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EDITORIAL Opinions of the Observer

Anothea drawback about being a bachelor is he doesn't have a wife he can blame things on.

It has been our observation that the man who falls in love with himself never has any rivals.

When temptation shows a charming pair of ankles, man's only chance is to show a clean pair of heels.

The promise of little change in the styles would indicate that nothing will be pulled off this season.

Mr. Edison has invented some new questions. The market was flooded already. What the world needs is answers.

In Georgia the wind picked up a load of corn and carried it to town. We suppose that's what they call a trade wind.

June 20-23, three days of the "Rose Festival" in Portland. The Portland Rose Show every June has grown in importance, until it is a "National Attraction."

Re-counts, re-calls, re-anything else is foolishness. Olcott isn't to worry as far as to who the next Governor will be.

Over in Bend, Ore., they have just found epsom salt beds, enough to supply the world. Right after the Primaries, too!

The public displays lots of patience in waiting for a settlement of a Longshoremen's Union strike.

It promises more interest and a "hotter" contest at the November contest. You will be properly reminded back to the property of Olcott and Mr. Pierce by that time.

A man west of Salem went under his car with a lighted torch. Now his wife is dead and car reduced to ashes.

400 delegates attended the 13th annual convention of District No. 3, Pythian Sisters, in Silverton last Thursday. Past Grand Chief, Miss Emma Snyder, of Aurora gave a splendid and appropriate address on Pythian work.

The daylight saving proposal is only the harping of the discontent, to always want to start something. Many subjects more important for them to advocate, and few subjects more ridiculous. Let them get up when they are so inclined, but quit monkeying with the clock.

Banking Outlook Better

The head of the War Finance Corporation reports a marked improvement in condition of country banks. He also reports a better outlook for business based upon agricultural industries such as general farming and livestock. There is a steady improvement in deposits in the smaller banks throughout the country showing an improved status of farming interests generally. Few people appreciate the help that well-managed banks have given in the restoration of business conditions. Banks are slow to fall for waves of agitation and excitement that sweep less conservative classes off their feet, but generally speaking, it would be hard to improve on the often abused banking system of our country.

If the country could get rid of an enormous volume of untaxed securities, on one hand, and unfair competition that banks are subjected to on the part of state and federal loans based on non-taxable bonds, immense sums of money would flow into banks and industrial undertakings which are now absorbed by tax-exempt securities which draw money out of circulation and encourage hoarding.

OREGON

Mountains rising white and high,
Deep fish-haunted streams,
Woodlands topped with fleecy sky,
Mist-born land of dreams—
Oregon!

Cities filled with industry,
Ports alive with trade,
Schools of high efficiency,
People unafraid—
Oregon!

State of opportunity,
And undeveloped gain,
Wrapped in western beauty,
And untold future fame—
Oregon!

—Melbourne Robinson,
Aurora, Ore.

CAN YOU ANSWER?

The end of the High School year brings trials and tribulations to the pupils in the way of examinations, tests, etc., etc. Here is a bunch of questions put up to the graduating class. How many could you answer?

1. What is meant by G. A. R., W. R. C., D. A. R., A. E. F., U. S.?
2. How many counties in Oregon?
3. What three counties reach across the State from North to South?
4. Are taxes increasing or decreasing in Oregon? One reason.
5. When will the next general election be held in Oregon?
6. Give full name of the president of the United States.
7. Name the Pope at Rome, how was he elected?
8. Who recently resigned from the Cabinet of the President? Who was appointed to fill the vacancy?
9. What is a barometer?
10. What is the freezing point of water?
11. What is the tropic of Capricorn?
12. What is a narcotic?
13. What is the normal temperature of the human body?
14. What does a notary public do?
15. What is colalters? What is T. N. T.?
16. Who is your representative in Congress?
17. Who is Lloyd George?
18. Name two possessions of the United States in the Pacific.
19. What is the Workman's Compensation Law in Oregon?
20. When was the Constitution of the United States adopted?
21. Name the presidents of the United States since 1901.
22. Who is Charles E. Hughes?
23. Who was LaFayette?
24. In what year was the Declaration of Independence proclaimed?
25. What and when was the Emancipation proclaimed?
26. Where is Armenia?
27. Name five allies in the World War.
28. What and where is the largest city in South America?
29. Where is Poland?
30. Locate the Nile river and tell in what direction it flows.
31. State one of the results of the Limitation of Armaments Conference.
32. Who was the commanding general of the United States Army during the World War?
33. What is the present form of government in Germany?
34. Has the United States Congress passed a Soldier Bonus Law.
35. Name the Oregon State flower.
36. Name and locate the state supported higher educational institutions in Oregon.
37. What is the legal rate of interest in Oregon?
38. Why are the coal miners striking?
39. What is meant by a balanced ration?
40. Why does the Oregon Law require doors of public buildings to open outward?
41. Why are licenses required for hunting and fishing?
42. If one must walk on a road or highway, why should he keep well to his left side?
43. What is the 18th Amendment and how secured.
44. What is the 19th Amendment?

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FORCES OF CIVILIZATION

A great man has said the forces of civilization are these: Strong arm of government, ministry of religion and the humanizing work of education. This is all very true, but it does seem that the forces are growing weaker. The second has not been having the effect it should. It is respected but not followed, and nine-tenths of the woes and sorrows of man can be traced to this fact, says the Ohio State Journal. Religion upholds and strengthens every good thing. It denounces every bad thing. But its power is thwarted. For some reason even smart men elude its influence. This is largely because they think it is a doctrine or a creed; that some church authority is trying to think something into their heads. It is a false view. Religion is not so constructed. It is the sunrise, the sky full of stars, the noble aspiration, the kind wish, the helping hand, the courageous duty, the sympathy for misfortune. If any wish to pin all these things onto a doctrine or creed or form of worship, the better to realize them, that is their privilege and duty, but because one does not incline to he has no right to be irreligious or let on to be.

Fearly two million acres of land in Great Britain and Ireland have been sold by one firm of auctioneers alone during the last four years. The acreage is equal to that of Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Berkshire combined. It is a sign of the times, for the old order of landowner, with vast estates, is rapidly passing away, and instead of them there is coming a new order with smaller holdings and perhaps a lesser sense of responsibility for the present. But if anything in England sharpens a man's perception of the duty he owes to his neighbors it is the privilege of holding a bit of land, and the new owners are likely to find their path less rosy than did their predecessors. The cry of the taxation of land values is not dead; it is only stifled for awhile.

Eighty-seven per cent of the average person's education is acquired through the eyes. An educational expert tells this to a senate committee, discussing movie censorship. Until recent years knowledge could be transmitted to the brain, through the sense of sight, only by reading printed type, traveling or watching instructive happenings. In possibilities, the movie is scores of times more powerful than any of these. The possibilities so far have been largely neglected. A sign of progress is the growing demand that movies be made instructive as well as entertaining. Moving picture films will be the slates, blackboards and textbooks of future schools. Equally knowledge-giving for the grown-ups, watching films during spare time, learning and enjoying.

When good government is provided for the Chinese people there will be no objection on the part of the powers to the removal of those "limitations of sovereignty" which may offend the amour propre of the Chinese politician, but are at the present time obviously necessary for the safety and protection of the foreigners who dwell in China, says the Hong Kong Press, and it may be added that these limitations of China's sovereignty have been found to afford for thousands of Chinese, including the present prime minister himself, a safe and peaceful harbor of refuge in times of trouble.

Professor Nicolai, who fled from Germany during the war, has just been fined 200 marks for trying to incite an insurrection in the Kaiser's army. The full measure of Germany's resentment for this treasonable act can only be appreciated when the present value of a German mark is considered.

Those fellows with chemical extinguishers who put out flames that were enveloping a truck loaded with several hundred gallons of gasoline did something as brave as capturing a machine gun nest, though it is not likely they thought of anything beyond mere duty.

Just 48,000 American soldiers were killed on the battlefields in France during the war, and during the same period 91,000 were killed by motors in the United States. Moloch is more spectacular in his operations, but Jugernaut outwinds and outbutchers him.

It seems to have got to the point where no statesman, however broad or however limited his field of action, can make a public statement without being "mindful" or "unmindful" about something—the contagious effect, no doubt, of eminent example.

"Made in Germany" may not produce any great impression among our tradesmen, but the "made in Germany" is impressing our soldiers at Coblenz right along.

Cuba wanted \$50,000,000 and got \$5,000,000. The smaller loan has one advantage; it will be easier to pay, and there will not be as much interest.

STAR AND UNDERSTUDY

For every star there is an understudy, no matter how high on the ladder one may be, just below him is another, ready and waiting to take his place, says the Sioux City Journal. Both are stimulated to effort by the knowledge that one is above, the other below. The star must exert himself to retain his best hold upon his place, knowing that if he shall slip he is lost. The understudy must be ready to step into the star's place at a moment's notice. It is a case of the survival of the fittest. Life is filled with stars and understudies. A star is no sooner set than another rises to take its place. Always some one is in preparation for the high places in life, however exalted they may be. No man is so indispensable that another equally capable cannot be found to fill his place when he drops out of the play. Thus does the world revolve in its orbit, pursuing its ordered way, undisturbed by the constant ebb and flow of human life.

If a man's home is his castle, says the Baltimore Sun, his bathtub should certainly be considered outside the sphere of governmental control. It is therefore with some suspicion that one reads the pronouncement of the federal bureau of education to the effect that each good American should bathe at least twice a week; but, fortunately, there is no intimation that the government will set inspectors on the track of those who refuse to adopt this standard of cleanliness. As it stands, this official rule is only a recommendation, and there seems some chance that Americans will observe it in view of the bureau's failure to specify the temperature of the water which constitutes the bath. One hears quite frequently that a daily tub of frigid liquid provides a mental and moral stimulus which cannot be obtained in any other way, but in spite of its much-heralded virtues, the cold plunge still runs a poor second to the old-fashioned weekly ablution.

It would go hard with the birds if their case were left to be decided upon argument alone. But robins are their own best advocates, says the Detroit Free Press. They come in the spring—vandals that they are—and start a deeply planned campaign to cultivate everybody's friendship. The deep woods know them not; they never skulk in the bushes, nor flee the presence of man. Instead they choose the lawn for a hunting ground, build their nests even on porches and window-sills, and never let the sun go down without a song delivered from the most conspicuous perch on the place. The robin's cheerfulness is irresistible; his neighborliness compelling. It is absolutely impossible not to like him when he offers such convincing proofs every day that he likes men.

Be thankful for hard times. They are making the nation sober up. Nothing except depression could solve the intricate problems which Americans have been creating during the last decade. An eastern preacher says this. In many ways, he is right. Boom times make people wasteful, careless, indifferent to the future, negligent of their fellow men's problems and welfare. Then providence sends us hard times, to bring us back to normal—to sanity. In hard times we learn to solve the "unsolvable problems." We also learn that man has no problems except those he creates himself.

A sweeper of the municipal free bridge in St. Louis reported to police that an hour earlier he saw a man and woman leap from the bridge into the Mississippi river. Asked why he did not report sooner, he was quoted as saying that he wanted to finish eating his lunch. This indifference to human life is a natural consequence of four years of war, when people read of daily slaying of thousands of human beings.

Every man who obtains money wrongfully—except the hold-up thug—has in mind the idea of some time paying it back, "when his ship comes in"; but, alas, the ship always is wrecked before she reaches port. It is a delusion, of course; but many of the offenders really have the belief.

Two young men have been sent to prison because they told the police they were held up, but later confessed that they bet the money on the races. Many who have bet on the horses hold that the young men weren't far out of the way in their original story.

Radio is capturing the boys in greater numbers than any other of their enthusiasms since the early bicycle days, except war. It is raising up a generation of young scientists and the results are bound to be important to the whole human race.

It is feared that the banning of poison gases in warfare may have a bad effect on the dye industry. Its effect on the dye industry is the important thing, however.

We read that a Frenchman is able to make gold from lead. That is nothing. Any plumber can do that.

REV. WELLER PREACHES

SPLENDID FAREWELL SERMON

Last Sunday night, Memorial Sunday, Rev. Weller preached his last sermon as pastor of the Aurora Presbyterian Church. It was also his anniversary week of 42 years in the pulpit. He preached on: "What is the Church?" And answered the question in probably one of the best discourses ever listened to in town. Rev. Weller is a modern minister in thought, belief, practice and sincerity. He impresses his audience with his talk and holds their interest from first to last. He is one of his congregation; the needs, the desires, and problems of the town are his. We are sorry that Rev. Weller feels that his work here is finished or feels like he should "get out of the harness" in a degree, but as his home is near, he will no doubt visit us again. The choir music Sunday night was exceptionally fine and we would mention especially the solos by Mrs. Robt. Shimmin and Mr. Walter Fry. A large attendance listened attentively and with appreciation to both the splendid sermon and the music.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by an order of the County Court of Marion County, State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 1st day of May, 1922, was duly appointed administrator of the estate of John R. Boysell, deceased, and that he has duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at his office in the Ladd & Bush Bldg., Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published this 25th day of May 1922.

T. K. FORD,
Administrator of the Estate of John R. Boysell, Deceased.
Smith & Shields, Salem, Oregon, Attorneys for Administrator.
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P. O. OTTOWAY,
Clerk of Board.