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### SOME TRADE, AND SOME MONEY.

In spite of the lachrymomy of standpat papers the country continues to live, prosper and grow. The foreign trade is rolling up again as a snowball grows from being rolled when the snow is wet. The federal commerce department shows that during October we exported \$200,000,000 worth of goods. If that rate is maintained, and it gives promise of even far exceeding it, it will come within \$66,000,000 of equalling the banner year, 1913, and it will exceed any other year by \$200,000,000. The situation is indeed encouraging, and if the exports reach above the 1913 showing and to the figures anticipated, we will have a year's trade balance against the world of a billion dollars. Surely there is nothing gloomy in the outlook, with a billion dollars due us in the year as the balance of trade in our favor. Speaking of a billion dollars, it may safely be stated the mind cannot grasp it any more than it can infinity. The only difference between a million and a billion is the difference between the letters "b" and "m." Let us put a billion dollars in something tangible. One billion dollars in gold would weigh 1,600 tons. It would make a solid block of gold ten feet square and thirty feet long. If some of your ancestors, remote ones, had left you an income of a dollar a minute for every minute of the years, at the beginning of the Christian era, you would not have gotten your billion dollars until about the middle of July in the year 1902. Some money, isn't it?

### IF TOO FAT, SMILE.

"Don't worry because you're fat," says Marie Dressler, actress, whose weight, like her age, is beyond telling. "No matter how stout you are, heaven alone is to blame. You can't help yourself, so make the best of it. Whenever you think you are too stout, smile awhile; and while you smile, others smile, and soon there'll be miles and miles of smiles."

Miss Dressler says she has tried out 28 different plans to reduce her weight, and all were failures.

Why cannot people be content to remain fat and hearty? Fat people have advantages not to be despised. Over in Sweden a tax is levied on fat people in order that they may not enjoy superior blessings without some compensation to the less fortunate portion of the community.

It is strange how large a part of humanity are never satisfied with what they have, but must be eternally worrying and fretting and striving and starving to get something or other that somebody else is just as dissatisfied with.

Half the people in the world wish they had more fat—the other half wish they had less. Lots of people devote a lot of their time to stewing and fretting because they are not more fat or more lean.

It seems to be a universal quality of human nature to want for things we have not and to be something other than what we are.

The mule standing with its head over the fence, with ears drooping and mouth drooling for the grass in the next field, which is really not a whit better than that in his own field, is a good type of the host of human beings who are always pining for things which are different from what they have.

Now comes Dr. Louis R. Wolzmueller, physical director of the New York West Side Y. M. C. A., and says "over-indulgence in meat will keep more than one man out of heaven." He says eating meat "makes men irritable, high-strung and quarrelsome." This being the case, how does the learned doctor explain why Americans who are the greatest meat eaters in the world are at peace with that world, while those nations that only see meat once a month are butchering each other instead of the other not edible animals?

Of the 131 vessels recently placed under American registry during the month of October, more than 100 were built in American ship yards. This indicates there is something more than cost of construction that has driven the American merchantman off the seas.

Next Monday the European war will have been going on exactly four months, as August first is the date when Germany declared war on Russia. In that time the German loss alone is estimated at 1,250,000 killed, wounded and missing, with 500,000 on the sick list. The loss of the allies is, no doubt, as great. This would make the total losses in killed, wounded and missing in four months 2,500,000, and the total sick 1,000,000. The actual cost of the war is variously estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a day. At the lower estimate, the cost to date, not counting the destruction of property and the loss occasioned by the destruction of commerce, would be \$3,050,000,000, and at the higher estimate just double that sum. The loss of commerce, the destruction of property and the set-back civilization has received are beyond all computation or expression in mere figures. At the lower figures and rating, the interest that will have to be paid on the debt being created, at four per cent, the nations are creating an interest debt of \$1,000,000 a year every day the war continues.

The extent of the country and different wants of its widely separated sections is aptly illustrated by the long-eared rabbit. Here in Oregon farmers are demanding the legislature give a bounty for the destruction of rabbits, for they are a costly pest. In New Jersey, however, they are seen from an entirely different viewpoint. There it is an offense to kill a rabbit out of season, the punishment for which is \$100 fine or ninety days in jail. If New Jersey really wants rabbits as badly as her laws indicate she does, there seems to be good grounds for a trade agreement with this state. As a starter, it may be stated she can have all the jackrabbits she can kill in this state, and the closed season will be kept open the year round for her nimrods hungry for the velvet-footed wind-splitters of the eastern Oregon sage flats and bunch-grass hills.

In the first three months after the war started this country was given contracts for more than \$300,000,000 worth of foodstuffs, war materials, horses and other things. Daily this long list is being added to until practically every industry feels the effects of the increased business. With the end of the war probably yet a long way off, it means that this country will be kept working overtime to supply the demands caused by the war. Prosperity built on other folks' misfortunes is perhaps not the most desirable kind, but as it is prosperity, the country will accept it for what it is worth without scanning too closely the causes of it. Then, too, if we did not do this work and furnish these things for the war-stricken, they would have to go without, as we are the only people that can deliver the goods.

It is now up to the Mexicans to show whether they can keep the lives of foreigners in their country secure. If they can, there will be no excuse for again interfering in their affairs. If they cannot, it may mean that at last the United States will have to take some steps to compel this Vera Cruz is now in the hands of the Carranzistas, but it looks as though Villa will soon place the president elected by the convention in full charge of the capital, and soon after that of the entire country. Villa has issued orders that any soldier caught pillaging or doing any unsoldierly acts will be court-martialed and shot.

Beginning Saturday next, the Daily Capital Journal will give its readers a new serial story of especial interest, "The Secret of the Lonesome Cove," by Samuel Hopkins Adams. It is a detective story out of the ordinary, and, while full of thrills to hold the reader's attention, it also possesses literary merit. A full page installment will be printed each Saturday, and it will be completed in about seven weeks, so that the opening chapters should not be missed.

From London comes the report that airships have really accomplished something outside of scouting work. The story is that three British aeroplanes flew 120 miles over German soil and dropped bombs on the Zeppelin factory at Frederichshafen, which did extremely heavy damage to it. Two of the three aviators got back safely, but one was winged and captured.

Four months ago yesterday Austria sent her ultimatum to Serbia demanding reparation for the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his morganatic wife. She did not get it, but started something she would no doubt give much if she had left undone or could undo.

Evidently the administration is not superstitious or it would not have selected the date, November 23, for the evacuating of Vera Cruz. However, it may prove an unfortunate date for the Mexican faction taking possession.

### Appreciation

"Oh, these pancakes are sublime," brightly cries Josiah Fiddle; "mother in the olden time, thought she could wield a griddle; she was always getting praise, and deserved it, I maintain; but she, in her pishy days, couldn't touch 'em, Sarah. Just Oh, the king upon his throne for such fodder surely; when you are in a class alone when it comes to griddle cakes." Then upon his shining dome he adjusts his lid and goes, and his wife remains at home, making pies and things like those,



She is stewing luscious prunes, in her eye a happy tear, and her heart is singing tunes such as angels like to hear. O'er and o'er she still repeats all the kindly words he said, as she fixes further trouts, pumpkin pie and ginger bread. When the evening's growing gray, following the set of sun, "This has been a perfect day," murmurs she, her labors done. Perfect nearly all the days of our loved ones well might be, if with words of honest praise we were generous and free.

WHY MEN SWEAR.  
Georgia Wood Pangborn, writing a story in the December Woman's Home Companion, says of one of her characters: "He's a man, and can't cry, so he has to say 'Damn!'"  
There is hardly anything less interesting to a girl than being kissed by another girl.

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### THE ROUND-UP

Edward Kirkpatrick, a prominent and rich rancher of Umatilla county, was shot by an Indian in the home of J. W. Hadd, his brother-in-law, who lives in the Umatilla reservation. The bullet entered his leg. He will recover.

Gallatin county this year produced 1,500,000 bushels of wheat, and about 85 per cent of this has been sold, leaving about 225,000 bushels in growers' hands. Growers are now holding this for \$1.25 a bushel.

In eastern Oregon it is expected wool prices next year will be from 23 to 25 cents, and perhaps even higher.

The explosion of a gasoline heating stove caused a fire which destroyed the interior of a frame building in Oregon City Sunday morning.

Joseph Bechtel, pioneer of 1852, and one of Portland's earlier lay live wires, celebrated his 84th birthday at Portland Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Smith, of Haines, is in the hospital at Baker with a fractured skull as the result of an unexplained auto accident Sunday night. Miss Tandy, who was driving the car, is also in the hospital badly bruised. The latter says they were riding slow and the car turned turtle, she does not know why.

The steel bar the span of the bridge over Yamhill river at McMinnville is on the ground, and a rush order for completion has been issued.

The East Oregonian quotes authorities as believing city taxes in Pendleton as well as Umatilla county taxes will be lower next year. Pendleton's levy may be a mill lower.

The Eugene Register pronounces the city's new water supply both pure and palatable. It is obtained from wells recently completed in a formation that insures purity at source, as well as abundance.

Klamath Falls Herald: A new way to waste away time in the county jail has been put to use by L. G. Pamford and Al Meader, two men who are awaiting hearings before the grand jury. This is by doing fancy work, and the needlework turned out by these prisoners is as good as that done by any woman.

A petition is being circulated at Baker proposing a vote at the November, 1916, election to raise salaries of mayor and city commissioners from \$1500 and \$1200 respectively, to \$2400 and \$1800. This is to reverse the great slash in salaries made at the recent election, from \$2500 and \$2000.

Pupils of the Dilley schools, aided by their parents, have erected a play shed 20x100, where they will be able to enjoy outdoor games all winter. The children had a small amount of cash, and with this as a basis succeeded in getting business men and citizens nearby to put up material and labor to a total value of about \$500.

A man named J. Deadman, who has only one arm, is employed as a gravedigger at the Walton-on-Thames cemetery, England.

And many a man feels a hand only when it is empty.

## WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

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JOHN—HERE IT IS THE MIDDLE OF DECEMBER, AND I HAVEN'T A THING TO WEAR.

HAVEN'T HAD A SET OF PANTS SINCE WHO KNOWS WHEN—IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT MY RIGHTS!!

THERE IT GOES AGAIN—MONEY—MONEY—MONEY!!!

DO I LOOK LIKE A TREASURY OR SOMETHING, WHY DON'T YOU ECONOMIZE—EH?

FOR YEARS I'VE BEEN DENYING MYSELF THE FORTUNES OF LIFE—HAVEN'T I? AND WHY—? BECAUSE I'M SAVING UP FOR A RAINY DAY—I AM!!

RAINY DAY? HUH—H— YOU'RE SAVING UP FOR A FLOOD YOU ARE!!!

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