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**MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER**

**AN ACCOMMODATION TO FARMERS.**

President Wilson vetoed the rider to the agricultural appropriation bill that put the war measure for saving daylight in the discard. Farmers in particular and the mass of the people generally were strongly in favor of repealing the bill but President Wilson placed his veto to it for some reason or another.

However, the people of the town of Condon, that hustling little burg over in the adjoining county of Gilliam have taken time into their own hands so to speak, and they have turned all their clocks and watches back to the regular time. Condonites are not slow or have no desire to be thought as such, on the contrary they are quite progressive and up-to-date. Owing to the fact that most of the people, especially the farmers of that community had been going by the old time anyway, it was considered best by all to make the old time universal. They point out the inconvenience to farmers on account of the difference of time and believe it will prove to the best interest of all to have a uniform time.

Condon's move might well be followed by all towns in the farming communities and especially where use of the old time is so universally observed as it is in the counties of Morrow and Gilliam. Heppner would find a great convenience in transacting business with farmers here should they decide to follow Condon's lead.

**JAPANESE HOLDINGS.**

Japanese are rapidly acquiring possession of city and suburban property throughout the northwest, in such quantity as to create alarm in some communities. Seattle, chief port of entry for the Nipponese, is being literally overrun with them and their cheap standard of living is enabling them to invest thousands of dollars in lands and other real estate.

Nearly 50 per cent of the hotel buildings in the sound city are Japanese owned, according to a recent estimate. Much of the farming land surrounding the city is held by them and their holdings are rapidly spreading in all directions. Virtually as many Japanese as Americans have purchased apple and other orchard lands in the Hool River district this year.

While not every Japanese who buys property settles upon the land, their possession, nevertheless, is becoming felt. The little brown men are acquiring the best there is and their rapid accumulation of money makes it possible for them to invest much more quickly than the average American. At the present rate of acquisition of property, a few years will see half of the cultivated land in the northwest in their hands.

California, first to see the influx of this horde from across the Pacific took steps to protect its population. The legislation was the basis of considerable correspondence between the two nations. The immigration problem will likewise begin to show on Oregon and Washington soon, especially with our own people pushing west and meeting an alien race pushing from the Pacific ports. Other nations have protected their own populace by restrictions on land holdings. It may appear the expedient thing for America to do likewise.—East Oregonian.

**INSTINCT.**

So far as we can discover there is mighty little influence that instinct of heredity has on human animals.

The child at ten is about what its home and school environment have been for the years since birth.

The man of forty is about what his job, and his education, and his chosen companions have made him.

The woman is about what her marriage has made of her.

But when it comes to animals, it is different.

The other day we assisted at the coming to earth of 11 pigs.

Three hours after they were born they were shakily investigating the bedding of the farrowing pen, and a stranger approached. The mother gave one low note of warning and every three-hour-old pig dropped to his little tummy, and lay motionless in the bedding.

That was instinct, transmitted through generations from wild forebears who had fought for existence in the forest.

The human baby knows, apparently, nothing at all.

It brings over nothing from the other shore, it is helpless and senseless, and it takes days on days for outside perceptions to make an impression on it.

But the young of birds and of beasts come into being more or less

fully equipped with faculties, and instincts, and fore knowledge.

Take a quail, just a few days out of its shell. Let a hawk swing down over the wheat field and every little bit of feathers will scatter and squat, and not come to life and movement until the mother call comes that all is clear.

If bird and beast ever knew an Edenic existence where there was no fear, it was so long ago that every trace of it has been wiped out of their horizon, for every sharpened, inherent instinct of every animal, the so-called domesticated as well as the "wild," is founded on fear, on an age of tooth and claw.

About the only instinct a man has that resembles this of the beasts is that queer thing called conscience, which makes cowards of us all.

**TRACTOR PRICES JUMP.**

Prices of farm tractors have gone up in North Dakota, due to two freak laws passed by the last session of the Non-Partisan League legislature. One law requires free time by the purchaser to test same and leave it on his own place without paying for it if it doesn't suit him. Another requires branch warehouses for each make of tractor sold, with a supply of parts. As both of these requirements add heavily to the cost of doing business, the tractor buyers have to pay the bill by paying increased prices.—Oregon Voter.

**HAS DONE MUCH FOR RACE.**

"I am going to say something now which a good many of you have never heard. The world's richest man is the world's greatest philanthropist. Next to Wm. Hohenzollern this old man is the most maligned individual in the world but he has accomplished more for the welfare of the human race than any other man since the Reformation. He developed and distributed light and power to the world and his efficient, worldwide organization is the only great industry which didn't crumble utterly under the mighty and unusual pressure of the war. He was a country store clerk. I do not like him half so well as I like some gentle poets of my bookish acquaintance and I am not defending him, but my hat is off to John D. Rockefeller."—Julian Wetzel, Indianapolis.

**DID YOU KNOW—**

That only nine per cent of the working people of the United States are enrolled in the labor unions.

That scientific authority states that buttermilk is a fermented beverage and contains alcohol.

That Miles Poindexter, much talked of as a possible candidate for President, was born in the south and formerly lived in Walla Walla, Wash.

That prisoners in Sing Sing penitentiary have contributed \$175 to a fund for rebuilding Catholic churches in devastated France.

That Heppner business men predict Heppner's population will increase 500 in 16 months, once we get an abundant supply of gravity water.

That John D. Rockefeller, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday, said he hoped to live to be one hundred years old and that he attributes his good health to golf and a teaspoonful of olive oil taken daily.

That Maximilian Hardin, a Berlin editor who has been strongly opposed to militaristic rule in Germany, is prominently mentioned as new German ambassador to this country.

That highly productive wheat lands of the famous Walla Walla section were at one time considered worthless and that by good farming methods they were made to produce some of the largest crops of the entire United States.

That Kansas will this year produce more wheat than any other one state in the Union and that this same territory was once referred to in geography as "the Great American Desert" and that it has long since been proven that there is "nothing the matter with Kansas."

**EMIGRATION.**

Apparently we face a new fact, and a good many people are unduly excited about it. The Government recently calculated, on the basis of information on hand, that 1,300,000 aliens would leave the United States as soon as they could get passage. Instead of having the old immigration problem we may have the fact of extensive emigration. It will involve some inconveniences. For example, coal mines are already short of hands and will soon lose forty thousand more, it is said, by emigration. There may be an inconvenient drain of labor from other fields. As a rule, the emigrants carry away considerable sums of money. A million or two of them, if any such number should actually leave, would make a considerable dent in our favorable trade balance.

But if one million or ten million foreign-born residents elect to return to their native lands, who is going to stop them, and on what grounds—serfdom having been abolished even in Russia more than half a century ago? They are entitled to go and take with them the money they have earned and saved.

We hope there will be no immigration into the United States, on an extensive scale, for the next five years. We are prepared to face with equanimity whatever emigration actually occurs. By and large, residents of the United States who prefer the sit-

uation in Europe to the situation in the United States would better be in Europe. The attractions here are good wages, steady employment, settled order. The present attraction over there appears to consist mainly of more or less revolutionary aspirations. There may be a patriotic motive. But finally, the best economic conditions will attract the best labor. The United States may well rest its case on that.—Saturday Evening Post.

Huns and Bolsheviks run true to form, to the very last. In with

drawing from Polish territory, in accordance with the requirements of the Treaty the, former are stealing cattle, furniture, and everything movable that they can lay their thievish hands upon, while the latter have been running a wholesale counterfeiting plant in Switzerland, turning out millions of dollars of American and English bank notes. There is a fine sense of humor, however, in manufacturing counterfeit American money with which to finance Bolshevik propaganda in this country.—Harvey's Weekly.

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