

**Editorial Snap Shots.**

One thing about the flu. The married men are staying home at nights getting better acquainted with their wives.

We must modify our opinion of bootleggers. Those who are rustling a little of the "critter" for flu patients are Good Samaritians.

All kinds of theories are being advanced as to the origin of the flu plague. The latest is that it was caused by the poisonous gas used in the war.

It is to be hoped that the southwest wind and rain storm that struck the county this morning will have the effect of driving away the flu germs.

Just hear them squeal. We mean the Germans when they read the terms of peace. And then keep close tab on pro-Germans and German sympathizers in the United States and in this neck of the woods, for you will hear them squeal also.

Secretary Baker says the navy is deficit \$270,400,000, and wants congress to appropriate that amount of money to square the accounts to the end of last year. The democratic party surely knows how to spend money. It should change its name from a free trade party to the free spenders' party.

England, which had less than a thousand alien enemies in detention camps, is shipping them out of that country to their own countries. Probably John Bull is thinking that if hundreds of seditious persons were allowed to remain in England they would be the first to start a bolshevik movement.

Our esteemed friend Bro. Trombley, publishes a newspaper fib every week, when he says: "Largest circulation of any newspaper in Tillamook County." Now, dear Bro., how are you going to square yourself when the great white book is opened at the last day and you are confronted with these fibs? And it don't look exactly right and consistent for a Sunday school teacher to be publishing little fibs like that.

Those who are at a loss to know what bolsheviki means may obtain a good idea from this item of news: "Russian peasants in northern Russia are said to be glad to be freed from bolsheviki rule. The bolsheviki promises us that we would have land, peace and plenty," one sturdy old man said, "but we soon learned what was their theory. It was just this: Tonight I go over and steal your cow and tomorrow night you come back and cut my throat and steal it back."

Here is another reason why the Bayocean road should be completed. It will not be long before the timber owners and mill men will be advocating the building of the south jetty, which should have the support of everybody, and by completing the road as soon as possible this would be a great convenience. As the road is built to the ship yard and partly built on the bay side, it should not be a very large amount of money to complete the road.

Another cabinet officer has resigned. McAdoo resigned because the big salary he was receiving wasn't big enough to maintain him and his family, and Attorney-General Gregory resigns because of "pecuniary responsibilities." These may be good excuses but they see the hand writing on the wall, for the November elections gave a good indication that the Wilson administration will go down to defeat with the Democratic party. These cabinet officers want to get out before the wreck occurs.

It would not be out of place for the leading business men to get together for the purpose of forming a county organization for the purpose of seeing what can be done to provide work for soldiers who return and desire employment. Probably this will not be a very serious situation in this county, as the farms, saw mills, and logging camps will absorb a large number of men wanting employment but it is just as well to keep in touch with and interest ourselves in the boys when they return and find employment for those who need it.

To those who advocate government ownership of railroads we want to say that it cost the people of the United States \$130,000,000 more to run the railroads in September than it did the corresponding month in the previous year, when the railroads were not operated by the government. The free trade party have proved itself to be free spenders of the people's money, and a few hundred million dollars a month for the railroads and a few hundred million dollars for other things, is giving the Democratic party a splendid record for blowing in the people's money.

The County Court made the State Highway Commission a good, sensible, business proposition when it offered to pay half the expense of hard surfacing the Three Rivers road, and it should accept it. Otherwise it will be an expensive road to maintain and it will be a long time before it is hard surfaced if it is not done now, which is the proper time, as about

\$100,000 is to be expended on surveying, grading and graveling the road. It is to the advantage of the State Highway Commission to have this road hardsurfaced, as well as to Tillamook County, for it will relieve the Commission of maintaining a macadam road, for it is one of the stipulations with the County Court that the Commission assume the expense of the maintenance of the road. And, further, it would be completion of nearly ten miles of road which is on the main highway of Tillamook County. We cannot see how the State Highway Commission can fail to accept the offer of the County Court.

It looks as though government ownership of railroads is going to become a political question of some importance. It will be remembered that Bryan advocated government ownership of railroads on returning from a European tour, and that seemed to cook his political goose. McAdoo is now advocating the same thing, but goes a little in advance of Bryan. He wants the government to appropriate \$2,000,000,000 to help run the railroads the next five years. If the people have to dig up a lot of money, to help run the railroads, why can't the government appropriate money and do the same thing for every public utility corporation? One thing is certain, railroad employees are in favor of government ownership, who hope to maintain wartime wages under normal conditions.

Some of our citizens are a little mixed up about the 50-50 proposition in road building. It is on the tapis that the government is going to appropriate a large amount of money for road building, and should the government appropriate a \$1,000,000 for Oregon, the state would have to put up a like amount. A plan, in all probability, will be worked out at this session of the state legislature whereby the State Highway Commission will appropriate certain sums of money for every county with the understanding that each county appropriate a like amount of money for state highways. From the looks of things Tillamook County will be right in line to take advantage of these 50-50 propositions offered by the federal government and the state if that plan is adopted by the state legislature and the coming bonds.

From all appearances the flu situation in Oregon is causing some flurry, with, as usual, different methods to cope with it. The whole trouble was in starting at the wrong end. Instead of quarantining patients and the houses, embargoes were placed on meetings, schools, churches, etc. It is not to be wondered at that the epidemic spread, when no restraint were placed on persons suffering with it. It will be remembered that the snap shot man has advocated a strict quarantine from the first, treating all flu cases the same as small pox and other infectious diseases. It may be wise, even now, to consider the advisability of establishing an emergency hospital where all flu cases should be taken and treated. It is probably true that people are a little more careful than when the flu first made its appearance, and that accounts for the low death rate in this county, for there is no doubt whatever that a large number of deaths were due largely to improper nursing and getting out too soon. It is rank foolishness for anyone afflicted with the disease to be out when they should be home and in bed. By all means quarantine the patients and the homes, for that is the first place to contend with in the effort to stamp out the disease.

Instead of property being called upon to pay heavy taxation for roads, those who use the roads should be made to pay more for their building and maintenance. It is autos and auto trucks that are now using the roads, with but few other vehicles doing so. As an illustration, the timber owners of Tillamook bay about 60 percent of the road fund in this county, or to make it more plain they pay \$120,000 of the \$200,000 to be expended on roads in this county this year, whereas autos and auto trucks pay the paltry sum of \$1,734.80. Probably very few of our citizens have considered this question in that light, and it will, no doubt, surprise them to find that those who use the roads pay so little into the county treasury. It looks to us that this is a most unfair method of taxation and a good argument that a new system should be devised. We are inclined to think that the automobile tax should be raised considerably, making the flivver class pay at least \$50 per year and the larger cars up to \$100, with a much higher tax on auto trucks and motorcycles. This, to our way of thinking, would come near making those who use the roads pay for their building and maintenance, relieving the timber, farms and other taxable property of the burden of contributing so much for road purposes. Now that the good roads question is being discussed again and there is a strong sentiment in favor of more hardsurfaced highways in all parts of the state, this is one phase of the question that should not be overlooked by the state legislature in framing new road laws.

If the 150 tons of information collected by Colonel House and his corps of 150 college professors had been lost enroute to Europe the peace conference would have had to be postponed for a couple of years.

**Abe Martin Interprets the last Election.**

Even a Democrat ought to get a laugh out of Abe Martin's explanation of why the Democrats lost the laugh out of Abe Martin's explanation.

The followin' expressions regardin' Tuesday's political cyclone appear in the Weekly Sliphorn an' come from a wide variety of Dimmycrats:

"This is an age o' surprises. If anybody had predicted what has happened he'd a been jugged as a lunatic. After carefully goin' over th' returns I'm convinced that the sleeper rates t' Chicago played a large part in changin' th' next Congress. However, there's no doubt that th' six cent nickel cigar started people to thinkin' an' caused much popular resentment. Events'll have t' prove th' wisdom of th' turn over."

"Personally I didn't vote. Quite a number of us fellers got t'gether th' day before th' election an' talked th' matter over. We're all makin' three dollars an' eighty-five cents an hour, an' double time for overtime. Times is good with us. O' course we pay more for terbakker, but we're makin' good money. We decided to let well enough alone an' don't vote."

"I've been a Dimmycrat so long that Tuesday's landslide wuz jest an incident. These haint normal times. That a great many people have been growin' rich durin' th' last two years their kin be no doubt, but our politicians overlooked th' great army of malcontents that have been strugglin' tho' th' war on peace salaries eatin' cornmean an' liver an' payin' four prices for shoes with pasteboard soles. They wuz probably thinkin' o' th' wealthy riveters o' Hog Island when they voted Tuesday when 14 year old track greasers kin make as much as th' governor o' th' state somethin's bound t' happen. When some fellers are makin' so much they won't lay off long enough t' light their pipes, all signs fail. We'll lick 'em the next time."

"We'll never know whether the president made a mistake or not fer somethin' tell me it was th' original intention o' th' country t' make th' president saved a couple of senators? However, ther's one thing I'm convinced of—I've long contended that th' president's language is too copulous fer th' average voters' understandin'. I don't get half he says."

"Well, th' unexpected has happened, but I don't know why it wuz unexpected. We ought t' have guessed it. Ever'thing wuz so quiet that we should have smelled a mouse. Ther' wuz no reason t' keep quiet about sustainin' Wilson. Why didn't we think o' that? A great many things may have brought Tuesday's result but it's my opinion that th' people resented being tampered with an' th' picture the-aters left th' people in no mood t' be trifled with. Th' country has spoken."

"Doubtless a great many people wuz too satisfied t' vote. I've been in politics all my life an' I find that people have t' be hungry for food or hungry for office before their aroused. I don't mind bein' quoted as sayin' that th' president's appeal undoubtedly solidified th' opposition, but what gits me is what ossified th' Dimmycrats. It haint likely that the farmer with hay or oats an' corn an' wheat, an' hogs, an' cattle, an' chickens an' eggs, an' apples t' sell at th' prevailin' prices, cared anything about th' price o' cotton. If I had listened to my wife instead o' my friends, I wouldn't be sufferin' t' day with th' humiliation o' defeat."

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