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WEED HARVEST TIME

Again the season of year has rolled around when weed cutters should be busy. Weeds are not only unsightly, destroying the beauty of yards and streets, they are unhealthy. There is yet another argument in favor of the summer weed harvest. They will soon be seeding and if they are not cut down in middle age, the wind will spread their seed in every direction and next year their number will be multiplied.

Weeds need not be coaxed to grow. Did you ever notice they will even thrive in the cracks of a cement walk.

We can get along nicely without weeds. Every incorporated town, from hamlet to city, has long since recognized the evil of weeds and has legislated against them. They are the enemy of health and beauty and the law has made them outcasts.

In many towns, if residents neglect to cut their weeds, municipal officials cut them and charge the expense to property owners.

The state highway department, realizing the seriousness of the weed menace as well as their unsightly appearance along highways, has the weeds along the road mowed frequently. This is a valuable service to the state.

Weed harvest should extend from town to farm—the country over. No one denies that weeds are injurious. Nothing detracts from beauty of town and country more than weeds.

ODD, ISN'T IT?

The moon is now credited with interfering with radio reception.

In central Alaska wells freeze in the summer and not in the winter.

Queen bees, without even having mated with males, can lay eggs which will hatch drones.

Abyssinia (Ethiopia to the State Department) counts its history back to 4478 B. C., with time out for the deluge.

Killing a cow is a penitentiary offense in Srinagar, Kashmir.

Some folks borrow trouble just for the purpose of lending it to others.

Everybody's in favor of the "Eat More Lamb" drive except the lambs.

"Ma" vowed she would stand by "What-a-man" Hudson whatever betide. What a Ma!—Oregonian.

WHAT RAILROADS REPRESENT

No other industry has wider distribution of ownership than the railroads.

One-fourth to one-third of the reserve funds of life insurance companies and about 15 per cent of deposits in savings banks are invested in railroad securities. There are about two million individual owners of railroad bonds and stocks. Endowed schools, colleges and hospitals are commonly dependent for part of their income on funds invested in the railroads.

There are hundreds of thousands of railroad employees, and hundreds of thousands more who are directly employed by the railroad through the industry's vast purchase of material of all kinds.

Are railroad problems "the people's problems?"

Day laborer, investor of savings or bank president—every problem is our problem.

CAN WE MAKE AN END OF WAR?

Many methods are needed if we are to make an end of so tough an old monster as the war system. Of these, the reduction of armaments to police status is one of the most important, for as long as nations pile up the instruments of war, the temptation to use them is strong. War is fed by competition in arms, as we saw in 1914. Yet nations go blindly on increasing armaments, and so increasing the danger of war.

Today, as President Hoover pointed out in his speech to the International Chamber of Commerce, annual expenditures for past and possible future wars are nearly five billion dollars a year or 70 per cent more than in 1913. And no nation seems willing to be the first to reduce.

If we are to stem this menacing drift toward more wars we must act soon. Fortunately, an opportunity to do this will come in February of next year. Then the nations of the world are to meet in a general Disarmament Conference at Geneva in an effort to jointly limit and reduce armaments, the cost of which is eating up our taxes and preventing the return of prosperity besides being an incentive to war.

The lives of our children depend upon what takes place at that Conference. The real decisions will be made, not by statesman or technicians, but by you and me. Unless we inform ourselves, think these issues through, and then let our Government know what we want done, we shall be responsible for any failure of the Conference.

THE REAL ISSUES

Public officials who are now seeking to find which way the political wind blows have been interested in a questionnaire sent to 5,000 people by the National Economic league, asking them to list the leading political and economic problems now facing the country in the order of importance.

Prohibition came first, followed by administration of justice, lawlessness, unemployment, crime, world court and taxation. This would seem to indicate that the legislative problem, in one phase or another, principally engages the public attention, with the business problem and the tax situation as runner-up.

Of particular interest is the fact that the power issue—now being boomed in many states—was an also-ran. It came fortieth, far behind child welfare, reduction of armaments, socialism, international relations, conservation of national resources and similar issues which usually receive much less attention. Apparently that part of the public which takes genuine interest in government has not been swayed by the war against utilities.

All in all, the survey is encouraging. Prohibition, crime, the world court and taxation are, no matter what side one may take, real issues, of great significance. On their solution depends to a large degree, the future of this nation. It might be well for the office-seekers to take a hint, and go into their campaigns with definite programs for disposing of issues nearest the heart of the thinking public.

YOU, YOU, YOU

One curious characteristic of our modern songs—it is almost a habit—is the constant recurrence of "you" in the wording. It is a kind of direct address fashion, a personal appeal rage, in our present singing style. Hardly do our crooners and whisperers and whiners lift up, or depress their voices any more about things or about persons. It is always "to" someone. The ballad style of "After the Ball is Over;" the lyric outburst of "The Good Old Summer Time;" the touching philosophic of "I'm Forever Chasing Rainbows;" the humorous descriptive of "Yes, We Have No Bananas"—all are modes of the past. Now the valets of song address their words to some person supposedly in their presence—"you, you, you."

Possibly singing into the microphone is responsible. Anyway, the "mike" doesn't have to worry about the chanter's halitosis or B. O. in this slightly indelicate vogue of personal application harmony.

Come on, song writers, and give us something a married man can hum without creating suspicion around home.

There are a few old-fashioned girls left around town. We mean the kind who go to bed the same day they get up.

As a rule, a college education will not hamper you in getting a job provided you keep still about it.

In two months after he had run over a girl a motorist married her. If this sort of thing was made compulsory there would be fewer reckless drivers.

Under the new tariff about the only thing you can take into Canada is thirst.

Square cups and saucers are the latest but how can a fellow get any enjoyment out of drinking his coffee from a square saucer?

No matter how good a garage mechanic may be, few of them can stop all of the squeaks that come from the back seat.

Voice of the Press

RENO GETS BAD NEWS

A Reno divorce, obtained by temporary and obviously insincere residence in Nevada, will not be recognized in California, according to a ruling of the supreme court of that state. And the course taken by California may be adopted by other commonwealths. There must have been long faces in Reno when this quite disconcerting news was told.

If the California decision means the beginning of the end for Reno as a divorce market and tinhorn gamblers paradise, both Reno and Nevada should consider that the racket was too brazen to last. It will be time to go to work. After all, the court has no more than declared that divorces which were morally fraudulent are legally invalid as well.—Oregonian.

BUSY MAN'S CREED

It's an undisputed fact that the man who does not believe in himself can't expect anyone else to believe in him. Elbert Hubbard had this idea in mind when he wrote in "The Busy Man's Creed:"

"I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself."

The same measuring stick may be applied to communities. If they are alive and awake and have confidence in the future, they are sure to prosper and grow bigger and better.

When the inhabitants lose confidence, when they become suspicious of each other and form the habit of destructive criticism, they are damaging their own interests.

The future of every individual is bound up in the future of the place where he lives. We are bettering ourselves when we have faith in our home and show it by our works.

The wise course is to believe in the

RETURNS TO MEMBERS

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	Monthly Price	Cash Dividend	Stock Dividend	Total
Dec. 1930	.28	.02	.02	.32
Jan. 1931	.22	.02	.02	.26
Feb. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
Mch. 1931	.26	.02	.02	.30
April 1931	.21	.02	.02	.25
May 1931	.20	.02	.02	.24
June 1931	.20	.02	.02	.24

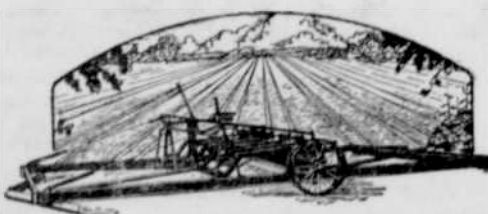
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