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A LOOK BACKWARD

The Tribune in this, its last issue for 1917, feels disposed to take a retrospective view over the past year and call to the minds of its readers some of the things which have been occupying the attention of the public and what are some of the accomplishments.

Of course the great war and the entrance of the United States therein, has been the one great subject of thought during the year, and what will be the probable final result.

Of course there can be but one result—victory for the allies. Nevertheless Germany has succeeded in placing Russia in a state of anarchy and has driven the Italians back and captured a good slice of Italian territory, she has lost constantly to the English and French on the west. The destroying of Russia as an offensive, has enabled her to do this; because she has drawn her army from the Russian front and reinforced her army against Italy and against the English and French on the west. But even against the reinforced German-Austrian army on the south, Italy, reinforced by England and France, seems now about to turn the tide. On her western front she has not made any material gains. In fact, Germany has been forced back ever since the battle on the Marne. Now that the English and French armies have been greatly increased in men, guns, etc., and has been reinforced by 1,000,000 American troops, there is no reason to expect that Germany will make other than temporary or spasmodic gains on the west.

During the year the people of the United States have oversubscribed to Liberty loans for the government and for the Red Cross, showing that the American people are standing behind the government, heart and soul. Our young men have rallied to the colors in a way that convinces one that American patriotism is not wanting.

The state of Oregon now has one regiment of infantry in France, having landed there only a short time ago. Besides numerous other troops belonging to other regiments, batteries, aviation and ambulance corps.

Oregon has responded most liberally to Liberty war loans, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. funds.

In supplying volunteers, most of the counties have filled their quotas without having to resort to the selective draft, and the draft will not be necessary in a few of the counties, when the second call is made.

In state, county and local affairs, most things have moved along in a satisfactory and progressive manner. While the state good roads commission has not managed road paving as economically as the people desire and have sold the bonds at a discount, a movement towards correct-

ing matters at the next general election will probably be made, by which one-half of the waste will be saved.

In our county more gravel and crushed rock roads have been constructed, than in any previous year of the past. In a financial way, Linn county is on a cash basis, with no bonded or other debts. Our county court can justly be congratulated for care in handling the county's business.

In our home town, Scio, the street improvement campaign, begun last year, has been carried on this year. Another year will see the streets of Scio in excellent condition.

As a rule, nevertheless the crop this year was light, especially feed, our farmers generally are in good financial condition, due mainly to the fact that dairying is being carried on by almost every one. The outlook for a crop next year is excellent at the present time. The area of fall wheat and hay sown is rather larger than usual and the warm growing weather, which we have had so far, has given a splendid growth. With a favorable crop season next year and the good prices assured, farmers should feel optimistic and if farmers have a good year, merchants will prosper accordingly.

So, even with the great war on hand with its heavy responsibilities, we can extend New Year greetings with reasonable hope that the coming year will be, at least, a prosperous and happy one, if the war shall end and our boys all return from the war.

GERMAN KULTUR

Many people have thought the German word "Kultur" and the English word "Culture" meant one and the same thing. That is to say, refinement, educated, scientific, etc. But it does not. If we substitute brutality, cruelty and viciousness for refinement, then we will learn the German conception of kultur. The Germans, many of them, are both educated and scientific, but the word "refinement" as we understand it, has no place in the definition of kultur.

During the entire reign of the present kaiser, the German people have been educated along lines of brutality and cruelty, rather than along the line of refinement and respect for the rights of others. They have been taught that German civilization was of a higher type than that of any other nation, that might makes right and that common honesty as between nations was simply a "scrap of paper" to be binding only as long as German convenience and profit was the gainer. They have been taught that weak nations and peoples have no rights which the German nation should respect, if it was to German interests to violate them. They have been taught to believe that espionage, spying and intrigue, constitute the highest type of diplomacy and that any means of extending German influence, no matter how dishonorable was justifiable. They are now being taught the birth of an illegitimate child was a patriotic act and that a contract marriage, for one night only, is right and a patriotic act to rapidly produce armies to fight future wars.

If a person is a man or woman of culture, we determine that fact by their acts and the respect extended for their rights of others and nations should be and are measured by this same standard. A brutal and cruel man or woman, is never considered a person of culture and is usually ostracized by men and women of refinement, or culture, if you please.

Until Germany brought on this war, we Americans had but small opportunity to measure the German

character as it is at home. But when the campaign of terror, brutality, fiendish cruelty to women, children and other noncombattants, was begun, then we were forced, reluctantly, to measure the German character by this act and to understand the true meaning of Kultur.

German people, who have sought citizenship in America, rapidly change their characters in this respect. Especially so if he or she lives in a community where English is spoken exclusively. They become assimilated and adopt American ideals and customs very rapidly and, be it said to their credit, become industrious and law-abiding citizens.

During the Civil war almost all Germans who lived in the north, were loyal and made excellent soldiers. Many not yet naturalized and fresh from the "old country" enlisted and did valiant work for the Stars and Stripes and quickly earned the right to become citizens. And the vast majority of Germans now in America are loyal to the land of their adoption. They deprecate the present war against the Fatherland and generally sympathized with the land of their birth as against the allies. But when America entered the war, the vast majority of them turned against the Fatherland, with sorrow it is true, but lived up to the requirements of their naturalization oaths and stood loyal to the land of their adoption.

When a foreigner seeks a home in the United States and when being made a full-fledged citizen, he swears he will renounce all kings, emperors or other potentates and especially the ruler of the land from whence he came. If a German he especially renounces the kaiser, William III. Thus a foreign born citizen is more fully bound than the native born. But far too many Germans secretly hold their allegiance to the kaiser superior to that of the United States. Every such citizen is guilty of perjury in spirit is not in act.

And the German government fosters this secret allegiance and encourages such to become spies and informers, even in time of peace. Barnstorff, while he was residing peacefully at our national capitol, when we were at peace with his government, was plotting against the government which treated him as a friendly ambassador. This, of course, was German kultur and German ideas of personal and national honor.

Germany is sure to be defeated in the end. And when defeated, one of the terms of the treaty of peace, should be dismember of the North German Federation and the abdication of the kaiser. Only such terms will make democracy safe from German aggression.

Anyone having hogs or cattle to butcher, may have the use of my slaughter house and tools free. Sanitary Market.

Local Market Report

Wheat per bushel	\$ 1.88
Oats " "	.85
Bran per ton	44.00
Wheat chop per ton	65.00
Oat chop " "	60.00
Barley Chop " "	50.00
Flour per sack	2.65
Eggs per dozen, cash	.46
Butter fat per lb	.61
Chickens, hens per lb	.15
" spring " "	.15
" roosters " "	.10
Turkeys " "	.10
Geese " "	.15
Ducks " "	.08
Beef " "	.13 1/2
Veal " "	.14.75
Hogs, live per hundred lb.	.17 1/2
Hogs, dressed " "	11.00
Mutton " "	

First Annual Masquerade DANCE

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**New Years Night
Tues., January 1**

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Ladies—For Best Comic Costume

Gentlemen—Best Character Representation

Gentlemen—For the Best Comic Costume

Admission for Spectators 25c

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1918 Greetings 1918

Dear Friend:

We wish to express to you our sincere thanks and appreciation for your past favors and wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

Yours very truly

J. F. Wesely

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California

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Sacred summits of Siskiyou, Mt. Shasta, San Francisco, the cosmopolitan, the Old Missions, Del Monte, Santa Barbara, 100 miles along the Seashore, Los Angeles, Sunny Southern California, the Apache Trail and the border camps.

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