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CONCERNING AN ILLUSION

The Minneapolis Farm, Stock and Home has a view of the war, its possible ending from exhaustion and the condition in which peace will find Europe when it finally comes, that is worthy of consideration. Attention is called to the fact that Cracker Box military experts are practically all agreed that two or three years more of fighting will exhaust the nations at war to a point where they can no longer fight. History does not prove their point. In the four years of the Civil War the United States used up and destroyed one-fourth its property valuation as fixed in 1861, it lost 1,000,000 men, and at the end of that time was easily the most powerful nation, speaking in a military sense, in the world. Something the same thing may happen in Europe. The basic wealth of the great nations is scarcely scratched. Compared to her present expenditures Great Britain's expenses during the Napoleonic wars were indeed staggering. She could expend twenty billions now as easily as the four billions she spent at that time. And the same applies to France and Germany. Financial exhaustion is not liable to end the war.

The thing that may prove decisive may be lack of some small but very essential element of warfare. Can Russia get guns and shells? Can Germany find a substitute for cotton? Can England keep her coal mines open at all times? These and a dozen lesser questions may, any one of them, be deciding factors. Modern war by machinery is war by the strategy that forgets nothing and maintains all supplies at a maximum.

The point of actual exhaustion is not apt to be reached. And Europe will be at the day of peacemaking a continent schooled in all the arts of war—organized in every way to carry on defense or conquest. If either side loses its colonies, a new period of aggression is before the world, and Central and South America, with Mexico as a cause for action, invite exploitation. Disarmament is of the future, and to all appearances of the far distant future. And in a world bent on settling its problems by war the only safe course is to be armed at least well enough so that the nation with a club and a pilfering desire will think thrice before striking.

LABOR'S SHARE IN PROFITS

Division of profits between employer and employe is a vexed question that lies at the foundation of nearly all industrial discontent.

Many conflicting statements have been made as to the shares of each under the present conditions, but they have always been founded on estimates and the conclusions have not been trustworthy.

The most common statement among the workmen is that they get only one-fifth of the profits on their labor and that capital gets four-fifths, which is clearly not a fair division.

But the National Civic Federation has made as careful a study as possible of all the statistics available on the subject. These cover about 10,000,000 wage and salary earners, or more than 25 per cent of the "gainfully employed" in the United States.

The Federation reports that the average profit on each worker in the industries covered by the investigation, after deducting cost of material and expenses, is \$889. Of this \$590 or 66.4 per cent, goes on the average to the worker, and \$299, or 33.6 per cent, goes to capital.

The worker, therefore, gets two-thirds on his labor and capital one-third. This is better than one-fifth but that does not close the question of fair division.

Not long ago 80,000 people turned out to see the amateur baseball clubs battle at Cleveland, Ohio, and yet some persons contend that the national game is dying. More likely the decreasing attendance at the league games has been due to the eternal jangle over salaries, and rows between mercenary magnates who have lost sight of everything connected with the game except the admission fee.

A financial statistician at New York advises that the total amount appropriated for the war by England thus far this year is six billion, three hundred and ten million dollars. About one-fifth of this represents loans made by England to the allies and dependencies. The daily cost of the war to Great Britain has risen from five million dollars per day at the start to the vast amount now of seventeen million, five hundred thousand dollars each day. To get some idea of the ceaseless flow of this great expenditure, imagine that each hour of the day seven hundred and thirty thousand dollars is being used up, at the rate of twelve thousand dollars every minute. At that rate how long before the war clock will run down?

The other day two men who were 3000 miles apart talked to each other, setting a long distance talk record. While the women still hold most of the conversation records this looks like a deliberate attempt on part the mere men to invade a field in which they have heretofore made no attempt to gain supremacy.

The American newspapers are strictly neutral regarding the European war. They print reports from Berlin and Paris every day showing that both sides had a distinct advantage in the fighting of the preceding twenty-four hours. What more could anyone ask?

The original "Lawrence Y. Sherman for President" club is sending out campaign literature. And not one voter in a thousand could tell off-hand what state Sherman hails from or what official position, if any, he has ever held!

The state fair which closed Saturday night was in all respects the most successful in the history of the association—and Salem day was the biggest day of all.

There is everything to indicate that Bulgaria will be in the Belgium and Serbia class of destitution and desolation in about ninety days.

Bulgaria seems to be undecided as to whether a drubbing at the hands of the Germans or the Allies would be more preferable.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason GOLDEN DAYS

I'm glad to be living when Autumn is giving a gingerous snap to the air; my labors I tackle with jubilant cackle, and pause not a moment to swear. In summer a fellow feels yawny and yellow, the heat takes the vim from his form; he's fussing and fretting, and swatting and sweating, the days are so stupidly warm. But summer is ended and climate that's splendid, refreshing and mild, is on tap, and there's no excuse for—the world has no use for the languid and indolent chap. So put on your gaiters and gather the taters, and saw up some wood while you may, oh, don your goloshes and harvest the squashes, and fill up the corner with hay. Get busy! remember the storms of December, the snow and the sleet and the slush! Be wise as a wizard, prepare for the blizzard, and bank up the house with a rush. Soon winter will jump us, and then when the rumpus of riotous weather begins, the man who got ready in days calm and steady, will look on the tempest with grins.

CASHIER OF BANK COMMITTED SUICIDE

No Apparent Reason Why Clyde Brock Ended Own Life At Lone

Lone, Or., Oct. 4.—Positive declaration that the accounts of Clyde Brock, aged 36, cashier of the bank of Lone, who committed suicide by shooting himself Sunday, were straight, was made today by J. E. Cronau, president of the institution. There were no financial irregularities of any kind, he said.

Brock came here from Heppner, recently where he was assistant cashier of the First National bank. Many friends had told him that he made a mistake in leaving a larger town, for a smaller one and this is said to have proved on his mind.

Brock was found breathing his last in the rear room of the bank by President Cronau.

Mr. Brock leaves a wife and two children at Heppner and mother at Salem. He was with the Capital National bank, of Salem, Oregon, for four and a half years and for 14 years with the First National bank, of Heppner. He was assistant cashier eight years of this time.

Affairs In Good Shape.

Heppner, Or., Oct. 4.—T. J. Mahoney, cashier of the First National bank of Heppner where Clyde Brock was assistant cashier for eight years prior to his suicide at Lone today, tonight declared that Mr. Brock's financial affairs were in good shape.

The only way I can account for his

suicide is on a theory of temporary insanity," said Mr. Mahoney. "He resigned here voluntarily September 2 to take the position of cashier at Lone, and sold his residence property here. Everything was in perfect shape in his accounts here."

Mr. Brock left here this morning for Lone and seemed depressed. Many of his former associates had told him he was making a mistake in leaving Heppner for a smaller town, and he seemed worried with the idea.

Clyde Brock, who committed suicide at Lone, Oregon, is well known in Salem where he attended school and later, for six years was head bookkeeper for the Capital National bank. He was 36 years old and a native of Kansas. An invalid mother, Mrs. Nancy Brock, resides in this city, while a brother, Arthur Brock, is a linotype operator on the Evening Telegram, Portland. His father, Gasius Brock, died in Salem three years ago. He is survived by a widow and two daughters.

Mr. Brock left Salem 14 years ago for Heppner, where he was assistant cashier in the First National bank until recently, when he resigned to accept the cashiership of the Bank of Lone. During his residence here Mr. Brock was known as a man of the strictest integrity and the news that he had ended his life came as a shock.

HOLDING THEIR GRAIN

Grain in large quantities is being held by farmers of the Buena Vista section in hope of higher prices. The crops all over the Luckiamute valley were good this year, and hay, too, is in store. The larger quantity of wheat is being held in the warehouses of the county, principally Monmouth and Independence. Farmers expect no sales until the prices make radical changes. The quantity of clover seed in Polk county was fair, and this is being held. A few contracts were made at 14 cents and the crop went to the buyers immediately.—Dallas Observer.

Walls, Wash., Oct. 2.—Elmer Holman, teller of the Farmers Savings bank is under sentence today to from 2 to 12 years in the state reformatory at Monroe, following a plea of guilty to the charge of embezzling \$10,000 of the institution's funds.

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LONGER SCHOOL HOURS FAVORED BY ELLIOTT

City Superintendent Believes Pupils Should Be Kept Busy

"It doesn't make so much difference what the boys and girls study. The main thing is to give them habits of study, industry, honesty and morality, and a perseverance to accomplish a duty assigned."

As expressed by Superintendent Elliott, in his talk last evening at the First Congregational church, the above is really the principal consideration in the schooling of the children.

In referring to vocational training, he was of the opinion that the program of study that was adequate for the past generation, would not do for the boys and girls now in the schools. Formerly, when the children were kept busy with chores or work at home, there was no occasion for vocational training, but in our present way of living, where the home cannot offer enough work to keep either the boy or girl busy, this vocational training becomes almost necessary. One of the benefits of education is to keep the children busy, and this can be done through manual training for boys and the domestic arts for girls.

With the great problem of keeping the boys and girls busy, the superintendent favored longer school hours, not in the studying of books, but longer hours in the vocational department.

Until this year, during the hours in vocational training, the grade teachers were not busy, but with the establishment of the Junior high schools, every teacher's time is fully taken during all school hours. In practical training for the pupils, Mr. Elliott was of the opinion that one fourth of the pupil's time could be given to vocational training, greatly to the benefit of the pupil.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney expressed the idea that any organization is just what the individual members put into that organization, and that the man who has most in himself, will give the most.

As to the advantages of a higher education, Dr. Doney claimed that those who do the most for a nation are the most highly trained, and therefore, a trained or educated man was of more value as a citizen.

In referring to Willamette university as an educational factor in the community, he hoped that the students of the university would be so trained that they would become a factor in not only this community, but wherever their lot should be cast, and that one of the objects of the schooling here was not only for a higher education, but that of making industrious, high-minded and moral citizens.

* OPEN FORUM *

PROF. M'ELROY THANKFUL.

Editor Capital Journal: Kindly accept my most sincere thanks for the many courtesies and favors shown myself and band during the past week by yourself and entire Journal staff. It is always a great pleasure to come "home" to play for my many friends. I love to be here and I am proud of my band.

With most sincere wishes to all, I remain,
Very truly yours,
W. E. M'ELROY.

MARRIED AT INDEPENDENCE.

Miss Florence Benson and Mr. William H. Borgman were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mattie Miller, on Wednesday evening, September 29, Rev. T. L. Jones of Brownsville, officiating.

Only relatives were present at the ceremony. A unique and very unusual feature was that the Rev. Mr. Jones the officiating clergyman, had acted in the same capacity at the wedding of the bride's mother and also the bride's grandmother.

The bride, who is a niece of Judge Benson of the supreme court, has been a successful teacher in the public schools of Oregon for the past three years and is a graduate of the Washington Normal school at Bellingham. She is bright, charming and attractive and her husband is to be congratulated upon his choice of a life mate.

Mr. and Mrs. Borgman will reside at Piner, Oregon, where he has profitable mining interests.—Monitor.

POLK COUNTY TAX ROLL

Dallas, Ore., Oct. 4.—The summary of the 1915 tax roll for Polk county shows that there are 134,940.48 tillable acres and 322,368.70 acres of non-tillable land in the county, valued at \$9,419,615. Improvements on same are valued at \$667,865. Town lots are valued at \$625,980, and their improvements at \$325,005. There are 5,613 horses in the county, valued at \$243,300, and 9,421 head of cattle, valued at \$100,785. Sheep and goats total 18,188, and are worth \$33,375, while 3,163 head of swine are given, at a valuation of \$21,025. Merchandise stocks are assessed at \$265,880 and farm implements at \$143,363. The total valuation of the county, exclusive of railroads and other public utilities, is \$12,794,110, an increase over last year of \$297,520.

TELLER IS SENTENCED.

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Eugene Gets Steamer Service to Portland

Portland, Or., Oct. 4.—Bridges of the Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric system at Harrisburg, on the upper Willamette river, which are equipped with swinging draws, are to be operated soon for the passage of steamers, as the Oregon City Transportation company has decided to place its Yellow Stack steamers in service in Eugene, extending service beyond Corvallis, which will make the route from Portland 160 miles.

Captain Clyde Raabe and Captain A. W. Graham are to leave Eugene tomorrow in a small boat and make a survey of the river at its present low stage so as to ascertain the exact condition. The steamer Pomona is to start the service, which will be maintained during the deep water periods in the fall and winter, beginning in about a month.

The company has three steamers, and as a rule one is out of service here, so the extension of the route was determined on.

The small boat in which the Portland steambot men intend to make the trip down the river from Eugene to Portland arrived at the S. P. depot yesterday. It will be taken to the river on a wagon and launched early this morning—Eugene Register.

Maud Andrews and George Mercer were arrested by the Salem police Saturday night on a charge of disorderly conduct. Both were lodged in jail and this morning both entered pleas of guilty before Judge Elgin and were given a fine of \$30 each or 15 days in jail.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Salem Readers Are Learning the Way.

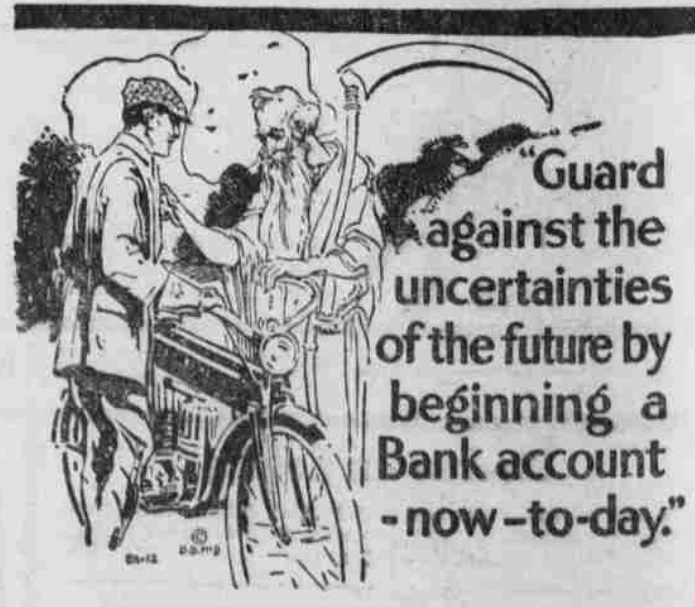
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A special meeting will be held at Woodburn tomorrow by the Agricultural and Mercantile association and Luther J. Chapin, for the purpose of getting the association together to make definite plans for the completion of the drainage district. This district will include from 50 to 75 square miles. A plat has been made by the government's engineer, who is now in the field. One of the objects of the meeting is to raise funds to secure two helpers for the engineer, and to complete as soon as possible, an accurate survey. The conference will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.



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