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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.

AN HONEST MAN'S PRAYER

"Teach me, O Lord, that 60 minutes makes one hour, 16 ounces one pound, and 100 cents one dollar.

"Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and undaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

"Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and that in earning it I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.

"Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the faults of the other fellows but reveal to me mine own.

"Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I may have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with my children.

"And when comes the smell of flowers and the tread to soft steps, and the crunching of wheels out in front, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple. "Here lies a man."

The people of Belgium have suffered terribly at the hands of the Hun, but the trail of the Turk through the Bible lands of Armenia and Syria has left utter ruin, desolation, and starvation. Not content with wholesale massacre and individual atrocities, the Turk killed all stock and food animals, destroyed every farm implement and tool, and looted or burned all property. Allied troops are now guarding these people against further Turkish abuses, but they are still clothed in filthy rags or are actually naked and starving. Their sufferings are indescribable. Their plight is the tragedy of the world today. The unspeakable allies of the Hun, after massacring thousands in cold blood, drove hundreds of thousands more into the deserts to die, and others were crowded onto boats set adrift on the Bosphorus, without food or water. Limited relief work is now going on, but every day one to two hundred out of every thousands are turned away at the soup kitchens of the American Relief committee, where the famishing victims of the Turks come for the only food to be had. There is not enough food for all and some must be turned away, though they are so nearly starved that the single ladle of stew denied them means certain death. How would you like the job of selecting those to be turned away? Isn't the thought a staggering one? Haven't you a dollar to help remedy these awful conditions? Aurora's quota of the fund for the relief of these \$4,000,000 starving people of the Near East is \$76. Butteville's quota is \$60, Donald's \$65, Champoe's \$35, Meridian's \$32, Union's \$50, Marks Prairie's 31, Macksburg's 70, Needy's 58, Hubbard's 97, Barlow's 50, Nine-One's 40.

The state Senate handed Alec La Follett a hot potato when it passed the bill which prohibits a primary candidate who is defeated as member of one party from accepting the nomination from another party. La Follett was defeated in the Republican primary election for the nomination for state senator, and afterwards became the Democratic candidate for that office. The bill passed the senate by a big vote.

When asked, "what are the four most important things in the world", the wisest man on earth answered, "Character, Friendship, Marriage, Parenthood." When the Board of Education was asked, "where can I be educated in the arts of Character, Friendship, Marriage, and Parenthood?" that body gasped and said, "what a foolish question! Our schools have no time for such fads."

The Canby News wants some one to "look into" a hole 3000 feet deep just at the editor's doorstep—to investigate the oil and gas possibilities of subterranean Canby. We suggest that the matter be referred to Mayor Knight, Jitney Magnate Lee, and the president of the Commercial Club—all experts!

It is said that Rosa Luxemburg who was not a native of Germany gained her German citizenship by paying a Hun \$2 to marry her, which sounds rather cheap, but it was probably all he was worth.—Portland News.

AMBIGUOUS LAWS.

We have so much law that it is impossible to know what it all means. In the effort to cover everything, nothing is wholly covered. There is hardly a point where the law is not subject to dispute. In fact, with our thousands of legislatures the greater part of the work of the courts is to tell what their laws mean. The question also arises as to the constitution, the organic law, upon which statute law is based; and here the question is ever uppermost: What does the constitution mean? And of course, we cannot know what the law means until we know what the constitution means. It is uncertainty and ambiguity everywhere and the extent of it grows as legislation adds its inexplicable contribution to the general confusion, says Ohio State Journal. The greater the effort to include all the possibilities of a proposition the more that proposition becomes intricate and confused. That is our situation today. And so, we say, the man who drafts a long law is a public enemy, because he is opposed to a government of law. It could almost be wished that when a court finds an ambiguity in a law the person guilty of it could be forthwith cited to court and fined for the offense. That might abbreviate the habit of indulging in so much legislation. As it stands now, human vanity is too strong for simplicity.

It was the misfortune of Count von Hertling, now dead, a Bavarian, to be made imperial chancellor of Germany at a time when the more enlightened of his fellow-subjects were beginning to realize the certainty of autocracy's defeat. Well along in years, he was too conservative to please the Social Democrats, and as the author of dubious peace proposals he lost the favor of the junkers and pan-Germans. In spite of his conceded intellectual powers, he will be remembered only as a stop-gap chancellor who could make neither war nor peace with success.

It is not in the United States alone that the implements of war are being converted into those of peaceful pursuits. In France, for example, it has been found that the smaller armored tanks will pull a fleet of canal boats at a speed of two miles an hour, which is reasonably rapid transit as applied to canal boats. Perhaps this will lead to the general retirement of those patient animals which have traveled the tow paths for generations past. Commerce may approve the change, but the artist will be likely to throw down his brush with a gesture of regret.

Last year a suggestion was made that the German chancellor should decree that all the peace terms—which it was then expected the chancellor would dictate—must be negotiated in the German language. Now, alas! In many things besides peace terms German will be verboten.

Now that the boys are coming home, books of adventure will have a hard time to keep up with the pace of the stories they will tell of the war and the part they took in it. For the imagination of the past did not conceive such wonders as have been accomplished by the facts of the present.

The student of geography, however, would not receive 100 per cent, if he were to answer that the products of some of the leading nations were: Germany, war; Russia, revolutions; France, slogans; England, great receptions; America, victories.

Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for an America's cup race is said to have surprised yachtsmen by its suddenness. Apparently the challenger's idea is that if England is to capture the cup it is well to make an early start.

The influenza germ is so small it cannot be seen with a microscope. Fortunately, or unfortunately, a man who has an influenza germ can always detect the fact without the aid of a microscope.

We don't blame Secretary McAdoo for having resigned due to overwork and a weak throat. It's unfair to expect him to call out the railroad stations with all his other work.

The boys who were in the thick of the fight aren't boasting about what they did, and those of us who never even got close to a port of embarkation surely shouldn't.

British women munition makers make an organized protest against the cessation of the munition industry. Well, some people are never satisfied.

There are exceptions, of course, but the rule is, the parent who leaves the child millions of dollars loves it devotedly, but not intelligently.

Apart from the various other things it has done, war has enriched our vocabulary considerably, and probably permanently.

The old-fashioned sea story is going to have a dangerous rival. Boy stowaways on an airship have already been reported.

BRING ON YOUR GRASSHOPPERS.

The United States department of agriculture does well to warn farmers of the plains states against a grasshopper plague in 1919, but it was nothing less than a stroke of genius which led its entomological expert to point out that the grasshopper, always heretofore regarded as a plague of plagues, can be turned to good account. The grasshopper, this authority points out, is rich in protein, and, consequently, possesses high food value. We are not asked to eat the insect, however, until he has been transmuted into the more palatable form of eggs and poultry meat. Fowls are more productive when grasshoppers form part of their diet, says Portland Oregonian. Moreover, grasshoppers can be "dehydrated" at small expense and utilized at leisure as part of the balanced ration in the poultry yard. Grasshopper catchers are easily made and are operated automatically. Another distinct benefit from the predicted visitation is seen in the injunction to plow all fields deeply and harrow them constantly, on no account postponing these operations beyond early spring. In this manner the grasshopper eggs will be covered so deeply that the young will not be able to escape. It would be worth an occasional grasshopper visitation to insure so thorough a tilling of the soil as the department recommends.

Doctor Rathenau's gloomy prediction that all the Germans will emigrate if the indemnities are high is not likely to soften the hearts of the peace conferees. If it pleased the Germans to desert Germany rather than stay and work to pay off the indemnities, the allies could take over the country and people it with some other and less troublesome race or races, says Springfield Union. The Germans may, however, find that no country will be willing to open its doors to a flood of German immigration. England and France will exclude Germans for a long time after the war, and it is possible that many other countries, including the South American republics, may take similar action.

The total casualties of the Russian army amount to over 9,000,000 and those of Austria over 4,000,000. The more results are becoming known the more this war, unprovoked and needless in the defense of any nation or principle is shown as the greatest crime of civilized times. Even now its authors, realizing the condemnation of history, are feverishly denying their responsibility, each trying to shoulder it upon the others.

With the removal of all restrictions upon the menus of hotels and restaurants, no food-saving appeal is now to be made except to the forbearance of the men and women who eat. If we must send 20,000,000 tons of food to Europe in the next 12 months, some Americans who have the price will have to think of the matter occasionally.

One hundred and ninety-nine persons were killed by automobiles in the past year, an increase over last year. If this year shows a still further increase then the safety of the public will call for punishment drastic enough to be deterrent.

England's new battleship, the Hood, cost almost \$17,000,000, makes 40 miles an hour, has eight 15-inch guns and is 894 feet long. If anybody imagines that Britannia is going to stop ruling the waves just yet, he finds the figures impressive.

Over a million and a half Germans are human sacrifices offered on the altar of the kaiser's ambition to be the master of the world. Still, if this is their idea of a fatherland, that is their own affair.

Still, with all the war's destruction to be replaced, it would seem inevitable that there will be abundance of work for all the men as well as for all the women who are capable of productive labor.

LOCAL AD RATE.

Local notices and classified column advertisements of every description are 5 cents per line, but no "ad" will be inserted for less than 25c. This rate of 5 cents per line applies to for sale, for rent, lost, found, want ad, card of thanks and all similar notices, as well as to all notices of entertainments, fairs, socials, shows, etc., which charge an admission fee or are given to raise money for any purpose. Copy for local reading notices must be in not later than Wednesday noon.

Ancona and White Orpington Hatching Eggs at \$1.25 per Fifteen.—Zeno Schwab. (50)

The Christian Herald and McCall's, both one year for \$3.00. The Herald alone \$2.50 per year. Phone the Observer your order today.

FOR SALE—Cedar posts, good for hop posts, fence posts, or loganberries. Phone or see Oscar A. Wilson, Aurora, Oregon. (47)

The Bank of Good Service

In accordance with its usual custom The Aurora State Bank has again arranged so that its patrons may pay their taxes here without going away or writing for statements. If it will serve your convenience, we will be glad to take care of your tax payments. The first half of the tax is due on or before April 5.

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The Pictorial Review, 1 year for \$2.00, two years for \$3.00. Phone the Observer your order now.

Just a few more days in which to secure "Good Housekeeping", one of the best magazines for women, at \$1.50 per year. After February 20, 1919 it will be \$2.00 per year.

FOR SALE—The C. D. F. Wilson farm, 81 acres 2 1/2 miles northwest of Aurora. Write or see Oscar A. Wilson, Aurora, Oregon. (47)

Review of Reviews has now advanced to \$4.00 per year, and worth it! But you can get this great magazine and the Observer, both one year for \$4.50.

TAKE NOTICE—Our Holstein Bull has been withdrawn from service. Cow owners please take notice.—Keil Bros., Aurora. 50-2t.

FOR SALE—Dry 16-inch fir wood, old growth, and some 16-inch oak.—W. L. White, Aurora, Rt. 3. 48-4t.

If you are about out of Letter Heads or envelopes, order today. Telephone us your order.

MARRY IF LONELY; for results try me; best and most successful "Home Maker" hundreds rich wish marriage soon; strictly confidential; most reliable; years of experience; descriptions free. "The Successful Club", Mrs. Purdie, Box 556, Oakland, Calif.

The Observer is agent for the Saturday Evening Post \$2.00 per year. Ladies Home Journal \$1.75 per year. Country Gentlemen \$1.00 per year. Telephone us your order now.

Fresh Cow For Sale—Inquire of John Whitworth, Route 3, Aurora, Oregon.

The "Youth's Companion" (new) and "Today's Housewife" both one year for \$2.50.

"Buy your flour, feed and poultry supplies of the Hubbard Creamery Co., Hubbard, Oregon."

Send us your order for Pictorial Review and McCall's, both one year for \$2.50. Good until Jan. 31, 1919, only.

MARRY At Once—Thousands of lonely, congenial people, all ages, worth \$5,000 to \$350,000 seeking early marriage. Big list of descriptions FREE. Ralph Hyde, 253a Minna St., San Francisco, Cal. (48-4tp)

A \$25 SHARE of stock of the Aurora Mutual Telephone Company for sale at less than half its face value. Inquire at the Observer Office.

Red clover, Alsike clover, Ryegrass and gray vetch for sale. On account of the short crops the supply is limited, so order early. L. L. Hersberger, Hubbard, Ore. 49-52

WANTED.—No. 6, 8, or 9 hop wire in good condition. Call up the Aurora Observer. (49)

FOR SALE—Team 8 and 10 years, wt. 2600; double harness, wagon, single harness, single wagon, buggy, etc. Geo. T. McFarland, Fargo, Aurora, R. 3.

HOLLY FOR SALE—Young Holly trees (berry) for sale, small size, about 18 or 20 inches, 50c each; larger size \$1.00. Telephone your order or drop a card to the Observer, Aurora, Oregon.

Share of Aurora Mutual Telephone stock (\$25 par value) for \$10 cash. Inquire at the Observer Office, Aurora, Oregon.

R. R. Gilmore, recently discharged from the navy, has bought the Goudreau blacksmith shop at Canby. He will specialize in horse shoeing, and solicits your work.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR MARION COUNTY.

Levi M. Webb,
Plaintiff
vs.
Susie Webb,
Defendant.

SUMMONS

To SUSIE WEBB: IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 3d day of April, 1919, said day being six weeks from the date ordered for the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer said complaint by said date, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in his complaint, to-wit: For a decree dissolving the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant above named, and for such further relief as appears equitable to the Court.

You are further notified that this summons is served upon you by publication thereof in the Aurora Observer, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Aurora, Marion County, Oregon, pursuant to an order of the Hon. Geo. G. Bingham, Judge of the above entitled Court, said order having been made and entered on the 17th day of February, 1919; that said summons will be published for six weeks, commencing on the 20th day of February, 1919, and that the date of the last publication will be April 3, 1919. SMITH & SHIELDS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

RAILROAD TIME CARD SOUTHERN PACIFIC

NORTH BOUND
No. 16 (on flag) 7:54 a.m.
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.

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