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ALBANY, OREGON, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

WHO WON THE WAR?

There need be no further argument over who or what won the war. It is all settled, and the claim and counter-claim we have seen bandied back and forth since Nov. 11, 1918, fade into irrelevance before the fact that clinches the discussion.

A headline in a Sunday paper says "French Eager to Pay Taxes," and a quarter-column dispatch from Stephanie Lauzanne, well known in this country, relates how the French stood in line in the rain clamoring to get rid of their money. "They thought it a pleasure to pay their taxes," he says.

Despite the fact that last year the collector in one district was unable to send out his notices, all but five per cent of the taxes were paid. And a week or two ago, when the government issued bonds for one billion francs for restoration of the devastated lands, the people subscribed seven billions.

We submit that a people who find pleasure in paying taxes a year after a war has almost destroyed their land, and who subscribe seven times over for a government loan, could never be defeated. The spirit that pays taxes in spite almost of hell itself, is the spirit that won the war. And who can dispute the fact?

We Americans, then, had better stop claiming that we won the war—at least, until we stop complaining about our income taxes.

LENT

The world once more approaches the season of religious observance known as Lent. It is to be hoped that the keeping of Lent will not be confined to those denominations which hold it as an essential part of their faith, for the practices by which it is kept as a religious observance are such as would be of benefit under any circumstances.

Whether one lightens his diet in the early spring from respect to his body or his soul, the benefit derived from it is unquestionable. Devoting some time each day to meditation upon the better things of life can not fail to work the good of the person who does it. Definitely considering the life and death and resurrection of the Founder of the Christian faith will make the strong man stronger, and the weak man strong. Turning from the exciting diversions of winter to the quieter ones and to the restful society of good books will renew body, mind and spirit.

LOW PRICES

An antiquarian drags to the light a list of prices charged for commodities back in 1840, among which are these items:

Eggs, 6 cents a dozen; Chickens, 8 cents apiece; Oats, 19 cents a bushel; Vinegar, 6 cents a quart; Molasses, 15 cents a quart; Coffee, 13 cents a pound; And—Whiskey, 32 cents a gallon.

Yes, those were the "good old days," sure enough! That is, if you consider merely the arithmetic of prices. When you come to consider the money itself, it works out differently, as usual. The same antiquarian adds this enlightening commentary:

"Money was tight, and because of the scarcity there were few transactions, and there was a great deal of exchanging or swapping—wood was swapped for tea and wool for molasses, etc."

The old, old story! Prices were low because money was high, and money was high because it was scarce. And what good are low prices when you haven't got the price?

TODAY'S EVENTS

Today is the 150th anniversary of the birth of David Stone, United States senator and governor of North Carolina.

Paul Deschanel today will be formally installed in the presidency of the French Republic, in succession to Raymond Poincare.

A notable social event in London today will be the marriage of the Marquis of Blandford, eldest son of the American-born Duchess of Malborough, to the Honorable Mary Cadogan.

Irrigation, railway, and liquor traffic legislation are expected to be the chief subjects to receive attention at the session of the Alberta legislature which is to open today.

The Democratic State executive committee of Minnesota has been called to meet at St. Paul today to make arrangements for the State convention.

The Third National Shorthorn Cattle Congress, Show and Sale will be opened in Chicago today and continued until Friday.

Leaders in education from all parts of the Dominion will gather in Ottawa today for a conference of the National Educational Council.

Every phase of the housing problem, with especial reference to the utility of concrete houses, will be discussed at a three-day conference to be opened in Chicago today.

A national conference on rural school consolidation will open today at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and continue through the remainder of the week.

A faction of the Republican party in North Dakota has called a State conference for Bismarck today to select candidates for delegates to the national convention.

Today has been set apart by the National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations for a National Child Welfare Day to commemorate the founding of the organization in 1897.

Herbert C. Hoover is expected to deliver an important address dealing with conditions in the bituminous coal industry when he is inaugurated today and president of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey Club, at Havana.
Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.

Golf

Cuban amateur championship tournament opens at Havana.
Washington's Birthday tournament at Belleair, Fla.

The little waiting rooms, close to the stage, for the use of actors during intervals, was originally colored green as being restful to the eyes after the glare of the stage. And so it became known as the greenroom.

The Koreans are very superstitious people. They will often buy small articles like matches, soap, perfume, candy, medicine, etc., for the sake of a lucky label, and they will often refrain from buying an article because it has to them an unlucky label.

Comments of the State Press

Ingratitude of Democracies—

The ingratitude of democracies is proverbial. France has already discarded Clemenceau, her savior. Italy has retired Orlando, who transformed Italian defeat into triumph. Every English by-election goes against Lloyd-George who retrieved British disaster. President Wilson, who captained a united people to victory, has broken in health under the incessant assaults made upon him.

—Capital Journal

Really Great—

The Oregonian's special correspondent at Washington has rendered a prompt verdict in the Wilson-Lansing case without hearing the evidence. As usual the president is very clearly in the wrong, and Mr. Lansing, for the first time in his life, is lauded as a really great man. The same correspondent used to refer to him as an automaton posing as secretary while the president really directed affairs of state himself.—Eugene Guard.

Best Show of Election—

The Eugene Guard admits that governor Cox of Ohio is the best man for the nomination for president on the Democratic ticket, but thinks he better not be boosted too hard till they find out of Herb Hoover is not more popular. In other words, the main thing is to nominate somebody who stands in best show of being elected.—Gazette-Times.

Sleeping Opportunity—

Fifty thousand acres of berries and cherries are needed to meet the demand of the world market, according to The Manufacturer, and this additional fruit would keep running one hundred more canneries. Astoria has many idle acres adapted to berry culture, none better, and several fruit canneries here could be operated with the small fruits that could be grown. Some day we may be known as much for our berries as for our salmon.

—Astoria Budget

Innocent Public—

Because there have been thefts of silk from freight cars, the railroad administration has ruled that hereafter silk must be shipped by freight only in carload lots. Wouldn't it be better to punish the thieves than to punish the innocent public?—Eugene Register.

Health Improvement—

Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, the physical training expert, finds that American girls have increased an inch in height and gained an average of ten pounds in weight since the time of the World's Fair at Chicago, when he tabulated statistics relating to American physique. Students at men's colleges in the same period have added nearly two inches to stature and nine pounds to weight.—Ex.

machine has been built which will shape masts up to one hundred feet in length and three feet in diameter.

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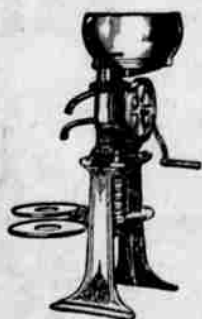
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