

**State Press Flashlights.**

The European war is a family row among royalty. The Kaiser, the King of England and the Czar are cousins, and the crowned heads of other countries involved are relatives of these three—Sheridan Sun.

Too many automobiles are being driven by children and women who lack strength and the judgment to properly handle them in all the emergencies which may arise. The state law prohibits the driving of these vehicles by children under 18. Parents and auto owners should insist upon greater care in this matter, and thus avoid irretrievable damage to persons and property.—Telephone Register.

The Journal is asking Republicans to renounce party and vote for Mr. Chamberlain. This brand of non-partisanship is the only sort the Journal uses. It always begs the Republicans to be nonpartisans in the interest of a Democrat. It seems rather strange that in all Oregon there is never a Republican candidate on whose behalf it can ask the Democrats to become nonpartisans. But this is a Republican year, and Republicans will vote for Republican candidates.—Spectator.

How fine it would be if it could be so arranged that the war lords and rulers of European countries could be placed on the battlefield and allowed to fight out with one another the question of their right to rule a certain territory, while the common people made up the audience. How long do you think the war would last if Kaiser William, King George, Czar Nicholas and all the rulers, big and little, with their dukes and princelings, were placed in the trenches to starve, or were hurled against the iron rain from machine and seige guns, to be mangled and torn? If war is "the sport of Kings," kings should be sports enough to fight it out themselves.—Nehalem Times.

Strangers and visitors seeking a location, or a place in which to make a residence are greatly influenced in favor of any place whose citizens are enthusiastic in its praise. No city or town can expect to attain prominence and reach a growth that counts for advancement unless its inhabitants appreciate the excellence of its location and the virtues of its people. It is then up to you and me collectively to spread abroad our faith in the present prosperity and future greatness of our home locality. Talk is a cheap commodity, but sincere words rightly spoken can be made effective in many directions that tend to the building up of a community. If a city has drawbacks it will not be necessary to mention them for the people and newspapers of rival and competing towns will relieve us of that task by giving it their individual attention.—News Reporter.

Every law tinker in the land who could not pass a perfectly good twenty-dollar piece in his own city or state, thinks he can pass laws in Oregon. For years we have been harassed by an alien singletaxer who wanted to use Oregon as an experimental farm for the propagation of his property-confiscation schemes; then a visiting socialist tried to amend our school laws; travelers with not much influence in their own territory are trying to force state-wide prohibition on us; and an intinerate, street-corner tooth puller has proposed a measure to destroy the efficiency of our health laws. It is about time that Oregon served notice on these nomads that she has reached the age where she can attend to her own lawmaking without the undesired interference of impudent allies. Not one of these presumptuous law-makers is a citizen of Oregon not one own's a dollar's worth of property here; not one contributes a penny in taxes to the support of the state whose laws they would change for their own purposes.—The Spectator.

Saturday evenings bring farmers in the vicinity of Sheridan together and by reason of their various descents laughable occurrences happen, especially since the trouble of the "Old Country." On one of these evenings recently an Englishman was in the barber's chair and a German neighbor friend was one of those awaiting the call "next." War talk as usual was going on and the Englishman seemed to have an inexhaustible supply of puns on the Germans. But finally Adam got his chance to express an opinion. Said he: "Well, I think the Kaiser will win because I dreamed once yet about John in the chair. I dreamt that John died and to Heaven went. Ven I died too und ven I was on the way to Heaven John was coming back. Says I to John, 'John vear are you going yet?' and John he says 'Vell Adam ven I got to Heaven there was a big blackboard and a box of chalk und they say to me to the chalk take und tell all the bad things I did

ever und my chalk ausgespielt and they are making me to Earth get for more."—Sheridan Sun.

A Mr. Lea who presides over the destinies of the dairying end of the Union Meat Company, and would be dictatorial dictator of the cheese market in Oregon, has stirred up a "mare's nest" in the states markets by declaring that a cheese trust exists in Tillamook County. This statement coming from Lea is amusing, but not nearly so funny as the fact that while he had the authority to dictate the market to a certain daily newspaper in Portland, and thereby control (or attempt to control) the output of the state, the Tillamook factories "got wise" to his plan and rebelled. Then Lea said things; good things about himself and bad things about Haberlach, the "Tillamook County Cheese King." Funny too Mr. Lea's tirades didn't do much harm. He threatened, fumed and plead. Then this horrible cheese trust in this county had to go, so the rampant, arrogant, despotic, opinionated cog wheel of the meat trust called on the meat packers for the boycott of Tillamook County product, with the result that;—well we're still making cheese and still selling it. And Lea; Well he's still fuming.—Nehalem Valley Reporter.

**Dr. Chapman on the War.**

A most interesting address on the cause of the European war was given by Dr. Chapman on Tuesday before the Portland Rotary Club. Dr. Chapman's subject was "The causes and philosophy of the war," and he entertainingly and convincingly sketched the history of the nations involved in the great struggle, gave their reasons for entering the conflict and prophesied the outcome of the war.

The progress of Germany, he said, had been more rapid than any other European countries since 1885, while Berlin, Leipzig, and Hamburg have grown faster than Chicago or New York. He showed Germany to be the scientific center of the world and stated that while the Fatherland lacks the absolute liberty of Great Britain and France, it is the best municipal government in the world.

The willingness of Germany to engage in war Dr. Chapman explained as the result of the military spirit inculcated in the German people by the Kaisers. The people had been taught that they were surrounded by enemies, and that constant readiness was the price of safety.

Great Britain, he stated, had prided herself on being the greatest maritime nation in the world, but of late years her shipping supremacy was challenged by Germany, so that the present war offered a chance to remove a dangerous rival. The Russians he said, were bound to aid Serbia, by treaty.

A new feature in newspaper work Dr. Chapman showed, to be the absence of field correspondents and careful censoring of all war news coming from the armies. This had come about through the action of the Japanese in barring newspaper men during the Russo-Japanese war. In consequence of this action, correspondents made their headquarters with the Russian armies, all reports were tinged with the Russian viewpoint and American newspaper men returned to this country with a dislike for the Japanese nation. Returned correspondents from the Russo-Japanese war Dr. Chapman believes to have been responsible for the feeling of antagonism toward Japan which sprang up in this country in recent years.

A most curious thing in the present war, the speaker pointed out, is the fact that, although Great Britain and France are two of the most liberty-loving nations in Europe, they are leagued with Russia, the slave driving nation. In prophesying the outcome of the war, Dr. Chapman said that the French would realize their ambition of regaining the territory lost by them to Germany in the Franco-Prussian war, that Germany would lose her colonies, that Great Britain would become without question the leading shipping nation of the world, and that Austria, for the first time in many years, would lose a part of her holdings. The result for Russia, he said, was a matter of conjecture.—Spectator.

of the best nations of the world, the composite being the very elect of the elect. Six years ago Israel Zangwill wrote a play, The Melting Pot, which brought out the idea and furnished a popular metaphor. But there has not been an utter fusion of all our peoples. Furthermore, millions who are Americans through and through have a natural and proper predilection for the land of their birth or the land of their fathers' birth. At the last census over 35 per cent of our population consisted of foreign born and children of foreign-born parents. Over 14 per cent were born abroad.

**Housewives and the War.**

"What do women know about war?" is the propondering of self-sufficient masculinity, albeit the superficial type. It is apparent that they propose to know more about its results than they do, for the National Housewives' League, moving in two forward columns from New York and Boston on Washington—speaking in figures, of course—wants to know what valid reason there is for the price of porterhouse and sirloin going up three cents per pound, when there is not the whisper of a demand at present from Europe, because no meats can be shipped.

The league has a membership of 750,000 women and its president has issued her proclamation of mobilization. It asks President Wilson to demand of the food merchants that they maintain level prices during the European war and refrain from speculation in foodstuffs. "Flour should go down," says the observant Housewives' president. "We have a big wheat crop and can't export the flour." As a good housekeeper should Mme. President has also been peering around in places where the facts are to be found. She says: "Figures obtained at the Custom House show that more than \$5,000,000 worth of sugar is in the appraisers' stores ready for call and that there is no real reason at this time for the increase in the price of that commodity."

**Some Actual Figures.**

1912. Democrats coming into power found the following record for the first half of 1912: Excellent business conditions. General prosperity of the people. Full employment of labor.

1914. The democratic party has just left behind it the following record for the first six months of 1914: Business stagnation. Idle freight cars. More than a million men out of employment

Commercial Failures: January 1 to July 1—1912, \$108,012,223; 1914, \$185,009,773. Increase, \$76,997,550 or 71 per cent.

Banking Failures: January 1 to July 1—1912, number, 55; amount, \$17,843,235. 1914, number, 93; amount \$28,621,312. Increase in number, 28; in amount, \$10,788,087, or 60 per cent.

Gross Railroad Earnings: First five months of 1912, \$1,087,021,734; of 1914 \$997,558,018. Decrease, \$89,513,716, or 8 per cent. This would have kept employed many thousands of now idle railroad men and would paid substantial dividends.

Idle Freight Cars July 1—1912, 70,731; 1914, 220,875. Increase of 150,144 or 212 per cent.

Imports for the first nine months of the Underwood law and for the corresponding period of the old law two years before.—1911 and 1912 \$1,283,093,701; 1913 and 1914, \$1,446,127,491. Increase \$162,933,790, or 12 per cent.

These additional imports were moved into this country by foreign ships. Had a similar quantity been moved from one part of the country to another they would have called into activity one half of those idle freight cars.

Idle Labor.—1912, practically none; 1914, million men. Counting one wage earner for each four persons, this would effect four million people. So that President Wilson by his "New Freedom" has released as many from voluntary service as Abraham Lincoln freed from involuntary servitude by his emancipation proclamation.

Balance in the General Fund of the Treasury: July 1—1912, \$167,152,478.99; 1914, \$145,835,502.10. Decrease, \$21,316,976.89, or 12 per cent.

Gold shipped from this country: January 1 to July 1.—All this before war influence was apparent.—1912, \$27,000,000; 1914, \$65,000,000. Increase \$38,000,000, or 140 per cent.

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