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Editorial Snap Shots.

Probably the price of Tillamook cheese will never reach again what is being paid for it today—35c. for triplets and 39c. for Young Americas. That's what organization and cooperation in Tillamook county have done.

The Willamina Times says: "Billy Vinton, of McMinnville, becomes president of the Oregon State Senate—more honor Old Yamhill County." And we seem to remember that just before the election last November several newspapers in that county resorted to knocking methods to do Old Yamhill county out of that honor.

It is to be hoped that the parents will use proper precautions in sending their children to school. A little discretion may prevent the spread of the flu in the schools, which would have to be closed again. Should any child have the least symptoms of the flu they should be kept home, and parents who do otherwise should be severely punished.

It will not be many months before lumber schooners will be coming to Tillamook Bay, bringing merchandise from California ports. This is liable to bring about a great reduction in freight rates, not only on merchandise but on feed and hay as well, for it will bring Tillamook county in closer touch with California markets.

Congressman Hawley has introduced a bill requiring the Adjutant General of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy to furnish the Adjutant General of each state with the names and records of men from the states who served in the Army and Navy, during the war. This is a very necessary bill, for the reason it has been hard to keep track of men who have joined the Army or Navy from this state and county.

The snap shot man has on several occasions recommended that road districts Nos. 1 and 3 start hard-surfacing a small portion of road for a starter. As they have taken an equal amount of the road money, it looks to us that each road district should appropriate part of the road money to hard-surfaced roads. This road district constructed several miles of hard surfaced road from its yearly appropriation, and the other two districts should have done likewise.

It may not be generally known that the county agriculturist is an advocate of the silo, whereas the cheese inspector and grader is opposed to them. The latter knows that flavor in cheese is one of the primary features and when there is an off flavor in cheese brought about by feeding too freely of the silo product, it is a matter of impossibility for cheese makers to make a first class cheese. The cheese inspector knows, for he detects the smell of the silo in the cheese. That's why he is a good cheese expert and a good county agriculturist.

Is it right for the government to guarantee wheat at \$2.25 a bushel now that the war is over? By that method the consumer will have to pay nearly double what flour is worth and the people will be taxed to pay the difference. The administration is going to ask Congress to appropriate \$1,250,000,000 to carry out this plan. And one of the Democratic platforms promised the people that that party would reduce the cost of living. How remarkably strange, to make the people pay war time prices for their flour and tax them to death as well to carry out the plan.

The state legislature has again a large number of bills to increase the salaries of state and county officials, and it seems to us that this is an opportune time to bring about a more uniform system. There are counties which are paying good salaries while other counties the salary for some offices are very much lower for doing practically the same work in counties where the population and the assessed valuation are the same. In Tillamook the salaries of most all county officials are far below other counties, and for that reason we think the state legislature should do something to make the salaries more uniform.

Most every state law maker knows full well that if they object to the emergency clause being attached to the road bill their constituents will be down on them, and for that reason we believe they will consent to the emergency clause being attached to road bills. The people of Oregon are

wanting quick action in road construction. The "knockers" are doing their best to prevent the building of hard-surfaced roads, which are demanded by the people in all parts of the state, and the system now being worked out by the State Highway Commission meets with hearty approval of all progressive citizens. There is a good deal of truth in what Commissioner Thompson said in his address to the State Legislature last week when he remarked that the State Highway Commission was nearer the people and had their confidence.

What is the matter with the Grange, anyway, that every time a movement is started for good roads, State Master Spence has to butt in and register a protest? Good roads are a god-send to the farmers, and now that they have been enjoying some hard surfaced roads, why, they are demanding more of that class of road. Spence undertook to criticize the State Highway Commission, but when pinned down and forced to prove what he had been saying about the building of roads, had to admit he did not know what he was talking about, but justified himself by saying that he was opposed to bonding. He was opposed to bonding two years ago. The people of Oregon were overwhelmingly in favor of bonds for roads and are doubly so today. Spence is out of joint with every progressive movement in the state, having developed a grouchy spirit.

It is only natural to suppose that where a good salary is involved there will be efforts made to bring about a change. This is the situation today in regard to the office of secretary sales man for the co-operative associations of this county. It is the job that some few are after. For several weeks the snap shot man has patiently listened to both sides of the controversy, and from present indications there is liable to be a split between the co-operative associations, and if that takes place it will be a backward move. But history is only repeating itself. In the early days of the cheese industry, it was the persistent efforts of the Thayer faction that kept the dairy association in a state of turmoil and bitter feeling between dairymen. It took several years to overcome that serious situation, which was a detriment to the dairymen and the cheese industry of the county, for the aim was to obtain control of the cheese industry in this county. Happily the dairymen took the bull by the horns and undertook to manage their own affairs, and since that time the cheese industry has been handled with flattering results and they have obtained unprecedented prices for butter fat. It is something to be proud of that the dairymen dropped their petty grievances and worked together for the common good of the dairy industry of this county. We are sorry to admit it, but it would not surprise us that all this team work and working together is about to pull apart. We do not propose to say one word that will add fuel to the fires, but would rather pour oil on the troubled waters. The question for the co-operative association to decide is this: "What is best for the dairy industry of Tillamook County?" In this connection it must not be lost sight of that if unity of purpose brought about such successful and flattering results, it will require more of that pull together spirit in the future, for the reason that the price of cheese is going to drop, and it will require a whole lot of skill and experience to prevent it from dropping too low. The special interests will do their best to force the price of cheese down in the future as in the past, and should there be a split, with this faction and that faction each having a salesman, one can readily see what is going to happen. This is no time for personal feelings, petty jealousies and office seekers to butt in and cause friction. It is unity of purpose that should predominate, not a pulling asunder because some fellow wants to turn the other fellow out.

Boston Papers.

Leroy M. Pickford, of Boston recently died and left in his will a specific request that his executors should see to it that a copy of a Boston, Mass., paper be sent every day to every resident of his native town, Newburg, Minn. The editor of a Pittsburg paper thereupon published the following:

"Boston man places a blight on his home town.
 "It is not clear why Mr. Pickford should put a blight on his home town especially since he left it 36 years ago. To be afflicted with a Boston daily is cause enough to move away from any town."

Potatoes from Canada

Canada has a surplus for export of over 23,000,000 bushels of potatoes this year, and the United States also has a large supply. Last year we imported nearly 3,000,000 bushels of potatoes from Canada despite our own surplus, which was so great that we were being exhorted to stuff ourselves with them. Canadian growers found a better price here than they could find at home; and potatoes came in free of duty under the Democratic tariff law. We may look for a repetition of last year, with the chances good that there will be a considerable increase in the imports.

VICTORY NO BAR TO INVESTIGATION OF GROSS WASTE.

Public Has Right to Fix Responsibility for Unnecessary Taxes.

Robert J. Thorne, assistant to the acting quartermaster general, wearing a distinguished service medal, in a recent address to the Industrial Club of Chicago, of which he is a member, gave his fellow members of the club a peek into the back door of affairs as they were conducted in Washington during the war.

"In the middle of last winter's extreme cold," he cited as an example of official methods of res tape, "I received a telegram from Camp Grant, saying: 'It is 22 degrees below zero. 12,000 men are without gloves.' On the same day another telegram came from Camp Custer, saying that 5,000 men had no overcoats and 8,000 were without army shoes."

"I started out to see what I could do about the shortage of equipment. I found 20,000 pairs of horsehide gloves in stores. I asked why they had not been furnished to the troops and was told that they were being held for the motorcycle corps. Looking further I found ample supply of khaki coats. I asked why they weren't being used, and was likewise told that some rule or other forbade their being used after Dec. 1."

Slashes Red Tape Rules.

"The men were suffering in the meanwhile, and so the red tape was cut in spite of the screams of horror that arose from the officials, and the supplies were sent where they were needed."

"I found," he continued, "when I went down to Washington, not one army, as I had expected, but about fifteen. Each branch of the military service was a unit and each was working for itself and against the others. I expected to find one man buying motor trucks, instead I found four men buying them, outbidding each other and upsetting the whole industry. An example of the competition which prevailed among the various departments may be seen in the business of renting a dock in Baltimore. The quartermaster's department offered \$50,000, then came along the engineers with an offer of \$75,000, and, finally it went to the navy for \$110,000."

Cites Other Examples.

As a sample of the governmental contracts that were so liberally strewn during the war, Mr. Thorne cited the following:

"One day I received a communication saying that about 6,000 tons of tin were to be sent to Australia," he said. "Investigating further this curious item, I found that the Secretary of State and the Secretary of War had entered into an agreement to receive 32,000,000 pounds of jam from Australia. The price agreed on was a considerable one, even for jam. The jam is now scattered all over the map of the world; 10,000,000 pounds is in France, 10,000,000 pounds elsewhere and 10,000,000 pounds still on the berry bushes of Australia not yet picked."

"One would think," said Mr. Thorne, "that the branches of the war department would be one big family. Instead they carried on the same formality that exists between one nation and another. Between the army and the navy the formalities resembled those existing between the United States and Mexico during President Wilson's expedition at Vera Cruz."

"This is only one, literally, of scores of similar instances where the present administration squandered money 'like drunken sailors', and which furnishes the reason why the newly elected congress will not be willing that the mere successful conclusion of the war shall act as a bar to the exposure of the gross waste, extravagance and mismanagement which characterized the present administration's conduct of the war."

Robt. T. Small, the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, writing of the pro-administration managed or mis-managed the war, says:

"The war, the Republican leaders posed Congressional investigation of the manner in which the Democratic argue, was the greatest event in the history of the nation during the last six years. It reached in some tangible way into virtually every homestead of the entire United States. The draft laid its hand upon every industry and every vocation. The entire social, domestic and industrial fabric of the country was affected."

Account of Stewardship Asked.

"Congress gave over to the President authority for the complete conduct of the war. Now the Republicans are proposing to call upon him for an accounting of his stewardship, and they assert the investigations they undertake will be followed with the keenest personal interest in the millions of homes where service flags with stars of blue and gold have halloed the memory of sons, husbands and fathers given to the cause of liberty throughout the world. The statement of these men in camp, the adequacy of the training they received, the amount of protection afforded them by artillery and airplane observation as they went over the top in France, all are matter with which the American people are vitally concerned, the Republicans believe."

"They further assert that virtually every man, woman and child in the United States is to be taxed for the next twenty years to pay for the enormous sums expended during the

war. The Congress leaders say it already has been shown that hundreds of millions of dollars were wasted through incompetence and inefficient direction of the airplanes, ordnance and shipping programs alone. Many Democrats agree with the Republicans that the American people are entitled to know where the responsibility lies for much of the burden of their taxation in the years to come. The mere winning of the war did not wipe out accountability for unnecessary burdens."

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