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THE OPEN DOOR.

We say it again, and with emphasis, the doors of America are wide open to foreign commerce, and when the war is over and the wheels of industry in Europe are again turning to their full capacity of production, there will be nothing to prevent the United States from becoming the dumping ground for the goods of the great nations at war, unless the vicious tariff system now in force is repealed and protection restored. It all imports be put upon the free list, is not necessary to an open door that all imports be put upon the free list. The present administration has gone far in that respect and doubtless would go farther were it not for the requirements of revenue, but there still remains a respectable number of products upon which duties are payable. The moment, however, that tariff rates are lowered below the point of protection they cease to be a barrier or check to importations, and become, to the contrary, an invitation to the outlander to come in and welcome. That is the effect and the purpose of the Underwood tariff act, and the fact that we are not now reaping all the evil consequences of that measure is due to the temporary suppression of the manufacturing industries of Europe.

When the war is over and the accidental protection from foreign manufactures that the conflict has given us ceases to exist, the competition for American trade will be active and ruthless. The purchasing power of the markets of Europe will be greatly decreased. America, bulging with gold, will be the world's oyster, not to be opened with a Pistolian sword, for it is already open. The salesmen of Germany and France, and of every other one of the countries that have goods to sell will cross the seas in numbers, and the present tariff will not keep them from making prices that American producers cannot meet without loss. This will not come immediately after the war ends, for it will take some time to restore industrial activities in Europe, but it will come, unless the people of America take steps to prevent the attack upon our trade and our riches.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Spokesman-Review: If there is a meaner, sneakier sickness than the grip, any that makes a man feel more contemptuous of himself and useless for his work, it has not yet been discovered. Here's hoping that the discovery will never be made.

SHOULD WE CARE WHO WINS THE WAR.

In a speech before the St. Louis Club recently, Gifford Pinchot, of Philadelphia, former chief United States forester, favored preparedness on the part of this country and said, "World peace will remain a dream if Germany wins. The German people are governed by a military caste whose God is power. The German ruling class hates us of the United States as bitterly as it hates the English. If Germany wins, a people who do not understand our thought will be dominant in the world and we shall have to meet their views or their arms."

Pinchot then pictured the attitude of the allies in the event of their victory. We need fear nothing, he said, as the power of the world would be distributed as before.

The speaker counseled against allowing the United States to sink to the level of China, the prey of any international buccanser. He recommended the system of military training practiced by the Swiss. The present system in the United States he styled as too expensive per man. Pinchot closed his speech with a tribute to the allies, saying:

"The allies are fighting the fight of civilization and democracy; fighting

that treaties may be respected; that humanity may prevail even in warfare; that the rights of the weak everywhere shall not be trampled on by the strong, and that men may govern themselves in peace. The principles for which they stand are the principles upon which the Government of the United States is founded. To maintain these principles the allies are paying, in blood and treasure, in suffering, in sorrow, in toil and loss, a price beyond our understanding. Because they are paying, we shall not have to pay in our turn. They are fighting the battle for us. There is no single thing in the world today for which we should hope and pray as ardently as that victory may come to our friends the allies, and that right speedily."

EFFICIENCY MEANS MUCH TO SHEEPMEN

Speech by T. J. Mahoney before Annual Convention of Oregon Wool-growers Association at Pendleton.

In seeking a topic on which to address you today, I was impressed with a question that is attracting the attention and occupying the minds of the thinking people of the world today. That it is one that may be applied intelligently to the business in which you are engaged is my firm belief.

In this period of World War, we stand aghast, as the greatest of the neutral nations, shocked beyond words of expression at the wanton waste of human lives, and man's material achievements—and next—we marvel at the wonderful efficiency of one of the warring nations. So much has been said and written of the efficiency of everything that is German, that it has placed a new value on the word and brought home to us the noticeable shortcomings of Americans in efficiency, and what naturally follows—economy.

It is claimed that the expert application of the principles of efficiency would increase our national wealth twenty-fold. An analysis of waste in all lines of human endeavor, compared with the economies in nature, makes the thinking man believe this statement.

Efficiency is not a new thought, but it is the all-absorbing thought of today because it has come to be a necessity.

It has been demonstrated by the stockmen of our country, who by intelligent breeding have brought the standard of flocks and herds to a point that is not excelled by the breeders of the older nations of the world. I have not chosen this as my subject today because you as wool-growers are wholly lacking in the application of efficiency, but rather that you, who have tried and proved its worth in a few things, may use it to the advantage of yourselves and your communities in many things; thus spreading this doctrine among our people.

What is efficiency? It is to put to use those methods that enable us to do the things that we are doing, better—with less waste of time, energy and materials. It means economy in time, in energy and in money. Its intelligent application to the business of the day means a degree of success, the degree depending on how well it has been applied.

Take the life history of 1,000 successful men; they are nearly the same. Each has to a degree above the average man saved his time, his energy and has worked for a definite result.

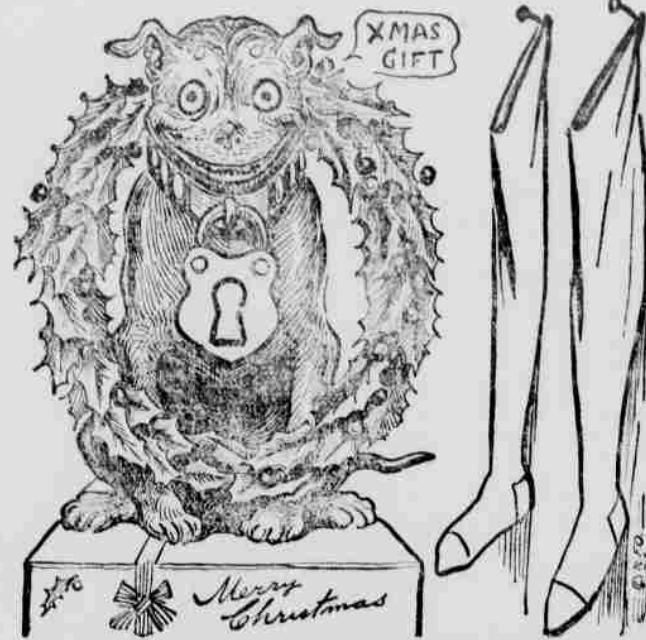
On the other hand, the life history of 1,000 paupers in the State of New York is a history of a man without methods, without a definite object in life, and with no appreciation of the value of time and energy.

We find in our national affairs that efficiency is lacking. It is said that any firm, corporation or individual can build and construct cheaper than the national government or the state or municipality. I am afraid that is too true. But why? Lack of efficiency, but we do not need to go to the government to find our examples. In passing it might be well to remark that when the war in Europe is over the competition among the foremost nations for the trade and commerce of the world will be such that only those who have efficiency, practice economy and thrift will be able to stand in the front ranks in the commercial war that will follow.

Coming to our own vocation, the methods that improve conditions in the nation and state are equally valuable in our own affairs—in fact the state and nation copies after the people and not the people after the state and nation. As sheepmen we believe that the efficient way to revise the tariff is by a Non-Partisan Tariff Commission.

We believe that the time is not distant when this will be accomplished when this will be an accomplished fact; that we are about to be rewarded for the efforts of our efficient laborers. That the sheep business as a profitable and permanent business will then be established. This being so it calls for us to put our business on a permanent basis—to lay out our plans and to build for the future. It has been said that the sheepman has always been crowded to the out-posts. This is true, as grazing lands have advanced in value the sheepman has met these conditions by seeking cheaper lands. Now

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Internal taxation was proposed as the means of providing the money necessary for the national defense program. Sources of taxation suggested are incomes, gasoline, naphtha, automobiles and internal explosion engines, fabricated iron and steel, and a stamp tax on bank checks. Extension of the war revenue bill and continuance of the present tariff on sugar are recommended. The sale of bonds is opposed.

The United States has remained neutral in the world-war because it had no interest in the causes and because it was the duty of the nations of the western hemisphere to prevent collective economic ruin.

The president points to the attitude of the United States toward Mexico as proving that this country has no selfish motives in its interest in Central and South America.

Brick Laying Completed.

Brick laying on the new Masonic building is now completed and inside carpenter work is now progressing rapidly. Osmin Hager purchased the remaining brick from the contractors Weaver and Anderson, and will use the same in the construction of his residence in east Heppner. Mr. Hager expects to start work on his house early in the spring.

Boys Play Basket Ball.

The high school boys are busy every night getting in trim for the basket ball season which will open soon. They have secured the rink for practice and local games will also be played there. A town team will also be organized and some very promising material in the form of new men have signified their intentions of trying out for the team. The town team will probably organize some time this week.

R. F. Wiglesworth and wife and Mrs. Victor Wiglesworth were in the city today from their Butter creek home.

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