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### INTEREST AND THE NIMBLE DOLLAR

There is a saying that figures will not lie. This of course does not apply to female figures or any other—if they are padded; but just to plain, unadorned figures.

They are generally considered "dry" reading, yet they are at times deeply interesting and sometimes astounding in the revelations they make.

Just now there is considerable agitation over "rural credits" and a low interest rate for the farmer. In this connection a few figures as to interest may not prove uninteresting.

A person reaching the age of 80 years has lived 29,200 days. If he has labored at days work he has, if working steadily and not losing any time from sickness or other causes, put in, say sixty years of that time at the rate of 310 days a year, or 18,600 days. If he has saved every day one dollar from his wages, he will have when he is 80 years old that number dollars, 18,600. This estimate allows him to begin earning and saving his one dollar a day when he is 18 years old and quitting when he is 78.

That is what days wages would bring a hard working and saving laborer at the end of a long and industrious life. Now let us see what a dollar put at interest will do and what a man runs up against in the battle with interest.

One dollar placed at interest at 7 per cent will, if compounded, double itself every ten years. In 80 years this one dollar working steadily just as the working man we have mentioned has done, would amount to \$256. It follows then that \$100 placed at interest at the same time and at the same rate would amount to \$25,600 in 80 years, or \$7,000 more than the person would have earned in the same time.

In 100 years the single dollar placed at interest would have increased to \$1024. If allowed to remain at interest at the same rate for another 100 years it would increase 1024 times and would make the snug sum of \$1,048,576. Allowed to run another 100 years it would at the end of 300 years amount to \$1,073,661,824. At the end of 350 years one dollar placed at interest at 7 per cent would have earned \$4,157,168,368, enough to pay the entire expenses of the European war to date.

Estimates place the total supply of gold in the world at from \$13,000,000,000 to \$16,000,000,000. Taking the larger amount and it will be seen that one dollar placed at interest at 7 per cent for 350 years would absorb all the gold in the world and with it all the silver and then some.

The total crops of the United States are estimated at \$10,000,000,000, so it would take the entire crops of the country for three years and a half to pay interest on one dollar for 350 years. If this nimble dollar was allowed to work 20 years longer, a total of 370 years it would amount to \$156,628,472. After it reached this amount it would require every year the entire crop of the United States to meet the interest on it yearly and keep it from growing. That is what interest can do. Can you beat it?

When it comes to technicalities the American juror is no slouch. In the trial of George Schultz for selling liquor in violation of law in Portland, the jury Saturday found a verdict of not guilty because the complaint did not specify that these liquors were sold at 293, Washington street, but instead said they were sold "in the Perkins hotel at the corner of Washington and Fifth streets." It seems the bar run by Schultz for the sale of temperance drinks and where it is alleged the liquors were sold was in the Perkins hotel building but "was not a part of the Perkins hotel." There is nothing more ridiculous than law as it is interpreted, except the lawyers who tangle it and the jurymen who bungle its enforcement.

Considering what interest will do in the way of building up a fortune, isn't it a pity Methuselah was not onto the combination. He had a chance to break the world. A dollar placed at interest for him when he was born, at 7 per cent would have doubled 97 times before he was gathered to his fathers. However it is probable the old gentleman did not have a dollar when he was born, and besides had no place to lend it. At that time so far as is known the Jews had not invented interest, for they are credited with the system.

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The most suggestive fact of recent political moves is the selection Saturday of a chairman of the New York republican central committee who is opposed to Roosevelt. The chairman, selected was Frederick C. Tanner who was re-elected to the position. After his election he refused to state his preference as between Hughes and Root, but expressed opposition to Roosevelt. He said: "Whoever is nominated must be a real republican, one who has been enrolled as such for a number of years." He added: "I hope that only a republican will be nominated." Evidently he, as many other republicans does not recognize Teddy as a republican, but rather as an insurgent who gave the party an everlasting licking by bolting its nominee for president.

We point to the Mexican as brutal in his nature because he delights in bull fights and cock fighting, and the shedding of blood generally. Yet are we any better in this respect. Only two days ago 80,000 Americans assembled at the race track at Corona to see a dozen men risk their lives in a speed contest far more dangerous than the Mexican bull fight, and still more thrilling because in the latter it was after all but an animal that was killed while in the auto races it was the human being that faced death and in this instance died. Are we growing calloused and so toughened that we require as did the old Romans, that some one be butchered to make a successful holiday?

To the storm blown and snow covered East we can suggest at this time that Horace Greely's advice to "go west young man and grow up with the country" is still good. Saturday a storm swept over the Atlantic coast dropping six inches of snow over a wide section and the mercury below the freezing point in the same areas. Frosts were reported in Louisiana and Texas and in some places in Florida. Not only were the early crops damaged but the baseball games had to be called off at points as far south as Memphis. New crops can be planted but the ball games are a total loss.

Unless there is a big spurt and a steady one for the next eight days at the registration offices there will be a decided shortage of voters at the primaries. Registration ends one week from Tuesday night, or April 18, and the primaries are held May 19. If you intend voting you had better get busy, and not wait until election day to become a nuisance to six of your friends by making them go to the trouble to accompany you to the polls in order to save yourself the trouble of going to the court house and registering, as you should.

That verdict in the Schultz trial at Portland Saturday recalls an old verse describing a dispute over Handel and Bononcini:

"Some say their signor Bononcini  
Compared to Handel's a mere ninny,  
While others say that too him, Handle  
Is scarcely fit to hold a candle.  
But what's the difference I can't see  
Twixt tweedle-dum and tweedle-dee."

Some Portland highwaymen believe in keeping their word. Some six days ago a couple of them held up Albert Gautier and relieved him of \$24. At the time they told him: "We'll be back when you have more money." True to promise, supposedly the same parties, while Gautier was away from home, backed a wagon up to his door and stole most of his furniture and personal effects. Their calling is not commendable but their regard for their word, surely is.

Eastern republican leaders, like Roosevelt and Root, say that "preparedness" and "foreign policy" will be the leading party issues and that the tariff will be discussed only as a minor matter. These Oregon newspapers, edited by the republican press bureau, which have been harping steadily on the tariff question must have been given a bum steer. They will have to get their ready-made editorials from a different boiler plate factory.

The German-American diplomatic crisis is not so acute today. We are not going to war with Germany, or any other country.



### THE POOR LISTENER

I sit in the grocery store, discoursing of current events, each eve, when my labors are o'er, with other industrious gents. We talk of the scrapping in France, discuss the high prices of hay, and each gives the others a chance to say what they suffer to say. When Johnson unlimbers his jaws, we listen politely to him; when Jimpson stands up for his cause, we cheer his remarks with a vim. There's peace in that grocery store, each orator feels at his best, till Kickshaw, the champion bore, comes in to take part in the fest. This man, with his head full of wheels, too oft in our presence has sinned; he wants to make all of the spiels to furnish the bulk of the wind. That's why we old fellows arose, last night, at the grocery store, and lifted that chump with our toes, and hoisted him clear through the door. Free speech is a blessing to men, without it no race can advance; but talkers should pause now and then, and give other fellows a chance.



## REPUBLICANS DIG UP CANDIDATE TO RUN AGAINST BEN OLCOTT

### C. B. Moores, of Portland, Being Groomed for State Secretaryship

The long looked for and much sought for opponent of Ben W. OLCOTT, for the job as secretary of this state, has at last been "discovered" according to a rumor which floated up from Portland today when it was announced that C. F. Moores, chairman of the republican central committee, would oppose OLCOTT for the republican nomination. Petitions are being circulated in Portland today urging Moores to become a candidate for the republican nomination.

Mr. Moores has not yet filed his declaration of candidacy or even announced his intention to be a candidate. The stand pat republicans have been raising their eyebrows for several months with little success as most of the candidates feared that OLCOTT would be re-elected and there is still the fun in being a candidate unless you are elected.

Numerous possibilities were flashed but each looked over the ground and then declined the honor with thanks. OLCOTT looked too strong among the progressive republicans, the democrats, and the rank and file generally of the voters of the state. Moores is well known as a stand pat, dyed in the wool republican, and one of this type was counted by the republicans as likely to put up the best race against OLCOTT.

### SOME PREPAREDNESS

(Oregon City Enterprise.)  
The Salem Capital Journal, which is given to the promotion of worthy causes most of the time, observes that "while those blue print warriors are drawing plans showing how any old nation can land a half million or more troops on our shores in a couple of weeks, they entirely ignore the fact that we have a navy about equal to any except England's. They assume that we would be doing nothing all the time and just waiting for the foreigners who ever they were to get through. These same fellows were nearly sent into a duck fit when the old Oregon made the trip around the Horn, just some Spanish fishing smack should run across her and send her to the bottom. Yet when the test came, the good old ship showed she was able to have whipped the whole Spanish navy as a breakfast job. Preparedness is all right and perfectly proper, but the methods the big army and bigger navy advocates are using to scare the public into taking their advice is too much to be a quick doctor who frightens folks into taking his nostrums by preturing all kinds of suffering and death from a stabbed toe or an ingrowing nail."

It is a pleasing change from the ordinary editorial preparedness talk to read a paragraph such as this one taken from the Salem Journal. A few of the people of the country now are yelling at the top of their voices for the biggest army, the biggest navy and the greatest military program on the face of the earth. Some of the voices are inspired, probably, by munition makers, while others may be yelling just because of the hysteria.

Many of the great battles and scores of magazines have taken up the cry, along with certain members of congress and manufacturers of shells and war supplies, are now firm advocates of military plans that would equal Germany.

The masses of the people, however, do not want to see this country get in the group of war-mad nations. They are not opposed to preparedness, rational preparedness, which, in fact, is only efficiency applied to present army and navy appropriations, mind you, but they do not want conscription, an army of three million men, the biggest navy on earth or any other of the features of the advanced military plans which have been urged by professional war men.

### PRESIDENT HAS A COLD

Washington, April 10.—President Wilson, suffering from a troublesome cold, cancelled his engagements for today and remained sequestered in the White House. The cold was contracted Friday. Bad weather forced him quickly to return from a cruise on the Potomac in his yacht, the Mayflower, by which he hoped to throw off the slight illness. He is reported improving.

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