

State Press Flashlights.

One reason why money is so scarce in Willamina this spring is because most of it goes to Sheridan to buy hay. A great deal of stock is kept here and a short crop works a hardship.—Willamina News.

The largest sponge ever found came from the Mediterranean. It was three feet across and measured ten feet in circumference. That sponge is big alright but cannot hold a candle to the big sponges to be found in American politics. There world beaters.—Astorian.

The transient merchant ordinance which was passed by the city council the first of the week provides a license fee of \$25 per day for that class of merchants doing business in the city hereafter. The measure is similar to that in operation at Salem only differing in the amount of the license fee, which is only half the amount of the Salem ordinance.—Yaquina Bay News.

A statement made to the Sheridan Sun that 2200 automobiles passed over the toll road between that place and Tillamook last July alone is sufficient evidence that a new road that will eliminate the toll proposition is an economic necessity. The fees alone for traveling on this toll road would go a long way toward making a free road possible.—Polk County Observer.

An exchange truthfully says that the only guarantee that any individual or organization can have of living in peace under the American flag is to be earned by obedience to American law and conformity to the spirit of American civilization. This applies partially to Protestant, Romanist, Jew, Anglican, Greek, and to every shade of skin or creed. This discriminates against no man's religion.—Telephone Register.

The Condon, Oregon, Globe chronicles that the life of an editor was saved the other day by a silver dollar he carried in his pocket. A crank shot him and the bullet hit the dollar. The coincidence leads the editor of that paper to remark further: "Now should we happen to get shot before you pay up your subscription and there is no silver dollar to stop the bullet, we shall always presume that you might have saved our life."

Evidently the seamen of the American steamer Frye did not hold any particular resentment against the officers and crew of the German cruiser which sunk their ship and made them virtually prisoners, for the dispatches relate that they have chipped in and bought several kegs of the German national brew, and a number of boxes of cigars and sent them to the Eitel Friederick. Not much enmity can be assumed when such presents are exchanged.—Umpqua Valley News.

Stop grumbling, get up two hours earlier in the morning and do something out of your regular profession. Mind your own business and with all your might let other people's alone Live within your means. Give away or sell your dog. Go to bed early. Talk less of your own peculiar gifts and virtues and more of those of your neighbors and friends. Be cheerful. Fulfill your promises. Pay your debts. Be yourself all you would see in others. Be a good man and stop grumbling.—Gervais Star.

Nice, cheerful thing making war has become, with under water vessels sinking merchant vessels and drowning their crews; airships dropping bombs that kill old women and school boys; starvation of a nation attempted; priceless monuments of past ages that survived wars that were considered great battered to ashes by modern artillery, while the flower of manhood of five nations is being either maimed or slaughtered. Indeed, the man who predicted that war would become so terrible that in time war would be impossible was endowed with prophetic vision, for fighting has become drudgery, with little opportunity for individual achievement, with the glamor gone, building up the armies of the future will be a difficult task, especially since men are more and more showing a disposition to do their own thinking.—Hillsboro Independent.

It is a good thing for the farmer boy to have an imagination. It is a good thing for him to "dream dreams and see visions." It takes a dreamer to see the transformation that intelligent effort will bring to pass on the old place. It takes a dreamer to see how much more desirable that place will be in ten years than a place in a dry goods store. It is the boy who dreams who sees a field of thirty alfalfa where the stunted yellow corn is growing on the timber forty. It is the boy who dreams who sees these hungry looking cows with burrs in

their tails replaced by a herd of dairy matrons that tax the capacity of milk cans at every milking. It is the boy who dreams who sees a waving corn field where the cat tails are growing, who sees a woven wire fence in place of the hedge, and a new cow barn where the cow shed is falling to pieces. We need more dreamers on the farm.—Ione Journal.

Fifteen years ago Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, was engineer in an electric light plant in Detroit. Charley Murphy, the baseball engineer, was a reporter on the Cincinnati Enquirer. Thomas H. Inc, the motion picture magnate was a comic opera comedian, glad to get \$50 dollars a week. Charlie Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Federal baseball team and a string of restaurants, was a waiter in a quick lunch room. And so it goes. The list could be strung out to a column's length. Therefore when you hear a boy or a young man complain he hasn't a chance take him by the arm and tell him a few things. There never was a time in the world's history when there was more opportunities for a young man to push to the front. There never was a time when a little intelligence and determination would provide a man with a competence in a few years. This is particularly true in the farming business—for farming is a business. The young man of today who will take hold of a farm with the idea of making it the best farm in the country and who will work intelligently for ten years, with that idea always before him, will not have to work for the remainder of his life.—News Reporter.

Just to be Honest, That's All.

One of our friends was heard expressing himself in pretty strong language the other day over there having been introduced in the legislature several hundred bills. He said:

"It's absurd. Our entire law-making bodies, even national, are absurd. We have too many laws now. Drop into any attorney's office and see the score of books filled with laws to govern us. And we are told that the ignorance of the law excuses no one. How on earth is a fellow to know what the law is? Even a lawyer, who makes it his business to know the law, doesn't know the law. How, then, are we who never devote an hour's study to our laws to know them?"

Pretty good argument, that. A whole lot of truth in it. But after all the gentleman need have no fear of violating the law and getting put behind the bars if he acts right. Take all the multitude of laws and put them together, sum them up and you will find the sum total to be: Act honest, square and just with your fellowman. And there you are. Indeed ignorance of the law is no excuse for any man—and should not be.—Polk County Itemizer.

The Treasury Deficit.

Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Committee on Appropriations, and Mr. Gillett, the ranking minority member, agree that the Sixty-third Congress was the most lavish in appropriations of any in history. Mr. Gillett shows that the total appropriation amounted to \$2,231,000,000 which was \$113,000,000 more than those of the last Republican Congress. It will be recalled that the charter of faith of the Democracy, the Baltimore platform, which the presidential candidate assured the people was "not molasses to catch flies," said: "We denounce the profligate waste of money wrung from the people by oppressive taxation through the lavish appropriations of recent Republican Congress, which have kept taxes high and reduced the purchasing power of the people's toil. We demand a return to that simplicity and economy and a reduction in the number of useless offices, the salaries of which drain the substance of the people."

Mr. Fitzgerald estimates that the treasury deficit, after the income tax is paid, will reach \$50,000,000 by June 30. He ascribes conditions to lavish expenditures and to a checking of treasury receipts as a result of the great war. Mr. Gillett blames the tariff. That it was not designed for revenue only was obvious from its terms and from the statement from Mr. Underwood at the time it was enacted. Its purpose was to reduce the cost of living. It might have done this, though it would have greatly injured American industries and reduced the purchasing power of the people but for the fact that the unfeeling importers pocketed most of the money they had formerly paid into the treasury. Until a very short time ago the total value of imports was practically equal to that of the imports of the preceding year. Either there was a serious miscalculation as to the revenue from the tariff or a gross over-estimated of the receipts from the income tax. Judging from the smaller number of returns and the general

passing of dividends, the income tax will yield still less this year. In spite of the so-called war tax, the treasury deficit will probably greatly exceed Mr. Fitzgerald's modest estimate.

The Democratic administration might be pardoned for its incompetence in providing revenues. Exact estimates require long experience and great wisdom. But the lavish expenditures in the face of falling revenue cannot be so easily condoned. But for two filibusters and the threat of another the deficit would have been much larger. It will be a long time before this country will again turn its affairs over to such bunglers.

BIRD LAW IS UPSET.

Federal Jurisdiction Over Migration is denied.

Topeka, Kan., March 20.—The migratory bird law was declared unconstitutional by Judge John C. Pollock in the United States District Court today. Judge Pollock held Congress had no jurisdiction over game in any of the states and that separate states only have the right to enact laws for regulation or protection of game.

Fred Robertson, United States District Attorney, announced the case would be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

In his decision, Judge Pollock said in part:

"The act challenged is believed to be the single instance in the entire legislative or judicial history of this Nation or the composing states in which a contrary view has been expressed. Unless a departure, as radical in theory as it is important in its effects, is to be made from fundamental principles long established by our laws, the act in question must be held incapable of support by any provision of the organic law of the country. "If the act in question shall, on any ground or for any reason, be upheld, it must surely follow that many laws of the separate states of the Union must hereinafter be held to be inoperative, for there can be no divided authority of the Nation and the several states over the single object matter in issue, with either safety to the Nation or security to the citizen."

Notice to Creditors.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon.

In the matter of William M. Heacock bankrupt; No. 3238 in Bankruptcy.

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of March A.D., 1915 William M. Heacock, of Bay City, Oregon, the bankrupt above named, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held in my office, Rooms 830-831 Northwestern Bank Building, Portland, Oregon, on the 2nd day of April, 1915, at 10 A. M., at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Claims must be presented in form required by the bankruptcy act, and sworn to. The schedule file discloses no assets.

Dated March 19, 1915.
A. M. Cannon,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

The war is said to cost \$375,000,000 a week. Whoever gets the money is not saying much about it.

If it can be established that tramps carry disease germs which affect cattle, the tramps will have to go.

The public should be grateful to Charles B. Miller, the editor in chief of the New York Times, for reminding the Ship Lobby Investigating Committee that the attempt to turn the American press into the sycophantic institution it is in some countries of Europe and elsewhere in the world would be a failure. Freedom of the press was acquired after one of the longest and hardest fights in Anglo-Saxon history. The people have been very jealous in its defense ever since. Publishers of periodicals which have preached doctrines a great majority of Americans utterly despised have found unexpected friends when petty officialism has attempted to suppress them. Perhaps we have gone to the extreme of license, but it is the safer extreme. Americans have a firm faith in the triumph of right. They believe that nothing will sooner kill bad doctrines than their free discussion. Publishers are properly held responsible for assaults on individual reputations and for violations of the laws of common decency. But the people resent and attempt to hold publishers to legal accountability for the expression of opinion on general questions, and efforts to establish a censorship in advance of publication will fail as long as American principles retain their pristine vigor.

No. 201 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Tillamook County Bank.
AT TILLAMOOK
In the State of Oregon at the close of business March 19, 1915

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts.....	\$263,583.08
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	937.09
Bonds and warrants.....	7,965.04
Stocks and other securities.....	411.81
Banking house.....	40,750.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	6,000.00
Other real estate owned.....	5,247.47
Due from banks (not reserve banks).....	1,851.52
Due from approved reserve banks.....	24,688.59
Checks and other cash items.....	108.12
Exchanges for clearing house.....	208.01
Cash on hand.....	19,398.52
Other resources.....	33.50
Total.....	371,182.75

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	75,000.00
Surplus fund.....	6,500.00
Undivided profits, less expenses paid.....	5,667.07
Postal savings bank deposits.....	665.48
Deposits due State Treasurer.....	5,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	157,903.40
Demand certificates of deposit.....	5,225.06
Certified checks.....	44.77
Time certificates of deposit.....	33,643.66
Savings deposits.....	56,533.31
Bills payable for money borrowed.....	25,000.00
Total.....	371,182.75

State of Oregon }
County of Tillamook } ss
I, Erwin Harrison, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Erwin Harrison, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of March, 1915.
C. A. McGee, Notary Public
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