

What the Editors Say.

Do you remember the fun we used to have "a-watching the old year die." We don't believe the young people of America have near the fun nowadays we did—years ago.—Enterprise.

Wonder what the Tax Liberator, a publication put "on the skids" in the interest of the timber barons, will think about cruising the timber in Douglas county? A Christmas present with a sting to it.—Umpqua Valley News.

A recent editorial in a recent publication condemning the county court for having dared to approach the big timber barons of this county in reference to a cruise of their timber holdings, as all the "ear marks" of having been penciled and assembled by a local timber "artist."—Umpqua Valley News.

A Hillsboro man suggests with much truth that there are sufficient shoes in local stores to supply the population for a long time to come, and if people here and in all other towns would forget changing styles and the dictates of fashion shoe manufacturers might devote more time to making army shoes and there will be no more stories of short equipment such as were told during the congressional inquiry.—Independent.

The Creswell Chronical has again suspended. Running a newspaper these days is a precarious business. Costs have gone out of sight, profits have entirely disappeared and even as good a newspaperman as Geo. H. Baxter if he could not keep up the fight against such odds. He has been offered a splendid opening at Gardner and, no doubt, that city will become better known even than it is now with Baxter at the head of publicity.—Sentinel.

If anyone had said five years ago that by December, 1917, the house of representatives would approve by the necessary two-thirds majority a constitutional amendment for national prohibition, he would have been laughed out of town. If the same prohibition had been made even a year ago it would have been received with incredulity. Yet the prohibition amendment was approved in the lower house by more than the required majority.—Signal.

It does not seem to be thoroughly understood by minors and parents that there is a law on Oregon's statutes, not only prohibiting persons and corporations from selling cigarettes to minors but that makes the using of cigarettes by minors a misdemeanor and provides a penalty for the violation. The matter should be investigated by parents as they may save trouble for minors in the future who may be in the habit of using cigarettes.—Enterprise.

Patriotism is often a matter of pocket book. This fact is proved by the large number of lines of business in which high prices are maintained in spite of the government edicts and the fact that war profits are not combatable with loyalty to the government. The automobile men have just entered a vigorous protest because the government, needing alloy steel for munitions, has indicated its intention of stopping motor production. They say it will injure their business. The millions that automobile makers have made in the past years do not apparently satisfy them even when the nation needs the steel they must use.—Itemizer.

It seems highly inconsistent that the publisher of the Oregon Journal, who not so many moons ago took especial pleasure in belittling the country press and in his choice vocabulary said they didn't amount to a damn, or words to that effect, should now, that he is elevated to the chairmanship of the war saving committee of Oregon, beseege these same discreditable newspapers for free publicity to carry on his work with the soft soap jar depleted to lubricate the statement that "the success of the war savings campaign depends upon the country newspapers." It surely does, and the same country newspapers will be found ready and willing to deliver the goods but not because of any allegiance they owe the committee chairman.—Sheridan Sun.

Germany's obstructionists and the I. W. W. have made more noise in the Northwest lumber districts than the whole United States government, and have accomplished some mischief so that a few people have felt concern lest the whole airplane campaign be crippled for lack of spruce, but it develops that Uncle Sam has been doing more than he has talked about for publication. The Loyal Loggers' Legion has been placed on a practical basis, and 9,000 practical lumbermen are regularly enlisted in the army and held ready to reinforce the civilians in the woods if needed, while another force is held ready for service at Vancouver at a mill already under construction that will turn out 300,000 feet a day of material all ready for use in assembling standardized fliers in the eastern factories. Register.

The non-partisan league is wrong as a political organization because it is working for the welfare of one class at the expense of the rest of the people. It is asking for special privileges for farmers and there is no more justice in a farmer's political party than

there would be in a grocer's political party. There is a tendency, too, of this league to deliberately associate itself with every element disloyal to the government. Lafollette delivered the principal address before its national meeting at St. Paul by invitation, and his disloyal sentiments were applauded. It is the duty of every citizen to stand by the government and the food administration until ample time has been given to correct every injustice and abuse. Such a big job was never undertaken before in this country, and it is unreasonable to expect that it could be done in three months. Don't join a disloyal organization in order to get back at the government when it is doing its best under unusual and extraordinary conditions.—Telephone Register.

The congressional investigation into the conduct of the war is proving daily that it was not begun too soon and if conditions brought to light are quickly remedied we will avoid the disaster their continuance would make certain. In considering the disclosures, however, we must keep in mind that the Independent has repeatedly asserted, and that is that mental processes cannot be changed over-night, and when we consider the United States of the past three years—a sleepy giant which comfortably refused to recognize its responsibilities—we can only wonder that the mischief was no greater. A nation committed to peace and with army and navy conducted with that aim in view cannot prepare for war in an instant and we should therefore hesitate in holding subordinates responsible. Indeed, fixing responsibility is unimportant at this time, for it can wait, but light should be thrown on the weak spots and they should be eliminated. If these include men as well as methods they should go, for this is no time for temporizing. It is our business to deal a blow which will end the war and we must organize to do this in the shortest time possible, and everything should be subordinate to this end.—Independent.

Make Them Pay the Penalty.

A striking feature of S. S. McClure's lectures in Louisville was his reference to the punishment ultimately to be inflicted, he declared, by the outraged nation on the lawless, honorless and heartless brutes who in fighting this war have made of German "kultur" a synonym for German infamy. "There will be," he said, "the greatest judgment day the world has ever known when the perpetrator of the crimes of this war are brought to the tribunal of the nations." For, he explained, it is the determined purpose of France and Great Britain to seek out wherever possible the individual perpetrators of the crimes, concerning which documents are now stored in France, and evidence that has been gathered is now in England.

Among the crimes of which the absolute proof is held are the burning of whole villages, with their inhabitants, young girls held in trenches by German soldiers, later found, murdered in the trenches when the allied armies took them; Belgian women who were outraged and then covered with petroleum and burned to death; old men crucified; women who were forced to witness the murder of their entire families before given the reprieve of death. Mr. McClure is anything but a sensationalist or extremist. Before our declaration of a state of war with Germany he was an active pacifist. Later, with exceptional facilities for investigation, he has made personal visits to the belligerent countries and the information on which he now speaks is first hand. If he is right as to the intention of the entente allies to inflict upon the individual perpetrators of these unspeakable crimes the penalties prescribed by the laws of civilized peoples they will be but serving the ends of justice. The Germans in prosecuting the war have contemptuously and avowedly repudiated the laws of nations, and if those laws are to be properly vindicated their violators must be properly punished.

And if the victorious allies adopt this policy it cannot be consistently executed without striking straight at Potsdam. The monster who began his career by attempting in cold blood to rob his father of his crown—God-given thought he held it to be—and who has deliberately made of his country's part in a great war a bestial orgy of murder, rapine, arson and loot, should first of all be compelled to pay the penalty of the crimes which have made his empire a stench and a horror to all normal mankind—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Having A Spasm.

The \$10,000 placed in the budget to make a practical timber cruise in this county has given the big timber interests a frightful scare, and at this juncture it might be well to pause for a moment and think what kind of a fit it would have thrown them into had the county court appropriated sufficient funds to make a complete cruise of the standing timber in Douglas county—which should rightfully be done—and will be accomplished now that the taxpayers have had their eyes opened to the actual facts. The big timber barons have had a fat proposition holding their interests in this county and their rank assertion that a just and equitable tax on timber will have a tendency of retarding the growth of the country and that it

may be ten or twenty years before the timber moves, is strictly in keeping with the usual argument to detract from the main issue. No timber having moved in this county for the past fifty years it might be possible if the right sort of a tax was levied it would compel some of the big interests to "shuffle off" some of their holding to those who have sufficient enterprise to get it to market. It's worth while to try something new every now and then. A just and equitable cruise might surprise some people and this can be done for considerable less than twenty-five cents per acre, so the News is reliably informed by persons who know something about timber conditions in Douglas county and not aligned with the big interests. There has been some mighty Ene camouflaging in the timber business in this county, all of which will be brought to surface, now that the taxpayers have begun to realize there is a "nigger in the woodpile."—Umpqua Valley News.

Worthy of Great People.

Almost before the smoke-pall over the city of Halifax had blown away the generous heart of the people of the United States had found practical answer to the black signal of distress. Before the people of the stricken city had themselves realized the magnitude of the catastrophe relief train after relief train was tearing northward loaded with everything that intelligent sympathy could suggest for the relief of suffering and manned by skilful, warm-hearted men and women, eager as they were able, whose one desire was to be of service. Behind them congress, representing the whole United States, pledged a magnificent sum to aid the sufferers.

The explosion at Halifax was a national catastrophe, felt throughout Canada. The thanks of all Canada, therefore, go out to those who, in this hour of trial, were so quick and so magnificently generous in their aid. "He gives twice who gives quickly" is an old saying, true as ever today Canada will not soon forget that in the time of loss and great grief, American sympathy, American skill and American money were given, not only twice but tenfold.—Montreal Star.

The Whole Family.

Everybody's knitting now, Makin' socks for fighters— Bound to keep their feet so warm While they lick the blighters! Ma, she knits, An' sister knits, Grandma leads them all sir; Pa just sits around and spits, And gets juice on the ball sir! No one plays a game of crib, Everybody's knitting, Even baby, in her bib, Knits where she is sittin' Auntie knits, An' grandpa knits, Grandpa says it's duty— Pa, he sits around and reads, Then eats a big Rome beauty. Then when ma got gay one night An' hinted Pa was shirkin', Pa just sniffed, an' smiled and said, "Guess my money's workin'! Ma, you knit, The fambly knits, An' I don't care a darn sir— Grandpa knits an' Grandma knits But don't I buy the yarn sir?" —The Deacon.

His Girl in Overalls.

Well, yes, the kid's enlisted we expected that you know; When he heard the call to colors of course he'd want to go, An' we're proud an' glad an' sorry, for the lads our pride and joy. An' his mother—well, you know mothers, an' he was our only boy. An' I—well there's no denyin'—I depended on the lad, For he's always been a sight of help an' comfort to his dad; But I never full realized how much I'd miss the little scamp Till I started for the barn alone the morning he left for camp. I was feelin' pretty lonesome an' somehow my eyes were dim, When I saw some one a standin there I really thought was Jim; But afore I'd time to speculate my little daughter calls— "Say dad, how do you like my bran' new overalls?" She had the team all harnessed an' had hitched them to the plow, "I've tried to do it dad," she said, "just like James showed me how, I'm not needed in the house you know, for mother she has Sue, An' so I'm going to do my bit out in the field with you. "We've got to send our boys to war, an' feed the people too, An' it's up to Uncle Samuel's girls to show what they can do. Then she climbed up on the tractor an' drove away on that. My little girl in overalls an' Jamie's old straw hat. An' sir, you'd be surprised to see the things that gal can do, An' how she works with might and main to help to put things through. An' guess we needn't worry, sir, when Uncle Samuel calls; He can trust his boys in khaki an' his girls in overalls.

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