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Editorial Snap Shots.

Impatient! Most of the allied countries are impatient on account of the delay of the peace conference in deciding upon the terms of peace. It is having a bad effect in Europe.

It is all very well to talk about a League of Nations to prevent war, which is a splendid idea, but what the United States should endeavor to avoid is getting mixed up in European squabbles.

What is the democratic government doing to reduce the high cost of living? European affairs appear to be more important than troubling about the high cost of living in the United States.

L. J. Simpson, of Coos county, has the right spirit. He wired from California to the Roosevelt Military highway boosters in session in Portland on Friday: "I'm with you heart and soul, and pocket book."

Marion County, like a good many other counties, which was opposed to the six million road bond measure when it was submitted to a vote of the people, now realize that it must join the procession and bond the county for hard surfaced roads.

There is one thing that most everybody who have taken an interest in the League of Nations to prevent war, is that the first draft should be amended in several particulars. There appears to be very little opposition to a League of Nations if the conditions are properly drawn and it does not interfere with the constitution of the United States.

It was thought probable that if the hard surfaced road could be extended north this year as far as the Miami bridge, and south to Hebo, it would be as much as could be expected. It would satisfy the snap shot man if a little more effort could be made and a little more pep put into the proposition if the hard surfacing could be done as far as Garibaldi. In fact, it should be, for the heavy travel in that vicinity will eat up a lot of road money if this is not done.

One would naturally suppose that young men would desist from taking intoxicants to dances, seeing there is a heavy penalty for doing so. Maybe it wouldn't be a bad idea for the sheriff to make a search whenever a dance is held at Fairview, for there is a report going the rounds that some young men have been guilty. We feel sure the Grangers will prohibit the use of their hall if it is taken to the dance hall. Probably however, it is confined to one or two indiscrete young men, but it should be put a stop to.

It is up to every part of Tillamook county to help boost the Roosevelt highway. This county should give a solid vote in favor of it, for it will not only mean considerable more hard surfaced roads and a road to connect with Lincoln county, but the auto travel will be enormous. Few persons realize the importance of the Roosevelt highway to the coast counties, making it possible to reach California at all seasons of the year. California has made a feature of building hard surfaced roads and millions of dollars have poured into that state on account of it, while Oregon has been lagging behind.

This is from the Oregon Voter's view point: "Casual observation of how legislators vote often leads to conclusions that are borne out by cold analysis of the facts. Our guess was that of all senators, T. B. Handley, of Tillamook, was the wisest voter and W. B. Jones, of Eugene, showed the poorest judgment as to where to place the Yea or Nay. As to the house, our guess was that Representative Brand and Ballagh voted "right" more often than did any other members, and that speaker Jones and Representative Richards voted "wrong" most often." Gee wiz, this neck of the woods produced the "wisest voter" in the state senate and the senator from the classic city of Eugene, "showed the poorest judgment." Say, friend Chapman, you are liable to get the whole of the state legislators astride your neck, with the exception of Senator Handley and Representatives Brand and Ballagh, if you don't let up.

A report is being circulated that it was owing to the school entertainment on Friday evening that the flu made its appearance again in this city, because the city hall had been used as an emergency hospital. The last case of flu in the city hall was February 4, and since then the building was fumigated with disinfectants in one of the small rooms and

the floor of the auditorium washed. Mrs. Stranahan, finding that a number of girls were going up into the auditorium to rehearse, advised them not to go there and later one of the teachers and several girls were also advised in the same manner, but thought there was no danger. As the flu works in a mysterious manner, no one can say positively that the re-appearance of the flu in this city originated at the city hall. The re-appearance of the flu immediately after the entertainment, of course, would lead to the supposition that was the cause.

It is not long since that strong sentiment existed against the railroads of the country, people having the idea that they were being robbed, and the political agitators were always on the job roasting the railroad corporations. Now that the government is operating and controlling the railroads at additional expense to the traveling public and excessive freight rates, and with enormous additional taxation as well, no one appears to be abusing the railroad companies these days. Government operation of railroads have proved a failure, and the traveling public, shippers and taxpayers have, to use the political agitators' arguments, been "robbed" by government ownership of railroads. And there is another thing. The public is not getting the service it did under private ownership. We hope, when Congress meets that it will force the government to relinquish the control of railroads, telegraph and wireless utilities, for as long as the government controls them additional taxation will follow. Suppose the railroads had asked the government, before the war, for millions of dollars to help run the railroads, what a big howl there would have been, but that is what is happening today, for millions of the taxpayers' money is being doled out in enormous sums by the democratic government for that purpose.

"SORE" WITH PORTLAND
 One Reason Why there is Friction Instead of Co-operation With the Metropolis.

Portland papers go right ahead printing the delinquent tax list and get the same old rate for legal notices, but the country editor can go on yelling his head off for the big things of alleged state wide interest while the money grabbers at the metropolis sit idly by, throw a harpoon into the country hamlet, whenever they so desire, and in return give the rear teat that has been stripped till it resembles a wart on a watermelon. This is the Portland idea of reciprocity to the country villages of the state of Oregon.—Evening News Roseburg.

The Evening News appears to be "sore" with Portland on account of the action of C. S. Jackson, of the Portland Journal, who initiated two bills that were a direct injustice to newspapers outside of Multnomah county. Until the wrong is put right there will be more or less bitter feeling against Portland, for it was a business man of that city who showed his spleen and animosity against the country newspapers. But it is hardly right on the part of the News to place all the Portland newspapers in the same class. The Oregonian frequently pointed out the injustice that would be done the country newspapers if the Jackson measures carried, and on that account advised the people to vote against the measures. We are not surprised that some country newspapers feel "sore" with Portland, but the blame should be placed where it belongs—upon Jackson. It simply amounts to this, Portland's reputation is being assailed on account of one man, and should the country newspapers get together on a proposition to advise the business men of their different localities to transfer their trading to Seattle or San Francisco, it would not only be the means of Portland losing considerable business, but it would somewhat undermine its reputation as a good business center. We have felt on several occasions like transferring our trading to San Francisco and making it our business to visit every business man in the city to do the same thing. Two wrongs, however, would not make one right. Portland is the metropolis of Oregon and the logical trading point, there should not be a spirit of jealousy or envy between Portland and other parts of Oregon. It is more co-operation that is wanted. But co-operation is impossible when a Portland business man does the country newspapers outside of Multnomah county an injustice, and if Portland gets one or two lovely black eyes and abdoys nose once in a while when the country newspapers "come back" it can blame Jackson for it. No one can accuse the Headlight of being unfriendly to Portland. We have traded there for 30 years and the jobbing houses have treated us fine and we only wish we had more money to spend there. What with the high cost of labor and news paper, and the high cost of living, most country editors have managed to pull through war times, but on top of that came the injustice done them by a Portland business man. Since the Oregon system can be abused, why not put it to a vote of the people what butter, milk, cheese, meat, flour, clothing, Portland newspapers, etc., should be sold for, and we will gamble that if the people of Oregon had a whack at that in the voting booths, it would

cut the cost of living in two. There is nothing to prevent Jackson, in his "star chamber" methods, invoking the initiative and frame up a measure fixing a starvation rate attorneys outside of Multnomah county shall charge for legal business, and allow the attorneys of Portland to charge big fees.

High School Notes.

The operetta held at the city hall proved an immense success. The auditorium was filled to capacity, and the Glee Club realized a net profit from the performance.

Much credit is due Miss Hickey, director of music, and Eunice Swenson, pianist, for the success of the play. To Glenn Leach, who designed and painted the artistic Holland setting, as well as to Clare Small, stage manager, is much credit given.

Howard Trout, who played the part of Hertogenbosch, the rich old Holland farmer, and Mayme LaFollette who played the part of his wife, both carried out their parts very well.

Billy Wilmot, as Bob Yankee, an ardent lover, and Eugenia Smith as Wilhelmina, a Holland lass and a very susceptible young person, were the cause of much merriment from the audience.

Ernest Ford, Retta Goodspeed and Arthur Harris caused a storm of applause by the neutral manner in which they carried out their parts.

The chorus of Dutch girls and poppy girls was also a big attraction. The performance was given again Saturday night for the benefit of those who were unable to get seats in the building the night before.

The Military Training Class was organized Monday with a membership of about thirty boys. Mr. Lee Doty is their commanding officer, and he expects to put the class through some good drilling the rest of the school term.

Report cards were again received Tuesday. Another month of hard labor is done and the workmen have received their wages. It is terrible since the war is over how wages are being lowered. Last month 85 per cent this month 75 per cent—what will next month be.

Rev. Geo. E. McDonald addressed the high school on Wednesday morning on the subject of "High Ideals." His talk was appreciated very much by the students and faculty.

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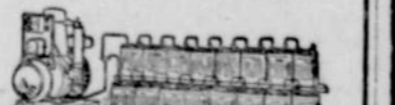
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