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## HAVE THE GRANARY OF THE BALKANS

According to the dispatches yesterday Bucharest, the capital of Rumania, is in the hands of the Teuton allies. At the same time there is a grand disruption in the English cabinet, which this news will not tend to better. Rumania has simply received the same treatment from the allies that all other nations joining them have received and is paying the same penalty as did they. At this distance it would seem that the whole trouble lay in the fact that there is no united and concerted action between the allies. It has been the habit during the entire war for each nation to act largely independent of the others. When Russia was making a hard drive on the eastern front the allies on the west laid off and watched the fight; and when the fighting was most desperate on the western front, Russia took a breathing spell. This is the main cause behind the row in the British cabinet for Lloyd George who stands head and shoulders above the balance of the English leaders has always insisted on concerted action and a lessening of bosses.

The object of the German drive is said not to be Bucharest alone, but a determination to crush the Rumanian armies and then make a further drive at Russia, with Odessa the probable objective point. This of course is only guess work, for the German generals are not prone to tell their objects in advance. However, should this prove true, the Teutons will have the biggest contract they have yet undertaken. To advance a short distance into Russian territory may not be very difficult, but the country is so large and railroad facilities so poor that to penetrate any distance into it is a difficult matter. Napoleon went to Moscow. He also came back. That is about all any nation can do with Russia. To send an army thousands of miles from its base of supplies and with Russia's restricted railroad service, maintain it, is a practical impossibility. Germany will probably be content with having meted out severe punishment to Rumania, and will not try to go far into Russia. She has captured great supplies of foodstuffs and is in possession of the granary of the Balkans if not of Europe. In this respect her victory in Rumania is of more importance than any of her others.

Portland does not like pork, but at the same time dislikes to see Tacoma get that 15,000 troop post. The Chamber of Commerce wires Senator Chamberlain that the proper place for the proposed headquarters is old Fort Vancouver, Washington, which it may be incidentally remarked is really a suburb of Portland. We hope Portland may get the post established at Vancouver for several reasons, some of them sentimental, but at the same time would not see our neighbor have pork thrust upon her.

But a short time ago folks were sitting up of nights to worry over the infantile paralysis epidemic prevalent in New York. With a letting up in the number of deaths, all interest in the matter suddenly died out until it was seldom spoken of at all. Will the present insistent demand for lower prices of foodstuffs follow the same course? Prices were high for a long time before anyone made a kick about it, but when it started, a fire is the only thing that can grow and spread as it did.

The embargo idea has taken a firm hold on the public and especially on congress. With the session but a few days old there have been embargoes suggested on almost everything. One wants it on paper, another on leather, still others on wheat, beef, coal, wool, cotton, and so on through practically the whole list. So far war munitions have not been mentioned very loudly by the law makers, especially those whose constituents are engaged in manufacturing them.

The militant suffragettes of the type that conceived the idea of the alimony special with the diamond headlights, in the interests of Hughes' candidacy, are doing the cause much injury. These women constitute the strongest argument against national woman suffrage.

The little city of Umatilla in Eastern Oregon has the distinction of having all its officers women. The mayor, or mayoress or whatever the official title should be, was a candidate against her husband for the place and won hands down. It being the first city in the state, if not in the United States to officer itself with women, the names of the lot are worthy of being placed on record. The mayor is Mrs. E. E. Stecher; the four council "men" are, Mrs. C. G. Brownell, Mrs. Roy F. Paul, Mrs. B. Spinning and Mrs. H. O. Means. Mrs. J. H. Cherry is city recorder, and Mrs. Robert Merrick treasurer. The balance of the state will keep its eyes on Umatilla and its ladylike officials and watch with keen interest the result of what can be done in the way of managing a community by the hands that rocked the cradle and chased the male bipeds off their old time jobs.

It is the earnest hope of The Oregonian that congress will adopt the recommendations of the president. They would do substantial justice to the railroads, the employes and the public. The minds of congressmen should now be so free from all thought of catering to any special interest that they will be able to legislate calmly and deliberately for the common good. The people do not desire that the railroad men be given less than justice; the railroad men surely do not desire more. They should be content to let their case fairly before congress, appealing only to reason and trusting that all their just claims will be granted.—Oregonian.

Now that the election is over the Oregonian cordially endorses the views of President Wilson and advises congress to heed his suggestions. Its editorials have undergone a great change since election day.

The interstate commerce commission has done away with the \$15 differential against the northern routes, as compared with the southern lines, and visitors to the coast can now travel as cheaply by way of Seattle and Portland as via New Orleans and Los Angeles. It should prove of great benefit to the northwest, as well as the tourist, for the latter will see some scenery the like of which can be found nowhere else. There never was any excuse for the differential and it should have been done away with long ago.

A big pleasant looking chap got on South Commercial street car recently, stopping on the back platform where a little crowd was discussing the high cost of living. "What is your opinion about it?" asked one as the argument lagged. "Me," said the big one: "Well I really have not the slightest idea." Some of the crowd turned pale, some sat down, and some looked as though they thought he belonged in the asylum. You see it was not because he did not know that caused the ructions, but because he told the truth so brazenly.

The Hungry squad has completed its two weeks demonstration of the fact that a person could live on 40 cents a day. This has been a well established fact in most households in this country for the last hundred years. Now that the doctors have discovered it they are puffed up with pride and are telling other folks how to accomplish what they of necessity have been doing time immemorial.

The Rochester, New York, Herald asks: "Shall biographies be truthful?" Of course it is hard to look into the future and make any prognostications as to what writers may do, but if this species of literary vanity does not change its skin and also its spots the answer will be a unanimous negative.

Rather queer isn't it that the two big Standard Oil magnates should have the same prefix: "John D." Now only one has it though. The other--had it.

The fact that the Oregon hens are taking a lay off instead of doing the Macduff act does not cause any apparent shortage of real "fresh eggs."

At present prices for meat Shylock would probably have managed to wiggle along with half his order, or about eight ounces.



THE OLD SLOGAN

The frosty breezes have emerged from lands where snow is dropping, and pretty soon we will be urged to do our early shopping. Thus speed the busy months away, by hopes and fears attended; 'twas early spring-time yesterday, and now the Fall's near ended. But yesterday the fields were green, and bugs and birds were cheery; today we're burning gasoline across a landscape dreary. The old time slogan makes me sad—but never sour or surly—when all the merchants in the grad, cry, "Do your shopping early!" For it reminds me of the fact that life is swiftly flying; Time has no pity and no tact; he wants to see us dying. 'Tis but an hour since Groundhog Day, when we were blithely skating, for when we blew our coin away, the Fourth a-celebrating! 'Tis but an hour, and now we hear the Stentor loud and burly, who roars—and jars the atmosphere—"Please do your shopping early!" Well, such is life, and men and dames, and maids with tresses curly, will brace themselves against their hames, and do their shopping early.

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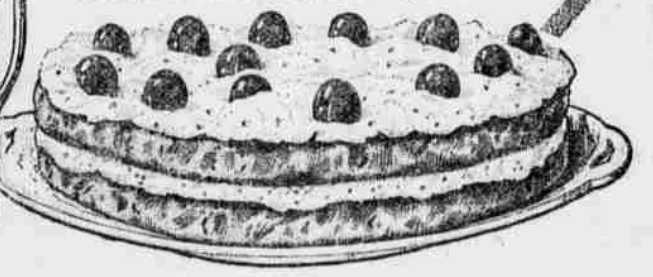
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Whip sweetened cream until stiff; flavor with almond extract and sherry; add chopped blanched almonds and spread between and over the layers. Garnish with cherries.

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## OPEN FORUM

### STREET PAVING BONDS.

To the Editor of the Daily Capital Journal: I desire to use your Open Forum for the following letter which I think will be of interest to the voters of Salem and certainly to the property owners.

Having expected to see upon the ballot a proposition looking to the bonding of the city for the purpose of refunding the expense incurred on street improvements to date, and providing a means of carrying on future improvements, and not having a chance to vote on the matter, I have a plan that appears to me sufficient to cover all objections that might arise in the matter, as follows: Change the charter so that the issuance of \$1,500,000 in bonds can be authorized by the proper authority, bearing 3 per cent interest from the date of issuance. Return to each property owner on which the pavement or improvement assessment has been paid enough of these 3 per cent bonds to cover the amount of the street improvement, and in cases where only part of the payment has been paid and the balance stands as a lien or bond against the property, the owner of the property shall pay enough money into the city treasury to pay the balance due on said bond and accumulated interest thereon and he shall then be entitled to have issued to him the bond covering the entire amount of his street assessment for paving or improvement. If, of course, he will not make this payment as above provided the city or owner of the bond can at its option foreclose as provided by the present charter and ordinance. Now as to the matter of extending the present improvement or making new street improvement, I am informed that about \$750,000 will be required to pay off these claims for pavement or street improvements already made. That would leave in the hands of the city treasurer the sum of \$750,000 in unsigned

bonds which will not bear any interest until signed and delivered. Now as to making new improvements, on any one or more blocks, a petition can be presented to the city council by part or all of the people interested in the improvement and they shall then be furnished with an estimate of the cost of such improvement and before it shall be ordered by the council there shall be enough money placed in the hands of the city treasurer by the petitioners to cover the expense of said improvement and in return for said sum of money the council shall authorize the issuance of an equal amount of the above mentioned bonds to the party or parties paying the money. However, the city council can refuse to make any such improvements if in its judgment it is not for the best interest of the city or for the public good. Now for a few figures. These bonds can be issued under the unit system of nothing less than ten dollars, or even multiples of that amount. If an improvement or claim amounts to \$195.75 issue bond for \$200.00 and collect the \$4.25 cash, or if \$194.75 issue bond for \$199.00 and pay \$4.75 cash; this will about equalize itself.

After paying out the \$750,000 would leave of one million dollars, the sum of \$250,000, and it is likely that sum would be more than sufficient to cover all improvements to be made for some years to come.

The interest on \$1,000,000 at 3 per cent would be \$30,000 per annum, an annual levy of 2 1/2 mills will likely be enough to pay the interest on all issued bonds and before a larger levy would be required the increase of value of assessable property would be more than the present \$11,500,000, enough that the 2 1/2 mills would be the limit ever required to pay the interest on outstanding improving bonds. There can be a sinking fund provided of 2 1/2 mills each year and this sum can be used each year or as often as practicable to retire the bonds and under this system the levy for interest decreasing each year; this decrease can be added to the levy for sinking fund, thus maintaining each year for the two purposes a 5 mill levy will pay inter-

est and all these bonds within 20 years, allowing a reasonable increase in assessed valuations.

There are several reasons why this low rate of interest is desirable, it is so low that it will eliminate all speculative interests and it is high enough that the bonds will be desirable for savings investments. It also makes it assume the form of a popular loan with the purchasers already provided; this will keep 25 to 30 thousand dollars each year in Salem instead of sending 40 or 50 thousand east under the ordinary bonding plan, and each tax payer will be a bond holder and a Salem booster.

FRANK C. FERGUSON.

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WHAT WOODROW COST  
Washington, Dec. 7.—Final report of the treasurer of the democratic national committee filed today with the clerk of the house shows total receipts \$1,884,808,348.16; expenditures, \$1,684,589.74.  
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## THE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE PARTY

CHAPTER XXV.  
In spite of my almost sleepless night I was up early. There was an unusual tamed softness in Clifford's manner, and I felt very small and humble. Several times I was on the point of asking him to forgive me, but something kept me quiet; a feeling that he would not care to discuss the subject.  
After he left for the office I went upstairs and looked over my wardrobe. The burned dress lay on a chair, and I shuddered as I looked at it. But for Clifford I might have been burned to death, I thought, and forgot entirely that I had blamed him for setting me on fire.  
I finally decided to wear a simple white crepe, which both Clifford and Burs Mayson had admired when I wore it to the theatre in Chicago. That settled I hurried downstairs to help with the final arrangements for my party.  
Little Edith was to go to Muriel's. She had a thoroughly competent maid, who would look after her and put her to bed.  
About 9 o'clock the man came to take up the rugs; then came the florist. The entire morning was taken up decorating the house and placing the furniture.  
After a light luncheon Mandy faintly pushed me into my room and made me lie down.  
"Be a good child and go to sleep," she admonished as she closed the door.  
An Hour's Rest.  
When Mandy closed the door I lay

down, thinking I would get up in a minute; that I had no time for a nap. When I woke with a start the clock was striking 2, and I had slept soundly for an hour.  
Rested and refreshed I jumped up and ran downstairs. Everything was going along all right, and I couldn't help a flush of pride and pleasure as I looked around. In the kitchen all was going as smoothly as could be, as it always did when Mandy was superintending. Savory odors rose from the saucers and other things on the stove. I laughingly declared that I wanted my dinner right that minute.  
The setting of the table was my part of the afternoon's work. And as I arranged the dainty china and glass, tied the broad pink ribbons which were to hold the favors—Clifford had selected them—dainty fans for the women, and quaint cigar cutters for the men, I sang happily. Someway the incident of the night before had kept me happy all day, in spite of what might have been the horror of it. I felt nearer Clifford, almost glad of the danger because of the knowledge that it had affected him. Would he have turned pale had he ceased to care for me?  
Disturbed Thoughts.  
Then I wondered: if it could be that he would have paled had it been Kate, or Mandy. If it were just that a human being was in danger that had affected him; not that it was ME.  
After that thought came I sang no

more, but kept at the remainder of my work in an entirely different spirit. Why would such thoughts always come to me just when I was happiest? It must be there was something wrong about me that I always imagined some second motive when Clifford was kind. I almost wished I had been burned so that I could have known whether Clifford really and truly cared.  
Was I silly and foolish? I know now that many women, more than men dream of, are just as silly, just as foolish as I was. That they long for the love, the expression of that love, of the man they have married; and spend many hours wondering why they have lost it, and what they can do to win it back.  
I have always believed that any man whom a woman marries can keep her entire love and devotion IF HE TRIES; if he CARES enough. I used to wonder if I had been less in earnest in my wish to please Clifford, if he would have tried harder to be nice to me. At times I had begun to believe that a man only cares for that which he is not SURE he possesses. All these disturbing thoughts ran through my mind as I put the finishing touches to my table, gave a last glance into the kitchen, then ran upstairs to dress, just as I heard Clifford's key in the door.  
(Tomorrow—The Dinner Guests Arrive.)