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DOING GOOD WORK

Establishing new towns and creating opportunities for homemakers are functions of the Reclamation Service in the Department of the Interior. On many of the irrigation projects the towns are assuming metropolitan airs, chief among them being our progressive town of Hermiston, which has offered openings for all lines of business, and has prospered with the rapid growth of the farming community which surrounds it.

By reason of its advantageous location in the midst of a large area of irrigable lands, Hermiston enjoys a good business, and the advancement of town and country in the past two years shows there will be no let up to this onward progress. Let the good work go on.

A NEEDED LESSON

With the clouds of war looming darkly over the country; with plots and counter plots against the peace of our people; with food disturbances in the large cities; and with the price booster stalking abroad in the land, truly it is a time when the sober sense of the American people should be called into use.

But we are unlike any other people on the globe. There seems to be something in the very air we breathe that makes for a different outlook on life from that of any other country. No other land can vie with us in the vastness of its resources. The increase in our national wealth during the last two decades would make Croesus appear a piker, and beside our own magnificence the glories of Solomon are as the moonlight to the radiant orb of day. Our strength and our resources are boundless and limitless. But because of these very facts we find ourselves as a people standing on the very brink of national disaster. We are the most confidently careless people on earth, hence find ourselves now engaged in a gigantic conflict and lamentably unprepared for the task before us. A strenuous campaign of preparation is on, but the one absolutely essential element—time—is in a great measure denied us.

Then we are the most magnificently wasteful people in the world. Beside our national extravagance, the prodigality of kings is as pinching economy,

and this trait, too, is threatening to be our undoing. Having by our own royal extravagance consumed much, and by shipment from the country consumed much more, we find ourselves facing a demand for unlimited supplies and with practically empty storehouses. Conservation of the food supply is what must come now, and if the experiences through which we are passing shall have the effect of teaching us a rational economy they will be well worth the price. It is a lesson we need and should heed.

SOLDIER PHILOSOPHY.

The French Poilus comfort themselves in the trenches with the following bit of philosophy, which has been printed and circulated all along the western front. No one knows its origin: "You have two alternatives—either you are mobilized or you are not. If not, you have nothing to worry about.

"If you are mobilized you have two alternatives—you are in camp or at the front. If you are in camp you have nothing to worry about.

"If you are at the front you have two alternatives—either you are in reserve or on the fighting line. If you are in reserve you have nothing to worry about.

"If you are on the fighting line you have two alternatives—either you fight or you don't. If you don't you have nothing to worry about. If you do, you have two alternatives—either you get hurt or you don't. If you don't you have nothing to worry about.

"If you are hurt you have two alternatives—either you get slightly hurt or you get badly hurt. If slightly, you have nothing to worry about.

"If badly hurt you have two alternatives—either you recover or you don't. If you recover, you have nothing to worry about. If you don't you have done, of course, with worry forever and ever."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Too much Denman—too much Goethals—too few ships. Get busy!

An upward tendency is announced in men's clothing. Bah! Who wants to look at a man's leg?

A worthy cause has nothing to fear from its active foes. It is the slacker who blocks the wheels of progress.

If congress succeeds in reducing the volume of government "pork," will the price of the commercial variety go higher?

If you have borrowed this paper from your neighbor, be sure to return it when you have finished reading it. He subscribed because he wanted it.

This office is in receipt of a long letter of advice as to economy in household expenditures. Who wants it? The editor has no use for it.

Sir William Osler, professor of medicine in Oxford university, is 68 years old. It would be cruel to call attention to the fact that this is the same Dr. Osler who contended that a man's usefulness was ended at 60, and that he should then be chloroformed.

Penleton's growth is shown by the increased water consumption, says the East Oregonian. Great guns, what a josh. That's no sign of growth—just a stretch of hot weather and lack of the usual beverage that goes with it is the real reason for the great consumption of water in the county seat town.

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

Too Many People Die From Causes That Are Preventable.

Probably 350,000 people die yearly in the United States from preventable causes; also something like 2 per cent of the population is disabled from sickness at any given time, and a large part of this is preventable.

The standing problem before public health boards is: How, with the means at their disposal, to make the greatest possible reduction in this social waste? Perhaps there has been more co-operation in this governmental field than in any other—a freer circulation of ideas and experience, so that one community has profited by the discoveries of another. Yet the work is far from systematized.

A pamphlet by the Russell Sage foundation suggests that, with adequate reports on mortality and sickness, communities which have the same general health conditions may by careful study and comparison work out a formula for applying their health appropriations with reasonable certainty of getting the best possible results for the money.

The first factor in the formula would be the amount of damage produced by any given cause of sickness and death. The second factor would be the readiness with which this cause yielded to preventive measures. For example, cancer causes much damage, but in the present stage of medical science is not classed as a preventable disease. On the other hand, smallpox causes little damage, but its potentialities of damage are high, and it readily yields to the simple preventive of vaccination. By a sufficiently careful study of adequate data a health board can reduce this to mathematical terms and say, with assurance, "Twenty-four per cent of our appropriation should go to prevent infants' diseases; 12 per cent to tuberculosis." And so on—the figures varying, of course, under different conditions of climate, housing, and the like.

The plan is a suggestion as to what may be accomplished by co-operation among towns.—Saturday Evening Post.

CRUSHING A NATION.

The Cambray League and the Fall of the Venetian Republic.

The League of Cambray was the political combination of continental Europe in 1508 against the Venetian republic, which tore from the "Queen of the Adriatic" her resplendent crown and forced to her lips the cup of deepest humiliation.

Back of the league and causing its formation were jealousy, ambition and the desire of crippling the proud people, whose history was the wonder and envy of the world. Too powerful to be overthrown by any single power, it was resolved that Venice should be crushed by the combined forces of all Europe.

During the terrible days of Attila, about A. D. 453, Venice was founded out among the lagoons of the Adriatic, where, it was felt, safety would be found from the ravages of the Hun. The history of the thousand years from the foundation of the city to the year 1508 reads like magic. Rising from the waves, Venice became the wonder of the world. Her navy cut the waters of every known sea. Her merchants were the greatest on earth. Her bank was the financial center of the world.

And for more than ten centuries did Venice remain the glory of the world, the center of wealth, opulence and power, the home of culture and intelligence, the hearthstone about which sat the finest of the intellectual graces and hospitalities, and such she might have remained but for the League of Cambray, which, with its overwhelming forces, gave her the blow (at Agnadello in 1509) from which it was impossible for her to recover.—Exchange

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