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### WHAT IOWA TOWN DID.

THERE is a live commercial club in a small town in Iowa, which offered to duplicate every day's work done by the farmers of the township on the highways leading into the community. The county paid for the road material and, for every farmer who spent a day on the roads, another man from the town went out to work an equal number of hours. The result was a notable improvement in the highways of the township and a better feeling existed between city and country, and every town and city in the United States can do as much as this Iowa village has done with equal results.

Farmers alone do not profit by good roads. Well-built highways are of importance to the autoists from the towns and cities, still more important to the merchants, and of even greater value to the ultimate consumers who need the products of the farm to sustain city life. If farmers can haul foodstuffs to town cheaper over good roads, good roads should mean cheaper foodstuffs to townspeople and city residents. Merchants seek the trade of people from miles around, but the only way they can command it is to have good highways leading from the country to their stores.

From the towns, then, should go the workers of good roads as well as from the farms. The advantage of such co-operation between this community and country people of the vicinity is easily evident. Is this community alive to its opportunity? Good roads mean money in everyone's pockets; they are worth the extra effort. They are worth pledging a day for every day put in by the country people upon roads.

This is not a time for congress or for any citizen to quibble over the minor matters, or to question the motives or wisdom of the president's policy regarding Mexico. The honor and integrity of the nation has been assailed—its uniformed sailors have been subjected to indignities by a foreign country—the gravest insult that may be offered, since were it not resented to the utmost an American citizen would no longer be assured of protection in another country. The affront to the flag and the uniform of its defenders is an affront to every loyal citizen of the republic, who, now that the crisis has come, might do no better than to affirm the gallant Decatur's famous toast: "My country, may she always be right, but right or wrong, my country!"

Before Salem ever reaches the fulness of her power and splendor she must have factories. The big payroll is what makes cities and supports them. It has been pointed out that the Willamette valley is the natural home of the flax, and that the very best fibre is grown here. That has been demonstrated. Sooner or later Salem will be a great flax center, the Belfast of America, and the slower we are in recognizing this, the longer it will be before Salem develops into the great city it is certain to become. Think and talk flax awhile and get yourself as well as your neighbors interested in it. We will be called upon sometime to take hold and help get the industry started, and we might as well begin now.

Nebraska farmers would cut the size of the legislature to fit the state's financial condition. An exchange remarks that no one has yet been found radical enough to propose that a legislature be paid only what it is worth. He surely could not be hitting at Oregon for here we pay the lawmakers almost as much as the average laborer gets.

A Colorado court has ruled that a marriage contract between a boy of 14 and a girl of 11 is legal. This may be true in Colorado, and, anyway, it is no more freakish than the general run of Colorado court opinions, which are seemingly made to avoid all the rules and dictates of common sense.

General Coxe is to march his army on Washington and demand that the government loan money to individuals at 2 per cent. This is good so far as it goes, but the general should also have a proviso that in making such loans the government be also precluded from asking any kind of security.

As a hunch to the army of the unemployed we would suggest that they go to Mexico and then come back across the border as

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Mexican refugees. Uncle Sam runs a fairly good boarding house near the border, at least none of the boarders are either complaining or leaving his table.

It is estimated that the people of the United States will spend \$600,000 for automobiles this year, or at the rate of \$2,000,000 for each working day. At the same time the old cry about the high cost of living still goes up to the skies day and night.

When Coxe gets to Washington with his army Uncle Sam should draft the whole bunch for service in Mexico. Being absolutely worthless for any other purpose, it may be they would be a success at stopping Mexican bullets.

Colonel Goethals, who built the Panama canal, says toll exemption would be a great mis-take. This is pretty good authority, for Goethals is not in politics, knows what he is talking about, and makes no grand stand plays.

It turns out that the what-you-may-call-it, shot by Colonel Roosevelt, was not a curculio nor a curculio, but a spalococcus poeppigi. We are pleased indeed to make the correction and get the colonel on record correctly.

King George's second son has had his allowance raised from \$5000 a year to \$15,000. This might be sufficient for a princelet, but it would not be a week's stipend for the sons of some of the American "kings of finance."

Thaw has won his fight for a writ of habeas corpus, but the lawyers on both sides will see that he does not get away.

### THE ROUND UP.

Mrs. Kaitina Gimre and her two daughters, Victoria aged 8 and Ellen aged 6 were drowned at Astoria Sunday morning and Sven A. Gimre, the husband and father had his wrist broken when the auto in which they were speeding skidded on the railroad tracks jumped the wharf and turning turtle pinned the three under it in six feet of water. Gimre was rescued by Fireman Setten who also did efficient work in recovering the bodies.

It is claimed that 50,000 attended church in Portland Sunday that hardly knew the way there. They will soon forget it again.

Bandon is having a gold mining excitement of the black-sand variety. There is quite a rush of miners to that section.

A new oyster bed has been discovered on the reefs lying a mile off Yaquina Bay. The oysters are larger than those found in the bay and resemble the Japanese variety.

Woodlawn Grange No. 350 Patrons of Husbandry has passed a resolution and forwarded it to the County Court of Multnomah, strongly objecting to the appointment of a so-called "Farm Expert". They allege that it would not be for the best interests of the county.

A severe hail storm swept over Union Sunday. It is thought little or no damage was done by it.

Assistant secretary of the navy Franklin D. Roosevelt is almost as good an advertiser as Teddy himself. At Portland while waiting for the Shasta Limited, on which he was a passenger, to pull out, he walked bareheaded up and down the platform for half an hour so the public could see one really great man.

Eugene is to have a grand spelling bee with 1,000 contestants. It will be between Lane county pupils and will be held May 16.

The Oregon Civic League would take away the power of hiring teachers from the school directors and give it to the county school superintendent. A

## Paint Up

As I've often said before, you should toddle to the store, if your standoff's not too faint, and invest in yellow paint; then embellish house and barn, till the neighbors say, "By darn! What a lovely, gorgeous hue! We must get to painting, too!" That's the way great movements start; some wise gent with hero heart sets the pace, and then the guys follow where his pathway lies. If with glad and joyous whoop you should paint your chicken coop, red or yellow, pink or gray, you will see the neighbor lay to the nearest drugstore rush, there to buy some paint, a brush; and next day you'll see that chump putting green stripes on his pump, and he'll give a coat of blue to the fence and clothe-line, too! In the spring Dame Nature tries to astonish human eyes, spreading on the colors thick; everything is span and speck; fields of green and skies of blue, everywhere a pleasing hue. And her sunlight often falls on our gray and dingy walls, and it makes her sick and faint, that we don't indulge in paint. Buy a gallon can right now! Paint the sidewalk and the cow, paint the house and paint the shed, paint things yellow, paint them red!

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bad, and fully advised move. A. H. Granger, a traveling salesman was held up beaten and robbed by thugs at Maupers Sunday got \$20 and a gold watch. Washington county has on its good roads program for 1914, among other items, 15 miles of macadam, in various sections. Sheridan is to be a town of dogless streets, unless owners prefer paying license to keeping dogs chained. The inducement is \$2.50 to \$5, according

## Monroe Doctrine Gives Small South and Central American Republics Chance to Live

By CHAMP CLARK

GLORY in our political influence outside of our own borders. When the United States became a republic there was one other, the Swiss republic. Now there are twenty-six republics, and in the large sense we made them all by the wholesomeness of our example, by teaching the world that men could govern themselves.

NOT ONE OF THE CENTRAL OR SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS COULD HAVE LIVED SIX MONTHS IF WE HAD NOT GIVEN THEM THE CHANCE TO LIVE—IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE MONROE DOCTRINE. EVERY LITTLE WHILE SOME ONE POPS UP AND SAYS THE MONROE DOCTRINE IS DEAD. PRESIDENT CLEVELAND MADE HIMSELF A HISTORIC CHARACTER BY HIS VENEZUELAN MESSAGE. I STAND ON ONE SENTENCE IN THAT MESSAGE, "WE ARE SOVEREIGN ON THIS CONTINENT."

What was the Monroe doctrine? It was the declaration that we proposed that no foreign nation should colonize on this continent. When any country of Europe has felt inclined to lay hands on any of the South or Central American republics THEY HAVE TAKEN A GOOD, LONG LOOK AT US AND DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD RATHER LET THEM GO THAN TO TAKE A LICKING FROM US.

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to dog's sex. During the evenings of the Rodeo period, July 3, 4 and 5, Main street, in Klamath Falls, from Second to Seventh, will be closed to traffic and will be converted into an open air dance hall. Woodburn is famed for its stock shows, and the Independent advises that the next one he held much later in the season than formerly and that particular attention be given to cattle and hogs. The city council of Joseph has passed an ordinance prohibiting the playing of ball on the streets, and the Herald in assisting in the enforcement of the ordinance, says: "Surely, there is plenty of room in this great big world of sin and sorrow to play ball without having to play on the streets."

## MAYOR FACES RECALL

STIRRED UP FEELING AGAINST HIM IN SHROT RULE. STRENUOUS EXECUTIVE HAS

Long Beach, Cal., April 21.—After being in office three months into which short time he has crowded more excitement than any previous chief executive ever stirred up during a whole administration, Louis Napoleon Wheaton, this city's strenuous mayor, faces today a probable recall movement. His opponents showed their strength yesterday by smashing defeating the councilman and free holder candidates he favored. While the votes were being counted, the mayor and his police commission were holding a midnight session, at which Chief of Police Austin and Captain of Detectives Robert O'Rourke were suspended for 30 days, pending investigation of Wheaton's charges that they allowed blind pigs and gambling games to operate. Wheaton's attitude toward police heads and toward the city librarian, Miss Ellis, who recently resigned has stirred up feeling against him.

## INTEREST ON STATE FUNDS.

(Sydney (O.) Democrat.) Four millions of dollars interest on public monies received annually in the state of Ohio. This eclipses the record of all the other states in the Union.

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with respect to the earning capacity of public monies. Several years ago a plan was started to ascertain to what extent the public finances of the commonwealth were misused. The disclosures shocked the state and defeated the republican party. No bona fide effort was made to place the state treasury balance on a satisfactory earning basis until a Democratic administration was inaugurated in Columbus under the lead of Governor Harmon and State Treasurer Creamer when the state balance was deposited on the competitive bidding plan. During the past five years a total of \$976,000 of interest has been turned into the state treasury. And all of this would have gone to swell the profits of favorite banks and private individuals, but for the change. Out of the movement thus inaugurated in Columbus there has grown a movement of reform in this direction in all the counties. The last report of Treasurer Brennan that \$4,000,000 of interest is earned annually in the state on deposits of public money shows how strongly the reform has taken root.

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