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## WHY IS A DOG?

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, in a column and a half in the Sunday Oregonian of animus toward all dogs in general, sums up his narrative and verdict by saying that "No person should have the legal right to own a dog and let him run on the property of other people. Should he? And if so, why?"

No one is going to quarrel with the ex-governor because he dislikes dogs. There is something that everyone dislikes, but there are very few who would say it as Mr. Geer does that the dog "has no justifiable place among people either in a city or in the country."

The people of the world may be divided into two classes—those who like dogs and those who do not like them. Those who like dogs like them very much, and those who do not like dogs do not like them at all. Mr. Geer evidently belongs to the latter class, but that is no reason why he should condemn all dogs or find fault with those who do.

As the dog is the animal that is nearest to humanity, that understands humanity and is understood by humanity better than any other, so it partakes somewhat of humanity's responsibilities. There are criminal dogs as there are criminal men; there are honest dogs as there are honest men; there are heroic dogs as there are heroic men; and the credit side of the dog's ledger is quite as long on account as the credit side of a man's ledger. There are dogs that murder sheep; likewise there are men that steal sheep; and in both cases the action is for the profit, in some form or other, for the criminal. On the other hand there are dogs that care for and protect sheep—even at the cost of their lives if need be—and, according to authentic reports, their services are quite as valuable as those of the human shepherds.

There are also the dogs wearing the badge of the Red Cross, that serve in the trenches and make perilous expeditions of succor into no man's land with just as much courage, skill and resourcefulness as do the soldiers with whom they live. They give their lives in the service of man—not in the service of other dogs; they are wounded slightly or fatally; they suffer war's discomforts and horrors with the men, and they are always faithful, as are the men. They have worn decorations, as have men, because they earned them, as did men.

And then there are the malamutes of the northern wilds, and the mere domestic dogs, the friends of the home, not much account, ordinarily and sometimes troublesome, but sometimes rising to great heights of service in emergencies. Of course these emergencies do not come often in the humdrum lives of ourselves and our dogs, but that is not the dog's fault. We do not know how he feels about them, but we prefer them not to come often.

Therefore the domestic dog lives what is perhaps a rather useless life, but so do a great many people, and generally speaking it may be said that a decent dog is quite as well behaved and free from transgressions as a decent man. Furthermore, it is extremely pleasant to have him about, and most of us who like dogs can think of many people that the world could get along better without than without its dogs. The dog's company is worth its keep to thousands of us, but perhaps not to Mr. Geer.

**HUSBANDS AND DIVORCES.**  
Owing to the high cost of living, perhaps, or maybe as a patriotic idea, it is reported that the lawyers are going to raise the divorce fee in the near future. The patriotic phase is suggested by the belief that the war has placed a higher valuation on husbands and has thus created a condition in which the lawyers can do their bit by preventing legal separations.

The reduced divorce output reported from many parts of the country contemporaneously with an increase in marriages of soldiers about to go to the front indicates that husbands

are more highly prized than in peace times. And if the quotations on husbands are higher, why, it may be thought by the lawyers, should the fee for a divorce not be raised proportionately? With two or three million men in the army, a husband will not be so easily obtained as formerly.

The divorce record of the United States has caused many misgivings. In some parts of the country, notably the three coast states of the west—Washington, Oregon and California—it has been a close race between divorce decrees and marriage licenses—or was until a year ago. But now the situation is different. Marriage licenses are far in the lead. Married women are disposed to keep their breadwinners, while unmarried women are inclined to find husbands before the war creates a scarcity of desirables.

For some time before the war there were doubts in the minds of many husbands as to whether they were useful and indispensable. Utterances of some of the more militant feminists added to these doubts. Now the conviction is growing that men and women, husbands and wives, all have an essential part in our social, political and economic, as well as military activities, and that life is a precious boon. If the lawyers, by raising the divorce fee, will restrain the divorce business their action will be gladly welcomed.

### MAKES THE FARMER A TARGET.

In making his bitter fight on war profiteers, as it calls all big business, the non-Partisan League puts the farmers in bad for no class has profited so much by the war.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that war profits of the farmers of this country on prices for their crops in 1917 are in the aggregate six and a half billions over 1916.

On account of the war the farmers receive six and a half billion dollars more for their crops in 1917 than they did for their crops in 1916, and still farm prices are advancing.

In the last fiscal year American farm products to the amount of a billion and a half dollars were exported to Europe, while the total farm crops brought about ten billions.

In 1909 farm crops brought five billions, in 1900 only three billions, so that the farmers of the United States are over three hundred per cent better off in 1917 than they were in 1916.

From the economic standpoint this is a farmer's war and the organization of a political party to attack all other lines of business on account of war profits will only direct attention to the farmer as a target for the taxgatherer.

The Outlook management appreciates the many kind words of commendation spoken from time to time by friends far and near. The high words of praise given it by Rev. J. Montcalm Brown in connection with the service last Sunday morning were full of encouragement to those who spend many weary vigils in painstaking effort to make the paper a leader in moral and patriotic influence in the locality. Far from feeling they were merited, we only feel spurred to measure up more nearly to the expectations of our friends and the opportunities of our field. Nothing is too good for the people we serve in the capacity of a newspaper.

An eastern doctor says that people who live in a mild climate would be fools to pay 30 cents a pound for pork. We have always said the same thing, and we further say that we don't believe that Solomon, if he had lived in Oregon, would have permitted his successive brides to equip themselves with sealskin coats at \$1000 apiece, either.

"Liberty feet" is a new disease. It affects women more than men and is caused by squeezing a number six foot into a number three shoe. Cloth shoes are expected to cure this disease—as cloth number threes would bust—and cloth shoes are becoming quite fashionable.

Uncle Sam has loaned the allies \$4,236,400,000. That is \$48.76 per capita, and we are not going to ask them for our per capita until the kaiser is spewed for good; and we are willing to per capita a few more dollars to help squelch him.

"The west is the saving spirit of the republican institutions of America," says Senator J. Ham Lewis, who once lived in Seattle. He would have said Oregon instead of the west if he had remembered the last presidential election.

And now with the wheatless days what will the Hawaiian hula-hula girls do on Wednesdays without their shredded wheat skirts. Somebody will have to suggest a lookless day.

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"Rubber heels wanted in India," says a trade report. Perhaps Lloyd-George has prevailed upon the Indian government to do a little pussy-footing.

Miss Tommie Picture, of Dallas was married recently. It would seem that her husband was not given the negative.

Russia has come back. Now what will the Bolsheviks do? Answer: How long is a piece of string?

Since the president has placed the Federal Reserve system and the taxes and the railroads under the control of his son-in-law our government is thoroughly McAdone.

Superstition in married men is bound to increase now that an Oklahoma man has fallen dead while giving his wife some money.

There is only one double cross we hanker after. It is printed by Uncle Sam and is worth twenty dollars.

## DON'T BE RADICAL.

There seems to be a general tendency on the part of human nature to follow the band. This is too often exemplified in farming practices, by rushing from one crop to another year after year simply because we have observed some neighbor making good returns from that particular crop. It is to be noticed that usually the majority makes the change just one year too late and in the end are the losers.

There are several sources of eventual gain for the farmer who plans a definite farm practice and stays by it year after year producing about the same amount of each crop yearly.

First, a crop rotation can be planned and carried out that will maintain or build up the fertility of the soil, thereby increasing production.

Second, the prices for each product, if taken year after year, will usually amount to a fair profit.

Third, the by-products which are too often wasted can be utilized to a better advantage by a few head of hogs or sheep.

Fourth, it is cheaper from the standpoint of labor, seed, machinery and equipment because the crops can be planned to avoid a large amount of hired labor at any one season and extra machinery or building are not necessary to handle the extra crop.

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