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THE WAR AND IMMIGRATION.

It is not surprising that the war in Europe should have caused a great decrease in immigration to the United States. The figures from the port of New York are significant. During the month of September only 22,000 aliens entered that port as compared with 108,000 for the month of September, 1913. Even before the war there had been a gradual decline in the figures. After the struggle in Europe ends immigration to this country is likely to be comparatively small. At all events we are not likely to have the flood of newcomers that marked the last decade. The various nations of the Old World will be kept busy trying to bind the wounds and heal the effects of the war. Men—and women, too—will be needed to till the soil, and the supply will scarcely equal the demand.

Thus political economists and statisticians will have a new subject upon which to exercise their wits. What will be the effect of the war upon the United States so far as immigration is concerned? At first blush one is tempted to say that it will be good. Many persons who are perfectly friendly to desirable immigrants do not hesitate to say that they have been coming into this country too rapidly to be properly assimilated. In New York and in many other large cities the schools are kept busy teaching them the English language. Hence a respite, for a few years at least, may give us the opportunity of catching up with the needs of these new Americans.

SEIZING OPPORTUNITY.

A current magazine story tells a suggestive story of Chas. T. Yerkes. When he was only 13 years old he had by hard work and frugality got \$5 in a savings bank. One day he found a store where an auction of soap was going on. He knew it as the same soap his mother used, and bought it to the limit of his money.

Then he showed the auctioneer his bank book and asked him to hold the soap until he could draw the money. On his way to the bank he stopped in a grocery and made a deal in which he doubled his money. He did not have to draw out his \$5, but added that much more to it; and this money formed the foundation of the vast fortune he afterwards amassed.

The ordinary boy, who becomes but an ordinary man, would have been slow to risk that hard-earned \$5; but would have watched others buy, holding fast all the while to his precious nest-egg.

Truly, if we would see the color of our future, we must look for it in our present. If we would gaze on the star of our destiny, we must look for it in our own hearts.

The Messenger says "this is a time when party ties appear to be held in not very high regard," and proves its assertion by coming out for William Hanley for United States senator. It also says it will continue to be democratic. Bill Hanley had almost, if not quite, a national reputation as a builder of fences in the good old days of open ranges, and it is said at times came near being entangled in the meshes of the law because of the allegation of his neighbors that his proficiency in branding mavericks was depleting their herds. Having turned his attention to statesmanship, he shows the same inclination to run his fences across the ranges of other political parties, and sticks his brand, resembling in size and shape a double eagle, on all the loose mavericks who are wandering around hungry and homeless on the political ranges. Bill will probably be a "rustler" as long as he lives.

That English capitalist who is trying to force Harvard to discharge one of its professors by threatening to cut it out of his will and refusing to leave it some ten million dollars, reminds one of the corporations trying to force their employes to vote as they direct or lose their jobs. The main difference is that the employes actually had the jobs but Harvard has not the money. Besides, if Harvard was to yield to the peppery old gentleman's commands in this case, would it not put him in the position of dictator to the institution so long as he lived? The threat of disinheritance would still hang over it.

There is a movement in many counties of the state to send business men to the legislature, regardless of their party affiliations. Since there is no longer a United States senator to be elected by that body, the legislature has lost all the political significance that was formerly attached to it. It is now simply a law-making body, having also the appropriation of the money raised by taxation, and by its expenditures the tax rate, whether high or low, is governed. This fact makes it imperative that the legislature should be made up of clear-headed business men if the state's affairs are to be conducted on a conservative, economical system, and the voters have it in their power to see that such men are elected to represent their interests. In Marion county one man of the right type is J. R. Linn, candidate for state senator, a successful, self-made business man who has the respect and confidence of the people in a wide circle of acquaintances acquired during a long residence and through large business operations. His good judgment is undoubted and his integrity unquestioned even by those who differ with him on matters of public policy. As a member of the state parole board he has had valuable experience which has familiarized him with the state institutions and would be of great value to any legislator. As such an official he has assisted in making the Oregon system in this respect one which states all over the country are copying as worthy of their emulation. Furthermore, Marion county, as the seat of the state capital, ought to send big, progressive men to represent its people in the senate, and Jim Linn is one of that type—a man who would take high rank among the members of the upper house and have an active and influential part in the shaping of legislation for the good of the state, using care and discretion in the appropriation of the money of the taxpayers.

The Oregonian says there will be a republican president in the White House in 1917, and that therefore a republican senator should be elected so as to be in harmony with the administration. The Oregonian may be mistaken about the politics of the president at the time named; but if its argument is correct and right, then the state should send democrats back to congress to be in harmony with the administration, for it is undoubtedly true that there will be a democratic president in the White House until 1917, or during the full term for which the congressmen elected this year will serve. Brothers Hawley and Sinnot might object to the logical conclusion to be drawn from the Oregonian's argument.

Having called attention to the unfairness and insincerity of the Portland Evening Telegram, the Capital Journal is in turn attacked by that paper in a vituperative screed which contains neither wit nor reason. It is a source of gratification, however, to know that we have earned the displeasure of the sewer through which the Oregonian has so long discharged the filth it did not dare to carry in its own columns, and feel that we need no further recommendation of our right to be regarded as worthy of the favor of the best elements of the community.

If you are interested in city politics, do not fail to attend the primaries, as it is there probably many of the officials will be selected. As the Capital Journal pointed out yesterday for the benefit of the voters, if any candidate gets a majority of all votes cast for any office, he is elected and does not come before the voters again at the regular election. So if you have any choice for mayor and most of the councilmen, go to the primaries, as all these will probably be selected at that time.

The statement that "politics makes strange bedfellows" was never more thoroughly exemplified than in the present election. It is not necessary to point out just who are in bed together, but even a brief study of the sleepers will make almost anyone who has a particle of humor smile at the combinations.

According to the dispatches from all points in the war zone, each and every one of the contestants has annihilated the other fellows. One Austrian army that we have been keeping track of since its first annihilation, has been re-annihilated fourteen times in nineteen days, and is still as lively as a lizard in a hot skillet.

Belgium has more at stake in the war than any of the other nations. If Germany wins, she is lost as a country, for as a government she will be a "has been." If, however, the allies win, she will occupy a position so high that all of us will have to look up to her.

The dispatches say Colonel Roosevelt Monday began stumping the state of Pennsylvania for Gifford Pinchot, and will continue to stomp it until Thursday night. Pennsylvania is getting off easy. The colonel, when he stumps anything, generally keeps it stumped longer than that.

As the political campaign warmed up and the Portland newspapers broke out, Mt. Lassen suddenly went out of business. Probably thought it could not compete in the mud-slinging of the big papers that could erupt daily and in several editions.

That Illinois woman who is teaching the boys how to sew evidently sees far into the future and is preparing them against the time when the full results of the suffrage movement have been attained.

Some of the other names in the war zone are puzzling to Americans, but there are few if any of them but that can twist their tongue around the name of that place recently captured by the Germans. It is "Damme."

THE ROUND-UP

Medford's fire department is to have a light automobile for use in running to small fires.

Woodburn's council has accepted the new Carnegie library building and the work of moving from the old quarters will soon begin.

The Modern Travelers' club, of Albany, sold apple cookery on Apple Day, cleared \$25 and will devote the proceeds to the purchase of books for the city library.

Corvallis' postmaster is able to report, as the result of the recent count, that his office is handling almost double the number of letters and packages handled by city carriers at the same date in 1912, and more than double the weight of mail.

O. A. C. graduates and former students at Burns have organized an O. A. C. club. Bi-monthly meetings will be held. Officers are: President, J. C. Laedy; vice-president, Frances Clark; secretary, Mildred Wilson; treasurer, Neil Smith.

Discussing the movement to have a portion of Malheur county annexed to Baker, the Baker Herald says: "We assure Bridgeport, Ironside and Mormon Basin that they will be welcome new members to the Baker county family and that we sincerely hope they will soon be with us."

Tillamook Herald: Neilson & Lang, cattle buyers, lost six head of cattle, the same being carried off by the high tide last Sunday. They were pastured on the Wilson near the Whitney ranch. There were about 40 head in the water at one time. However, all were saved but six which were carried out in the deep water and were drowned.

Pendleton will entertain 215 teachers from the county and many educators from other points, when the annual institute meets there Thursday and Friday of this week.

Pendleton has an auto street car service with fares 5 cents. The service is said to be excellent.

Albany's high school is to have two bands. It has one, and the second is being organized.

The Condon Community league has obtained free quarters for a traveling library, which is now in use.

Medford's council is considering a municipal telephone proposition made by the Chamber of Commerce of Medford. The Sun considers the prospect of adoption favorable.

Preparatory extension of the manual training department of the Baker schools is to be effected by introducing mechanical drawing in the grades. The department has 150 students enrolled.

The Echo Enterprise has made its appearance, a four page, six column weekly, with W. R. Fletcher as editor and E. G. Harlan as manager. It is well edited, well printed and well patronized on the business side.

"The growing city of St. Paul may have its faults," says the Woodburn Independent, "but it cannot be said that it is dead nor is it sleeping by any means. It would pay many a larger town in Oregon to emulate St. Paul in ambition and energy."

Passage from report of recent meeting of the Astoria park commission, in Astoria Budget: "Steps were taken to acquire another 10 acres of ground on Coxcomb hill; plans laid for the establishing of a swimming pool adjacent to the city reservoir near the Chively park; suggestions offered for improving block 22 in Alderbrook that was recently donated by Mary M. Kelly of Washington, D. C."

Shoot the Brute

Oh, but the rat and slice the mice, and make this country clean and nice! From every house where people dwell, let's drive the rodents forth, pell-mell!



in very store and very shop, let's chase the pests and never stop, until the spangled banner waves above ten billion rodents' graves. The rats consume the farmer's oats, and gnaw the whiskers off his goats, and rob him yearly of a sum, which, figured up, would strike him dumb. The rats destroy the grocer's cheese, his early prunes and seedless pears, and do much damage in his store the sheriff comes to close his door. They spoil the housewife's cherished flour, and make her sunny temper sour and so she jaws around of course until her husband gets divorce. The rat's a nuisance without end and there is no one to defend the nation's better food and vice, the world's most hated animal. Let us with pitfall and with gin beset the path he wanders in. Let us go forth with bombs and guns, explore his alleys and his runs, and slay him as St. George of old laid out the dragon, fierce and bold. This world will be a better place when every tribe and every race of filthy things which crawl or fly, and up their legs or wings and die. So on their heads we've set a price; go, but the rats and slice the mice!

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