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EM-TEES

SOB STUFF.

I have no phone and our buggy pony died with the terrible disease that many horses died with. Then some bad boys, two years ago last Christmas, stole our buggy and tore it completely to smash, and nearly killed the other horse Mand, as everybody knows her, so you see I have to collect news as best I can. Hops (Ark.) Star of Hops.

LAW UNMASKS HERO.

Bud Toney went south Saturday and returned home Sunday. We concluded from the scratches he had on his nose he had crossed the border into Mexico, but we learned from the constable, Solon Roberts, who was up Monday from Hales to see Bud on business, that it was just an ordinary fight.—The Newport (Ark.) Independent.

WOMEN CAN PLOW NOW.

Garden making is now on. Remember we can supply you with Bulk Garden Seeds, Garden Tools, Lady Broke Garden Plows, McCarrall & Hitch.—The Vandalia (Mo.) Mail.

WISE SONS OF TOIL.

They report that all the farmers up that way are busy with their spring sowing, which they are anxious to get in before it is too late.—The Wilhelminia (Ore.) Times.

AS YOUTH SHOULD BE.

The dance was absolutely the best one ever given under the direction of any Phoenix high school class. The music was fine, the crowd was congenial and everything was covered with sang froid.—The Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette.

FASHIONABLE SUMMER CLOTHES.

Any one wishing painting inside or outside call 469.—Adv. in the Appleton (Wis.) Crescent.

Paul King purchased a valuable red male cow last week.—The Hamilton (O.) Republican-News.

JACKSONVILLE ITEMS

Miss Lora Couch left for Los Angeles last week where she will spend the summer with her sister.

Rev. R. A. Hutchison, minister of the Methodist church, who has been very seriously ill, was removed to the hospital at Ashland Wednesday.

Lou Gay and wife of Seattle are guests at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Connie Linn, this week.

Jim Thrasher, a former Jacksonville boy, was swamped the bronco luster at the Ashland round-up.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Kelley and children, have been guests of Mrs. John Dunington this week.

Frank Oberchain and family came from Bly, Ore., in their automobile to take in the roundup.

Wm. Broad, who is employed at Weed, spent a few days at home this week.

Mrs. Lewis Irish has returned from a month's vacation spent with relatives and friends living in Portland and Eugene.

Lindsay Sizemore and family motored from Fort Klamath to see the roundup at Ashland.

Mrs. David Williams and daughter arrived from Neola, Iowa, to spend the summer with the farmer's daughter, Mrs. Fred Flick.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Collins left for Klamath county last week to be gone six weeks where Mr. Collins will write insurance.

Mrs. T. J. Kinney and the Walter Beards are spending the week with Ashland friends.

Jacksonville was well represented at the Rogue river roundup, the Southern Oregon Traction company running special trains.

MILITARY SERVICE AS A CURE-ALL

"IN the years to come, none of the many amazing phenomena of 1916 will cause greater wonderment than our recent discovery that universal military service is the cure-all for every one of our American ills," states Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post, in an extended article discussing military service.

The same thought has occurred to many. The preparedness hysteria, the coercive preparedness parades, the clamor for gigantic armaments, the new compulsory military service laws, the effort to make un-American militarism a political issue under the name of Americanism, constitute a truly amazing phenomena for a twentieth century democracy.

Mr. Villard points out that universal military training is advocated as solving the problem of national defense, as making the nation industrially efficient, as correcting wayward and undisciplined youth, as a tonic for halting democracy, as a fuse for our melting pot of alien races, and finally as supplying a decadent nation with a soul.

Europe for many decades had the advantage of compulsory military service. The world-wide war is the result. The cruelties and barbarities of universal conscription have peopled both Americas with Europe's best blood.

In Germany, universal service is not the least democratic—but breeds arrogance and aristocracy. Militarism is the chief support of autocracy. In Russia large armies and heavy taxes are still the weapons to perpetuate tyranny. In France, "the perfect model," the army has furnished the chief scandals of the nation—shocking graft and infamy, the Dreyfus and numerous other cases.

Mr. Villard takes the list of nations cited as examples to America, including isolated, mountain-locked Switzerland, to the distant British colonies of Australia, and shows the discontent and dissatisfaction bred by compulsory service in even these lands, where the incentive to militarism is lacking that our own great aggregations of capital seeking distant markets and the exploitation of weaker peoples supply. The fate of the ancient republic, the fate of the first French republic, all show what militarism does for republics.

Concluding, Mr. Villard says:

For what those do not see who know that universal service is what we need to make patriots for the million is that the spirit of universal servitude, whether Australian, German or Swiss makes directly against the American ideal, for it indicates blind obedience to the will of others, subordination to those who are masters, not necessarily because of superior wisdom or fitness, but largely because of accident.

Heretofore we have always valued the American's self-assertiveness—yes, his refusal to recognize masters, his independence of thought and action, his mental alertness, particularly the happy-go-lucky Yankee initiative and individuality, as some of his best characteristics. We hated the servile obedience of the foreigner. Indeed, our whole American experiment was founded as a protest against certain tendencies abroad akin to those we are now asked to make dominant by means of universal service.

SUGAR FACTORY FOR MEDFORD

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There is a slight odor to this drainage, it is not necessarily obnoxious. As an evidence we shall have eleven factories in operation this year, and in some cases the drainage is emptied directly into rivers, streams, etc. Of course, we have to satisfy the health boards that there is nothing detrimental in the sewerage to health or anything alive—fish or fowl.

"That the location of the factory be outside of the city limits; and we would like a promise on your part that during the life of the factory's operations the city limits shall not be purposely extended to embrace the factory site for purposes of taxation; also an assurance on your part of your willingness to co-operate in packing both the Grants Pass and the Medford plants a success, and you will have no objection to our taking some of the Medford beets at the Grants Pass factory.

Co-Operation Sought.

"We believe that by the co-operation of all concerned we can make a success at both places, especially with the end in view that we have other territory on which to draw between Medford and Klamath Falls.

"We then promise to build you a factory of not less size, but similar to the one now under construction at Grants Pass, in time to work the crop of 1917, and we are willing to put up a \$30,000 bond for the faithful performance on our part of the contract; provided, that both the contract for the building of the factory and also the bond for the \$50,000 may be cancelled if on November 1 of this year the beets that you are now raising for us do not show sufficient succharine qualities to justify our company going on with the business in your part of the state of Oregon. The beets should polarize not less than 15 per cent sugar and 80 per cent purity to pay us to make this investment.

"We also deem it advisable, should the above offer be accepted, that the location of the factory be decided upon before attempting to take any contracts from the farmers so as to avoid any 'leg-pulling' on the part of the farmers for a factory near their own farms.

"This proposition is recommended by our executive committee, and if

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you favor it, it would be presented to our directors for their approval at our next meeting, which will occur one week from next Wednesday, or if there is any necessity to pass upon it before, a special meeting of the directors will be called.

"I trust I have made myself clear on all points, but should there be any questions that you desire answered will be pleased to correspond with you further.

"Respectfully yours,
"LUTAH-IDAHO SUGAR CO.
"By General Manager."

EFFICIENCY.

Prayer meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Johnson Wednesday night. We can't say how large a crowd was present, because the writer was not there.—The Junction City (Ark.) Herald.

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SOME REASONS FOR OPPOSITION TO RAILROAD BONDS

To the Editor:

There are several reasons why the tax payers of this city should vote against accepting the Bullis contract.

1. Because the contract is illegal. The Supreme Court has so decided in the Roseburg case, which was based on a similar contract.

2. Because the omission to give contract as originally planned is a mere subterfuge to escape provisions of said decision.

3. Because of the statement in the contract that the road was necessary to the health and peace of the city, which we all know is not true.

4. Because the specifications are inadequate. Fifty-pound rails are obsolete. Modern roads use from 90 to 100-pound rails.

5. The price per mile is much too high, considering the fact that second hand rails are to be used.

6. Because bids were not asked for upon specifications drawn by competent engineers.

Contract Is Vague.

7. Because the contract does not state by whom or upon what terms the railroad is to be operated. Will Medford be called upon to issue more bonds to buy rolling stock, build stations and etc.?

8. Because it would increase the taxes and confiscate property of widows, orphans and those who, by thrift, have been able to purchase homes.

9. Because it will brand Medford as a city of wildcat schemes and drive away investors by an outrageously high tax rate.

10. Because it will injure the credit of Medford. Vote this down and we will be able to issue refunding bonds at 5 per cent, upon which we are now paying 6 per cent.

11. Because interest must be paid on these bonds, which will eventually be held in the east, thereby taking more money out of circulation here, which, by the way, is one of the basic causes of hard times in the west today.

Edward Kelvin, of Seattle, financial expert, says that inflation and high taxes, are the two leading factors, responsible for the low prices of real estate in the west.

Smelter at Mines.

12. Because a railroad would not restore values of real estate in Medford. Cities like Spokane, which issued bonds to bring railroads to that city are relatively in worse condition than Medford.

13. Because if the Blue Ledge district is all that is claimed for it, the logical place for a smelter would be at the mines, and stores of all kinds would locate there.

14. Because the contract does not square with the statements made by the promoters of this scheme to induce us to vote in favor of the bond.

ing amendment. Blue "Ledge Facts" (so-called) issued by the Commercial Club, stated that we would not be called upon to pay either principal or interest, and now we are asked not only to build the road, but to take all the risk without knowing by whom it is to be operated or upon what terms.

15. Because we are asked to assume and agree to pay the further sum of \$57,000, taking over some assets, but not all of those covered by this mortgage. In other words, the present owners are getting rid of a losing proposition, a heavy mortgage, and at the same time reserving all of the assets having any real value.

Recovery in Sight.

16. Because Medford, along with the entire coast country, will recover from this period of depression. History repeats itself. Another wave of eastern buyers will come, and when that time arrives, the city which has the most to offer in healthful, economical living conditions, will profit the most.

The reasons against accepting this contract could be continued almost indefinitely, while "we ought to do something" seems to be the only reason that the average man can give for voting for it, they are like the Frenchman in the boat, who losing their oars, were drifting toward Niagara Falls, they had an anchor in the boat, but no rope. One said to the other: "We ought to do something." "Trow over zee ank," the other replied. "There ees no rope to ze ank," whereupon the other replied, "we must do something, throw oet over anyway, it may do some good."

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