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"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

### Sympathy for the Farmer.

Something More Would Be Helpful

That entirely too much sympathy is wasted on the farmer when he fails, was the expression of a Klamath Falls resident. The idea was further bolstered with the statement that a large percentage of business houses in this city have failed and that no public sympathy was wasted on them.

This is no more than complaining of what is a logical fact. There is little reasoning, however, back of it. While Klamath has the support of industry now, and will have for many years to come, its greater progress must be based on its agricultural development.

If the farmer should continue to fail to any considerable extent on the Klamath it would indeed be a serious matter. Forget, for a moment, that this community has any other than agricultural support. Everyone would then be greatly concerned when a farmer failed. If the farmer did not prosper no business, big or little, could succeed.

When a business house closes its doors nothing more may be indicated than that the farmer has already failed. Klamath will never prosper in full measure until its idle acres are developed and in demand by farmers. And when a farmer tries and fails no sympathy extended him is wasted. It is far better though that he be extended all the aid possible to prevent his failure.

The sympathy is poured out in full measure every time an abandoned farm is encountered. What more tragic picture!

### A Joy Breaker.

Postoffice in Conspiracy Against Holiday Fun

Something mean happens every Christmas to mar its enjoyment. There came to the writer a notice of a registered letter. All gleeful he hurried to the post office, only to be halted temporarily by a long line of men and women with hands full of desirable currency of the realm. Sure, folks did send money through the mail to other folks. What could be sweeter!

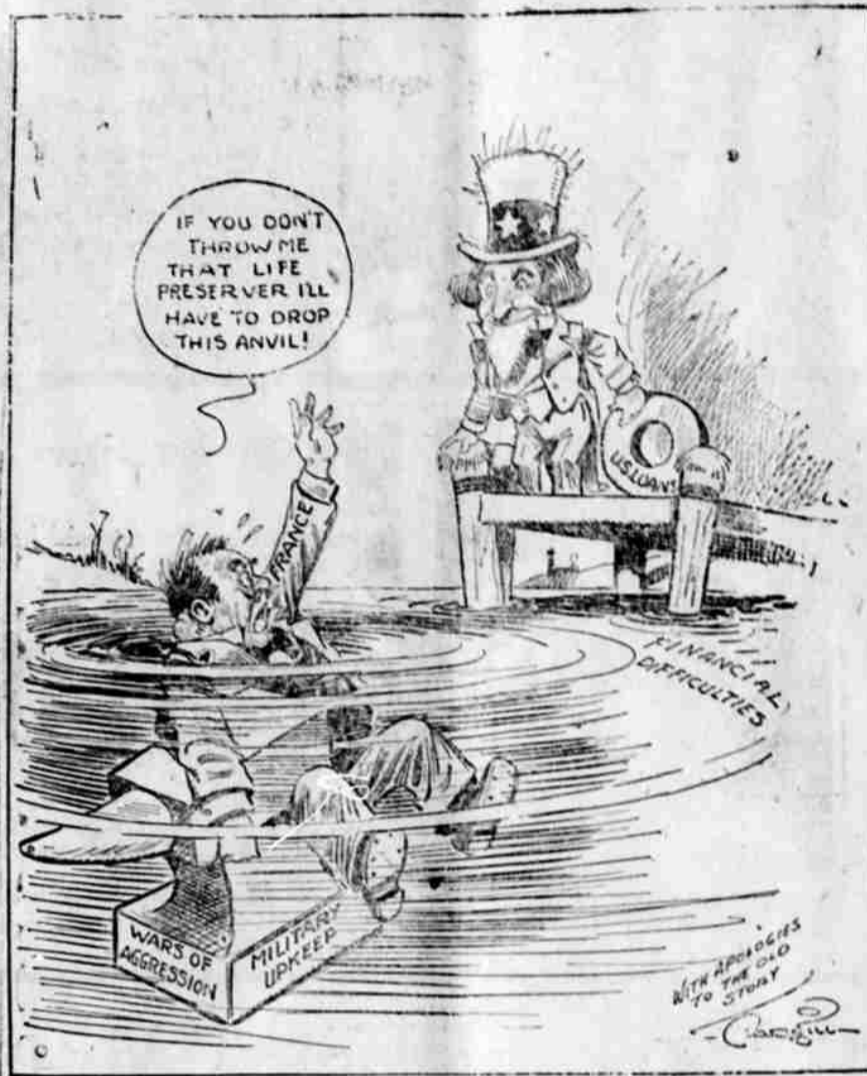
The writer at length got to the window with his notice. Followed a thorough identification of himself, past and present. A bulky envelope was passed through the window to eager hands. Off in the corner it was torn open. It proved to be an invitation to purchase the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Down with mail order business! Down with the post office department! Christmas can never be what it was intended while such institutions exist.

Any interested party will find the registered letter in one of the copious post office waste paper repositories.

The planes of the war period may be obsolete. So, apparently, is the discipline of the war period.

### Stealing the Irishman's Staff



### Heart & Home Problems

By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

#### LOVES POOR BOY. MOTHER WANTS HER TO WED MONEY

It's the old, old question—shall I marry for love or money?—this young woman asks me:

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I have gone with a young fellow for over a year and have grown to love him very much. My mother approved of our going together until she met the friends of my sister who have more money than my friend has. She scolds me for liking him because he hasn't money and says that if we ever get married I won't be able to have the things which I have now. I come from a rather well-to-do family. Don't you believe it is better to marry for love than for money? Should I give up the fellow I really love for my mother's sake, or should I try to get along with what he can give me?

PEGGY: Both love and money are necessary to complete married happiness. Your mother may be endeavoring to save you from hardships she had to undergo herself in her early married days. Try to understand her viewpoint. No girl should marry a man who hasn't some money in the bank, good health and fair prospects. It takes a great deal of money to get a home started, and nothing more idiotic was ever uttered than "Two can live as cheaply as one." However, the measure and quality of your own outlook on life have a direct bearing on the amount of money necessary to give you and your husband true happiness.

#### SICK MOTHER'S "SUI" BENT APPRECIATED

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am seventeen years and three months old and am doing all the work at home alone. My younger sister, age 13, goes to school and does no work at home whatever. Do you think this is right? The folks simply have a fit if I want to go with a boy. I have gone with him several times against my mother's

wishes. My mother nags at me continually about her food, as she is sick all the time. I have to wait on her. I do not mind this if she would only appreciate it, but she don't. She says I don't try to cook her food decent. As I am sick almost all my time I know my house is not as neat as I would like to keep it. My father takes my part in all the quarrels. My mother gives my sister money at the end of each week, but won't give me a cent and has a quarrel right away if dad does. He gives me money without letting her know it. I quit high school to do the work at home. As I worked most of the summer I buy my own clothes as I saved my wages then. Please advise me what to do. I don't think I should be treated as a child. My mother gives me no peace. H. H.

You wrote me before about your problem, H. H., and I can only repeat what I told you then. You must remember that your mother's illness probably has put her in a nervous state that makes her easily irritated. She complains about little things that she would not notice if she were well. You will have to practice patience and take her criticisms without letting it hurt you, remembering that she really isn't responsible. I think you should manage some way to complete your education, even if it makes a heavy demand on the time you aren't occupied in waiting on your mother. Your little sister certainly should be compelled to help you. I think that if you would put it up to your father in the right way, he would agree. Forget the boy until your responsibilities aren't so heavy.

### Dinner Stories

Felix Isman, the real estate operator, said at a banquet in Jacksonville:

"The boom in Florida and California lands is a matter of climate. The American people at last realize the beauty of perpetual sunshine. A land where there's no winter! What happiness!

"Winter is a curse even to the

rich, but think what it is to the poor! One frosty November night a young man entered a pool room with his coat collar turned up and his hands in his trouser pockets. He had a downcast look, and another young man slapped him on the back and said:

"Cheer up, Tom! Let's have a game of billiards. I'll pay."

"But Tom shook his head.

"Thanks," he said, "but I don't care to play billiards, old man."

"Come on! Why not?"

"Well, you see," said Tom with a shiver, "every time I look at the three balls on the table they make me think of my overcoat."

A Denver school teacher is the inventor of a game intended to teach children arithmetic rapidly and make them enjoy their lessons.

### Klamath Adventures

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#### The Fight for Reclamation

Along in 1903 there was by no means an unanimous sentiment in favor of the reclamation service entering Klamath territory. Public opinion was greatly divided chiefly for the reason that private capital was already developing irrigation projects.

Dozens of public meetings were held to discuss an important matter of irrigation, and the subject was until 1905, long after a favorable report on the project had been made in 1903 by John T. Whistler, chief engineer for the Oregon division of the reclamation service.

Neither were the old residents of the community who favored the government entering the territory, a unit on the method for irrigating the territory. It is pointed out as remarkable that they urged the Clear lake reservoir site on Whistler, and also on H. E. Green, another engineer who studied the country in 1903. The old-timers either ignored or overlooked the advantage of Upper Klamath lake, according to these engineers.

Sentiment grew in favor of government reclamation and during the fall of '04 many petitions favoring government reclamation were sent to the secretary of the interior and reclamation engineers.

There were nearly three hundred signers to one petition urging adoption of the project. Names of farmers, county officials, merchants and professional men of Klamath Falls, Merrill, Bonanza and elsewhere in the great Klamath country were on it.

The petitions said:

"Since investigations have begun in this vicinity and the plans of the government reclamation service are beginning to be understood, the sentiment in favor of such plans has grown and spread until it now pervades the entire area comprising the Klamath basin.

"The people are a unit in desiring and asking government aid. When we say this we desire to impress upon your mind the fact that 99 per cent of the people in Klamath basin are a unit and are clamoring for the assistance which might be rendered by the government under the reclamation act."

A series of three meetings were held in 1904, one at Klamath Falls on August 27, one at Merrill on August 29, and one at Bonanza on August 30, at which a

resolution was passed as follows:

"Resolved, that we, the farmers and land owners in Klamath county, in public meeting assembled, do hereby request the government to construct irrigation works, are in favor of construction by the federal government."

There is no doubt that the majority had been swung in favor of reclamation work by the government. But how had it been accomplished? Government engineers had done it.

Three private projects were in the field. Costs under the known. The farmers were that the government could be much higher. The government engineers, either without full knowledge of facts, did not hesitate to the farmers that the costs be held down—and trouble ensued.

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Bananas are picked when and ripen during shipment. Choosing this fruit one is select bananas not ripe because of their fresh appearance. Bananas are really at the when they begin to show of brown along the seams, skin and yet one must that the stem end is still and not beginning to soften.

And never let a ruddy skin deceive you into tasteless, pithy apples. should be heavy in weight, as attractive in appearance.

Things are looking bright. Many people may be able a few more miles out of the winter's clothes.—Gary Postman.

Grapefruit and oranges, form in size, with smooth skins and small pores, are choice ones.

### Some Pages from American History

By VICTOR MORGAN

#### COLUMBUS' LAST VOYAGE

The spring and summer of 1493 were probably the happiest in the life of Christopher Columbus, the explorer who discovered America, while searching for a water route to India and the far east.

Everyone honored him. In September he started again for his islands (these islands we know as the West Indies).

But his good fortune forsook him. He found the men whom he had left in the new country as colonists at war with one another, and the natives far from friendly.

Pestilence and disease came. Columbus himself was ill. His brother, Bartholomew, arrived from Spain and was looked upon as an upstart.

When Christopher returned to Spain in 1496, there was need of more money and colonists. Someone suggested that criminals be transported.

No longer was Columbus a hero. He made his third voyage in 1498, having lost most of the prestige that had been his. On this trip he skirted South America.

Neva, the little island on which Alexander Hamilton was born hundreds of years later, was discovered.

At length those at home in Spain became convinced that Columbus was no fit ruler for the new lands

and they sent over a new judge, Bobadilla. It was unfortunate that he arrived just after the execution of seven Spaniards. The gallows were still standing in position and Bobadilla ordered the Columbus brothers arrested and put in irons. He did this on scant, one-sided evidence, it is believed.

Back to Spain in disgrace! Under arrest! And although Columbus quickly regained his freedom, he never won back his political influence.

It is amazing that he never became discouraged or lost sight of his original purpose. On his fourth and last voyage, he took with him his fourteen-year-old son, Ferdinand. Columbus never found the strait that he believed led through the mainland into the Indian ocean. He came back to Spain a broken-hearted and disappointed old man. No longer a hero, no longer a friend of royalty was he! He had not found his route to India. The gold he had expected to unearth was not in his hand. He died in 1504.

But all this time, other countries and other explorers had not been idle. They, too, had heard of new lands of wealth. They, too, had hardy mariners waiting to launch their ships.

(Tomorrow: John Cabot of England puts out to sea.)