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## HOW LONG WILL THE EUROPEAN WAR LAST?

The Tribune frequently notices published, opinions of thinkers, relative to the duration of the European war. The opinion is, generally, that the war will last, not less than three years and that all European nations will become involved before the struggle ceases.

Judging from the present and past conditions, the enormous expense and the exceedingly large losses of men on the battle lines. The Tribune believes that this, the greatest war in the world's history, cannot last but a few months at most.

The cost of war to the nations engaged, is enormous. No matter how large the war chests may be, when the cost to support the vast armies are several million dollars per day, the bottom of the same will soon be reached. When a large part of the wealth producers of a nation are employed in war, then wealth producing for that nation ceases. Not one of these European nations now produces enough food to sustain her armies and their people at home. They must depend for their food supplies, largely, upon other nations and when their supply of money runs short, the food supply becomes short as well. Unless soldiers are fairly well supplied with food, clothing and the necessary munitions of war, the fighting spirit soon gives way.

Hence, the period of prolonging a war, depends almost entirely upon a nation's ability to buy and absolute money is necessary to do this. Some of these warring nations have nearly reached this condition and all will reach it in another year, probably. Nations can become bankrupt as well as individuals. When war is costing millions of dollars daily, the road to bankruptcy is short.

Could the South, during our civil war, have marketed her cotton, as in time of peace, it would have taken many years longer to reach Appomattux. The North was able to blockade the Southern shipping ports, thus preventing the South from buying, when exhaustion soon closed the war, as it will the great struggle now on over in Europe.

Unless Germany and Austria can open lines of food supplies from other countries, she will, inevitably, reach a condition similar to the South in the closing months of the civil war. These lines of food supplies are now open to England, France and Russia and so long as their war chests hold out, those countries can support their armies.

The Tribune believes that, with the opening of the activities of next spring, the beginning of the end will have been reached. The enormous waste of life and property will soon exhaust the richest of the nations engaged.

## COOPERATION AMONG THE FARMERS

The Tribune is informed that an organization is being perfected, by which a number of farmers, (we hope the number is large) will become the owners of registered holstein cows and the whole number organized, the possessor of a thoroughbred registered sire of the same breed. No better nor cheaper method to improve our dairy herds could be adopted. Almost any farmer, even if a renter, can afford the cost of a registered cow and his portion of a registered sire. In three or four years, at most, if the animals are properly cared for, the first cost will be returned and you will have the nucleus of forming a most remunerative herd of holsteins.

But you will not be as successful as you should, if the old slipshod method of handling cattle is continued. It is doubtful if our best breeds of cattle will do any better or even as well as our old scrub stock, if made to depend upon scant pastures and outrances for a sustenance. Good cattle, like any other kind of good stock, must have care to get the best results. Proper barns and an abundance of proper food must be provided, if you expect your bank account to become plethoric. Make a study of the dairy business. Watch the effect of different foods. Test and weigh your milk product, not of the whole herd as mixed in the pail, but of each individual cow as well. Unless you do this you cannot know which cow is a money maker and which a money loser. By weeding out the unprofitable, you will soon have a herd, both satisfactory to yourself and to your creamery or condenser.

It is only with good care that the profit earnings of good stock can be demonstrated. Knowing the nutritive value of each kind of food, the experimenter can soon learn which ration produces the best results.

It has been demonstrated that stock raising and particularly the dairy, is the most profitable, both to the bank account and the upkeep of the land. Hence the better milk producing qualities of the cow, the faster will grow the bank account. This movement towards the purchase of registered holsteins is, certainly, most commendable. It means an improvement in the profits of the milk herd and, consequently, the general improvement of this section of the county.

### GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE

Dr. James Withycombe is now handling the helm of the ship of the state of Oregon. He has now accomplished the ambition of a half lifetime and can write "Governor" below his signature with lawful authority. Whether the people have chosen wisely and well remains yet to be developed.

In his inaugural address Governor Withycombe manifests a spirit of confidence and mastery of the duties of his office, but did not outline, except in a general way, what would be his policy in handling the state's business other than to say it would be economical without parsimony.

Both terms "economy" and "parsimony" are susceptible of various interpretations. What would mean economy in the eyes of some people, would be regarded as gross extravagance in the minds of others and parsimony may indicate simply great care in handling the state's finances or it may be down right stinginess. For instance in the erection of a state building, wherein a wood structure would answer every purpose and the cost of which would

be but a few thousands of dollars, may be regarded economical to construct it of steel and stone costing many thousand dollars more. It may be regarded as parsimony to require the food for our state wards to be plain and wholesome or it may be and would be parsimonious in the worst meaning of the word to permit them to have but a sufficiency to sustain life.

So the governor will, by his actions, demonstrate to the people what he understands these words to mean. His first state paper leads one to believe that he will be an enemy of extravagance in any and every department of government, including the state colleges.

Dr. Withycombe has been trying to become the governor of Oregon for many years. He was the nominee of his party and went down to defeat. At another time he tried and failed to secure the nomination at a mass convention of his party. His third and successful effort culminated in his inauguration to the continuously desired office on January 12. One effort to secure an office, by a fair and lawful election before the people, is sufficient to satisfy the ambition of most men, when defeat crowns the effort. Not so with Governor Withycombe. He is wiser than most office seekers. He, evidently, believed persistence meant success, in which his wisdom is proven.

Governor Withycombe is now the governor of Oregon, not for the republican party, not for the state colleges, but for all of the people. If he has any pet project to accomplish other than to carry out the state's affairs in the most efficient manner, he will not have made a success of his administration. He is the first of Oregon's governors to not have been born on American soil. Let us hope, nevertheless, that he may prove to be the most efficient executive the state has had. Let us hope that no official act, Governor Withycombe may dim your reputation. Let us hope that, when your present term has expired, the people will say, "well done Governor, we want you four years more." Only absolute justice and an ever watchful eye will make such a result possible. The Tribune wishes you every success, Governor and that your ambition to reach the exalted office of governor of Oregon may have added the words "The best governor Oregon has ever had" years hence.

The Oregonian certainly has a political faultfinder for an editorial writer, whose food does not agree with him. Instead of hunting any good which obtains from the present administration, that writer continually seeks something about which to growl, find fault and magnify. That paper should feel very thankful to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, for furnishing so much food for fault finding. Two or more years hence, this administration will be measured up by what it has accomplished. All of the little things which the Oregonian seizes with such ghoulish glee, will be forgotten. Only the advance made in modern governmental ideas and the bringing of the government closer to the people, will be remembered.

One bill in the legislature, evidently in the interest of lawyers, should be defeated. We allude to the bill prohibiting county clerks from acting as counsel. It is often the case that county clerks can give a probable litigant a word of advice which would save him from a lawsuit. Certainly a friendly turn of this character, especially when it is disinterested, should not be prohibited.

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