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**Editorial Snap Shots.**

Should flu make its appearance again in this city, choke the fellow who proposes wearing masks.

Everybody seems now to admit that the Indian summer in the fall of the year is the most delightful part of the year. The weather the first of the week could not be beat anywhere.

We are willing to admit that we do not coincide with President Wilson. So there is over one half of one percent of alcohol in sour butter milk, is the verdict handed down by several judges. So if anybody is desirous of obtaining alcoholic stimulants, why, they can get a butter milk jag. How much it will cost to do the job, or how much butter milk one has to imbibe, that depends on whether one was an old soak or not.

and the Democratic party that the league of nations covenant it will prevent war; in fact, in our judgment the situation in the Balkans, Russia and Germany will bring about another war in the near future. Germany is just as arrogant today as she was when she declared war in 1914, and it is freely admitted that the allies made a mistake when they agreed to the armistice.

We should have stated last week, when discussing the road situation, that the county has prepared seven miles of road bed for hardsurfacing, so that the State Highway Commission cannot "come back" with the assertion that the road bed was not ready. Should the weather remain fine for another month the county will have the roads in good shape, with every indication that the road will be open to travel this winter for automobiles to the Willamette Valley.

If it is the idea to tax the lot and property owners with special taxes towards the improvement of roads in the new road district of Bayocean, why wouldn't it also be a good idea to put Garibaldi beach and the south side of Nehalem bay in a road district. It might be a solution of the beach route for the highway if the property owners would vote favorably upon a special tax to help cover some of the expense. We feel certain that the Garibaldi beach people would do so. How does the south side of Nehalem bay feel about it?

One perplexing question just now is the increase of crime, not only in the United States, but all over the world since the armistice was signed. No one can deny that liquor used to be responsible for considerable crime, but with the United States "dry" there is a great increase in crime. Whatever may be the cause, one cannot but take notice of the fact that a large number of patrolled and ex-convicts are responsible to a large extent for the increase of crime. There is too much silly sentimentalism in dealing with criminals and to our way of thinking, the way to help stop crime is to keep the criminals under lock and key.

The National Republican asks this question: "Are you taking the daily or weekly newspaper in your locality which comes out fearlessly for Republican principles, which is alive to the right side of public questions not only in the heat of campaign year but every year and all year 'round? In choosing your reading matter don't forget that the local Republican paper deserves and should have your support, morally and financially."

We are afraid there are a good many persons in this county who registered as Republicans, but subscribe for and support Democratic newspapers. A word of advice is not out of place.

The annual Tillamook County Teachers' Institute, which was to have been held next week, has been postponed because it is difficult to obtain instructors. No one will regret if there is no institute this year in the county, for the reason that the children lost considerable valuable instruction last year on account of the flu. If the parents of the children could have their say in the matter there would not be one half of one percent of them who would consent to closing the schools directly they started so that the teachers can talk "shop", at the taxpayers' expense. If the county school superintendent is wise and is desirous of doing what the people desire there will not be a teachers' institute in this county this year, and in doing so he will in some small way help to reduce the high cost of living, for the instructors have to be paid, their traveling expenses met and the teachers of the county are put to the expense of coming to this city when

they would rather hold school in their districts.

At the Methodist conference last week Bishop Hughes, in complaining of the falling off in membership of that church, attributed it to the war and influenza. We are inclined to believe that automobiles have more to do with the decrease in attendance at church than anything else. A good many preachers used to contend that if the working class were compelled to work less hours, so they could have more time for leisure work days they would attend church Sundays. This is another fallacy punctured, for they work less hours now and are not attending church on Sundays. Even if the automobile is responsible for the decrease in the attendance at church on Sundays there is this satisfaction of knowing that the people are getting out into the country, breathing the fresh air and having plenty of recreation and change of scenery. This is the situation that now confronts the church, and more automobiles there are it is going to be harder for the church people to solve.

The manner in which President Wilson changed his opinion the past few years is certainly surprising. For instance, the president said: October 10, 1915—"America \* \* \* ought to devote itself only to the things that America believes in, and, believing that America stands apart in its ideals, it ought not to allow itself to be drawn, so far as its heart is concerned, into anybody's quarrel \* \* \*"

January 22, 1917—"It is inconceivable that the people of the United States should play no part in this great enterprise. To take part in such service will be the opportunity for which they have sought, to prepare themselves by the very principles and purposes of their polity and the approved practices of their Government ever since the days when they set up a new nation in the high and honorable hope that it might in all that it was and did show humanity the way to liberty."

The snap shot man is in doubt whether it was a wise or unwise move on the part of the county court to create another road district, making Bayocean one, for the reason that we were the first to oppose so many road districts and when there were 20 or more in the county. We have always contended that there should only be one road district and one school district in the county, and it was on account of the agitation of the snap shot man the road districts were reduced to three, which to our way of thinking, was two too many. During the winter months there is not more than a dozen persons living in the new road district and these few persons would have the power to vote a special road tax whether they were taxpayers or not. Heaven knows that the Bayocean district received shabby treatment in the past, and it is to be hoped that it will obtain a square deal in the future. There is this much to say about creating a road district for Bayocean, a percentage of the road money will have to be expended there.

President Wilson's illness is to be regretted at the present time and there is a general hope that he will soon recover. There is every reason to believe that the president undertook to do too much himself during the trying period of the war, the result of which is a nervous breakdown. Instead of obtaining the assistance of some of our ablest statesmen and working hand-in-hand with the United States Senate, he entirely ignored them and assumed the role of dictator. Anyone reading between the lines of Secretary of State Lansing's remarks before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, realized at once that even the other members of the American delegation at the peace conference were kept in the dark and not consulted in some matters. It is stated by the correspondents who accompanied the president on his western trip that what worried Mr. Wilson most was when the audience applauded after he had read what those who opposed the treaty and league of nations had said. It was this, so it is reported, that unnerved the president so completely. It is to be regretted that Mr. Wilson did not divide the heavy responsible load that fell on his shoulders, and it would have been better for the United States and his own health had he done so.

We have received a copy of a German-language newspaper which is printed in Portland, and we are informed it is the same pro-German newspaper that had to suspend but resumed publication under a different name. The reason it is sent to us is because the Loyal Legion has started a campaign against German language newspapers published in the United States. What our attention is called to in the German language newspaper is the advertisements of several business men of this city. As suppression of German language newspapers is going to become an issue we want it known where we stand, for we do not propose to be on the fence. We are going to support the Loyal Legion in its efforts to suppress all German language newspapers published in the United States. There is no need

or necessity of German language newspapers in the United States, and in view of what have taken place in the United States the past few years, with the German spy system and pro-Germans endeavoring to bring about a revolution in the United States, and the brazen effrontery of the German language newspapers, it is none too soon to put a stop to it so as to prevent this in future. This is the position that we believe the Loyal Legion will take, and it is a perfectly logical one. The Legion will look with suspicion upon business men who advertise in German language newspapers, as well as those who subscribe for them.

Business men of the city are quite concerned about fire protection, and they have just cause to be, for the present water system has outgrown its usefulness on account of the increase of population since it was installed. Notwithstanding that quite a number of brick and concrete buildings have been erected, the city is still in the frame building class, and will remain so until an ordinance is passed that all frame buildings are to be removed within the business radius within a certain time. That, we think, is the first movement to be undertaken. It may work a little hardship on some of the property owners, but it is absolutely imperative that all the old fire traps be removed from the business portion of the city. Now as to fire protection. Owing to the high cost of material and labor this is not the proper time to rebuild the water system with larger pipes, nor would a fire engine answer the purpose when there is not sufficient water in the water system. Besides a fire engine is an expensive undertaking. Several times the past few years, it has been suggested that a pumping system be installed so as to give better fire protection to the business portion of the city. Taking all things into consideration, we believe that this would be the quickest and most economical plan to adopt to meet present requirements. The Coast Power Company could furnish the power for the pump, which would always be available, and the cost of laying a pipe and placing a few hydrants in the business portion of the city would not be excessive. That, to our way of thinking, is the best way to obtain speedy action. The rebuilding of the water system could then wait until normal conditions returned, when it will be necessary to greatly enlarge the whole system and establish reservoirs. Several persons have asked the snap shot man to express his views on the subject, which we have done, but if anyone has a better plan that will ensure quicker results at less expense, we are ready to support the same. It is quick action and speedy results that are wanted, for one never knows when a disastrous fire has to be fought.

**Again, Who is the Liar?**

(Harvey's Weekly.)

The New York Herald was the first newspaper to print in full the report of the Hon. Frank P. Walsh and ex-Governor Dunne, of Illinois, upon conditions in Ireland. It was a terrible indictment. With 47 distinct specifications, Messrs. Dunne and Walsh accused British Government officials of atrocities committed upon helpless political prisoners in Irish jails which in sheer brutality were quite on a par with the worst infamies perpetrated by the Hun barbarians in their invasion of Belgium and France.

When the Herald spread this awful arraignment before the people of this country there was a general outburst of indignation. And its publication in England evoked stronger expressions of shame and anger there than it did here. Nor for an instant could the British Government remain silent under such fearful accusations. The accusers were responsible men. Mr. Walsh was an appointee of President Wilson to an important part of the administration. Mr. Dunne had been governor of the third greatest state in the Union. They went to Ireland as accredited representatives of the American people. As such they were received by British Government officials and as such, as they were free to admit, every facility for their inquiries was afforded them.

And as a result of these inquiries, in a carefully prepared report, they spread before the world a record of cold-blooded murder, torture and starvation of political prisoners in Irish jails that, if true, simply placed the country and the government responsible for it beyond the pale of civilization.

The British government had to reply and did reply. In a document quite dispassionate in tone and as carefully and methodically prepared as the Dunne-Walsh report itself, every one of the 47 charges and accusations made by Mr. Walsh and Mr. Dunne were met with a specific categorical denial. The issue resolved itself into a clean-cut question of deliberate, calculated falsehood on one side or the other. There was no middle ground. Either Messrs. Dunne and Walsh were infamous liars or the officials of the British government were infamous liars.

At the time the government report was published here leaving Messrs. Dunne and Walsh under this charge of wilful mendacity, we venture to suggest that this was an accusation

under which those gentlemen could not afford to remain silent. Nor did they remain silent. Mr. Walsh, in a two column statement reiterated all the original charges, and, assuming that England must eventually agree to an impartial court of inquiry, pledged himself, as chairman of the Commission on Irish Independence, to produce proof of a list of atrocities which, if they be proven, make of England a country to be execrated by all liberty-loving people.

But the New York Herald, which was the first to arouse American indignation by the publication of the Dunne-Walsh report in full, has not seen fit to await any such inquiry as Mr. Walsh suggests. It has made an investigation on its own account. With clear, positive instructions to bring an absolute unbiased mind to his task, to seek out the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth and to publish the same irrespective of where and whom it hits, the Herald sent its chief London correspondent, Mr. Truman H. Tally, to Ireland. Mr. Tally's reports the Herald has been publishing from day to day. They bear every internal evidence to a conscientious adherence to the strict instructions under which his investigations were to be made. They show no animus, no prejudice, no leaning either toward one side or the other.

Now, in a nutshell, Mr. Tally's report leaves Messrs. Walsh and Dunne under quite as heavy a cloud as did that of the British government officials themselves. Mr. Tally finds that the Dunne-Walsh charges are absolutely false. Thus Mr. Walsh and Mr. Dunne lie under a double accusation of telling wilful, deliberate lies calculated to precipitate discord between us and a friendly nation and lies, which, with the reaction inevitable to their exposure, are calculated to do infinite harm to the cause of Ireland itself.

Of course the matter cannot rest there. Messrs. Dunne and Walsh cannot afford to let it rest there. We confidently expect them to meet this new accusation with material, indisputable facts and proofs of some kind which, once for all, will put an end to what has come to a mere meaningless tossing to and fro of the word "liar."

A Minnesota woman bought a membership in the league of nations from a stranger for seven dollars. You can't be surprised that there are still folks left who swallow that "he kept us out of war stuff." Indeed, is it said there's one born every minute.

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