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Luxurious America

We are getting to be a most luxurious nation. You see it in your midst every day; the rich man's lady going to the opera wearing a couple of hundred thousand dollars' worth of gems and the laborer going to his work in the factory wearing a \$10 silk shirt.

The nation's imports increased less than TWO billion dollars' worth in 1914 to about FIVE billions in the fiscal year ending June 1, 1920.

In 1914 America imported about one hundred and thirty-five million dollars' worth of silk; in 1920 we boosted these figures up to five hundred and sixty millions, of which 90 per cent was nothing but foolishness. The cost of diamonds and precious stones imported in 1920 was \$120,000,000 as against \$25,000,000 in 1914. All for vulgar display. In 1914, we imported fourteen million dollars' worth of furs. Isn't it awful?

The truth is that this country is in a frenzy of wild extravagance. We hope that it is a short-lived mania because all history shows that nations which gave themselves up to luxuries, went down to disaster and then lost their independence and liberty.

A Problem for Our Readers

Here is a problem of today that the readers of the Gazette-Times might solve.

When prohibition went into effect last January 16, there were 60 million gallons of whiskey in America. In less than six months that have elapsed, 15 million gallons of that booze has disappeared, probably most of it drunk up. Anyway there are still plenty of drunks in all our cities. The whiskey got into circulation, of course, through bogus certificates and illicit sales.

There are about 45 million gallons left. The question is: What shall become of it?

One side of the argument is that the government should put such safeguards around the remaining booze that no more of it shall disappear. This would very largely stop the drunkenness still existent. Of course, the present stocks are property and therefore cannot be confiscated and destroyed.

The other side of the argument is that it is better to permit the laxness of the last six months. At that rate of consumption, the whiskey will all be gone in another 18 months and then there will be no more. These arguers say that if the 45 million gallons on hand is guarded even with the greatest honesty on the part of government officials, the demand for it will be so great that it will be a constant incentive for bribes, burglars and other criminals. Thus in addition to the vice of drinking the stuff we will be tempting men to sin in order to get it.

What shall be done with the whiskey incubus?

Moonshining is most certainly a hazardous occupation—yet the boys are willing to take the chance.

Says the Condon-Globe-Times: It is a good safe bet that the next president of the United States will come from Ohio and the next best bet we know of is that his name will be Harding.

The single taxers don't like La Follette. This is the first occasion wherein the single taxers have been in accord with the rest of the country.—Portland Telegram.

The plan to hold an agricultural exhibit here in the fall is a good one. It will serve to keep alive the fair spirit until such a time arrives that we can put on a "regular" fair.

The man with his own kitchen attachment, supplying his own immediate thirst, will probably have no sympathy for the man who is in the wholesale business.

The Presidential Primaries A Complete Failure

The presidential preference primary, as its name suggests, was designed to reveal a preference among candidates. In this it has signally failed in the case of both parties. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler doesn't hesitate to say of the primary that it has been "both a fraud and a sweep." Even when a candidate "swept" a state, it may have meant that only 20 per cent, or less, of the party vote was recorded. In some states the results were confused and complicated because party lines were not drawn in the voting. In many instances delegates to the convention were committed by the primary results to vote for a candidate they did

not personally approve. For such candidates they voted in a perfunctory manner until in honor they could be relieved, so as to express their real choice. Those who sought through the primary a nation-wide test of sentiment were called upon for enormous expenditures. There may have been evils in the old convention system of choosing candidates. Not only has the preference primary failed to effect a cure, but also in the process it has created even greater evils of its own.—Leslie's Weekly.

Slats' Diary

Friday—Jake's uncle has a dog which found 3 little puppies & he sed he named them after 3 greek flowers. He calls them Cato, Pluto & Alto.

Saturday—It is very queer here at home as pa is not working on a regular job. I ast him wot is the meaning wen you say The war was won in the kitchen. And he sed Ast yure ma she wins all of hers there.

Sunday—Sum of us kids was playing ball today & the preecher ketches us & he sed 2 Jake you shouldnt ought 2 play ball on Sunday if you do you wont git 2 go 2 heavin. Jake sed Personally I dont care 2 go 2 heavin I wood rather stay with pa & ma.

Monday—Pa went 2 a sail where sum the chickens was sold He wanted a good Hen & wen she was put up he looked wise & bid three \$ Righted away sum guy bid thirty \$ & she sold for sixty \$. Some hen I'll say. Pa sed he knows good poltery wen he sees it.

Tuesday—pa ast Jake's pa was he going on a plashure trip this seasin & his pa sed Yes he had intended 2 bid his wife desided 2 go along 2.

Wednesday—I was bizz hoeling in the garden & thinking of J. E. & all & my sunday skool teacher cum bid & sed Slats is that a war garden & I sed it shure was wen ma & pa are working in it.

Thursday—Moy put on my new suit & went 2 the movys 2 see Bill Hart & J. E. was there. She looked at me but I diddnt know if she was smiling at me or just laffing at me.

In the Sweet Bye-and-bye

Most of us can remember the day when, in order to get into a shirt (meaning the outer variety), it was necessary to back off a yard, maneuver the garment in question much as the torador manipulates the crimson plush before the festive bull, and then, at a propitious moment, nose-dive through it. And then along came some genius who said: "Why all these unnecessary gymnastics? Why not a shirt that goes on like a coat?" and it was so.

The world had been waiting for just such a blessing ever since the ancient Greeks wrapped the draperies of their couches about them and called it getting dressed—and how simple it all seemed when it was once thought out!

Some day, perhaps, another genius will arise to tell us exactly what is the matter with the world and exactly how to remedy the whole thing over night. And we will all gasp delightedly and say, "How simple! Why didn't somebody think of it before?"—American Legion Weekly.

Homesteading Chances in Morrow County Fast Growing Less

There is a mighty small patch of homestead land remaining in Morrow county, according to figures from the general land office at La Grande. This statement shows that there are now but 2160 acres of land in this county subject to homesteading. Baker lands all counties in the district with 156,826 acres. Following is the list of six counties of the La Grande Land Office district and the number of unreserved, unappropriated acres in each:

Baker	156,826
Grant	20,760
Morrow	2,160
Umatilla	21,371
Union	4,920
Walla	22,000

AMERICAN LEGION TO GIVE VICTORY MEDALS

Indianapolis, Ind.—Under arrangements just completed with the War Department, the American Legion becomes the instrument for distribution of the Victory Medals which the Government is presenting to every American soldier, sailor, marine, field clerk or nurse who served honorably for any period between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918.

The presentations will take place on Armistice Day in a series of simultaneous ceremonies to be held under Legion auspices throughout the world, making possible a stupendous celebration which is destined to eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in the United States. The Legion hopes to make the event of November 11 the crowning feature of the greatest of all Armistice Days—the most impressive and memorable patriotic function in which Americans ever participated and one designed to live in history as an epochal milestone in the nation's life.

It is planned that not only members of the Legion but all ex-service persons and the next of kin of those who died or lost their lives in battle, will join their comrades and their

comrades and their countrymen in a united tribute to the spirit of America on the anniversary of the day in 1918 which marked that spirit's supreme achievement.

"It is not with vanity but with wholesome pride in the triumph of our arms in the most crucial test of strength in history," writes Franklin D'Olier, National Commander of the Legion, in a letter to all Department officials urging enthusiastic participation in the celebration, "that the Legion appeals to all Americans to make our 1920 Armistice Day memorable throughout the years to come. We want it to be a tribute above all else, to our country and our flag and the flags of the heroic Allies. In a still higher sense, it should be a solemn, affectionate dedication of our lives to the principles for which more than 100,000 of our countrymen and millions of our comrades in arms made the supreme and final sacrifice. The Legion since it is 'the splendid youth who served America because they loved America,' can appropriately take the initiative in this movement. And because the Legion is a true and representative cross-section of our national citizenship, it is confident that Americans generally will wholeheartedly cooperate to make the celebration a success."

Briefly, the tentative plans contemplate that commanders of Legion Posts will procure a supply of application blanks, with detailed instructions for filling them out, from the nearest Army post or recruiting station. Posts then will provide facilities for having the application blanks typewritten, certified by a notary public or an officer of the regular military establishment, and forwarded to the War Department. Persons who are to receive the medals will be asked to give the delivery address in care of the commander of the nearest Legion post, who will take charge of all such medals forwarded and arrange for appropriate distribution on Armistice Day. Individuals who receive medals direct from the Government will be asked to place them in the custody of the post commander and participate with the Legionnaires at the presentation ceremonies. The functions, according to the plan, will be of a community nature and details will be left to local committees composed of Legionnaires, public officials, business men and representatives of patriotic and civic organizations.

Thirty Two Cars of Stock Left on Saturday for Omaha

Thirty two cars of live stock went out of the local yards last Saturday afternoon, billed for Omaha. It was a mixed train, there being twenty cars of sheep and 12 cars of cattle. The shippers of sheep were: Minor & Matlock, 4 cars; Penland & Co., 1 car; Ellis Minor, 1 car; Minor & Thompson, 3 cars; C. A. Minor, 1 car; R. J. Carsner, 7 cars; Stevens Bros., 2 cars; John Kilkenny, 1 car.

Cattle shippers were: Peters, 8 cars and Forrest and Royle, 4 cars, all of Spay.

Bryan Doesn't Like Either One.

"I don't like either one of them," said Wm. J. Bryan in speaking at the Fossil chautauqua, direct from the democratic national convention at San Francisco. Bryan flayed the democratic and republican parties for their timidity in refusing to say one word in favor of the abolition of the liquor traffic and accused the leaders of each of trying to bring back the saloon.

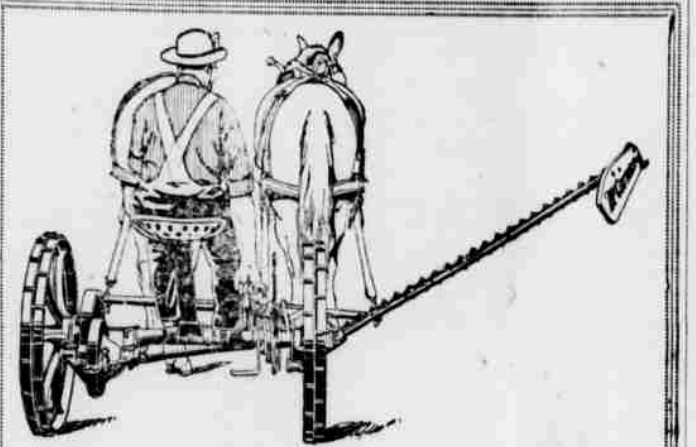
State Chamber Drive Deferred Here Until Fall

The drive to raise Morrow county's quota of the three year budget for the State Chamber of Commerce will not be carried on at the present time as was originally planned. P. E. Magruder and S. C. Haight, representatives of the state chamber, were in Heppner this week and after conferring with local business men decided that it would be best to put the campaign on here in the fall. The total quota to be raised in the state for advancing the best interests of

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Oregon, is \$450,000. A considerable portion of this sum has already been raised in Portland and other parts of the state.

The Way Wheat Multiplies. Spokane, Wash.—Grain which grew from one kernel of wheat was pulled up on the D. W. Dickinson ranch on Bureka flat and the heads "threshed" by hand, there being 1350 kernels of wheat in the heads.

You Owe It To Yourself

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