To make any political demands for women as women, and not as citizens, would be to go back a generation.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

Same Here—
 Unless local canneries and factories are loyally supported by local producers, and secure sufficient produce to operate, they will have to close their doors, the grower will then be at the mercy of the speculator and distant canner and lose his local market, while the community suffers from loss of population and industry, comments the Capital Journal.

Americans or Lilliputians?—
 Why should any American be timid about having this country enter the league of nations as the other allied powers have done? Asks the East Oregonian.

The United States would be in the best position of any power to dominate the league if it wished to do so.

Roseburg At It Too—
 Complete satisfaction with the results of the past season and enthusiasm over the plans for building the new market during the coming year marked one of the most important meetings of the fruit growers of this vicinity on the occasion of the annual stockholders meeting of the Unique Growers' association held at the city hall this morning.—Review.

Why Not?—
 Democrats, having chosen a California city for the meeting place of their national convention might go a little further in the same direction and take a California man for president.—Franklin K. Lane, says the Guard.

Not Oregon's Style—
 What silly fellow was that who advocated passing a bill in the special session crowning Finley king—creating an office and naming him to fill it for life, asks the Baker Herald. No, no, Oregon does not do things that way.

Studying Astronomy—
 A dispatch says Harvard university observers have discovered a new star. They are probably gathering material for the game against Oregon next year, observes the Guard.

Hit a Soft Spot—
 "Feverish activity" towards a compromise is reported from the senate chamber. It is evident the president landed heavily in a vital spot, is the East Oregonian's comment.

A Little Tardy But At It—
 Uncle Sam, always a little tardy

in taking a big step, has finally rolled up his sleeves, tried out his muscle and is going after what is termed the "Red" element in this nation, says the Baker Herald.

EDITORIALS of the PEOPLE

Part Time School Favored

The announcement in the Daily Democrat of January 7, that Supt. Boettcher's plan for a half-time school in Albany was adopted by the school board at its last meeting, is encouraging news. It is indicative of broadminded progressiveness on the part of the Albany school board as well as the superintendent.

While the pupils receive benefit from such a school that they, in many cases would not otherwise receive, there are others that will profit by it, if the school authorities make the proper arrangements with the employers of labor in the city. The adult laborers, in the various industries in which half-time pupils take employment, should also be considered least in improving part of the economic fabric we injure another. Suppose, for example, that, by securing the labor of two half-time pupils, an employer dispenses with the labor of an adult worker, who has a family dependent upon the proceeds of his day's work. The resultant injury, in some cases would outweigh the benefits.

The half-time school not only enables boys and girls to continue their school work longer than they otherwise could, because of the inability of some parents to get along without their children's help in bearing the expense of the home, but it also helps young people to better connect the talents they have developed at school with the employments which they intend to follow, thus, often, avoiding loss of time and effort, and the accompanying discouragement on the part of the workers, and inconvenience and loss to the employer.

Sodaville, Ore., Jan. 11, 1919.
 L. A. SIMON.

Today's Calendar of Sports

- Racing**
 Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.
 Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Association at New Orleans.
- Golf**
 Tournament of Winter League of Advertising Interests, at Pinchurst.
 Annual New Year's tournament at Belleair, Fla.
- Boxing**
 Mike O'Dowd vs. Frank Carbone, 10 rounds, at Detroit.

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