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Editorial Snap Shots.

The Democratic administration has another season of watchful waiting over Mexican affairs. Notwithstanding he kept us out of war the possibilities of another war is on the tapis.

Over in Seattle a number of I. W. W.'s who are in jail have gone on a hunger strike. The taxpayers of Tillamook county would have no objection to the I. W. W.'s in the county jail doing the same thing.

Notwithstanding that the master of the State Grange was opposed to Clackamas County bonding for \$1,700,000 for roads, the progressive citizens of that progressive county gave a majority vote for good roads.

If anyone is in doubt about the political sentiment in the South, the Kentucky election should set their mind at rest. In the gubernatorial election the Republican won the election by a majority of 40,500. In the previous election the democrats won by a majority of 400 votes.

The Democrats have out did Republicans as stand-patters. Boss Wilson cracked the whip over the Democratic senators, and with the exception of a few they stood pat and defeated the treaty and the league of nations. Even our George was in the stand pat ranks, meekly doing what Boss Wilson dictated.

The snap shot man had a jolt a few days ago. Our Methodist friends had an inspiration and decided to improve the side walk in front of the church property. Say, dear Bro., now that the spirit moveth you to do a charitable act in your home town, it may save the life of some poor heathen who might accidentally stumble and break his neck.

We bet our George is kicking himself most vigorously for submitting to the party whip and voting to kill the treaty of peace and league of nations after it had been Americanized. Democratic Senators have been threatened with the loss of patronage if they voted with the Republicans. Poor George, he is as dead as a door mat politically, so is his political dictator, President Wilson.

Wonder whether this is economy befitting a democratic government? The taxpayers have to pay \$250,000 for liquor furnished the junkies who accompanied the president to France, or to be more correct for those who put up at the government's expense at the Hotel Crillon. As this was less than one third of the junkies, it looks as though Uncle Sam is in to pay a liquor bill somewhere around one million.

President Wilson has evidently put the democratic senators, who voted against the peace treaty and the league of nations, in a hole, by applying the party whip. The people last year showed they were tired of the president's dictation, as does the elections the first part of last month. The uncompromising attitude of the president, and his efforts to belittle United States senators who endeavored to safeguard the United States, is to some extent the reason why the people have turned against the democrats, for that party has a political dictator at its head.

Several pieces of road between this city and Hebo are going to be in bad condition this winter, but there is this consolation, everything possible is being done by the county to have the road hardsurfaced as soon as possible. The snap shot man is a little doubtful whether all the grading can be done to hardsurface it next year, that is if the road is changed to the other side of the river at the Conder place. However, the county is going to put the steam shovel to work cutting off points in the road and widening the road in some places.

Every industry the Democratic administration butted into during the war was a losing game. The little sum of over \$14,000,000 is charged up against the taxpayers for the government's operation of telephone and telegraph lines. Persons who had socialistic ideas and who preached that the government run this that and the other thing, have their eye teeth cut at the enormous burdens that have been placed upon the people of the United States since the Democratic administration made a colossal failure of government controlled industries.

County unit for school taxation is being advocated by county school conventions. This is a question the snap shot man has often discussed in these columns, for we believe that all property should be equally taxed for

school purposes. We have at the same time advocated that each county become one unit in the management of the schools of a county. Both these systems should go together. We are fully aware that our present system of management of district schools will be hard to change, but we believe that the schools of a county under the management of one board and one superintendent, it would be better for all concerned.

A lot of silly sentimentalism paroling criminals and doing away with capital punishment is somewhat to blame for the crimes that are being committed, the horrible tragedy at the Clairmont Tavern being the result. There is one way to deal with criminals and murderers—keep them in the penitentiary or hang them. Public safety demands this, Ex-Governor West, the man who gave a lot of criminals their liberty under the parole system, and who fathered the law to do away with capital punishment, after reading what took place at the Clairmont Tavern the ex-governor ought to feel ashamed for advocating that measure, for those murderers cannot be hanged and should the State of Oregon be unfortunate in having another spectacular governor like Os West, these men will be paroled.

We are heartily in accord with the movement to erect a memorial building in the honor of the Tillamook boys who joined the army and navy and others who took active part in the war work. It should have the hearty support of the citizens of Tillamook County, not only because the boys dropped everything and responded to the nation's call for men, but because a memorial building in this county will stand for true Americanism, and will help to combat the efforts of the reds, radicals and anarchists who want to plunge the United States into a revolution. Until the world war started few people took any interest in the seeds of sedition that were being sown in the United States by aliens and pro-Germans, but now that the people are fully informed of the serious nature and what it is liable to result in, the American Legion is an organization that has waged war against blood thirsty murderers, socialists and anarchists.

The big auto truck, from all appearance, has the right of way on the public highways, for the smaller truck owners know full well what will happen if the big auto truck bumps into them. It is about the same with the big touring car, the smaller cars and the flivvers don't care about taking chances about hitting the big fellow. Since, however, the public highways, and more especially where they are hardsurfaced have been made race tracks, the rights, feelings and safety of pedestrians don't amount to a damn any longer, for they are crowded off the highways by the big truck as well as the small truck, the big touring cars and little touring cars, the roadsters, the sedans, the tin lizzies, the motorcycles and the big bugs and the numerous little bugs. With these conditions confronting pedestrians they are taking a whole lot of chances when they start out on a walk for recreation or otherwise. It is about time, when the county or state puts down a piece of hardsurfaced road to build a hard surfaced sidewalk at the same time.

An emergency exists today in regard to crime in Oregon, and in fact, most parts of the United States, and the way to handle it right, is to pass laws that will not only put a stop to it to a large extent but to curtail crime in the future, for invariably it is young men who are launching out into careers of crime. This is our remedy to cope with the serious situation: Re-enact the law to hang murderers; flog and imprison yeggmen, hold ups, burglars, and auto thieves; and do away with the parole system. It may be argued that flogging a man with the cat-o-nine tails is barbarous, revolting and a system of the past ages, but we will gamble if the people of Oregon, or the State Legislature, would make these three things laws, the horrible crimes, hold ups and auto stealing would be few and far between. Some years ago, in the city of London, hold ups became so numerous and people were shot down in cold blood, that some extreme measure had to be resorted to to stop it. A flogging law was passed, and after a few hold up men had been flogged and accounts given in the newspapers, it had the desired effect. That is what should be done in Oregon, for when one has to deal with blood thirsty criminals, those who use a lot of silly sentimentalism are only helping prolong the reign of crime and murder. The deplorable crime at the Clairmont Tavern would not have happened had Oregon been alive to the serious situation and had laws to cope with this dangerous class.

There appears to be some opposition as well as misunderstanding, about buying the Hays tract and the building of a gymnasium, because the district school meeting and the election to bond the district takes place the same day. For the information of the people of the school district, it is two separate matters that are to be decided that day. The snap shot man is willing to admit that a gymnasium is needed for the public schools of

this city, but we are inclined to think should the district vote to bond for that purpose, it would be economy to defer the building until the cost of labor and material can be obtained at a more reasonable figure than today. By the time that a gymnasium is erected the school would be over for the school year. With the condition of not building the gymnasium until next summer, we believe more persons would support the bond measure than if the building was to be erected now, with the high cost of material. As to buying the Hays tract, we do not see the need of doing so, other than to plunge the district into further indebtedness. Anyway, there appears to be a good deal of whispering going on about someone wanting to get hold of the district property on Second Avenue East, and the proposed purchase of the Hays tracts, as well as paying the \$2,000.00 to obtain a clear title to the land, is all in the scheme to bring that about. The best thing that the district can do is hang onto its present property and vote down the schemes of speculators. Taxes in this city are getting higher and more burdensome, and it behooves everybody to see to it that taxes are not made so burdensome to keep people and industries from locating here. We think we are just as progressive as anyone in the city, but what with the city's bonded indebtedness, as well as the school district bonded indebtedness, it is just as well not to overdo the bonded indebtedness, like other small cities are groaning under.

The I. W. W. organizer, who evidently sold cards to the I. W. W.'s who were rounded up in Tillamook county, was arrested in Portland, and one peculiar feature was the finding of a copy of the indictment of James O'Neil upon him. As will be seen in our last issue, James O'Neil pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1000.00. He was paroled on agreeing to pay \$200, and on promise of good behavior in the future. It will be noticed that the name of the organizer is Von Wingarden, who, no doubt, is a German, which is proof that aliens and pro-Germans are responsible for the efforts to bring about a revolution in the United States, and it is about time that a vigorous effort was made to deport or imprison the leaders of the I. W. W. movement. There is general complaint amongst prosecuting attorneys and sheriffs that the government officials are decidedly lax in deporting anarchists and pro-Germans. Referring to this matter on Monday, the Oregonian said: "The anti-syndicalism laws of Oregon and Washington cover all prevailing forms of revolutionary activity, but when the authorities of these states catch a foreign red and hand him over to the immigration officials with a view to deportation, he no sooner reaches New York than in four cases out of five he is turned loose. If ordered to be deported, he may appeal, give bail and disappear, no effort being made to recapture him. Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington, says that of fifty men sent from Seattle, only ten were deported. He proposed that power to order deportation be transferred to the department of justice; that a permanent passport law be applied to all immigrants; that a strictly selective system of immigration be adopted; and that no treaty should extend the right of free speech, free press, assembly or of bearing arms to aliens."

W. R. C. Club.

The Relief Corps Club met with Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Smith at the home of the former, on Tuesday afternoon, November 25th, with the following members present: Mesdames, Coburn, Foster, Doty, Reynolds, Davidson, Spear, Travis, Billings, Noyes, Berry, Page, Stanley, and Smith.

After a pleasant afternoon spent with needlework the hostess served a delicious luncheon.

The club will not meet in December. Next regular meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Clarence Stanley, with Mrs. Foster as assistant hostess.

Beautiful Paramount Star to be Seen Here in "Three Men and a Girl."

Marguerite Clark will be seen at the Gem Theatre next Wednesday in her latest photoplay, "Three Men and a Girl," a picturization of Edward C. Carpenter's play of "The Three Bears," which scored a decisive hit in New York in October 1917. In this charming picture Miss Clark appears as Sylvia Weston, a young woman who rebels against her proposed wedding with a rich old man whom she hated, and who later comes in contact with three bear-like men who hate womankind. She subsequently brings them to her feet by the magic of her personality and charm. The photoplay is one of exceptional interest and it affords Miss Clark another delightful role.

Dr. Talcott Williams has written an article for the Independent in which he says he is sure the only reason Japan wants Shantung ceded to her is so she can give the province back to China. The Doctor's only rival as a firm believer is the Minnesota woman who bought a membership in the league of nations from a solicitor for seven dollars.

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