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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

THE \$10,000,000 BOND ISSUE

Representatives Weeks and Hughes have addressed circular letters to the Marion county newspapers and to many of their constituents to ascertain their views on the proposed \$10,000,000 road bond issue. There is little doubt what the majority of the answers will be (unless the letters have been sent to a hand-picked list), for the Marion county farmers who make up the mass of the population is "constitutionally" opposed to bonds of any kind. But that is no insuperable reason why there should be no bonds issued. Marion county is not the state of Oregon, and there is no evidence that the state has abandoned its purpose to build roads upon a comprehensive plan—as initiated and endorsed by the voters when they approved the \$6,000,000 bond issue. There will, of course, be a great difference of opinion as to submitting the question to the voters. As there is scarcely one chance in a hundred that the voters would disapprove, a special election would seem an unnecessary expense.

In the matter of granting the Highway commission full and unrestricted authority to spend this \$10,000,000, only the paving "trust" and those feeding from its trough will approve such "plenary" powers. No matter how honest and how efficient the members of the Highway commission, the fact remains that they are placed in office to carry out the instructions of the people—not to build roads that please the commission—and the paving companies. Hence the legislature will be carrying out the wishes of the people if they place certain wise restrictions upon the activities of the commission—and the paving trust.

If Representative Weeks and Hughes have not lost their life-long habit of keeping their ears to the ground, they know these things already. But if some unfortunate circumstance has led them to apply an ear to the earth just above some stretch of patent pavement, then, this answer to their carbon copy communication be thrown away.

THE "IGNORANT YANK"

German officers have informed the world that the Yanks won the war because they knew nothing about military tactics.

The Yanks didn't know that it was impossible for infantry to charge machine gun nests. Yet they did it and captured or killed the enemy.

They didn't know that a soldier was not supposed to aim at the enemy. He should have shot only in the general direction.

They never heard that a company was supposed to retreat after having suffered a certain percentage of casualties, etc.

Gee! Our soldiers certainly were ignorant, but according to German officers, this ignorance was terrible for the morale of their men. The Hun knew if they stuck at their posts long enough some big Yank would either capture or kill them in his ignorance of the rules of war.

But why worry. It's too late to learn now. Besides the war is over and we did pretty good work, considering what we knew.—Portland News.

If the Portland Journal approves all the radical speeches of Dr. Charles Hiram Chapman, one of its editorial writers who speaks before Portland "soviets", from the same platform with "Comrade" Wicks, the boy Bolshevik, the Journal will soon be consorting with the choicest spirits of the "Occidental Reds." Dr. Chapman is a real "Journalviki."

Butter and egg prices are sagging down where we five-foot-seven fellows can reach them once in awhile, though from the viewpoint of the dairyman and the poultryman, the sag is a most depressing one—while feed remains so high.

A few short years ago, all Europe wanted Constantinople. Now it looks as though all Europe wants America to take it—as a sort of a trustee of the human race.

CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL FITNESS.

The child health organization of New York is endeavoring to attract the attention of the country to the nation's duty of preserving the health of the children. Attention has been turned to this subject by the draft inspections, which show that 25 or 30 per cent of the young men are disqualified for service on account of physical debility. Much of this unfitness comes from malnutrition. In this connection the board furnishes tables showing what the height and weight of children should be at certain ages. For instance, a boy of ten should be 50 inches high and weigh 77 pounds. A girl of the same age should be 54 inches high and weigh 70 pounds. Similar figures are given for children of all ages from five to eighteen. The idea of these figures is to inform the parents, by obtaining the height and weight of their children, whether they have been sufficiently and intelligently fed or not. This is reducing the nutrition of children to a scientific scale, but it is to be doubted if many parents are patient and intelligent enough to ascertain these facts, says Ohio State Journal. Too many go upon the idea that feeding a boy all he will eat is increasing his strength, and, of course, they want their children strong, never thinking for a moment that overfeeding is quite as disastrous as underfeeding.

Like most men of culture, Sir R. B. Finlay, British lord high chancellor, knows his Bible and can quote it aptly. Referring to the recent extraordinary manifestations of German rage in the bombing of hospitals, he said they reminded him of a certain person concerning whom it was written that his "wrath is great because his time is short." The cable dispatch does not do the fitness of the quotation justice, however, says Chicago Evening Post. We looked it up and found it so admirably suited to recent happenings that we give it in full, as you may read it in Revelation, 2, 12: "Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the devil has gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time." That explains more than the hospital bombings—it explains the frenzied drives on the west front and the raid on our Atlantic coast.

Figures made public by the marine corps show that since our entrance into the war the corps has enlisted 13,826 recruits under 21 years of age, representing 30 per cent of the enlistments during the period. The policy of the marine corps in admitting boys of eighteen years and over into the rank is more than justified, officers claim, by the heroic fighting by the marines at Chateau-Thierry and Belleau wood, the showing they have made in their sector of the Marne line since that time, and the youthfulness of many of the marines who have been decorated and cited in France. While it was known that many boys under twenty-one were serving with the sea soldiers, the statement that they aggregated nearly one-third of the enlistments was a surprise even to the marine officers themselves.

In 1917 only 1,614 persons emigrated from Denmark to foreign countries; of these 1,589 came to the United States. This is the smallest number of emigrants from Denmark in seventy years. Heretofore five-sixths of the emigrants have been farmers, workmen and house servants, but during 1917 only one-sixth belonged to these classes, a larger percentage than usual being tradesmen and commercial men of various kinds.

From all accounts, captivity for the German private is a one blissful compensation. He can scout the captive officer if the latter attempts to lord it over him, and even refuse to give up his own comforts to his superior. His equality with his erstwhile tyrant is apparently a real joy. Tasting it means that after the war is over the former military slavery will be a thing of the past.

The visit of the Infanta Eulalie here as the official representative of Spain at the Columbus celebration introduced corn bread to Europe. Now the war is bringing the doughnut to the lands over the ocean. These are not the least among American souvenirs of world events.

Maybe you will not regret so much the mileage you didn't accumulate on recent Sundays when you learn that your self-denial helped to send 500,000 barrels of much-needed gasoline to the front.

The Germans seem more afraid of the British tanks than of any other means of warfare. In these huge moving fortresses they are outclassed in their own favorite weapon of frightfulness.

If you like skunk skins, you're in hard luck, because they have gone up to nine dollars apiece.

Don't fear influenza, but take every precaution to avoid it.

EAGLE ALWAYS AN EMBLEM

From Mythological Times the Monarch of the Air Has Been Chosen as Representative of Power.

In mythology the eagle usually represents the sun. The great mythical eagle of India, the Garuda, is the bearer of the god Vishnu, victorious by his brightness over all demons. In Scandinavian mythology the eagle is a gloomy figure, assumed by demons of darkness or by Odin himself, concealed in the gloomy night or in wind swept clouds. The storm giant Hrasvelgr sits in the form of an eagle at the extremity of heaven and blows blasts over all people and on the great tree Yggdrasil sits an eagle observing everything that happens. When Zeus was preparing for his struggle with the Titans the eagle brought him a thunderbolt, whereupon the god took the bird for his emblem. It naturally became the emblem of nations after its long use in mythology. Ptolemy Soter made it the emblem of the Egyptian kingdom. In the Roman story the eagle was the herald of Tarquinius of his royal power, and it was one of the most important insignia of the republic, and was also assumed by the emperors, and adopted into medieval heraldry after the time of Charlemagne.

ARTIST MADE RED HIS COLOR

Once Wittily Said That Chase Signed His Canvases With a Note of That Hue.

On his trips to Pittsburgh for jury duty Chase used to pass a certain favorite painted red, an offense to the landscape, but in itself a strong, beautiful color. As he noted in passing it twice a year that the color did not fade though in the outdoors and in sunlight, it was evident that the pigment had great permanency, so the next time he went to Pittsburgh he hunted up the source of the paint. Having finally trailed it to the manufacturer, he bought all the red paint that the man had on hand and had an artists' color firm put it up in tubes, and with characteristic generosity scattered it among his artist friends. With this red many of his red notes were touched in—those characteristic accents which caused Kenyon Cox to say that in his use of a red note Chase had signed his canvases.

When Chase was in England... Abbey sent him an earnest request to come and see his Harrisburg decorations. At first Chase thought it impossible but at the last minute he took a flying trip to Abbey's country house by motor. When he saw the decorations his admiration sounded proverbial, but it was, as Abbey realized afterward, quite right. "What your canvases needs is a spot of red," Abbey took his advice.—Katharine M. Roof.

Navy Blue.

The blue color so prominent in the uniforms of almost all marines is of hoary origin. Vegetius, in his fifth book on the military affairs of the Romans, traces the origin of this color to the Veneti, an ancient people dwelling near the coast of Biscay, and well versed in seamanship. It was customary among them to paint their outgoing ships as well as the masts and sails with a blue color; also their sailors wore blue uniforms. According to our author, the Latin word "Venetus," which was both the name of the color and that of the people, points to its origin. From the Veneti the custom was adopted by the Romans. Thus the son of Pompeius, after defeating Caesar's fleet in a naval battle, wore the navy blue, although entitled to the purple. The Veneti were subdued by Caesar after a severe maritime war in 56 B. C.

Earlaps of the Japanese.

"The earlap is almost entirely wanting with the Japanese, but this apparent anomaly is none at all. It is we whose ears are badly formed, or at least different from those which nature, if not interfered with, would have given us. Our ear is disfigured because for centuries our ancestors loaded it with more or less heavy ornaments, which in the course of time elongated its inferior part. We inherited from them both the custom and its effect—the lap. A fact which shows that this useless and cruel custom was unknown to the Japanese, the expressions for earrings (mimi-gana) and earlap (mimi-taboo), were not introduced into the Japanese language until the epoch when the Japanese entered into connection with the Occidentals, those whom they were wont to call barbarians.

Color Schemes for Gardens.

From current articles one might suppose the art of making gardens gay with color in the fall to be something new. Quite otherwise is the fact, as one may learn by reading Bacon, particularly the passage: "I do hold it in the Royal Ordering of Gardens that there ought to be gardens for all the months of the year, in which severally things of beauty may be there in season." It is quaintly put, of course, but with a meaning that is plain. Perhaps it is true, however, that too little attention has been given fall gardens in America, although the excuse may be made that, as here the autumn leaves and the woodland berries take on so fine a color, artificiality becomes vain.

One Thing Was No Secret.

Husband—Half the world doesn't know how the other half lives. Wife—Nonsense! Half the world knows that you married me for my money.



Jay Cooke



While a poor clerk in a Philadelphia bank he got his start to

wealth and honor by investing his own savings and practicing thrift. During the Civil war he raised one billion dollars for the federal government. Cooke was a great financier in his time.

You will need an accumulation of money sooner or later. You may want to buy a home, or make a profitable investment, or go to college, or save the life of a loved one stricken with disease.

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AXIOMS CREDITED TO BIG MEN

That of J. P. Morgan Has for a Long Time Been Considered the Most Famous.

"The way to meet trouble is to face it," was one of Theodore N. Vall's favorite axioms, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Harriman had two he was fond of quoting: "To dodge difficulties is to lose the power of decision," and "It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear."

"You can grip success better with bare hands than with kid gloves," is a Schwab-made maxim much to the point.

Ford's oft-repeated declaration, "Money is the most useless thing in the world," gives you a sidelight on his character.

It was James J. Hill who coined the phrase that it was not so much the high cost of living that affected the country as "the cost of high living."

One of the most famous of all modern business mottoes was that originated by J. P. Morgan. "You can't unscramble an omelet." There was deeper economic meaning in these five words than anyone realized at the time they were uttered, namely, when it was first whispered that the government contemplated a suit to dissolve the billion-dollar combination. War taught us with a vengeance that not only can you not unscramble an omelet but that to secure efficiency it is necessary to scramble many eggs into large omelets.

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The Aurora Observer has due it from two good nurseries four or five hundred trees and some other nursery stock, which it promised to order by December 15. But the nurseries have agreed to extend the time into January, the date depending on how long their stock holds out. To dispose of this stock we will sell it at the following low prices, if ordered at once:

Apple trees	15c
Plums and Prunes	15c
Peaches	15c
Pears	20c
Cherries	25c
Walnuts (seedlings)	30c
Walnuts (grafted)	\$1.00 to \$1.50
Quince	40c
Apricots	25c
Currants	10c
Gooseberries	10c
Ornamentals	25c to 50c
Roses	25c to 50c
Grapes, dozen	\$2.50
Blackberries, dozen	\$1.00
Red Raspberries, dozen	\$1.00
Black Raspberries, dozen	\$1.00
Loganberries, dozen	\$1.00

Varieties

Apple trees—Nearly all varieties. Pears—Bartlett, Anjou, Winter Nellies, Bosc, Fall Butter, Flemish Beauty, Idaho, and Comice.

Plums—Peach Plum, Reine Claude, Satsuma, Petite Prune, Silver Prune, and a few others. No Italian Prunes. Peaches—Early Crawford, Elberta, Hales, Fitzgerald, Charlotte, Salway, Lovell.

Cherries—Gov. Wood, Kentish, Black Republican, Lambert, Bing Royal Ann, May Duke, Etc.

English Walnut—Franquette and Mayette Seedlings 4 to 6 feet, Gooseberries—Oregon Champion, Poorman, Victoria, Chautauqua.

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NORTH BOUND	
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No. 28 (on flag)	10:18 a.m.
No. 18 (stop)	2:59 p.m.
No. 24 (stop)	7:47 p.m.
SOUTH BOUND	
No. 23 (stop)	8:59 a.m.
No. 17 (stop)	2:46 p.m.
No. 27 (on flag)	4:56 p.m.