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EM-TEES

ODE TO DEMOCRACY.

BY LEE WILSON DODD of the Vigilantes.

It isn't just because some ships were lost, And children drowned, and women and strong men. That's had enough, God knows! But the Prussians were our foes Long before their cruel wolf-pack left its den.

It isn't just because their hunting pack Tore at Belgium's throat to reach the throat of France. No, by Heaven! It's because They are traitors to all laws Made by God to curb the devil's arrogance.

They are traitors to humanity no less! They acknowledge nothing nobler than their will To conquer and subject All peoples who respect The Holy Vow man struggles to fulfill.

For man has dreamed a dream and sealed a Vow Yea, man has sealed a Vow before the Lord Of Righteousness and Peace; He has sworn that war shall cease And the reign of Reason triumph o'er the sword!

He has sealed a Holy Vow that privilege Shall perish from an Earth where all are free; That his children must not fight, As he must, the Huns of Night, But be brothers in the Light of Liberty. God save us from all traitors to that Dream God shield us from all traitors to that Vow!

God give us strength to smite All traitors to that Light— Lord God of Man United, aid us now.

DID YOU KNOW Learn something every day. There are still 12 inches to the foot. That's about the only thing that hasn't been reduced on account of the war.

Up till 1638 matches were made with the head on the other end. The new location of the match head has proven far more efficient.

An automobile tire would make a very suitable pacifier for a baby elephant.

A New York tailor is now showing his new modes in oyster vests. The buttons have a sandpaper covering and rows of skid chains adorn the front view.

It's very hard to get a goldfish wined by chasing him about in his bowl.

LAST CONSERVATORY RECITAL OF SEASON IS GIVEN

Over one hundred and fifty people formed an appreciative audience for the Medford Conservatory recital, in the conservatory hall at the Natatorium, Saturday afternoon. This recital, being the last of the school year, was attended by many out of town guests as well as by Medford people, Miss Wallace, of Central Point, a pupil of Miss Swindler, gave evidence of careful training and pleased the audience with her six piano numbers which were given without the printed score. Miss Barnard, of Ashland, an expression student of Mrs. Hovious, scored a decided success in her impersonations and was heartily cheered, to which she graciously responded. Mrs. Hovious' "girls" won the usual applause when the Misses Brown, Lawrence, Kappes, Radcliffe, Wolf, Blakely, Opp, Buffam, Boin Opp, Lyon, Bain, Fales, Miller, Stacy and Myers in colonial costume, danced the stately and quaint minuet of olden times. It is a real regret that this recital will be the last of these popular entertainments.

THE FARMER AND THE ROAD BONDS

SOME farmers living in isolated regions are opposed to the six million dollar road bond issue because they figure the system of paved state highways will not benefit them any although there is no cost to them in increased taxation.

That is where they figure wrongly. The state highways will benefit the farmer more than any other class—not only because the farmer will use portions of the paved roads, but because when the state takes them over, it will release the counties from the expense of construction and maintenance of a considerable portion of the county road systems, and enable the counties to expend upon laterals the money that otherwise would be spent on the main highways.

The six million dollar bond issue provides for the Pacific highway, the Crater Lake highway, the Green Springs Mountain road in Jackson county, comprising the main roads of the county. The money hitherto spent upon them will be available for the less important laterals.

The bond issue involves no increased taxation. It is paid for, principal and interest, by the proceeds of the automobile licenses, which have been doubled. To change the method of payment would invalidate the bonds.

Self interest, as well as patriotism and progressiveness should induce the Jackson county farmer to vote for the bonds—for no county will benefit more by them.

ALL THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR.

THE Southern Pacific company made \$1,297,907 more clear profit in April of this year than in the same month a year ago, according to the company's balance sheet made public today—and last year was a record breaker.

The same comparative showing is made by the other great railroad systems of the country. Yet these railroads demand a 15 percent increase in freight rates under the alleged excuse that they face bankruptcy.

The railroads declare that the public must be mulcted a billion in order to pay for the increased hundred million wages given trainmen under the Adamson 8-hour law, yet the railroads have not submitted any evidence to prove their contention. The federal commission appointed to ascertain facts have not recommended an increase as yet.

The normal increase in business has evidently more than offset any raise in wages, or the Southern Pacific and other railroads would not be breaking all records in dividend paying. The railroads want the increase because it is always their policy to charge all the traffic will bear, and they figure that under the existing prosperity, the traffic will bear another 15 percent flat increase.

Every farmer interested in alfalfa growing should make it a point to view the experimental plots upon which various fertilizers have been tested by Professor Reimer, who will conduct an excursion to the test beds tomorrow and demonstrate the value of fertilizers. The results demonstrate that alfalfa can be grown profitably upon every type of soil in the valley.

ASK TRAINING FOR MERCHANT MARINE

SAN FRANCISCO, May 28.—Recommendations to congress, advocating establishment in every port on the Pacific coast of training schools for officers and men for the merchant marine, and modification of the La Follette seamen's law to permit temporary use of friendly aliens in shipping until a sufficient number of Americans have been trained, were to be discussed at a special meeting of delegates from the Associated Chamber of Commerce of the Pacific coast today.

"There are not enough men on the Pacific coast to man one battleship," said C. P. Converse, Seattle Chamber of Commerce member who has been active in arranging the meeting. "We have not nearly enough officers or men to meet our needs. We want the law amended so that while we are training American seamen we may use friendly aliens in our shipping; always, of course, giving Americans first choice."

WHAT THE NAME FOLEY & BURK MEANS IN ACROSTIC

- F—amous for fun
O—nly to amuse
L—ots o' joy
E—verything that is entertaining
Y—oungsters delight
E—they want to please you
B—iggest and best in the west
L—lusive attractions
R—eligiously clean
K—indness their motto.

UNCLE SAM TO HELP BELGIANS

To the Editor: A few days ago you published over my signature an appeal for subscriptions to the fund that was being raised here in Oregon for the relief of the destitute children of Belgium. I am now notified by the Oregon-Belgian Relief committee that our government will, beginning June 1, advance \$12,500,000 per month for the next six months at least in support of this charity and, therefore, individual subscriptions will not be needed. Please publish this statement that those who had contemplated making subscriptions may understand the change in the situation. Thanking you for your services in this matter, I am, Yours truly, E. V. CARTER, Ashland, May 26, 1917.

WILLOW SPRINGS PLEDGES GOOD ROADS HELP

The Good Roads meeting at Willow Springs was a gratifying success, about 60 of the voters of that district being present and pledging their united support of the bond issue. Judging from the sentiment of the meeting there is no opposition at Willow Springs to the bond measure. J. A. Westerland acted as chairman. The other speakers were Mrs. C. L. Schiefel, W. C. Loeber, G. A. Lovegren, government land appraiser of the department of the interior, D. W. Stone and others. After the meeting the ladies of the district served delicious refreshments.

MOTHERHOOD

Brides of 35, 38 and even 40 are becoming more numerous year by year. Late or postponed marriage is a serious handicap to motherhood because of changes in the birth canal. But the period may be passed in safety if proper care and attention is rendered. "Mother's Friend," which is applied by the mother-to-be herself, relieves the strain always experienced when the abdomen expands. "Mother's Friend" has a softening, penetrating effect. The breasts are kept in good condition.

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