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ALL NEUTRALS INTERESTED

The St. Louis Globe Democrat calls attention to these important points in the correspondence between the State department and the belligerent nations:

Secretary Lansing, in stating that the United States unhesitatingly assumed the "task of championing the integrity of neutral rights against the lawless conduct of belligerents arising out of the bitterness of the great contest which is now wasting the countries of Europe," did not mean this country acted in a representative capacity. But as the leading neutral in the world, the United States may call itself the champion of the neutral cause without arrogance. This country occupied the same position in protesting against the departure from the usages of civilized warfare by the submarine. Germany then contended that the frailty of the submarine made warning, search and seizure dangerous, if not impossible. But we contended that the rights of neutrals, gained through centuries of struggle, should not be abridged merely because of the invention of a new offensive weapon. We were then championing the rights of all neutrals, now and hereafter. Even Germany, as we have often remarked, may at some future time have reason to thank the United States for the firm stand it took against the violation of neutral rights under plea of expediency or necessity.

The English press argues that the building of railroads has rendered the old law of blockade obsolete, just as Germany argued that the submarine had upset the law of the sea. But again the United States insists on strict compliance with international law as it existed at the outset of the war. It adheres to this policy itself in the failure to forbid export of munitions of war and in other ways that have provoked much controversy. We have been more courteous than the full warrant. Perhaps in the supplementary note on contraband Great Britain will be reminded that it is selling the neutrals the same things it has prevented American vessels from delivering at neutral ports and without any more guarantee as to ultimate destination than American shippers can give. There is a trade advantage mingled with the alleged military necessity. As for the English press, we should be indulgent. It does not know much about the war, vital facts being kept from it by the censorship. But the British Government knows all the facts and our note was addressed to it.

News is coming from Europe to the effect that thousands of people of Holland are wearing buttons that denote how tired they are of the European war. These buttons are inscribed: "Praat me niet over den oorlog," which, interpreted, is: "Do not chin me about the war." That is the feeling that is entertained generally in most neutral countries, and especially in the United States. It is said that if the neutrals would all unite on some program, and especially one of restricting munitions and funds, they could end the war in a short time. That will probably not be done, but because no such action is taken it will not indicate increased interest in nor decreased weariness of the conflict.

Serbia's minister to France is complaining because his country has been blotted out like Belgium. Better brace up like King Albert has and fight to the finish, if real world sympathy is deserved. Little sympathy will be wasted on a nation that gets into a fight like that in Europe and then cries like a spanked child when it gets the worst of the row.

This letter appeared on the editorial page of the Oregonian the other day: "I am troubled with snails in my basement. Please advise me how to get rid of them.—Subscriber." Poor fellow, he couldn't be much worse off if he had bats in his belfrey.

The farmers who wanted rain are getting it. And just at this time the moisture can do no harm to any industry.

The managers of the women's campaign for votes in New Jersey confidently predicted victory, and now accuse their opponents of fraud. Plainly, they have mastered the methods of their brothers, remarks the New York Sun.

The death of Booker T. Washington removes a really great man from the stage of action. His work in the uplifting of the colored race will live in its practical results for all time to come.

Win. Sulzer, once governor of New York, is still talking—but what he says seldom gets into print nowadays.

The war news today indicates as usual that the fighting on all fronts is distinctly favorable to both sides.

The mushroom season is just come on, but toadstools get in their deadly work the year around.



WISHES

If wishes were motors, the beggars would ride, and throw on us voters the dust, in their pride. But wishes won't carry a man to his goal, and beggars must tarry down there in the hole. "I wish," sighs the ditcher, the creature of brawn, "that I was some richer than Andy or John. But Fortune is spurning a poor, honest jay, and I'll go on earning a dollar a day." If he had quit wishing a dreaming his dream, and spent some time fishing in Knowledge's stream; if he'd made endeavor to master some trade, he would not forever be wielding a spade; he would not be sweating in gumbo and clay, intent upon getting his dollar a day. If wishes were horses the beggars would ride, but down where remorse is the beggars abide. A wish is a daisy when backed up by toil, but if you are lazy your wishes will spoil. Your wishes are dizzy if idly they grew, but if you get busy they'll likely come true.

THE MARKETS

Monday markets ordinarily show no change from Saturday quotations. Several loads of wheat were sold in the city Saturday for 80 cents, and the average quotations today are from 80 to 82 cents.

Turkeys may be sold in the city live weight at from 15 to 16 cents.

The only change in vegetables is that Oregon cantons are now out of the market, and Californians taking their place, at a wholesale price of 21 and 21.25.

Flour, hard wheat	\$1.50@2.40
Flour, valley	\$1.20@1.55

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Or., Nov. 15—Wheat—Club 962914; Bluestem 956988.
Oats—No. 1 White Feed \$25.50; Pearl \$26.00.
Barley—Brewing \$28.00; Feed \$27.50.
Hops—Best Live \$6.15.
Prime Steers \$6.75@7.00.
Pony Cows \$5.25.
Calves \$7.00.
Spring Lambs \$7.50.
Butter—City Creamery 31 1/2.
Eggs—Selected Local Ex. 40¢@41¢.
Hens 13 1/2.
Broilers 15¢@12 1/2¢.
Geese 11¢.

WHOLESALE MARKET

Hay, timothy, per ton	\$11.00
Oats, vetch	\$10.00
Chaff, vetch	\$10.00
Wheat, extra	\$8.00@8.25
Oats	35¢
Red clover	\$32.00
Corn	\$10.00
Crushed corn	\$11.50
Wheat	\$20.00
Barley	\$22.00
Clover seed	\$16.00

Butter

Butter, cream	35¢
Granary butter, per pound	35¢
Country butter	36¢

Eggs and Poultry

Eggs, fresh, No. 1, each	28¢
Eggs, one count, each	26¢@28¢
Young chicks	27¢@30¢
Young chickens	28¢
Broilers, old, per pound	14¢
Broilers, young, per pound	11¢@12 1/2¢
Turkeys, live	15¢@16¢

Pork, Veal and Mutton

Pork, dressed	9¢
Pork, salted	8¢
Pork, salted	5 1/2¢
Spring lamb	6 1/4¢
Steers	5¢@5 1/2¢
Cows	4¢@4 1/2¢
Hens	3¢
Wethers	4¢@4 1/2¢

Vegetables

Cabbage	40¢
Tomatoes, California	\$1.00@1.25
String beans	15¢
Potatoes, evl.	75¢
Brussels sprouts	10¢
Sweet potatoes	\$2.25
Lettuce	40¢
Beets	40¢
Carrots	40¢
Turnips	40¢
Celery	40¢@70¢
Onions	\$1.50

Fruits

Oranges, Valencia	\$6.00@6.25
Lemons, per box	\$4.25@4.75
Bananas, pound	5 1/4¢
California grape fruit	\$6.00@7.00
Dates, dromedary, case	\$3.35
Fruit dates	\$1.00
Grapes	\$1.40
Cranberries	\$10.00@12.00
Pineapples	7 1/2¢
Honey	\$3.50

Retail Prices

Eggs, per dozen, fresh ranch	40¢@45¢
Eggs, storage	30¢
Sugar, cane	\$7.00
Sugar, D. O. G.	\$6.80
Creamery butter	40¢

MY LORD—HIS GIFT

My lord—his gift! How strange I did not see it all!
I had known his hand had placed the burden there,
That I had been to me an anxious cross and care,
But just another way for me his grace to show.

My lord—his gift! How glad I am to know my friend!
What I can do and bear he weighs and weighs my friend,
Some there in flesh, some heart of right, some anger fell—
These be the ways designed through me to praise his name.

My lord—his gift! I thank my God it different seems
Than when—yesterday—I fattened on the way,
And tried God's gift of swifter clove of the day,
While my right comes to me, when deeds give way to dreams.

My lord—his gift! If heavier than each day it grows,
The discipline I need to test and spur my strength,
And travel all the road he trod, until—
at length—
My father's house I reach the way to which he shows.

—Ernest Bourner Allen.

Liberty Bell Honored By Los Angeles Crowds

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 15.—Escorted by mounted police and militia, the Liberty bell was carried through the streets of Los Angeles today. Seventy thousand school children were among those who witnessed the spectacle.

The relic arrived in Los Angeles from San Diego at 6:30 a. m. Fifteen minutes later a roar of factory whistles announced this city's welcome. At 7 o'clock all the church bells rang.

A half holiday having been declared by Mayor Sebastian all banking houses and city offices were closed. Many buildings flew flags and patriotic decorations.

Along the line of march the bell was greeted with applause, cheers and the honking of automobile horns. Many heads were bared as it passed by. The first bearing of the bell was decorated with garlands of yellow flowers.

Before it marched a G. A. R. rifle and drum corps, behind it the Los Angeles city and county band.

After the parade, the relic was taken to Exposition park, where it was viewed by thousands. It leaves for Yuma, Ariz., at 1 p. m.

CONFERENCE WILL BE EVENT OF INTEREST

George F. Rogers Writes On Objects of Meeting Soon To Be Held

"I'll go if I walk," writes one of the delegates to the Older Boys' conference to be held in Salem, the 26th, 27th and 28th of this month, which reminds us of General Wheeler's saying, that if he had to storm Hades he would choose an army of 18 year old boys. This spirit is not uncommon among boys who have attended former conferences. It is a boy's institution, and this is the tenth annual one in Oregon. While more than men are kept along the side lines for counsel the boys, the boys, the 15 year and up boys, are the driving spirits of the occasion.

It is the first big, self-dependence experience for many boys. There is no looking up on the spoon strings, and if there is initiative, talent, force or knowledge in them, it comes out.

This is no mere lesson getting together of boys to have a good time, socialize in a friendly family meeting of mothers' pots. It represents the serious minds of the youth of the state who have their vision trained on the future. It represents boy's ideas, boy's hopes, boy's aspirations—the best that ever came to men. It is with the idea of directing, maturing and crystallizing these ideas that these boys' conferences are annually called in Oregon.

Among the questions discussed are those bearing on the importance of honest work in the making of men, the need of efficiency, and the getting to the front of all that's best in us. The part that recreation, physical development and health play in life are enlarged upon. The importance of manliness, integrity and right living, together with the large part that spiritual training has to play in success are also covered. Young men will discuss friendship, kindness, service, and, in fact, most of the broad things which really mark the true man in life.

Any Sunday school class, boys' club of high school, church or Y. M. C. A., or Boy Scout organization in Oregon, is entitled to send two delegates to the conference, and perhaps, between 300 and 400 boys from outside the city will attend. Everybody interested in boys should make to the importance of the occasion, and do their best to make the affair a success. The boys will be housed in the homes of Salem families who will volunteer to entertain them. They will be our boys' while here, and so home can entertain boys of this type without feeling some benefit from their presence.

—GEO. F. RODGERS.

OPEN FORUM

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH FARMING?

Editor Capital Journal: "What is the matter with farming in the Willamette valley?" Let us have a vigorous discussion of this timely question through the columns of The Capital Journal.

Personally, I am convinced we are passing through the last stages of a crisis in agriculture, not only in the Willamette valley but throughout all the agricultural districts in the United States.

There are better times soon to come to the farmers. Economic laws are now operating in their favor. The hungry millions, the vast army of the unemployed as well as the farmers themselves are demanding an adjustment of conditions when are antagonistic to their interests.

The establishment of rural credit banks and the cheapening of the cost of distributing farm products through cooperative marketing associations managed by farmers themselves will bring about the much needed reforms.

Already this movement is under full headway. Congress will undoubtedly pass a law this winter which will lay the foundation for a system of rural credit banks. When fully established farmers will be able to capitalize their business at a rate of interest of about one half per cent being paid for loan.

The lack to the land movement will then begin to take definite shape as farms can be purchased and paid for out of the proceeds of the farm on long time loans bearing a low rate of interest.

By marketing their products co-operatively farmers and consumers in the cities can divide the "middlemen's" and retailers' profits. The agriculturist will then be encouraged to increase the yield of his farm, and the city dweller will no longer complain of the high cost of food.

Proper encouragement has not been given to agriculture in the United States. We are one hundred years behind the times in our system of financing our farm operations as well as our methods of getting the products of the farm from the producer to the consumer.

The neglect of our agricultural sections by lawmakers, and their exploitation by business concerns is largely responsible for the steady movement of our people from the country into the city. This movement will continue until farming operations will be given the proper encouragement. The old, stereotyped expressions: "Stay on the farm," or "Back to the land" will remain unheeded so long as rural districts continue to be neglected and exploited as they have been in the past.

This, in particular, is applicable to the agricultural communities in the Willamette valley. A University of Oregon professor has discovered that of the thousands of people who have settled in this state during the past ten years, 82 out of every 100 took up

"They who wish to prosper must work and save" —Scott

Spendthrifts and idlers are similar; a generation of them would bankrupt a nation. The prosperous are the nation's strength.

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their residence in our towns and cities. This will explain the phenomenal growth of our urban population with the resulting problem of unemployment and the absence of sufficient purchasing power to maintain any considerable market for the products of our farms.

The adjustment between country and city is now being made by economic forces. After this has been completed and when we shall have entered the new era now dawning on agriculture a home on a Willamette valley farm will be one of the choicest abodes.

—OREGONIAN.
Salem, Oregon, Nov. 12, 1915.

DEATH OF MRS. CORDELIA KREBS

Mrs. Cordelia Krebs, aged 82, died at her home, 904 Williams avenue, Portland, November 4, 1915. She was born in Wittenberg, Germany, October 29, 1833, and came to America with her parents at the age of 11. The family settled at St. Lawrence, near Milwaukee and were numbered among the earliest settlers in Wisconsin.

She married Joseph Krebs November 18, 1850, and they lived in St. Lawrence 25 years. They were the parents of 14 children, nine of whom are living. Mr. Krebs died October 1, 1885. Following his death Mrs. Krebs moved to Oregon and settled at Brooks. She resided there until 1895, when she moved to Portland where she lived until her death.

Mrs. Krebs is survived by the following children: Mrs. Pauline Thilo, Seattle; Mrs. Margaret M. Mattson, Portland; Mrs. Cordelia Keppinger, Portland; Mrs. Josephine B. Holden, Portland; Mrs. Anna B. Gill, Salem; Mrs. John Krebs, Jefferson; Frank Krebs, Baker; Conrad Krebs, Portland; and Michael Krebs, Independence. She is

FERN RIDGE NOTES

Joe Silbergle and family were visiting on the Ridge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers and family, of Washington, are visiting at the Frank Basl home. Mrs. Meyers is a daughter of Mr. Basl.

Miss Esther Willing, of Stayton, was visiting at the Nick Neitling home and with other friends on the Ridge the first of the week.

Ben Short made a business trip to town Monday.

The Farmers' Union held a meeting at the Oak Glen school house Friday night. The next meeting will be at the same place December 4 at 1 p. m. Everybody is invited.

John Leighty returned from Portland Saturday night where he was doing business with real estate dealers.

Ben Gellen and Mr. Meyers were business visitors on the Ridge Friday.—Stayton Standard.

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On and after Sunday

November 7

New Daily Local Trains

No. 65, leave Salem 7:10 a. m., arrive Albany 8:00, Corvallis 8:24, Harrisburg 8:53, Junction City 9:01, Eugene 9:30 and making local stops.
No. 14, leave Eugene 11:15 a. m., Junction City 11:40, Harrisburg 11:50, Corvallis 12:12 p. m., Albany 12:50, arrive Salem 1:45; making local stops.

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE—NORTHBOUND.

Portland Local No. 6, leave Salem 7:15 a. m. instead of 6:50, arrive Portland 9:10 instead of 8:30.

Portland Local No. 14, leave Salem 1:45 p. m. instead of 1:50, arrive Portland, Jefferson St., 3:45 instead of 3:50, North Bank Station 4:00 instead of 4:10.

Limited No. 10, will run as at present leaving Salem 4:00 p. m., but will not make local stops Eugene to Salem.

SOUTHBOUND

Limited No. 5, will leave Salem 10:15 a. m. as at present, but will stop only at East Independence, Albany, Corvallis, Harrisburg, Junction City and Eugene.

Corvallis Local No. 7, leave Salem 12:55 p. m. instead of 1:00, arrive Albany 1:50 instead of 2:05, Corvallis 2:20 instead of 2:32.

Local No. 9, leave Portland, North Bank Station 2:05 p. m. instead of 2:10, Jefferson Street 2:25 instead of 2:30, Salem 4:25 instead of 4:35, arrive Albany 5:20 instead of 5:35, Corvallis 5:52, Eugene 6:45 instead of 7:05.

New Folders will be available Saturday.

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