

What the Editors Say.

You have no doubt noticed that the speaker who advocates peace gets more applause from the average audience than does the one who wants to fight somebody.—Independent Monitor.

A good-looking daughter on a neighbor's farm may not keep the farmer's boy on the farmer's farm, but is likely to insure his being on a farm not a great distance from home.—Observer.

Men have one important advantage over women, they can disregard fool fashions set for them by adde-pated tailors—fashions which make them look ridiculous. Women can't.—Telephone Register.

Having killed twenty or thirty more American soldiers, Carranza pleads good faith on the return of the prisoners. That's easy. There will probably be no trouble until another massacre occurs.—Medford Sun.

Adam gave one rib and got a wife. Robert Kirton, of Pittsburg, back from the front, lost seven ribs, and then married his Red Cross nurse. This shows the increased cost of living, says the New York Evening World.

If a thing isn't worth advertising in a newspaper, but at the side of the road on a besmeared shingle, it can't be worth buying. This is the opinion of a score of people who are looking for bargains.—McMinnville News Reporter.

Here is encouragement to poor lads. The Rev. Russell H. Conwell states that he has been investigating 4,043 American millionaires, and finds that all but twenty of them started life as poor boys.—Telephone Register.

The prohibition party has adopted the camel as its 1916 campaign emblem. As is well known the camel can go longer without water than any other animal. Perhaps the prohibitionists want to signify that they are not "taking water" this year.—Telephone Register.

A silo on the farm is a faithful worker. Its motto is "A dollar saved is a dollar made." It works on in silence: through the blazing sun and through the beating storms of the darkest night. It is the friend of man and the "foster mother" in feeding time for all livestock.—Rural Spirit.

The real hyphenated citizen is he who divides his trade between the home merchant and the mail order house. Undiluted citizenship expresses it in standing solidly for the home town, and its institutions. The real citizen is loyal to his home town, talks for it, works for it and is proud of it.—News Reporter.

"Let us have no direct primary, no convention but hold one election, in November, where aspirants to office can appear on one ticket, with their party affiliations appearing, and be voted upon by electors. It may make a long ticket, 'tis true, but better than this ridiculous, wasteful direct primary.—Woodburn Independent.

How often, in the still watches of the night, must come to the harassed thoughts of the Kaiser the wish that he and his people were back in the pleasant summer of 1914, when a firm word to Austria-Hungary, a friendly note to France, Russia and Great Britain, would have kept all Europe in the sweet paths of peace.—Spokesman Review.

The officials of the war department insist that Villa is dead, and that someone is attempting to impersonate him in order to keep the dissension alive. Ghosts have a great power over the superstitious, and the Mexicans belong to this class to a very large extent, so that it may be up to our war department to "lay" this particular ghost before peace and tranquility can once more reign supreme.—Umpqua Valley News.

Three years ago a blight of fire struck Sheridan. That was July 18, 1913, and Sheridan recovered. A year later the war blight struck Sheridan and was not engaged in the munitions industry. "Unparalleled prosperity" did not hit Sheridan, such as the Wilson administration claims for the United States. When will Sheridan recover from the second blight? When the war ceases and there is less vacation at the governmental helm.—Sheridan Sun.

Why not fight Mexico with sacks of flour? What reason is there that any American citizen would desire the death, either from starvation or bullet, of the average Mexican? We are not as bad as they think we are, and if a regiment of Americans divided into companies of three or four persons each should go into Mexico for the purpose of relieving the suffering and starvation there, we would capture the country lots sooner than we will ever do it with cannon and sharpnel.—Telephone Register.

A naval bill totalling \$315,000,000 would bring forth little if any protest if the public had any assurance that the money would buy three hundred million dollars worth of efficient navy. But it has no such assurance. It knows that a large part of this large sum will go for pork, such as unless navy-yards and other things that are wanted by the constituents of the Congressmen voting for the bill but that will not increase the efficiency of the navy. This has been the case in the past, regardless of whether the administration was Republican or Democratic, and it will probably be the case in the future.—Oregon Register.

The "farm and mail order" advertising of the country now equals as much as is expended upon our public schools and \$10,000,000 besides. Magazine advertising costs as much

as all the private elementary schools. The total advertising expenditures foot up more than all other forms of education. Hence the movement towards absolute truth in advertising, backed by the advertising clubs of the country, is of essential moment to the advertising world, even more than the pure food and drug movement. It puts confidence into the education that comes from the advertising field, and so brings the highest result from the investment.—Dayton, Ohio, Review.

In Portland yesterday a woman pleaded with Judge Langguth to be permitted to serve out the sentence of her husband, who was convicted of violating the prohibition law. Moved by her pleadings the jail sentence was cut out and a fine of \$50 substituted. It would seem from this that prohibition as well as booze takes the money that should go toward the support of the family away from it. Would it not have been better if the law must be vindicated to grant the woman's plea? If the knowledge that his wife was in jail serving his sentence would not break the man of drinking nothing would. The state taking his money will not cure him. May be the state needs the money.—Salem Capital Journal.

Whenever a town girl gets too proud to marry a man with 100 acres of land and 20 red pigs, just because he can't tell the tango from a slow gin rummy, you can set it down as a fact that she will either die an old maid or marry a \$6-a-week clerk with a head full of ozone and only one change of holeproofs. We would rather see you hooked up with some fellow who wears 49-cent overalls and knows when to hit the top of the market, than be yoked to some Cuthbert who plays the mandolin, smokes Turkish cigarettes and lives off his father's pension. Still, there's no accounting for tastes. That's why they are establishing courts of domestic relations here and there.—Great Bend Tribune.

Oregon rightly expected to profit greatly from the Panama Canal, especially from the law exempting coastwise vessels from tolls. Mr. Wilson had not been in office a year when in direct violation of a platform pledge which he had reaffirmed on the stump, he forced Congress to repeal that law. He thus dealt a blow to Oregon's lumber and wool trade with the Atlantic Coast. With the Underwood tariff Mr. Wilson and his party opened to Canadian lumber the Oregon market upon which the Oregon lumber industry depended for its prosperity. They opened to foreign wool the market which had been enjoyed by Oregon wool. They reduced the duties on dairy products and forced Oregon dairymen into competition with New Zealand butter, Danish cheese and Chinese eggs.—Oregonian.

In view of the appearance of man-eating sharks on the New Jersey coast and the ghastly evidence in the form of mutilated corpses of bathers, it is interesting to recall that not long ago a scientific discussion was carried on in the newspapers in which pretended authorities positively asserted that the idea that sharks would attack men was a myth and challenged the production of an authenticated case. A similar discussion as to the deadly qualities of rattlesnakes also occupied much space, some of the scientist asserted that the victims were cured by the cure and not the bite, the common cure being large quantities of whisky. But people who had no whisky have died after being bitten by snakes just as the Jersey bathers who may have read that sharks were harmless had no time to escape after discovering their mistake.—Hillsboro Independent.

Patriotism is in the air these days, and it extends from one end of the country to the other, and embraces all classes of citizens from the millionaire to the pauper. That is patriotism to one's flag and country. But there is still another kind of patriotism that is of quite as great importance but is not so generally observed. That is patriotism to the home town, to the schools, the churches, the lodges, the business men, in fact, to everything that pertains to home life. The more prosperous the home communities of the county, the greater is the power of the country as a single unit. The man who exerts his influence in behalf of his home town, uses as great a brand of patriotism as the one who mounts a platform and starts the eagle to screaming. As a matter of fact, there is no comparison between the two, for in nine cases out of ten, actions speak louder than words. Patriotism to country is commendable, but that to both home and country is even better.—Itemizer.

Community Optimism.
"Standing up for the home town" is a form of patriotism not less to be esteemed than the more spectacular variety that shoulders his musket on occasion and marches away to the sound of trumpet and drum, to brave the perils of war. The one is contained within the other; the other, we believe, cannot exist in its highest sense without the one. Town and community patriotism lie at the foundation of our domestic life. The sentiment is one with love of home that ultimately makes men fight and die for country. Much is embodied in it. There are neighborliness, and friendship, and optimism, and sense of proportion, and more. No man who is loyal to his community is going to be a traitor to his country. It is not part of the scheme of things, and he is not built that way. It is for reasons such as these that we ought to cultivate the spirit that found voice in the "community talks" made on Wednesday night before the first convention of the Interstate Realty Association. One meets enough pessimists; enough of the class that are expressly called "knockers" in the course of an every day round of business to grow instinctively to dislike them. Perhaps they are thought-

less; that is the most favorable construction, for their sakes, that can be put upon them. But there are no two opinions about the man who always has a good word for the home folks. We like him and we always shall.—Oregonian.

Moral Obliquity.

(Western Leader.)
Any one of three good reasons out to be sufficient to defeat Pendleton's normal school aspirations, unless it succeeds in beguiling the voters.

Pendleton is misusing the initiative privilege in a manner contemptuous of the plain mandate of the sovereign Oregon people. Two years ago the voters declared unmistakably that they did not want one or two additional normal schools. They should be allowed a decent and reasonable interval in which to change their minds before being pestered with a demand for more normals. To ask them to build a \$125,000 plant in Eastern Oregon within two years after they have voted not to restore state use a \$75,000 plant, falls but little short of pure insolence.

Pendleton is evasive and cowardly, in that it makes its covert fight from ambush behind the skirts of the Oregon Agricultural College and the University of Oregon. It seeks unnecessarily to "validate" these two already recognized and established institutions in the bill proposing to create the Pendleton Normal. Afraid to risk the straightforward piracy of scuttling the Western Normal in order to acquire for itself a big slice of state pork, it tries to hoodwink the voters into fearing that the agricultural college and the university may be spirited away by a constitutional goblin. Its deceptive bill, as pointed out by Mr. S. D. Allen, of Eugene, constitutes "log rolling" of the worst variety.

Pendleton's duplicity against a smaller neighbor in the same county that has always been its loyal tributary, throws too much doubt upon its moral and ethical standards to make of it a suitable place for a state school. Pendleton has always coveted the Eastern Oregon Normal. Some ten years ago in the legislature it tried through its agents to steal the school from Weston but failed. Biding its time, after the Weston school had been recklessly thrown over by the state senate at the instigation of Pendleton men, it initiates a bill when Weston could not consistently do so. Not until its scheme was under way did it send out a committee to see how Weston people felt about it and to ask them to "lay down." It is such a brazen affront that the Pendleton newspapers applaud and one of them describes as "righteousness" forsooth!

Here are three conspicuous reasons why, say Pendleton deserves an admonitory squelching from old man Oregon. A fourth is that it already has the Eastern Oregon State Hospital and should be satisfied. There are others, but for our present purpose these will suffice.

Increase Auto Fees.

(Oregon Voter.)
Good road enthusiasts might as well save their energy for a few years so far as to throwing it into any plan to load a heavier burden upon the taxpayer of this State of Oregon.

Dissatisfaction with the present tangled-up method of administering the present tiny State road fund is wide-spread, and the next legislature will be slow to increase the present one-fourth mill state road tax.

Mr. Benson wisely abandoned his \$10,000,000 road bonding scheme as inopportune; it probably would have been snowed under so deep that it couldn't be resurrected for years. Taxpayers want relief, not added burdens, no matter how glittering the prospects dangled before them promising big increases in property values follows road improvement.

Any road program to receive any serious encouragement must be such as will not impose added tax burdens. There is a plan being discussed seriously, and it will be brought to the attention of the state generally this fall. So far no one has found any flaws in the proposal, and the possibility of its adoption is creating hope in the minds of the vast number of people who want to see Oregon make road progress much more rapidly. The legislature will have the plan before them, and will have the benefit of the wide spread discussion the project is receiving.

Here is the gist of the idea. It is to increase the auto license fees to \$20 up instead of \$3 up, the present price of the number tag.

At present the average automobile pays about \$5 for its annual license. A schedule starting with a minimum of \$20 a year for Fords would yield an average of \$30 per car annually to the state.

By the time the law was enacted, or soon thereafter, the gross annual income from auto license fees would be approximately \$1,000,000—which is a sum from which considerable results in road improvement could be obtained.

With an increase of \$1,000,000 as a basis, \$18,000,000 of State bonds could be issued. The \$1,000,000 a year would pay interest and provide the sinking fund to take up the principal, all without imposing a penny of new burden on the general taxpayer. With \$18,000,000 or any part thereof, a comprehensive plan of highway improvement could be carried out, and improved roads connected between all the counties of Oregon.

Other states have adopted similar plans. They are working out successfully. Oregon can learn much by studying what some other state have accomplished in road work without burdening the taxpayers as he is burdened by road and other taxes here.

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