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TOUCHING A MISTAKING IDEA

The Minneapolis Farm, Stock and Home reads its farmer subscribers a lesson in politics in a recent issue—and it is reprinted for what it is worth. Some will endorse it and others will not, but there is probably more good advice in it than in some of the more flattering editorials on the same subject. The main point we can see is the central idea that a man should not be judged by the clothes he wears, nor so much by what he says as by his acts if given the opportunity of public service. This is the way the farm editor expresses it.

"It is a fallacy born of unreason and fostered in the pride of ignorance that democracy means that any chance-selected man among us is capable of rightly governing the rest of us. This theory has its strong supporters—men who deify fitness as though it were something of which to beware. 'The leaders,' they say, 'must be of and from the people!' And so they should be. But when a man, by dint of patient years of effort, has schooled himself to lead, those who believe in always leveling down democracy rather than leveling it up, repudiate such leadership as 'not of the people.'

"Curiously enough this phenomenon shows itself quite clearly in the thinking and political action of farmers. No matter how fit a man may be, the more fit he is, the better informed, the more complete his judgment, the more surely will he find opposition from his own people on the ground that he is 'not a real farmer.'

"Does the fact that a man no longer wears jeans and a hickory shirt debar him from speaking for and in complete sympathy with those with whom he has for a lifetime associated? To hear some talk one would infer as much. But it is not true, and the man who asserts the truth of such a false assumption advertises to the world the fact that his own standard of thought and judgment are dependent upon the clothes he wears and the people with whom he happens to associate.

"Leadership belongs to the fit, and the fit are men and women who possess judgment, clear vision, honest purpose, and a broad sympathy with all classes. Leaders selected because of their intolerance inevitably fail. Pick the other kind. Then it will not matter one iota whether he happens at the moment to be wearing a hickory shirt or a stand-up collar, he can be counted on, when loyally supported, to serve all the people well, and in serving all well, the farmer will be well served."

The fire losses the first eight months of this year amount to nearly a hundred and eleven and a half million dollars as against losses in the country in the corresponding period last year of nearly a hundred and sixty-two and a half million. That is a decrease of about fifty-one million dollars, which is something of a record to look back upon with satisfaction. Still, the loss so far this year is great, and it becomes a pretty heavy tax upon the country. A big fire is felt by a good many more people than those financially interested and the insurance companies are distributed and the wiping out of plants and business houses creates losses which whole communities must feel sooner or later.

The Woodburn Independent has discovered that Geo. P. Putnam published a democratic newspaper at Bend up to the time of his appointment as private secretary of Governor Withycombe. Well, what if he did? He has signed enough commissions for republican appointees since to even up the score.

We've been expecting this for a week past—and here it is in the Coos Bay Times: "South Carolina has voted prohibition and has gone dry. What in the world will the governor of North Carolina say now to the governor of South Carolina? It may seem a longer time between than ever."

This is Bulgaria's day to remain neutral. Saturday that little patch of Balkan territory was about to mix in the big war on the side of the central empires.

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TAFT ON EQUAL SUFFRAGE

Former President Taft relates in an article in a current publication that "if the suffrage is sufficiently delayed to give better preparations for women as a class for exercise of the franchise, its advantages will outweigh its probable injurious consequences."

He cannot be said to favor equal suffrage, therefore, for immediate adoption, and yet he does not say he is opposed to the principle of equal suffrage, but on the contrary infers that he favors it.

He also says that equal suffrage might be all right for some states and not for others. He possibly refers to southern conditions.

This stand of the former president leads the Boise Statesman, published in one of the pioneer suffrage states of the Union, to comment as follows:

"The equal suffrage leaders will be quick to accuse the former president of straddling the issue, which, if true, would hardly become one of his well known courageous attitude on public questions.

"There is no question that women as a class would be better fitted for the franchise if they took it on the installment plan and went through a course of preparedness. Imagine the conduct of men, being given the franchise of a sudden without ever having participated in it!

"We wish, however, the former executive had given us the benefit of his program of preparation, so we might know how much of a dose, in his judgment, might be safely taken at a time."

Many of the principal counties of Oregon will have exhibits at the state fair and the competition for first place will be keen. That is one of the many things that will make it the biggest and best fair in all the long and creditable history of the association.

A state exchange quotes Francis Bacon as having said, "Reading maketh a full man." Possibly that accounts for the boom in circulation of newspapers in this dry territory.

A great many editors are worrying over what may happen when the war is over. It is what may happen before it is over that should be of the greatest concern.

A Delaware county editor is 85 years old and is still hale and hearty. Another proof of the soundness of Dr. Tanner's theory.

"Europe has no Wilson" remarks an exchange. But there seems to be an oversupply of Roosevelts there.

We can't believe that Ambassador Dumba is as bad a man as his newspaper photographs would indicate.

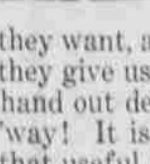
Maybe they only started that little scrap over in Europe as an excuse to borrow our money.



Rippling Rhymes By Walt Mason

EDUCATIONAL

Once more the mills of learning grind, and fill with grist the youthful mind. The boys and girls have come from play, to store a lot of facts away in pigeonholes behind their ears, where they'll be found in future years. All patiently the teachers teach the freckled boy, the female peach, expounding here the A B C, explaining there the rule of three. It is the noblest work of all performed on this old mundane ball, this showing kids the path that leads to mighty thoughts and noble deeds. We all know that, and so we pay the teacher 'eleven bits a day. We're free with coin to statesmen chaps who hold down divers kinds of snaps; we hand them all the wealth they want, and pay their mileage when they jaunt, and all they give us in return is eloquence and wind to burn. But hand out decent, living pay to country teachers? Aw, go 'way! It is the custom of the land to sweat and starve that useful band!



MANY LIKE THIS IN SALEM

Similar Cases Being Published in Each Issue
The following case is but one of many occurring daily in Salem. It is an easy matter to verify. You cannot ask for better proof.

F. A. Sutton, test and availing dealer, Salem, says: "I had kidney trouble for ten years and sometimes I was laid up. Doctors did not help me. Sharp pains extended through my back and were most severe in my kidneys. Often when working I had to give up. I lost weight and was in very poor health. I had headaches, rested but little at night and didn't know what to do. On a friend's advice, I tried Doan's Kidney Pills and to my surprise they brought great improvement in a few days. I continued to get better steadily. I got more sleep, my appetite improved and the pains gradually, but surely, left me. After I had used three boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, I was in better health than I had been for ten years and not a sign of kidney complaint remained." (Statement given Jan. 31, 1909.)
Over Six Years Later, Mr. Sutton added: "I confirm my former endorse-

ment of Doan's Kidney Pills. They effected a permanent cure in my case." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Sutton has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Prisoner Escapes From Clatsop Convict Gang

Charles McGraw walked away from the convict gang in Clatsop county last night with just three months more of his minimum sentence to serve. McGraw was admitted from Washington county, December 22, 1913, to serve from two to five years on a burglary charge. He was a trusty and would doubtless have been paroled at once after his minimum sentence had expired.

There is a gang of 13 men working near Astoria where they have been all summer and this is the first escape, about two months ago a man got away but was captured the next day and returned. As McGraw had friends in the vicinity it is thought by the prison officials that he was aided to escape.

STATE NEWS

Pendleton East Oregonian: The bucks of the mountains are growing very wise in the opinion of Alex Manning, who has just returned from Hildaway. He has his opinion upon an experience that shows the deer have learned the difference between a rifle and a shotgun. A few days ago, he says, a party went out from Hildaway after deer. They scattered in going over the draws. Harvey Cutler, the proprietor and his niece, soon jumped on a big buck. They carried only a shotgun and the deer, as if knowing he was out of range of the gun, stopped and surveyed them calmly for many minutes. Cutler dispatched his niece for one of the party with a rifle and she soon returned with El Beulow. As soon as the buck saw Beulow and his rifle, it disappeared in the brush.

Springfield News: From a tract of ground 36 by 42 feet in size, H. W. Ronde, who lives on D street between Sixth and Seventh, harvested 80 pounds of white beans. The plants were of particularly uniform growth.

Condon Globe: A certain inland postmaster, who believes in sending parcel post packages in a first-class manner, mailed a dozen eggs to Portland and placed them in a first-class mail sack. On arrival in Condon they were, in our opinion, in about fourth-class condition and it would be hard to say what shape they would be in when they reached their destination.

An effort will be made by the grange public market committee to secure the use of the old city hall building at Eugene to house the market during the winter. The question will be taken up with the county court as the county owns the ground upon which the building stands.

C. E. Ingalls, the Corvallis Gazette-Times' new editor, has opened a funny column, which is funny, and in it, among other things, he says: "We had our first experience with the famous Oregon mist this week. Not so bad. In fact we wouldn't have mist it for anything."

It is announced in The Dalles Chronicle of September 15 that Clarence Hodges, the new owner of the Chronicle, will arrive in The Dalles Saturday or Sunday from California and will assume active charge of the property next Monday. Mr. Hodges has been the publisher of the Saffins (California) Journal.

Superintendent Steel, of the Crater Lake National park, reports that up to September 14 the tourist travel at the park totaled 19,463, against 6,579 in 1914. The number of autos registered totaled 2,064 against 1,199 in 1914.

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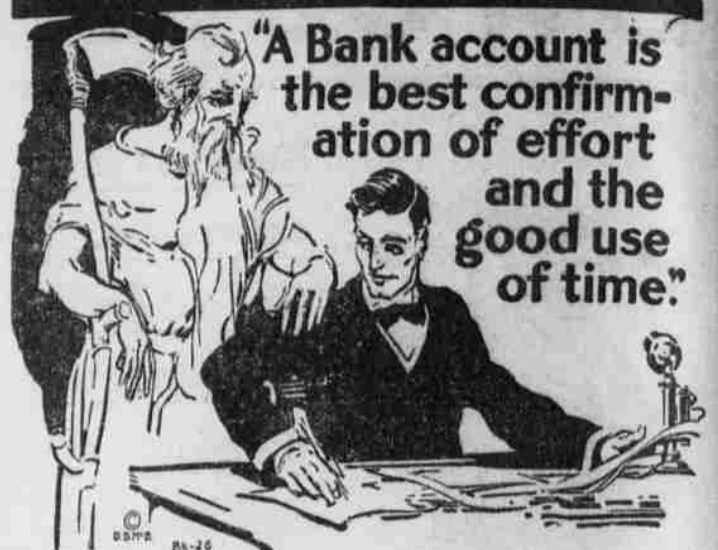
Mi-o-na, the famous dyspepsia remedy has helped so many of his customers that Daniel J. Fry says, "If this remedy does not relieve you, come back to my store and I will cheerfully return your money."
Anyone who has dyspepsia, indigestion, headaches, dizzy feelings or liver troubles, should take advantage of this chance to be cured without any risk of spending their money to no purpose. Mi-o-na will relieve you, will regulate the digestion, will enable you to eat what you want. If it does not do all this it will not cost you a cent.

How Colonel Lafe Young Will Stop European War

Portland, Or., Sept. 20.—Lafayette Young, former senator from Iowa, has a plan to end the European war. The plan, as outlined by the veteran editor today, is very simple.
"If one million German-Americans would write a letter to the German emperor," said Young, "the war would end within six months."
This is the letter:
"My dear emperor: I am an American of German birth. I have taken the oath of allegiance to the American government. I love the fatherland and all the dear places of my childhood, but I am an American by adoption, my children were born here, and in case of war between the United States and Germany I shall fight for the United States."
Such letters, Young declared, would give the German government a clearer perception of American public thought than it could ever get from diplomatic cables. He said the time had come for America to stand for one people and one language and deprecated the fact that men of foreign descent living here failed to recognize that they now owe their allegiance to the United States.

POLK JURY INDICTS

Dallas, Or., Sept. 20.—The grand jury which has been in special session here since Thursday, has returned seven indictments. Two are secret, as the per-



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Believe Liner Fire Was Caused By German Spies
London, Sept. 20.—Captain Pavey of the Fabre liner Santa Anna believes that Austro-German spies caused the fire aboard the vessel in mid-ocean a few days ago. Lloyd's agent at St. Michael, Azores, called today.
He was convinced, the agent said, that bombs were placed on the ship because she carried 1700 Italian reservists bound for Naples. Had the vessel carried munitions, the flames would certainly have caused an explosion which would have wrecked the liner.
Several explosions preceded the fire. Thirty unexploded bombs were found after the flames were extinguished. The report praised the crew and passengers and said there was no panic.
Nine liners stood by in answer to Santa Anna's wireless call for help. The liner, Ancona, the first to arrive, took off 605 women, children and aged men.
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