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Editorial Snap Shots.

A happy and prosperous New Year to everybody.

The weather man was a pretty mean fellow Saturday night.

Who said that the three warring factions in Bay City had sued for peace?

Early next year the prohibition bid will be up on light. That will be good news for the loganberry squeezers, for loganberry juice will become the popular drink in Oregon.

The President kept us out of war was the Democratic slogan at the recent election. Secretary Lansing has let the cat out of the bag and says the United States is drawing nearer the verge of war.

The Bay City Examiner is dead again. It passes in its checks every time that city printing is at a low ebb, and comes to life every time that a few legal notices loom in sight. The Examiner has had a wonderful existence in this respect.

Another reason why the County Court should let the contract for the Bayocean road as soon as possible, a number of men will be out of employment next spring. This would give them work and it would not be necessary for grocery stores to give so much credit.

It requires 9.5 mills to provide for the \$180,000 for the different items in the budget for road work. The County Court has departed from the usual practice of making the entire levy under the road fund, making that levy only 4.4 mills and taking the balance from the general fund. Is this good judgment or a bad precedent?

What's a man to do, anyway. He can't get a little eye opener in the morning nor a night cap before he retires. Added to this it is a violation to fish in some of our rivers. That's tough on the human race, after so many years of free fishing. It is evident that the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners haven't any Democratic free trade ideas in their make up.

People who go over the county for the purpose of disposing of articles, appear to be complaining. They say they can't sell things like they used to and give the reason that the dear farmers, whom they often "soaked", are spending too much money for automobiles and automobile pleasure. This may be true to a certain extent, but the real truth is people are coming to this city to trade, for they know it is to their benefit to do so.

The County Court has put one over on Tillamook City, Bay City, Wheeler and Nehalem. It will be noticed that the road levy is only 4.4 mills, and to make up the \$130,000 it will be necessary to take 5 mills from the general fund, which practical means that the above cities are soaked 5 mills for county roads, besides the road levies within the cities. Where does Bros. Hare, Owens and McKimins think they will go to when they pass in their checks?

Some of the newspapers of the United States are asking the question "What are the European Nations fighting about?" The impression prevailed in Europe for many years that Germany would attempt to become the world power. That was the object Germany had in view when she started the present deplorable conflict. The first move in that direction was to overrun Belgium and crush France and then turn its attention to Russia. With these nations subdued and crushed, Germany would have been in a position to declare war on other nations. That is what the allies are fighting to prevent.

The business men the past year have been called upon for a large number of subscriptions, too many, in fact, for hardly a week passed but what someone was around with a subscription list. The business men have been unusually liberal the past year, but as this falls heavily on a certain number, the time is at hand when a limit will have to be placed upon soliciting money in this city, for it is becoming too much of a drain on business men. It is quite proper that they should give to a good many commendable things, but it seems to us that at the commencement of the new year is a good time for the business men to get together and devise some plan and prevent free horses being ridden to death.

It will be seen by a notice published on another page, that Hoquarton Slough and its tributaries and Tillamook river and its tributaries are to be closed to fishing after January 29. This means that no one will be allowed to fish in the Trask river, for that river is a tributary to Tillamook river, nor in the Tillamook river 100 feet below the mouth of the Trask river. The "dead line" on the Hoquarton Slough is at a point commencing at the Hadley and Goodspeed places. This is putting on the prohibition "lid," for when the State Board closes a river, it means that it is a violation to fish in it after certain date. This is

going to cause some resentment, for people living on the Trask river will not like to be prohibited from angling in that river.

In regard to closing Hoquarton Slough, Tillamook and Trask rivers to fishing, we are somewhat at a loss to understand how it comes about that the state spends large amounts of money to propagate salmon and close river to trout fishing, which are the most serious enemy to young salmon fry. It is the salmon trout that devour millions of salmon eggs and devour the young fry when they are turned into the rivers from the hatcheries. We believe the young salmon fry need protection, but to close rivers to fishing and allow salmon trout to devour them looks unwise, if not foolish. Do one thing or the other, protect the commercial fish or protect salmon trout for the pleasure of those who like to fish. The next State Legislature might turn its attention to this subject for a short time, for what's the use of spending a lot of money for salmon hatcheries and then prohibit trout fishing.

Those who are endeavoring to kick up a fuss about the cost of elections are trying to make the poor printer the "goat". If the political fanatics of Oregon keep adding new trials to the ballot, the cost of printing them will increase. Take the primary election for illustration. There were three ballots at the last primary election, and where there were five or more candidates for one office the names on the ballot had to be rotated. It took somewhere about 1500 rotation changes to be made in the ballots printed in Tillamook, to say nothing of other changes, and added to this the stubs had to be numbered. We believe that rotating names on the primary ballot is a willful waste of public money, but the people sanctioned these new fangled ideas under the Oregon System, and they should not complain if elections have become mighty costly. And, then, there's the "pamphlet", another foolish expense in printing and mailing, which should be cut out.

Oh, Mr. Lansing, Why did You do It?

Secretary Lansing's summons to the White House, quickly followed by a supplemental public statement, is pretty clear proof that President Wilson found it necessary to "put him on the carpet" for his unfortunate and maladroit statement made earlier in the day.

What could have possessed the secretary of state to hammer out this un-called-for and tactless comment on the finished utterance his chief had just given to an approval public?

"We are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves, and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks, in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future."

It is as though in the tense moment that follows a great musician's climaxing tones a clumsy stagehand should strike the keyboard a thumping blow.

Mr. Lansing is quick and almost abject with his public apology—for that is what his supplemental statement amounts to—but corrections can never quite correct a blunder like that.

Bryan, and now Lansing! Mr. Wilson has been singularly unfortunate in the selection of his secretaries of state.—Spokesman Review.

GERMANY'S AMBITION.

Planned to Crush France—Its Relation With England.

As there seems to be some controversy as to which country is responsible for starting the war, we came across several newspaper articles that were published several years previous to the war, which may be of some interest to our readers who are in doubt as to who started the war, and who are not conversant, like the countries adjoining Germany, of that country's ambition to become the world wide power.

Past Menaces of War.

"We are told that Germany has not made war for forty years. That is true. But, unfortunately, she has threatened it repeatedly in the immediate past. Moltke and Bismarck were anxious to complete the destruction of France by a fresh war in 1874, and again in 1875. They were deterred because Russia and Britain ranged themselves on the side of France, and announced that an unprovoked attack upon her would be resisted by them. Yet Professor Lamprecht regrets that his countrymen did not strike France down on that occasion. Again in the Delcasse crisis of 1905, Germany suddenly threatened France with attack, and only withdrew her threats because Britain and Russia promised France support against any aggression. In 1908, over the Casablanca affair, Germany once more threatened war against France; in 1909 the 'armed Michael' menaced Russia with the invasion of Poland; in 1911 for three months England was kept on the verge of war by the appropriation of the Panther at Agadir."

"We should like to believe that Germany cherishes no hostility to Britain. But the Kaiser, in the famous interview which appeared in 1908 declared: 'The prevailing sentiment among large sections of the middle and lower classes of my own people is not friendly to England.'"

"Treitschke, the great German historian, writing a generation ago, stated that the 'settlement' with England 'must come', and would be 'the hardest and the last.' That brilliant journalist Maximilian Harden has repeated in his 'Zukunft' week after week, 'eterum censeo Kathaginem esse delendam' (I hold that Carthage must be wiped out). Again, General Bernhardt, no ignorant firebrand, but the most capable of German military critics, has recently declared war with England inevitable. He admits,

be it noted, that before the immense increase in the German Navy no one in England ever dreamed of war with Germany.

The Real Spirit in France.
 "We have revived the spectre of the guerre de revanche. Nothing could be more fundamentally untrue. France is a nation of 39 millions; Germany of 67 millions. The odds against France are such that no French Government will ever dream of a 'war of revenge.' What occupies the entire attention of France is the task of protecting herself against the possibility of a sudden German attack, and Germany would be in a position to deliver such an attack if France took no steps to meet the augmentation in the strength of the German effectives that is now proposed. In three years Germany will have raised the strength of her army from 600,000 to 850,000 men. After all, French statesmen cannot be blamed for recalling Von der Goltz's famous saying that the German statesmen who seeing war inevitable and being himself ready, hesitates to strike is guilty of a crime against the country."

The Price of Peace.

But if Germany cherishes no hostile purposes against France, why should she be so anxious for England to withdraw from the Republic support which is only to be given if France is subjected to an unprovoked attack? If, however, there should happen to be a majority of Germans who entertain the idea of 'striking France down', then, by withdrawing her support, Britain would commit the very mistake which led Prussia direct to Jena. Prussia remained inactive in 1805 during the campaign of Austerlitz, when Napoleon was crushing Austria. The result was that in the following year she was forced into war and crushed herself.

"In fine, Britain has no quarrel with Germany, and never had. The naval competition is not of Britain's seeking. It is not due to the understanding with France or the promise of a British expeditionary force to aid France in certain circumstances, but to a deliberate German policy, conceived in 1900, four years before the entente."

Do Not Exasperate Us.

Under the heading, "Fear of England," the "Neue Politisch Correspondenz," a Berlin news agency which is frequently the mouthpiece of "official" utterances of the Kaiser's Government, published a 'warning' to England, of which the following was the conclusion:

"England is a Colossus with feet of clay. She will do well to provide too heatedly the world-historic decision as to whom supremacy in Europe belongs. She has brusquely repelled the friendship offered by Germany with more enthusiasm than statesmanlike wisdom, and has spun around us a diplomatic net which already unpleasantly hampers the freedom of our movements."

"If she continues in this course, the inclination will some day tempt us to tear this artificial net ruthlessly to pieces before we are hemmed in so tightly that we cannot move. Even the entente cordiale need have no terrors for us. If France wishes to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for England, we shall undertake to make the fire plentifully hot."

"Germany has at present, 5,500,000 soldiers who are not available on paper, but actually. The French Army, through Monarchical-Clerical agitation on the one hand, and Republican Socialist machinations on the other, has become perceptibly disorganized. The field army which Germany will place in service on the first day of mobilisation will be sufficient to crush France, even if a part of it is detached for operations against England."

"We wish sincerely to live in peace with France and England, but that can only be if England henceforth refrains from a diplomatic policy which sooner or later must lead to war—a war which, as we are firmly convinced, will be the beginning of the end for the British Empire."

Notice to Creditors.

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

In the matter of Mabel R. Terry, bankrupt, No. 4039 in bankruptcy.

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of December, A. D., 1918, Mabel R. Terry, of Tillamook, Oregon, the bankrupt above named, was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of her creditors will be held at my office, 8th floor, Title & Trust Building, Portland, Oregon, on the 2nd day of January, 1919, at 10:30 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 said meeting.

Claims must be presented in form required by the Bankruptcy Act, and sworn to.

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 Mrs. A. C. Jennings.
 J. W. Jennings and family.