

State Press Flashlights.

England will resort to conscription unless more able bodied single men respond for war service. Why not compulsory service in such an emergency? Why should the red blooded men who have the willingness and courage to sacrifice themselves be compelled to carry the whole burden of hardship and suffering, while those who are lacking in patriotic qualities remain comfortably at home.—Oregonian.

Remove the "swag" that certain interests will get if militarism is established and it will not be quite so objectionable. But, should the government conclude to build its own ships, make its own armor and manufacture its own ammunition, a great portion of the "sentiment" bought and created would fizzle out. Even war-at-any-price newspapers would become as gentle as little kittens.—Independence Monitor.

With the defeat of the non-partisan political scheme of the progressives of California it begins to look as if the people—the ones who do the greater part of the voting—were coming into their own and would in the future weigh well before they voted favorable upon the greater part of the schemes put forward by interested partisans in the name of the legislation by the people. The plans of this class of politicians have been given some hard knocks in Oregon during the past year or two and now comes California with a "solar plexus" blow to such schemes.—Lebanon Critterian.

We used to wonder why the Northern Pacific railroad used a baked potato as a menu trade mark. Now we know. Until a man has eaten a Willamette valley baked potato dressed up in good brown gravy, he doesn't know what a good potato is. And our good friend Geo. Armstrong brought in four varieties last week that were so good and beautiful that we lost all resentment we may have had toward Adam for causing us to lose out on our Eden heritage. We haven't any doubt that proper archaeological investigation would prove that this is the original Garden of Eden, the home of the apple—and the baked potato.—Corvallis Gazette Times.

William Jennings Bryan is for peace except within the ranks of the Democratic party. Herein he has sounded a note of antagonism toward President Wilson that may occasion exceeding discord among the Great Unwashed and lead ultimately to their undoing in the campaign of 1916. It is as difficult for Bryan as it is for Roosevelt to keep still when he isn't satisfied. Rather than not to be seen and heard and read, we fear he would rather disrupt the party that thrice honored him with a presidential nomination. He may be sincere, but a sincere man who is also obstinate and likewise wrong is just about as disturbing a factor as a cockroach in the pudding.—Weston Leader.

Sunday Closing Law.

(From the Oregon City Courier.) Getting down to the Sunday closing law, just as it stands, is out-of-date and a fraud. The Sunday closing law permits drugstores to be open, but bars department stores. Yet the modern drug store sell fishing tackle, gymnastic apparatus, talking machines, books, pens, cameras, eyeglasses, more or less massive furniture and office fixtures, school-room fittings, toy balloons and fire works—and incidentally drugs. Under the law the modern drug store can stay open and flagrantly violate the spirit of Sunday legislation, while the merchant next door, who doesn't pose as a druggist, has to lock up Saturday night and stay shut till Monday morning.

Just as one example, that cannot be called justice, common sense or even good law. Any effort to legislate that people shall do on Sunday is just as unfair, foolish and biggotted as would be legislation regarding what people should do on Tuesday. There are quite a number of people who declare that the Bible says that rest shall come on the seventh day of the week, and not on the first as is provided in the Sunday closing law. So long as there is this conflict, it seems that it might be well to forget the Sunday law, and let common sense rule.

Carrying the War to America.

The nearer view of German "kultur" the greater grows our admiration for this thoroughness, which is its other name. For the conflict in which Germany is engaged, nothing, apparently was left to chance. Everything was provided for. The knowledge that the United States, following the example Germany set us when we were at war would sell munitions to her enemies, provided her the means of curtailing our production and shipment of arms and ammunition to the Allies. It must be admitted that in the destruction of our munition plants, in fomenting strikes among our workmen, and in planting dynamite in American ships carrying cargoes intended for her foes she has given evidence of a "kultur" that no other nation has ever had the audacity to show.

Germany has carried the war to America, and in this country is waging as bitter and desperate a fight against the Allies (and against our industries) as she is making in any of the battle fronts in Europe. It is doubtful if ever before in the history of the world a belligerent nation made war on its enemies by destroying the industries and commerce of a neutral country as Germany is doing. It is doubtful if any country in the world other than the United States—however weak, humble, or cowardly that country might be—would permit without protest or reprisal such wholesale destruction of its industries as Germany has accomplished here.

We find German agents suborning vocal labor leaders to call strikes against threatening American citizens and by intimidation and promise of financial reward, inducing them to

cease work, and thereby cripple our manufacturers. We find German agents setting fire to factories, blowing up munition plants, and placing infernal machines on American ships, not only to the destruction of our property and prosperity, but to the imperilment of the lives of our citizens.

The war that Germany has carried to America is destructive of our industries, implacable on the part of those who instituted it, and humiliating to every patriotic American.—The Spectator.

The Rural Barometer.

An automobile salesman finds that the surest record of the financial situation in the country is the briskness of the sales of automobiles. He sold in the vicinity of Quincy, Ill., 100 cars of a \$750 make, and just half of them went to the farmers.

This, he says, gives an idea of how important bumper crops are to the manufacturer of automobiles.

The year 1915, in the greater part of the United States, although there are sections not so fortunate, has been one of the bumper crops. The automobile manufacturers are doing an unusually good business in the country as a result. And prosperity that means business for automobile manufacturers means business for every purveyor.

The United States is the only country in which the ownership of automobiles by farmers is a common thing. American farmers are not so scientific as those of Europe or Asia. But they possess vastly greater acreage of land per capita, and their business is operated upon a larger scale. They rode good horses when the horse was the only farm tractor, and drove good hand made vehicles, always alive to the importance of the right material and workmanship in the buggy or barouche. Nowadays they are buying automobiles with the same shrewdness, not always the cheapest make, but usually machines at moderate prices and of proved quality.—Louisville Courier Journal.

Juggling Official Figures.

Over a year ago the Globe Democrat deplored the fact that the people could no longer take statements made by cabinet members at their face value, but had to subject them to scrutiny. Since then we have had to go below the superficials of Secretary Redfield's statements several times. But it seemed inconceivable that full credence could not be given the official reports of the condition of the United States treasury. Yet on October 1 of this year the daily treasury statement showed a net balance of \$128,093,545.23, whereas at the close of business the day before it was only \$40,898,804.04. Since not a cent had come into the treasury in the meanwhile from any source, this overnight difference of over \$80,000,000 set experts to work scrutinizing methods. The increase was produced by slight of hand bookkeeping. Jonathan Bourne made an investigation and found that \$61,000,000 of the increase came from shifting to the asset side of the ledger disbursing officers balances which had from time immemorial been carried as liabilities.

Harvey S. Chase, a certified accountant of Boston who once worked in the treasury, has gone into the matter more exclusively. He shows that July 1, 1913, neither subsidiary silver coin, silver bullion or minor coin was included in the assets. In the last statement, all these amounting to over \$30,000,000, are included. The national bank notes redemption fund and the balances of disbursing officers were considered liabilities. Both have been shifted by Secretary McAdoo to the other side of the ledger. Mr. Chase "certifies" that if the daily statement of October 23, 1915, had been made on the same basis as that at the end of the fiscal year in 1913, the available balance would have been exhibited as \$3,517,027.21. If some national bank should use the same methods of deception in its statement Secretary McAdoo seems to have practiced in the United States treasury, it would be thrown into the hands of a bank examiner as soon as the comptroller could give the order.—Globe Democrat.

Mr. McCombs Sees The Light.

William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has finally seen the light on one subject of party blundering. He says that the seaman's act, which went into effect last week, is a mistake and it should be repealed. He declares that it was not a Democratic measure in the first place. We shall not argue this question, although the act was passed by a Congress Democratic in both branches and signed by a Democratic president, and has been defended in one way or another by Democratic cabinet officials. But Senator LaFollette, who calls himself a Republican votes with the Democrats and talks like a socialist, is the reputed author of the measure. We are chiefly concerned about the folly of the measure itself, provocative of international entanglement and tending to force American vessels out of foreign commerce in normal times. It will not do to rely on Secretary Redfield "construing" away its harsh provisions. Any interested party may appeal from his constructions, which will have no weight with a court. The act should be repealed, together with all other features of our navigation laws which have been found so oppressive as to put American ships at a tremendous disadvantage in competing with foreign ships in foreign commerce.

It would be gratifying if Mr. McCombs, while studying the shipping problem, would whisper a little sage advice to fellow-partisans, who, according to his judgment, on the administration project to put the government itself into the shipping business. The most competition with the world. In Europe centralized monarchy is a thing. The taxpayers are willing to bear the risk of investing many millions of dollars in a government-owned railroad in Alaska. But they are not eager to

have the government borrow as many millions more to experiment in a business which the most alert and aggressive business men have found unprofitable under the American navigation laws.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given, that on Monday, the 13th day of December, 1915, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Court House, in Tillamook County, Oregon, a public hearing will be had at which the taxpayers will be heard in favor or against any proposed tax levies as shown by the following estimate by the County Court of Tillamook County, Oregon.

Estimate of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year for Tillamook County, Oregon.

Figures assembled by the County Court show that it will require the sum of \$319,238.67 to defray the expenses of Tillamook County, Oregon for the year 1916, and for the object and purpose of county improvement, the maintenance of county buildings, roads, bridges and for the salaries of county officers and employes, and for other purposes, as follows, to-wit:

Road Purposes.
Roads, Bridges, Supervisor's Salaries, Repairs on Machinery and supplies ... \$173,389.95
Clerk's Office.
Clerk's Salary ... \$1,600.00
Deputy Salary ... 900.00
Deputy Salary ... 780.00
Records, Supplies and Expenses ... 900.00
Total ... \$4,180.00

Sheriff's Office.
Sheriff's Salary ... \$1,600.00
Deputy Salary ... 900.00
Deputy Salary ... 900.00
Extra help in tax collecting ... 150.00
Records, Supplies and Expenses ... 617.32
Miscellaneous ... 100.00
Total ... \$4,267.32

Treasurer's Office.
Treasurer's Salary ... \$1,000.00
Supplies and Expenses ... 195.00
Total ... \$1,195.00

Assessor's Office.
Assessor's Salary ... \$1,200.00
Deputy Salary ... 900.00
One Field Deputy, four Mo. Special help Extending taxes ... 300.00
Records, Supplies and Expenses ... 550.00
Total ... \$3,115.00

Surveyor's Office.
Salaries, Surveys and Engineering ... \$2,500.00
County Court.
County Judge's Salary ... \$6,120.00
County Commissioners Salary ... \$5.00 per day estimated ... 2,000.00
Expenses and Supplies ... 300.00
Total ... \$3,500.00

Court House.
Janitor's Salary ... \$660.00
Wood ... 450.00
Lights and Water ... 300.00
Telephone ... 300.00
County Jail Expense ... 980.00
Total ... \$3,000.00

Circuit Court.
Jurors, Witnesses, Bailiffs and Expenses ... \$3,000.00
Justice Court.
Justice & Constable fees, Jurors, witnesses and supplies \$1,000.00
County Coroner.
Coroner fees and inquests ... \$250.00
County School Superintendent.
Superintendent's Salary ... \$1,000.00
Deputy's Salary ... 600.00
Traveling Expenses ... 200.00
Office supplies an expenses ... 300.00
Total ... \$2,100.00

Juvenile Court Expenses. 50.00
Insane. 50.00
Elections. \$3,500.00
Printing. \$1,500.00
Care of County Poor. \$2,750.00
Widow's Pensions. \$2,000.00
Health Officer. 200.00
Truant Officer. 75.00
County Veterinarian. 500.00
County Fire Warden. 285.00
Expert farm advisory work. 1,500.00
Sealer of Weights and measures. 88.15
County Fair. 1,000.00
Stock Indemnity. 500.00
Auditing county records. 200.00
District Attorney's office. 2,000.00
One Ford car, for Surveyor's office and County Court. 493.25
Current Expenses (estimated). 250.00
State Taxes (estimated). 52,000.00
School Fund.
County School Fund ... \$40,000.00
County High School fund ... 8,400.00
County Library Fund ... 300.00
County Institute Fund ... 100.00
Total ... \$48,800.00

Total. \$319,238.67
Probable receipts of the County other than direct taxation.
Receipts from the County Clerk's office (estimated) ... \$4,500.00
Receipts from delinquent taxes ... 3,000.00
Also the following school districts and cities have filed with the County Clerk and Assessor, the special levies.
School Dist. No. 1 ... One Mill
School Dist. No. 6, three and 1/2 Mills
School Dist. No. 12 ... One Mill
School Dist. No. 14 ... Two Mills
School Dist. No. 42 Three and 1/2 Mills
School Dist. No. 49 ... One Mill
School Dist. No. 51 One and 1/2 Mills
Town of Nehalem ... Eighteen Mills
Dated this 18th day of November, 1915.

J. C. Holden,
County Clerk.

State of Ohio, City Toledo, ss.
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