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GOD IN THE WAR.

It is lucky for the warring kings that God is omnipotent and omnipresent. That enables every army to claim Him on its side in battle.

Napoleon, the greatest of all soldiers, said that God was on the side of the heaviest battalions. And it does seem to work out that way.

The latest to enlist God in his cause is the Sultan, who gravely announces that "with the help of the Almighty," the Turkish army has invaded Egypt.

At the very outset of the war, the Kaiser made it clear to his own people that God was carrying the Prussian banners. "Forward with God" was his battle-cry.

At about the same time the president of France was assuring his army and his people that the Almighty was with their colors and their cause.

The British officials in their pronouncements also commended the Ruler of the universe into their ranks. The Czar has no less boldly proclaimed that God is in the saddle with the Cossacks.

Perhaps it is possible for some people to believe that killing Christians in Turkey and knighting Jews in Russia have in no way alienated the Jehovah's desire to see both Cossack and Turk rule the world. But it is infinitely more probable that none of these warring rulers has a monopoly of God as an ally.

This conflict of claims strikingly emphasizes the fact that the trinity of king, cannon and a partisan God has outlived its usefulness. If civilization is to go forward, if it is indeed better than savagery, the God we worship must be other and worthier than one of blood and devastation.

The parts attributed to the loving Father of us all, in this great war, must give fiendish delight to the devil.

AMERICA ACCUMULATING WEALTH.

Rain, sunshine, soil and labor during the present year have brought forth in the United States crops worth ten billions of dollars. Even a state of business depression does not prevent this country from piling up wealth.

Statistics of average prices show this year's wheat and corn crops are the most valuable ever grown.

Sir George Paish, the eminent British economist, speaks correctly when he says that North America is the only continent in the world that is accumulating wealth.

Financial stress has for a long time oppressed Mexico and all the countries of South America. War is devouring all the wealth which Europe is able to create and many more millions each day which must be borrowed. Japan, not yet recovered from her war with Russia, is again pouring out her frugal means in another war.

In sharp contrast with these, the United States is not only at peace, but is going ahead converting its natural advantages into new wealth.

We are today the only people on earth who have money to invest in securities other than those forced upon the public by war.

We are the only people who have new capital to pour into the channels of trade.

We are the only people who are adding more to their bank account, instead of draining the bank accumulations of the past.

Ordinarily Europe is the dominant investing section of the world. Today North America is the only important section that is earning more money than it spends.

There is every possibility and prospect that this country is entering upon a period of expansion unparalleled by any of the magnificent developments of the past, and that the advantage gained will permanently remain.

Word comes from Portland that the council will order the dogs freed of their muzzles. If when this is done the authorities would also take the guns off men, there would be fewer crimes and decidedly less murdering. The law against procuring pistols is drastic enough, but it does not prevent the criminal class procuring them and only disarms the law abiding. It looks like national prohibition would be the big issue soon; why not make it forbid the manufacture of pistols and small arms as well as liquors?

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Have you read the new charter? If you have not, read it, discuss it and understand it before you go to the polls to vote on it. If you find anything you think needs changing, make a note of it and tell it in the Capital Journal's "Open Forum." That is what that department is for—to give everyone a chance to express an opinion on any and all subjects of a public character. If you find any weak spots in it, point them out. If the charter is adopted, it is to be our new rule of action, and it is well to know what we are handing ourselves before we hand it.

Curious how things work around and end where they begin, isn't it? Americans just now are sending cotton to the hospitals of Europe so the wounded can be taken care of and cured, so they can go back on the firing line and get wounded again or wound someone else, so we can send more cotton to assist them in recovering, so they can go back on the firing line and be wounded or wound someone else, so we can send more cotton, so—this is as good a place to stop as perhaps any other.

The latest and newest move in the war zone is to load barges with coal oil and set them on fire on the waste of waters caused by the flooding of Belgium's lowlands. The idea is that the barges burning would pour their contents on the waters where they would spread a great sheet of flame on top of the flood. While it might cause the death of many it would give others a chance to get warm once more before they die. It would be a genuine combining of "fire and flood" mentioned so often in news stories.

The news from the seat of war has at last become very lucid. We can readily see that the allies are steadily gaining ground on the western front and that the Germans are advancing and pushing them back in the same territory. In the eastern field the Russians are gaining great victories and the Germans are also successful all along the line. If you don't believe this, just read the cablegrams for yourself.

Villa has evidently learned something from the European war. He has heard the German slogan: "On to Paris;" the Russian war cry, "On to Berlin;" the Austrian watchword, "On to Belgrade," and so has finally got "on to" something himself. It is "On to Mexico City" with him, and what is rather strange about it is that he is the only one liable to see the job he is "on to" succeed.

Burning the dead in the presence of the troops and at the same time permitting the knowledge to gain publicity that all prisoners are well fed and cared for, is not calculated to stir the martial spirit, but rather to increase the desire to surrender on the part of the poor devil who has starved and frozen for weeks.

Reading that having been elected senator from Utah by the people, it may well be doubted whether a Mormon woman, especially by having his aggregate wife give her name, looks very much as though she or they were a lobby.

More knocking the underpinning from the poet who wrote "The path of glory" had been required to fix his poem up to the path of glory led to the incinerator?

From the news from Mexico, Villa will soon be able to tell the country is ready to accept its president and his followers are fleeing, with, in many places, slightly in the lead.

The report of the release of 3,071 game birds was released in 1914. The cost expended by that department was \$92,000. The cost of stocking up on game birds is a piece.

The consensus of opinion at Court street is the place for the new bridge. The opinion of the engineers is that the bridge is the final decision.

"To him that hath will be given," the Steel corporation has received the United States from the warring nations of Europe.

The Mexican situation may be summarized in a few words: "Off again, on again."

OPEN FORUM

To Several Citizens,
Salem, Ore., Nov. 23, 1914. Editor Capital Journal: The letter of Several Citizens of November 21 last appears to me to be made up of four questions and some other matter, but I am asked to answer the four questions concerning the proposed new bridge at Salem. To them I would say, the questions also show that you have considered the matter carefully. Two public meetings have been held in reference to this matter and you have failed to be present and raise these questions, but preferred to consider these matters alone and now desire the same matter set forth in the newspapers. You say you are citizens, taxpayers and vitally interested in the bridge. If this is true, why do you conceal your names? As you have considered these questions and now believe yourselves fully advised concerning this matter, I will request you to answer these four questions in your own way. By doing this you will explain to us how you would raise the money to build the bridge and also how you would distribute the cost? If you will do this

THE ROUND-UP

Oregon City taxpayers this year will pay on a 34.7 mill levy. The total amount of Clackamas county tax for 1915 is \$572,990 as against \$610,000 this year.

The Florence City council has levied a 20 mill tax to meet the expenses of 1915.

Mrs. John Chapman, of La Grande, was seriously hurt last week when the horses she was driving ran away, throwing her buggy over a high embankment. Mrs. Jean Parker, who was riding with her, had her ankle fractured.

Lake county has just completed a road with a 4 per cent grade, over Summer Lake mountain. It is a link in the Pacific Highway and cost \$10,000.

Eugene was saved \$2000 on a carload of copper wire for its power plant. The European war cutting off foreign markets for copper, caused the big reduction in price.

Columbia county will receive more than \$12,000 from a special road tax levied in 1912. Several big logging companies resisted payment and carried a test case to the supreme court, which held the levy was legal, and they must pay.

Portland's city license collector says many saloons will not renew licenses and that by July 1, 1915, at least 50 will have quit, 20 of these probably dropping out at the first of the year.

Eastern Oregon will probably petition the legislature to place a bounty on jack rabbits.

The Coquille River Co-operation Company, near Bandon, packed this year 8000 cases of salmon. A considerable portion of the pack was chinooks, which came into the river this year for the first time. Their coming was due to the hatchery, which several years ago began hatching chinooks.

The Burnside bridge at Portland is taxed to capacity and still another bridge will probably have to be arranged for.

The Oregon Agricultural college reports the average yield of its flock of hens as 229 eggs the year. The record, 305 eggs, made by an O. A. C. hen last year, still stands.

Silver Lake will go dry January 1, 1915, instead of a year later. A. N. McCall, who runs the only saloon in the place, has notified the council he will not renew his license which expires with the year, and no one else has applied.

Delinquent taxes of Douglas county for the year 1913 amount to \$138,252.64. Of this amount \$98,763.29 is due from lands of the Oregon & California railroad and \$39,489.35 from the Southern Oregon company, neither of which will pay until the litigation over that lands is settled.

Mrs. Isabella Stillwell, a pioneer of Coos county, died at Marsfield last week of paralysis. She was born in 1831, crossed the plains with her parents in 1844, and married near Carlton, Yamhill county. She leaves seven children, 34 grand children, 44 great grand children and three great great grand children—88 in all.

Twenty sections of land carrying deposits of alum stone, potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate have been located in Malheur county. The mineral section, apparently, extends into Nevada.

Dead Days

The world went well when I was young; no gossip had an evil tongue, but people went from shack to shack, to praise a man behind his back. We had the reign of peace, then, of peace on earth, good will to men.



inspired, and noble birds sat up and lyrical; but not the books they're printing now, adapted to the lowest brow. What sort of music do we know? A rag-time strain by Jungle Joe. To dig in music that will last, you have to go around the past; to find a book that isn't rat, you look to Thackeray or Scott. There's nothing new of the world's worth that I can see, in all the books that I have read.

Perhaps the old world's not so broken, perhaps I'm weary of the game, perhaps I'm weary of the game, perhaps I'm weary of the game, perhaps I'm weary of the game.

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