

What the Editors Say.

The daily attendance at moving pictures shows is estimated at twelve millions. There are shallow reasoners who give the credit for this great innovation in the world's amusements to their inventor of the movies instead of to Charley Chaplin.—Telephone Register.

The Hillsboro man who tucks a blanket about him prior to his nightly rest finds it hard to realize that people are dying of heat in sister states of the east. People fought for a chance to enter the lake at Chicago Sunday while here it has not been warm enough to tempt people to the coast.—Hillsboro Independent.

The doors of a certain new house had shrunk horribly, as is the way of the modern door made of unseasoned wood. The builder would not send the joiner to repair them, so the householder tried the ironical method and wrote: "Dear Sir—The mice can run under most of our doors, but our cat cannot follow them. Will you please send a man at once to make room under the doors for the cat?"—Seaside Signal.

His appearance proclaims him a tramp, as he knocked at the kitchen door. His voice carried a professional whine. "Please kind lady, I'm a sick man. The doctor gimme this medicine but I need something to take it with." "The lady was ready to help. "Poor fellow," she said, "do you want a spoon and a glass of water?" The tramp answered: "No this medicine has to be took before meals. Have you got a meal handy?"—Seaside Signal.

Having practically made peace with the United States, Carranza is now confronted with the difficult task of making peace with his own country, and the dispatches state that he is likely to do this soon by retiring soon as first chief of the de facto government and going before the people for the election to the presidency at the hands of the voters. Should he be selected, the matter of making complete peace with the United States should be rendered easier, as he would come nearer having the will of a majority of the people behind him.—Telephone Register.

Bill Nye had truth well told when he said: "A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on a back coach of a railroad train to save interest on his money till the conductor gets around; stop his watch at night to save wear and tear; leave his 'I' or 'II' without a dot or cross to save ink; pasture his cow on his mother's grave to save corn; but a man of this sort is a gentleman and a scholar compared to the fellow who will take a newspaper two or three years and when asked to pay for it puts it into the office and has it marked refused."—Umpqua Valley News.

The average production of 4081 cows in various Western Oregon districts for the year 1915-16, was 4997 pounds of milk yielding 227 pounds of butter fat, as shown by a summary of the official reports of seven cow testing associations. The summary further shows that of the entire number of cows reported 44 produced more than 400 pounds of butter fat each. 210 produced between 340 and 400 pounds, 801 between 275 and 340, 1237 between 225 and 275, and 657 under 175 pounds. The number of 2 or 3-year old cows whose records entered into this competition is 699.—Hillsboro News Times.

Bonds and Good Roads.

Governor Withycombe will find that in his opposition to road bonds he has many supporters. State road bonds have never been popular in Oregon, and while several counties have bonded themselves for large sums for road construction the elections have been hotly contested and in the majority of cases have been won by the argument that voting the bonds and getting to work would provide employment for a large number of people and thus help to make times better.

Bonding enthusiasts and those who are for paved roads at once, no matter what the cost, contemptuously refer to all who oppose large bond issues as mossbacks and point to the fact that nearly all private enterprises of large nature are carried out with borrowed money. They say that paying as you go is a picaune plan and will never get anywhere. They assert that the only way to do a thing is to do it and therefore that the only way to get good roads is to issue bonds and go to work.

This all sounds very well, but they forget that the spending of private money and the spending of public money are governed by different standards. The man who borrows a large sum for a private enterprise guards it as carefully and proceeds as economically as if he were spending a small amount. A huge sum of public money in a single lump, however, breeds recklessness and poor business methods and the almost inevitable tendency is to go ahead regardless of cost.

Oregon cannot be developed in a day. We venture the assertion that if bonds were voted tomorrow and a complete system of paved highways constructed before fall prosperity would not overwhelm us immediately. We should merely find that hastening road development ahead of other development had upset normal progress. The various factions that will be responsible for Oregon's growth in the future are closely related and one should not be given undue prominence over another.

If the various counties of this state will give sincere and earnest attention to the problems of road building instead of going at them in a haphazard manner whose only recommendation is that it has come down to us from the forefathers, the need for large road bond issues will not be apparent.—Eugene Register.

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 its 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 greatest sense without the one. Town and community patriotism lie at the foundation of our domestic life. The sentiment is one with love of home, and it is 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 no part of the scheme of things; and he is not built that way.

"One meets enough pessimists, enough of the class that are expressly called 'knockers' in the course of an everyday round of business to grow instinctively to dislike them. Perhaps they are thoughtless; 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."

The above is an editorial from the Oregonian. When the home paper speaks on community spirit, some people imagine the editor does so to promote its own selfish aggrandizement. It's a wrong accusation.

The home community spirit needs to be developed. The Oregonian surely doesn't give expression to those sentiments because it thinks it may be repaid. It does so, just as the home paper, to foster a spirit that is purposeful and that will accomplish worthy results.—News Reporter.

People's Land and Loan Bill.

The Oregon ballot is again cumbered with a radical single tax measure under the above disguise of giving the people land and loaning them money.

The Constitution is to be amended by a self-operating law to do away with all other forms of state taxes and confiscate all land rents.

The bill of about 3000 words, nearly as long as the constitution itself, provides that taxes shall be levied only on land and such land taxes shall equal the sum of which the land would rent in the open market without considering improvements. Two-thirds of the tax revenues shall be devoted to current needs of government, one-third shall become a fund which shall be lent in amounts not exceeding \$1500 to owners of land for the improvement thereof, such loans to draw no interest for the first five years and to be available to persons or families whose wealth does not exceed \$2250. Personal property and improvements may be taxed for local needs, but only by affirmative vote of the people effected.

With the State Labor Federation, the Single Taxers, and other Reform organizations now backing the campaign for this revolutionary system, there is no likelihood of investment in Oregon lands until after election.

It is a very bad legislative system that allows the development of a state to be arrested by groups of reformers with special fads to promote, that threaten to unsettle the value of all property.

No one can tell what would be the effect of such a change to a single tax on land absorbing all the rental value, but to destroy the credit of the state and of property owners in general.

Once Philosopher, Now Candidate.

President Wilson has lately busied himself, especially in the newspapers, in advocacy of the pending child labor bill now before the Senate. He has even offered certain senators from Southern States (which are sure for him anyhow) the gist of the bill is to forbid railroads from carrying goods made by children. Here is what Woodrow Wilson had to say of a similar proposal when he was a historian and philosophical writer:

"If the power to regulate commerce between the states can be stretched to include the regulation of labor in mills and factories it can be made to embrace every particular of the industrial organization and action of the country. The only limitations Congress would observe should the Supreme Court assent to such obviously absurd extravagance of interpretation would be the limitations of opinion and of circumstances."

Now he favors this "absurd extravagance." It may make a desirable campaign issue. There was no campaign on when he wrote what he thought.

British Munitions.

During a debate in the House of Commons this week it was stated by the parliamentary Sec. of munitions that his department was trying to reduce contracts for munitions of war in the United States by increasing the output at home. In one class of explosives, he explained, the department had undertaken the construction and equipment of factories to provide these explosives in "unheard of" quantities. A cable from London announces that in all new contracts made by the British government for materials used in war there appears a clause providing that such contracts may be canceled at any time after September.

Our experts of munitions of war are now breaking all records, which means that an enormous bill of expense is being met by the British government. Long ago it was reported from London that every effort was being made to reorganize British industry so as to increase the home production of munitions of war. It is impossible to bring about such a change rapidly, which explains why we have not felt the movement thus far. But it is inevitable that we shall feel it before very long. Evidence of that is found in the inclusion of the cancellation clause in this new contract

tract for war materials, through that, of course, may also be inspired in part, at least, by a belief of the British that the war may end in the not distant future.

It will be interesting to see what effect the new clause will have on American Manufacturers. They are apt to be so keen for war contracts unless they are protected to the limit of the volume of goods contracted for. British producers can say nothing, for they are under strict government control. The British cannot be blamed, of course, for trying to protect themselves in this or any other way. The cost of the war is enormous and the British cannot wish to go on piling up debts when there is no need therefor.

Bovine Blue Blood.

Bright farmers hold no longer to the theory that a cow is a cow. On the contrary, they stick to the principle that a good cow is an excellent investment and a poor cow is a waste. That sale of Coopersburg of 126 animals for \$80,000 proves that the bright farmers have their pocket books in hand ready to pay for the pure blood. The man who gave \$3000 for a cow knows that she is cheaper than another cow that would cost him \$50. A cow is a living machine which converts hay, grain and fodder into milk, and the greater her capacity to perform this process of conversion, the better the cow she is. One of the best things our agricultural schools have taught is a knowledge of the superiority of first rate stock. It has come to a point where a knowing farmer can measure the quality of other farmers easily by the cow he keeps.

Rural Credits.

In recent years much has been said about loan funds for the benefit of the farmers. For such a fund there is need. In carrying on his business the farmer requires capital, just as does the merchant, the manufacturer and the miner.

The popular impression has been that all the farmer needs is a team, a wagon and a few farm implements. There are lots of inefficient farmers. This may be the result of men who know nothing about anything else engage in farming. They may have the idea that all that is necessary is to plow and plant, and then watch it grow. The trouble is that case, watch as one may, he will not see it grow.

To be successful, the farmer must have the best of implements, just as the manufacturer must have, and he must have a chance to improve his soil so as to get the best possible results. All this costs money and the profits of the farmer at all times, over and above what it costs him to live and to support his family, are not sufficient to enable him to get what he needs in his business and do that which will add something to his profits.

This means he must have capital, and must have the use of it for a longer time than is wanted by the merchant or the manufacturer. These latter look to the seasons when their wares and their products are expected to be in demand, and govern themselves accordingly.

The success of the rural credit system will depend upon the manner in which it is handled. In making loans from a rural credit fund, what is loaned is not to be a gift, it is what is called, a loan, something that must be repaid. Those who handle it will be governed by the same policy as other bankers. They will consider the capacity of the borrower to handle the funds in such a manner as to make him able to repay.

It is believed that this will, in the end, meet with such success, that the farmer who needs capital with which to carry on his business, will have no more trouble in securing it, than the successful merchant, miner or manufacturer. It will result in more successful farmers. It will stimulate those who are in the business and arouse an ambition to do the very best. It will encourage ambitious young men to get into the business, and to master the science of agriculture. It will add to the volume of farm products. It will inspire men with a determination to make the product of an acre double that of the present yield. It will show many more men that the life of a farmer is capable of being made the ideal life.

This cannot be done in a day, or a year or even in a decade. But it will come, and the country will see less and less of slipshod agriculture. The soil will be less abused. The soil will be treated as it should be, as the prime source to which all must look for comfort and for the preservation of life.

Notice of Appointment of Executor.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Tillamook, made and entered on the 28th day of July, 1916, the undersigned was appointed executor of the last will and testament of Jacob Luthi deceased.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present them properly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at the office of E. J. Claussen, attorney, in Tillamook City Oregon, within six months after the date of this notice.

Dated the 3rd day of August, 1916. Emil Benscheidt, Executor of the last will and testament of Jacob Luthi, Deceased.

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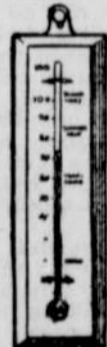
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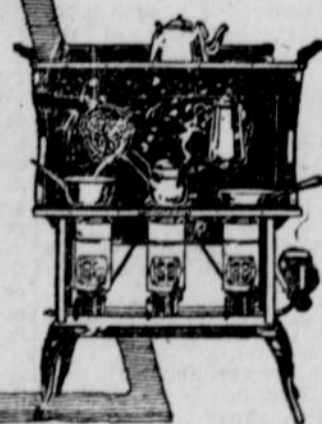
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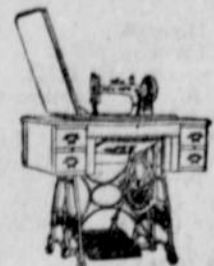
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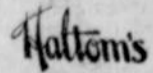
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