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IT IS UP TO THE EMPLOYERS

The administration's plan for obtaining 1,200,000 trained men for military service, within six years, as a matter of preparedness, will depend for its success, largely upon the employers. It is proposed that 133,000 men each year be trained for two months in military camps. That the men may be induced to take the training it is necessary that the employers guarantee them against loss of their jobs while attending the camps. It is also proposed that at least part of their salaries be paid them during the two months they are away from their employment.

Many firms now give certain of their employes from two weeks to a month's vacation under pay, and it is suggested that this would meet a large part of the expense attendant on the training. The government could well afford to add to this sufficient pay to make the loss to those taking the training, inconsequential.

Employers, can well afford to do this too, for besides the call of patriotism, there is the selfish reason of self-protection.

Coming down to fundamentals, it may be said that the poor man is not interested in fighting for his country, other than as his patriotism compels. He has no property to protect, and yet he is the man who in case of war goes to the front to do the fighting. It is the employers of labor who have the property and business to protect, and since in time of war the employes risk life itself fighting for them, it should not be deemed a hardship by them to bear a goodly portion of the expense in putting those who must do the fighting, in the best condition possible to do it right, should occasion require.

Whether we are to have the full limit of preparedness it seems will depend largely upon the business men. Our history shows that in time of war America's employers have been royally patriotic. It remains to be seen if they are wise enough to realize that the expenditure of small sums during times of peace, will not only tend to lessen charges made upon them during war, but will also tend to make war impossible, that is if preparedness can accomplish this.

SOME RAILROAD FIGURES

The United States is some railroad country, leading the world in that line. It has more miles of railroad than all Europe which has 207,432 miles to the United States 241,199. Not only this but it has three-eighths of all the railroads in the world which has a total mileage of 639,981 miles. This mileage is apportioned as follows: Europe 207,432 miles; Asia 63,320 miles; Austria 19,267 miles; Africa 22,892 miles, and America 327,000 miles. It will be seen from this that the America continent has 327,070 miles against 312,911 miles in the rest of the world.

The Capital Journal has for some years maintained an "open forum" column in which anyone could give expression to his her ideas on any subject. All that has been or is required is that the matter be written in a clean way and that the articles be signed by the party writing them. The writer can sign any fictitious name for publication, but the Journal must know whom to hold responsible for the article. The true name will not be published if the writer does not desire it. Several communications, one signed "Farmer's Wife," are now held up for failure to comply with this condition.

One of the most amusing things in the political way that has happened for years, is the position taken by the Oregonian in preaching "States rights" to the democrats. Time was when the mention of states rights would almost cause the ink on our big contemporary to turn red.

Chicago was dry again yesterday. First thing those porkopolist folks know they will get the dry habit.

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INTEREST ON HOT AIR

President Ripley, of the Santa Fe system, in his report as to the earnings and expenses of his roads recently made, among other things says, "The average returns in bond interest dividends and improvements was only five and four-tenths per cent on the capital investment of \$683,855,314, and the net earnings were \$36,916,609.

This does not seem an exorbitant return for the money invested, if the sum was as great as stated. But was it? How much of that nearly seven hundred million dollars was actually used in building and equipping the road, and how much of it represented only the results of financial irrigation? The government is now making a physical valuation of all the railroads in the country, showing both the actual cost of construction and what it would cost now to duplicate them. Until this is done no accurate knowledge of railroad affairs will be available for the public. From the actual cost of some roads, which is known, and the value stated by the management, and upon which the per cent of earnings is based, it is fair to presume that in most railroad valuations, one-half at least is the airy fabric of a baseless dream, in which the water vistas are extensive, and the hot ozone in quantities peculiar to the Sahara.

It will be seen from this that earnings representing five per cent on the inflated cost may be ten per cent or more on the actual cost. Suppose for instance this is the case with the Santa Fe system. Then the public, after paying the company five per cent dividends on its investment, would also be paying it an additional five per cent on a sum equal to its total investment, or in this case five per cent a year on more than \$340,000,000, and this on a hot air investment.

The bad lands of Montana may be properly named but it is quite certain they have improved some in the past 3,000,000 years, though the improvement must have been at a very slow rate considering their present condition. Barum Brown, a fossil hunter has dug out the fossilized skeleton of a tyranosaurus, a species of lizard, with hind legs like a bird. This specimen is forty-seven feet long and eighteen and a half feet high. The bad lands were certainly bad for white folks when these little pests roamed at will over the country, which it is claimed they did some three million years ago.



Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason AUTUMN LEAVES

The Autumn leaves are falling, and poets heave a sigh, and say that Nature's calling on living things to die. A pensive melancholy Fall months to poets bring; but I am fat and jolly and gambol as I sing. I do not think of hearses when Autumn zephyrs wail, but write some cheerup verses, and earn nine kinds of kale. The skies are dark and dreary, the rain begins to spout, but people should be cheery unless they have the gout. The wind is chill and snappy, the earth is dank and wet, but people should be happy, unless they are in debt. The wind will soon be piling big snowdrifts on the plain, but people should be smiling unless they are insane. I love all kinds of

weather, I love the Autumn well, when we all sit together around the fire and yell, and keep the corn a-popping, each in his easy chair; the Autumn leaves are dropping—it's little that I care. The Autumn leaves are falling; I let the blamed things fall; my phonograph is squalling, "Dear Days Beyond Recall." There's firelight on the rafter, and kidlets on the floor, around me joy and laughter, and neighbors at the door.

Brush College Parent-Teachers Association Real Community Center

Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Carlton addressed the Parent-Teachers association meeting at Brush college last night and reports this association to be one of the largest and liveliest associations in the state. Not only do the parents and patrons of the school district take an active and intelligent interest in all other community problems and at their meeting decided to turn out in a body to improve the road leading up to the school house.

Brush college has an excellent orchestra made up of the best musicians of the district who furnish the close harmony for all of the meetings and at each session an outside speaker is secured to fill in part of the program. The school has improved vastly since the entire body of the district has begun taking part in the affairs of the school and if it is necessary to vote a special tax to improve the school system the tax payers gladly contribute their share.

Me. Carlton addressed the Elkins school, in Polk county, yesterday afternoon and left this city this afternoon for Albany where he will deliver an address at the children's industrial fair which is now on in that city.

NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

The following 10 new books have been received at the Salem Public Library during the last week. The list includes all kinds of subjects from that of "Happy Hawkins in the Panhandle" to educational works and a treatise on Russian literature. The new books include: Baring—Outline of Russian Literature. Bullock—Agricultural Credit. Caldwell—Elements of General Science. Commonwealth Club of California—Rural Credits. Curtis—Education Through Play. Devine—The Normal Life. Edwards—Popular Amusements. Ellis—Impressions and Comments. Fitz—The College Course and the Preparation for Life. Harben—The Desired Woman; a Novel. Meredith—Poetical Works. Sienkiewicz—Knights of the Cross. Smith—Anne Feversham. Taylor—Caleb Trench. Wasson—Happy Hawkins in the Panhandle. Wells—Realty; a Holiday.

GIRL IS IDENTIFIED

Portland, Or., Oct. 16.—The body of the girl who died on the operating table in the office of Dr. A. A. Ausplund late yesterday was identified today as that of Miss Anna Anderson, a domestic in the home of Fred H. Green, a timberman.

When a man begins prying automobiles it's a sure sign that friend wife will soon widen her circle of old and very dear friends.



A Galley o' Fun!



MR. CULPRIT HEART.
If Polly lets her lashes fall
And drops her eyes with growing scorn,
Nor deigns to look on me at all—
As Polly chose to do this morn,—
My chiding mood I quick relent,
I'd feign each jealous word recall,
For, ah! I grow so penitent,
As Polly lets her lashes fall.

I feel that I should punished be
For making Polly's heart to hurt;
Although, between just you and me,
She did encourage Jack to flirt!
My heart so quick is to repent,
It bares itself to scourgings all,
And deems it righteous punishment,
When Polly lets her lashes fall!

OTHER PEOPLE.
The sweetest woman that ever I saw
Didn't happen to be my mother-in-law.

The richest girl that I dined and
wined
Didn't fall in love with the under-
signed.

The pool in Northern Pacific stock
Knew naught of a man by the name of
"Lock."

The "six best sellers," I'm forced to
admit,
Were all of them written by me—
aber nit!

That piece of two-million real estate
Just sold wasn't mine, I'm sorry to
state.

The Reason.
'Twas the stock's blamed fault, I'm
certain of that;
He ought 't have left me in the other
flat!



NOT A TRUE PATRIOT.
First Politician—I don't like Square-
chin a bit. He strikes me as being an
egotistical crank. He seems to have
a marvelous admiration for his own
intellectual ability.

Second Politician—Yes, sir; that's
just the kind of a man he is! He's
one of these here fellows that insist
on making up their own minds on po-
litical issues before the party has
adopted its platform.

TERRIFYING.
The little boy regarded the pictures
of the harem skirt with starting eye-
balls.

"Does it mean that I am to have
twice as many trousers cut down for
me?" he shrieked.
Then he fell on his knees and prayed,
as never before, that several sis-
ters might be vouchsafed him in the
future.

SOMEWHAT VAGUE.
The Smitten Man (fervently)—Love
you, darling? Why, before I met YOU,
I thought only of having a good time
in life.

STRAIGHT DOWN.
Passenger—Er—how far are we
from land, Cap?
Captain—About a mile.
Passenger—A mile? Why, I can't
see it.
Captain—No; the water's too deep.

HIS PHILOSOPHY.
She—I wish I could be as contented
as you!
He—Oh! I ain't contented—only I
don't think it's wuth while to worry
about it!

AT REGULAR RATES.
Poet—Yes, I write poetry and you
raise hay; we are both producers.
Farmer—And I reckon we both
about fifteen dollars a ton.



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New Jersey Women Make Hot Campaign

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 18.—From Cape May to Kittatinny ridge, the women of New Jersey today made the final appeal of their whirlwind campaign for suffrage.

Mass meetings everywhere in the state were addressed by some of the most prominent suffragists in the country, while bands played suffrage tunes. Leaders urged that the balloting be watched closely and special workers have been appointed to guard any frauds.

Today's speech making ended one of the most brilliant suffrage campaigns in the nation's history. Aided by their New York sisters, and spurred on by President Wilson's pronouncement in favor of state suffrage the women spared neither time nor money to make their efforts a success.

Conservative estimates indicate the vote will be close.

The suffragists claimed to be confident of victory but they realized that if they win the majority will not be large. They were admittedly somewhat dubious as to the result in manufacturing centers where there is a strong foreign element, but they expected a large and favorable vote in the rural district to offset any unfavorable figures in the cities.

OBJECT TO SENDING MUNITIONS.
Seattle, Wash., Oct. 18.—The state alliance of German societies today sent a protest against the sending of war munitions from the United States to warring nations, to President Wilson, who, with members of congress, was memorialized.

Automobile Parties Are Not Sanitary

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 18.—Automobiles are a factor in spreading typhoid fever in California, because of the increased use of the automobile by camping parties, the state health authorities announced today.

Many times these automobile camping parties do not exercise care in sanitation and in preventing pollution of streams.

MARION WILL BE IN SHOW
Marion county will be represented in the coming Manufacturers' & Land Products Show, to open October 25. The feature display will be the exhibit from the State Asylum, which made the highest score of all agricultural and horticultural collections at the recent state fair at Salem.

Marion county will be one of twenty counties to have part in the coming exposition. Work on the temporary buildings to adjoin the army has commenced and when the structures are completed there will be more than 75,000 square feet of space for industrial and agricultural displays. Besides the drill hall of the army, the balcony in the building will be used for exhibition purposes.

The year's exposition will be one of the largest ever held in the United States. Practically all space has been taken and the displays from the factories of Oregon will show almost every article manufactured in the state.—Woodburn Independent.

How sleepy matters and things are when T. R. goes away in the Quebec woods.

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