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#### FORD IS NOT AN ANARCHIST.

The jury in the famous Ford-Tribune libel suit, one of the longest and most famous on record, has found for Mr. Ford and has awarded damages to the plaintiff in the sum of six cents. This is a small amount when compared to the million dollar suit which Mr. Ford had waged for several months against the Chicago Tribune because that paper had referred to him as an anarchist, but Mr. Ford feels that he has been vindicated and in that respect has won a victory before the courts.

The Tribune probably did not mean that Mr. Ford was an anarchist in the sense of a bomb thrower or one who goes about trying to destroy all form of government by radical acts, but referred to him in that light more because the Tribune felt that he was against the government in his efforts to prevent preparedness. Had the Tribune stuck to its "ignorant idealist" phase of its editorial and left out the anarchist charge, Mr. Ford would easily have been wrapped up in his own testimony, for he admitted that he was an ignorant idealist. In fact Mr. Ford admitted several things which opened the eyes of the public to the smallness of the man.

Mr. Ford conceived a motor car that made him a multi-millionaire. At once he desires to become a leading factor in guiding the destinies not only of his own state and nation, but of all countries. His idea is to do away with things national and to make them international, if we got his testimony straight while he was on the witness stand during the libel suit trial.

He came very near being elected United States senator from Michigan. He had begun to lead the people of this country into the belief that he was a man of letters. Yet after all he has admitted that it was his money and not Ford brains at all, that was putting all the big stuff across. Mr. Ford has done well in the world of mechanical endeavor but when he attempts to become a leader in other fields, he is taking in too much territory.

We doubt if anyone ever really thought that Henry Ford was an anarchist. We believe that he was sincere. But he admits that he is an "ignorant idealist" so that probably explains everything.

In the deportation of undesirable aliens, the United States government is doing a work which will be the means of saving lots of trouble and unrest in the future.

#### DID YOU KNOW—

That because his child failed to graduate, a man at Kingston, N. Y., thrashed the principal of a public school and was arrested.

That high-priced harvest hands in Kansas demanded and received six meals a day, but were discharged because they spent so much time resting after meals that they barely did enough work to pay for their board.

That Andrew Carnegie gave away nearly four hundred million dollars during his lifetime and that he left an estate equal to that amount when he died.

That Portland housewives objected to the commission in that city prohibiting high prices because they claimed that some of the committee-men were composed of big business men.

That one of the largest benefactions for the advancement of music

ever-made is the gift of George Eastman of Rochester, N. Y., for the establishment of a school of music in connection with the University of Rochester.

That Heppner is the only town in Oregon of consequence that it without a hotel.

That Lieut. Wm. C. Buell of Walla Walla will fly in Heppner during the county fair and that he will be the first aviator appearing here who will come into town by the air route.

That two men almost came to blows in Heppner the other day when they got into an argument as to whether the Willow creek road was rougher between Ione and Lexington than it was between Lexington and Heppner.

That a Wabash Railroad water tank, operated by electricity, is tended by a farmer, who turns the switch on in the morning, works all day at his own business, and then turns the switch off at night. For this he was formerly paid \$20 per month. Under Government Railroad Administration he was classed as an electrician, his time was figured for the entire day and he was allowed \$300 a month and given over \$2500 back pay.

The poor consumer can begin to look for another raise in prices. They are after the profiteer again.

#### LAND IS CHEAPER HERE.

There is no land in the world today as productive as the wheat lands of Morrow county that sell as cheap. This year has been one of the driest we have experienced for many, many years, yet in the face of this aridity, crops yielded all the way from 12 to 30 bushels per acre. The land that produced such crops is selling from \$20 to \$40 per acre.

In the middle West, Iowa for instance, which is considered the greatest agricultural state in the Union, crops were produced, averaging 25 bushels per acre from land that sells from \$150 per acre up. Contrast this with Morrow county conditions and it will soon give you the proper idea of opportunities here.

A Grant county official has resigned because the salary paid was not sufficient for his family to live decently. He was a capable man and had held the office for 11 years. County and state will come to realize pretty soon, maybe, that the high cost of living has hit the office men in their employ just the same as it has hit every other individual. If they don't, its going to be hard to get competent men to give their time to that kind of work when they can

get a great deal more pay in other lines of endeavor.

There is one good thing about the United States Senate. Henry Ford didn't get into it—Life.

#### THERE IS MONEY IN STRAW.

Morrow county farmers are learning more and more the value of straw. Very few straw stacks are burned here any more. There is too much value represented in that straw as a fertilizer and as forage in slack hay years that has proven to our farmers here the folly of useless waste.

But straw is not saved in all parts of the country as it is here. Straw by the hundred thousand tons was burned all over the country heretofore, but last year the scarcity of feed forced baled straw on the market, and from \$5 to \$13 a ton was paid for common straw by desperate feeders, who had to winter their stock on something.

So straw for a time meant real money. Taking the country over, there will be plenty of forage without baling straw, so maybe the straw stacks will again blaze on the western horizon. But not if the farmer is wise.

At present prices of fertilizer straw, wheat straw, is worth \$10 a ton. There should be about 50,000,000 tons of straw from the year's wheat crop, half a billion dollars of raw fertilizer, which will be mostly wasted.

Straw will reclaim this "blow" burned out soil, and on such land is worth far more than \$10 a ton. Many farmers have proved this to their own satisfaction, and any other farmer can prove it for himself if he will only spread a few tons on some of his poorest land, plow it under, and keep account of his crop increases.

But still, all over the country, you will see, these next few months, burning straw stacks, stacks left to mould and rot their fertility away. If this cost of living thing keeps stirring up the nation, it will be made unlawful for half a billion dollar wastes to burden agriculture.

Now that Germany has been refused admittance to the League of Nations on a par with the Big Five, she has set about to organize a League of her own and would include Russia, Austria and Hungary and later Italy and Japan, and the "smaller nations" dissatisfied with the Paris conference. Then the same situation would exist as did exist before the war and it would be but a matter of a few years until

secret treaties, jealousies and greed would present another entanglement which only old Mars himself could straighten out.

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

What's in a name? In the light of events just passed there must be a good deal, judging by the number of people who went before the courts and had removed from their cognomens anything that had a suggestive tint of German. Then there must be other objective features to some names.

A Mr. Nutt recently cometh into court and pleads that his name be changed to Knight.

"Playmates call my children Little Nuts, and I want to pick a name that can't be made fun of," said the harassed Mr. Nutt.

We don't blame Mr. Nutt, for truly here are some names that are really provocative.

The agencies of lads inflicted with fancy front names, and suggestive rear names, have never been understood; but many a cynic has been developed in the grade schools because he bore a name that gave too much temptation to the lively imagination of his clever little playmates. Indeed it takes a prophetic parental eye to name a babe so that forty years hence the name will not be a curse or a cause for scoffing.

Plain girls, given fancy, flowery names that become a mock in their 'ank spinsterhood, know what we mean.

Husky, rough neck youths, who were given some sissy name in their 'babyhood, know what we mean. Though a man can escape some of the curse of fancy front names by using their initials, for the woman there is no relief.

Mary is a grand old name, and parents who stick to Mary or Jane, and John and William, and whose ancestors had sense enough to choose a family name like Smith, Clark or Jones, have given their heirs and assigns reason to arise and call them blessed.

The psychology of the effect of names upon the folks who bear them, has been given slight study, but we are convinced that no mere faltering, struggling human atom ever wrestled through a weary life with a name like—say—Percival G. Winterbottom, without suffering daily agonies that were as needless as they were cruel.

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