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BRUTE POWER OF MONEY

Numerous initiative bills were started by the plain people of Oregon to go upon the ballot this fall. Also, C. S. Jackson, wealthy publisher of the Portland Evening Journal, started two bills.

The plain people, not having small fortunes to pay the cost of getting 25,000 signatures to each petition, and being busy working in shipyards and getting in crops, finally abandoned all their bills even after many signatures were obtained.

Mr. Jackson, having riches, was able to afford the expense of getting enough signatures for each of his two bills, so they go on the ballot, the only two initiative measures to have enough names to get them on the ballot.

The two Jackson bills represent pique against other publishers. One is intended to divert revenue from publishers to the postal service, by substituting post card notices for newspaper publication of delinquent taxes. The other bill reduces the charge made for publishing legal notices. Both matters are entirely within legislative control, so no real necessity exists for invoking a vote of all the people.

So far as affording a means for the people to legislate, the initiative

might as well not be in existence this fall. But it does afford the means whereby the brute power of money may place measures upon the ballot.—Oregon Voter.

WORK OR FIGHT.

A press dispatch says: "Pittsburg—Pitcher Paul Ferritt of New York Nationals received notice from his draft board at Shreveport, La., to show cause why he should not engage in essential employment under work-or-fight ruling. Third Baseman William McKechnie of the Pittsburg Nationals received similar summons from his board here. Both will appeal." It is hard to understand how baseball can be figured as a legitimate excuse to evade the work or fight rule when there is crying need for workmen at all lines.

ALL HELP TO PRODUCE FOOD.

Speaking of food—how much of what you eat do you help to produce by your own work? Farms need labor. The difficulty is not an insufficiency of actual man power. There are plenty of men to supply the farms with help. But the man power is applied to other things, and the farms will not be adequately supplied with help unless men turn temporarily from their present business or employment and work on farms in their county during the rush periods of cultivation and harvest.

If we were not at war you might feel free to disregard this as your personal duty. But we are at war; this is a war need, and you are not free to disregard it.

It is the duty of every strong man of farm experience or of farm aptitude who is not now engaged in work to which his personal attention is constantly indispensable, to go to farms in the agricultural territory adjacent to his town when farm labor needs are urgent, and help produce the food crops which are essential to war winning.

You eat every day. Somem an's hard work produced that food. Our

soldiers in France must eat and somebody's hard work produces that food. If you are so situated that you can help produce this food it is your duty to do so.

Lay off your present job or get away from your present business for a few days or a few weeks as you are needed. You'll lose money and weight. You'll gain blisters, sore muscles and a clear conscience.

ALWAYS LOSING OUT.

Every week chronicles the further loss of prestige of German ideas and culture in the nations of the world. Ten years ago it was the ambition of every American scholar to finish his course at some German university. The Teutonic literature was read in high schools and colleges, and science paid homage to the learning and achievements of that race. It had won a position at the very top of the ladder, and its leadership was recognized far and wide.

Oregon capital owning its own ships, with the development of a strong merchant marine; main line railroads double tracked the entire distance that they pass through the state; the Columbia River made a valuable channel of transportation from the sea to Lewiston, Ida.; reclamation of 4,000,000 acres of arid land within the confines of the commonwealth; the Willamette Valley put into condition to produce four times its present production through irrigation and drainage, are a few of the plands outlined by Gov. Withycombe in a statement covering the larger vision of development for Oregon, which he declares should be the aim and ideal of its citizens.

The changes wrought by four years are almost beyond belief. Everything has been lost and the nation and government which reached the pinnacle of fame, is the most execrated on earth. No one wants anything of the music, literature, science or administrative methods of a gang which develops all arts for the sole purpose of killing and destroying. Many generations will pass before the German people can throw off the curse they have permitted to be cast on them by their leaders.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

From a pay roll point of view, the aeroplane spruce operations in the Pacific northwest have suddenly leaped into the same class as the shipbuilding industry. There are 25,000 workmen in the shipyards of Oregon and Southwestern Washington, and nearly that same number of soldiers and civilians getting out aeroplane spruce.

Hearing Will Be On August 2.

The hearing in the matter of the application of Heppner Light & Water Co., upon its application to the Public Service Commission of Oregon for authority to increase or adjust rates, will be held at the Court House in Heppner on Friday, August 2nd, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Much interest is being manifested in this application and it is expected that the same will be strongly opposed on the part of the people of Heppner, who now feel burdened to the limit on account of water and light rates. To this end the City of Heppner will be well represented at the hearing by attorneys who will defend its interests.

New Agent At Depot.

J. S. Taylor has resigned his position as agent at Heppner for the O. W. R. & N. Co., and has been succeeded by Chester Darby of Portland, who arrived in Heppner the past week to take up his duties here. The family of Mr. Darby arrived a few days later and have gone to housekeeping in the rooms at the depot. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have gone to Orchards, Wash., where they expect to make their home in the future.

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Dr. A. D. McMurdo and wife are enjoying an automobile trip to points of interest in Oregon and expect to spend a couple of weeks vacationing on a touring trip.

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We have the pleasure of placing on the Gazette-Times Honor Roll, the following new subscribers and renewals since our last report. Our list steadily grows and we are glad to announce further, that the raising of the subscription price to \$2.00 per year appears to be no deterrent to our growing list. The public realizes that a newspaper has to advance its prices along with the other commodities, providing it keeps up to the highest standard. We are striving hard to do this even in the face of adverse circumstances, and the hearty co-operation of our patrons to this end is appreciated. New subscriptions are:

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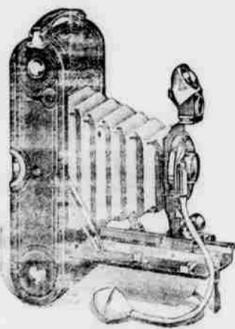
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