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A PLAN WORTH TRYING

If the well-intentioned persons who are "whooping up" the food conservation campaign by advising everybody to raise more and eat less, to mobilize city school boys to work on farms etc., would devote the same amount of energy towards organizing the people of the country into a movement having for its object the making of an organized, individual demand from the voters of the country to their representatives in congress that that body immediately pass laws forever prohibiting speculation or gambling in food stuffs and the proper distribution of such commodities where they are needed they would accomplish more real service to the country than they are now doing.

The people are becoming awake to the fact that the present prices of food is the result of manipulation rather than of shortage. The farmers are courteously but firmly declining the proffered aid of city school boys to work on the farms. Americans do not take kindly to the idea of a semi-starvation diet when they know the warehouses are bursting with food being held for famine prices. Buying back \$1.25 wheat in the shape of \$13.00 flour has a tendency to make farmers sore. The time seems ripe for the people to demand of congress that that body stop playing piffing politics and get down to business. The country is in a state of war and thousands of the people are getting hungry, it is a time of national stress, a crisis, which calls for drastic measures and yet congress puts in its time talking, talking, never stopping the flow of language unless it is to listen to the voice of the lobby as it makes its demand for inaction.

The war must be fought out but, also, the people at home must be fed. That, if you please, must be the object of increased production, not the fattening of a bunch of wheat pit gamblers. "The voice of the people is the voice of God." With the average American congressman, it may be said, a determined, united, individual demand from the voters of the country, just before election, might have more effect than a direct decree from Omnipotence.

It is a plan worth trying.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has become a city of vast wealth of recent years and has, perhaps more new made millionaires to the square foot than any other big city in the country. It is, therefore, somewhat refreshing to read that that city is represented in the lower House of Congress by a man who has courage to express himself on the question of raising war revenue to the effect that the rich should foot the bills incurred in carrying on the war.

His name is Clyde Kelly and a few days ago while discussing the war revenue bill he protested against the proposed increase of tax upon the necessities of life and declared the munition manufacturers and the rich generally should bear the brunt of the financial burden of the war.

Not merely conscription of men but conscription of wealth, should be resorted to, he declared. He referred to the "colony of millionaires" in his district and said if they were not

patriotic enough to pay their just share of war taxes he was in favor of compelling them to pay it. Mr Kelly also said:

"Our income tax could be increased without any burden upon any one at all in America so as to produce almost the entire amount necessary in this bill. It could be done without levying any unjust burden. The excess profits tax could be levied to furnish as much more without any disadvantage whatever to any single individual. It might mean a yacht or two less for a rich man. It might mean an automobile or so less for some one, it might mean one less cottage in the country, but it would not mean a single particle of sacrifice or a single bit of the lessening of the necessities. Why should we not say it should be paid by those able to pay?"

HOW TO FIGHT THE LOBBY

That there is a powerful lobby at work in Washington, fighting against the proposed bill for governmental control of food-stuffs is becoming quite apparent. Food speculators who coin dirty dollars out of the hunger and misery of men and women and little children do not scruple at using undue influence in their controlling legislation in their own interests and they have been long enough engaged in the business to have plenty of surplus profits to spend in carrying out their designs.

Day by day it is becoming more apparent that there is no real shortage of food in the country and that the seeming shortage and outrageous prices now prevailing is the result of manipulation.

The common people whose votes elect the members of congress have the right to expect their representatives will, to some extent at least; look after their interests but in this the people are too often doomed to disappointment. The professional lobbyist is always on the scene ready, in divers ways to "influence" legislation in his employers interest. The people have neither the organization nor the necessary expense money to follow this example but they have one weapon which if they would use freely and persistently would, in a great degree, nullify the influence of the "interests" in congress. They can write letters to their congressmen demanding that they be given a square deal. Once let the average congressman discover that his constituents are "keeping cases" on him and that they know what they want in the way of legislation and he is mighty apt to be good. There is a future in politics and the people of today have a mighty club to use on their public servants if they will only take the trouble to use it. It is poor policy to send a man to congress where he is sure to be exposed to all sorts of temptations to neglect your interests and then forget him or allow him to forget you. Write the Oregon delegation what you expect them to do on the anti-speculation-food gambling matter and see what the result will be. If a sufficient number of voters, all over the country, will unite on a program to do away with speculation in foodstuffs and make their wishes known to their congressional delegations there will soon be "somethin' doin'" in Washington.

Notice to the Public

I wish to announce to any patrons and friends and the public generally that I have changed my plans in regard to closing my business and leaving Heppner and that I have decided to remain here and conduct my business as before. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking my patrons for past business and courtesies and hope the same pleasant relations between us will be continued in the future.

524 PHIL COHN, Heppner, Oregon, May 1, 1917.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

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Serial No. 61394, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 5th day of June, 1917, next, at this office, the following tract of land:

SW 1-1 NW 1-4 Sec. 25, Tp. 33, R. 27E, W. 4E. The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims or objections, on or before the time designated for sale. C. S. DUNN, Register. NOLAN BERRY, Receiver.

Notice to Water Users

All charges for irrigation will be made by the square foot irrigated as follows: One dollar twenty-five cents, (\$1.25) for the first 1000 square feet irrigated and \$1.00 for each additional 1000 square feet. 5241 Heppner Light & Water Co.

IRRITABLE NERVOUS

Was Condition of Indiana Lady Before Beginning to Take Card-u-i, the Woman's Tonic.

Kokomo, Ind.—Mrs. H. Hankemeier, of this town, says: "I look so well, and am so well, that it does not seem as if I ever needed Cardui. But I was not always this way. . . I think I have taken a dozen bottles . . . before my little girl came.

I was feeling dreadfully bad, had headache, backache, sick at my stomach, no energy. . . I was very irritable, too, and nervous.

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Since that I have never taken Cardui at all. . . It has done me good, and I know it will help others, if they will only try it."

Many women have written grateful letters like the above, telling of the good that Cardui has done them. Why should it not help you, too? If you suffer from any of the ailments so common to women, and feel the need of a safe, reliable, strengthening tonic, we urge you to begin today and give Cardui a fair trial. Your dealer sells Card-u-i. EB-10

Spanish Doubloons.

Should one find a pirate's buried treasure he would have to dispose of his Spanish gold at its bullion value, for since Aug. 1, 1908, when the common erler made proclamation from the steps of the Royal Exchange of London that after that date the doubloon would cease to be legal tender in the West Indies, including British Guiana, the doubloon has not been the precious thing it was. In 1730 and for a century after it was worth \$8, more or less. It has ceased to be coined in its native country, Spain, and since 1908 it has been unpopular in the West Indies, where for a long time it figured in a mixed circulation, embracing British, United States and Spanish coins. In the interest of romance, however, the name at least must survive. It signifies nothing more than that the coin was double the value of a pistole, but the "doubloon" was never such a mouth filling mockery as "pieces of eight" which suggests great riches, but means only Spanish silver dollars, pieces equivalent to eight reals.—Rochester Post-Express.

A Famous New York Street.

Few of the thousands of people who pass the corner of Nassau and John streets every day know the early history of Nassau street. And yet right at that corner is a bronze tablet which gives in concise form the following historical information:

"Nassau Street, Known Originally as 'the Street That Runs by the Pye Woman,' Was Laid Out About 1695 and Was Named in Honor of the House of Nassau, Whose Head at That Time Was William the Third, King of England and Stadholder of the Dutch Republic. Nassau Street Became Identified With the Jewelry Trade More Than Half a Century Ago."

The bronze tablet is on the exterior of the building at the northwest corner of Nassau and John streets. It was erected by the Maiden Lane Historical society in 1916.—New York Sun.

William De Morgan.

In spite of himself William De Morgan became famous. He deliberately violated all the rules made for the guidance of novelists who seek to become popular. None of his novels was addressed to the greater public that is avid for the latest thing of the moment in fiction, but nevertheless they reached that public. He was a law unto himself in the novels that he wrote during his marvelous career that spanned only ten years. It is doubtful if in English literature or in any other can be found a writer whose life and literary career are comparable to his. He was an old man when the world of readers came to know him, and his age was an asset toward celebrity. At seventy he was hailed as eagerly as Kipling was hailed at twenty, and in his day he was no less a prodigy than the younger writer.—Bookman.

The Emerald.

The emerald has been known since early times both in Europe and in certain parts of the Orient, where its attractive color and rarity have endowed it with the highest rank and a varied lore. Its name may be traced back to an old Persian word which appeared in Greek as "smaragdus," mentioned by Theophrastus over 300 years before the Christian era, and again in Latin as "smaragdus," seen in the writings of Pliny, who particularized somewhat on its properties and supposed medicinal virtues and was even shrewd enough to suspect its identity with the much more common beryl, although eighteen centuries elapsed before this suspicion was verified by scientific proof.

His Hard Luck.

A small boy whose record for deportment at school had always stood at 100 came home one day recently with his standing reduced to 95. "What have you been doing, my son?" asked his dotting mother. "Been doing?" replied the young hopeful. "Been doing just as I have been doing all along, only the teacher caught me this time."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Where Is the Profit?

"I understand they sold their house for \$3,000 more than they paid for it." "How lucky!" "Lucky nothing! After they'd sold it they discovered that they've got to pay \$2,000 more than they received for their house for another home to live in."—Detroit Free Press.

Books in Brazil.

In Brazil, as throughout South America, French is almost universally read. Editions of the classics are found in most homes, and bookstores are filled with modern French writers of prose or verse, sometimes in translation and as frequently in the original.

Want Further.

"Didn't I tell you that when you met a man in hard luck you ought to greet him with a smile?" said the wise and good counselor. "Yes," replied the flustered person. "I went even further than that. I gave him the grand laugh."

Best Way of Taking Iron.

When anemic persons have to take iron the best form in which to administer it is spinach, cabbage, green chieery, asparagus, lentils, carrots and peas, all of which contain much iron.

About the Same Thing.

Scrivener—Can you suggest a simile for giving advice? Scrivener—How would pouring water on a duck's back do?—Philadelphia Record.

Let us teach people as much as we can to enjoy, and they will learn for themselves to sympathize.—Stetson.

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