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MORTGAGING THE FUTURE

Medford has a hard problem to meet in providing means for paying the interest on her bond issues without working irreparable injury on her citizens. The results of boom conditions are always bad, for people get enthusiastic and discount a future they can not be sure of, but which at the time looks rosy and promising. Had the future, as it appeared to our neighbor a few years ago, proved as bright as it gave promise of being, all would have been well and Medford would have been credited with being the most progressive of little cities. Unfortunately that future did not materialize. However it will all come right if time is given the hard pushed taxpayers, for the city is located in the center of a remarkably rich section, one that will come to the front again and snap its fingers at the difficulties it has had to contend with. Salem and Marion county wisely refused to mortgage the future for any purpose, and the wisdom of their course is now apparent. No matter what comes the county and city debts are small, though the drain for paving has been felt, and is still so. It has taken a large amount of money out of Salem that will never come back but we have the paved streets and the worst of the drain is over as a large portion of the debt has been paid and the interest stopped.

Those who read the newspapers although they are told some of the troubles of publishers owing to the soaring news paper prices, have but a faint idea of what publishers are up against. Paper that a couple of years ago was selling at about \$1.60 the hundred is now held at \$5.50 or even higher. The smaller papers feel it badly enough, but with the big ones it means to some, bankruptcy. The worst feature of it is that it is the independent newspapers that can be least spared that will go under. Those having the backing of the trusts or of certain magnates, can stand the drain, for their losses are nothing to the gains those backing them are making as a result of war prices.

The story of the country's business with the balance of the world is one of such stupendous quantities as to be beyond understanding. We exported in the eleven months ending November 30, 1916, materials valued at \$4,960,302,630. This in gold would weigh about 8,000 tons. During the same time we exported goods and materials to South America valued at \$197,501,248, and imported them of the value of \$383,821,074. This showing of the rapidly growing trade with our southern neighbors is the most gratifying feature of the whole year's business.

Another German raider is reported on the Atlantic, and a couple of big ships as well as several smaller ones are overdue, it is claimed on account of this new sea rover. The new raider is described as being about 450 feet long, 45 foot beam with a single funnel and two large masts. From this it is evident someone has seen her or thought they did. At the same time it should be remembered that English shipping circles are easily frightened and it is possible this raider has no more tangibility than had the much exploited "Bremen."

In England the impression is said to be general that the Germans were forced to make an offer of peace owing to scarcity of food and the people's unwillingness to longer bear the hardships forced on them by the war. It may be possible this estimate is all wrong, and in that case the second offer to negotiate peace terms may meet with a more favorable reception.

Only a few days until the lawmakers wrestle with the problem of making a small blanket cover a large bed. Already a few of the members have arrived and are getting themselves located comfortably.

The last suggestion coming from the east is in effect that "in time of war prepare for peace," is the motto the American people should keep in sight.

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Congressman Henry, says his committee will pay no attention to the charges made by Lawson as to leaks in the departments of news that is of benefit to the stock gamblers. Mr. Lawson says he can prove what he says, and Senator Stone agrees with Lawson to the extent of admitting a leak. Under the circumstances Congressman Henry will do well to investigate the charges. If there is a private snap in the offices of the departments out of which the employes draw pay from the gamblers, and by which the latter raid the markets, it should be exposed and the guilty parties punished. If there is nothing back of the charges, it will be disclosed and Mr. Lawson placed along with Ananias and the celebrated Baron Munchausen and it must be admitted that Tom Lawson is a wind-jammer of no mean distinction.

Just a word to all correspondents and those writing for publication in the Capital Journal. Sign your articles plainly and if you do not care to have your name printed, say so, and your wishes will be respected. Another thing: in preparing copy do not use the ampersand "&" unless it is in writing the name of a firm. Write on one side of the paper only and be careful to write proper names plainly. The operators on the machines can tell from the context what an average word is or should be, but with proper names they can only guess, where they are not plainly written.

That Cherrian banquet was up to date and it was held the second of the year too. There was not a dull minute from start to taps, and the stunts were genuine surprises. The menu was splendid and the water flowed like champagne. The oratory also flowed much like the water.

The motto of the Carranza generals seem to be "we have met the enemy and we are theirs." But they don't report it that way.



UNCLE SAM BUSY

Old Uncle Sam is tiring of "Cost of Living" fuss, and now he is inquiring just why such things are thus. When government committees go snooping round for facts, in all our towns and cities, and populated tracts, we feel there's something doing; we shake off our despair; now Justice is pursuing the pirates to their lair. But we'll be dead and sleeping, our weary frames at rest, before the land is reaping much good from Uncle's quest. It is a thousand pities, wet blankets to produce, but government committees! Oh, thunder, what's the use? Perhaps in nineteen-thirty committees will report that speculators dirty should all be haled to court, for boosting eggs and taters, excelsior and bread; but all the speculators will then be lying dead. The little chortling suckling will be all bent with years, and down to labor bucking, when that report appears. The happy schoolboy friskers, enjoying sunny lives, will have long, snowy whiskers, when that report arrives. And prices will be normal, this crisis all forgot, when, all correct and formal, that blamed report is brought. And I who write this ditty will sleep beneath the yam, before the first committee reports to Uncle Sam.



STATE NEWS

Coos Bay Times: After an all-day session during which various phases of the project were gone into and the terms of the proposed franchise discussed at length, the Coos county court granted the Smith-Powers company a franchise for the construction of a railroad along the east side of the highway between Bonker, Hill and Summit. The franchise is for a term of 99 years.

That woolgrowers of the Northwest will receive as high as 40 cents for their 1917 wool clip is the opinion of W. R. Harratt, president of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, says the Heppner Gazette-Times. He bases his contention in part from a recent letter received from S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association.

Harrisburg: The government snag boat Mathalona is pulling snags and logs in the river near here today. It has been working up the river between Albany and Peoria since Christmas day and has not come above Peoria.

Divorce suits outnumbered marriage licenses in Clatsop county during the year just ended, counts made Tuesday show. During the year 1916, 237 divorce suits were brought in the circuit court, and 210 marriage licenses granted. The records show a slight increase in the number of divorces, as 234 actions were instituted during 1915.

The national forests of Oregon and Washington are being protected, not only from fire, but from the ravages of insects. Occasionally bark beetles become so destructive on certain areas that the infected timber must be promptly cut and burned to prevent further damage to valuable timber.

A valuable draft horse belonging to Fred Putnam, of Ashland, lost its life

Christmas day in a strange way. The horse, while romping in the stable yard, caught a light wire in its mouth, the wire wedging between its teeth. In its struggle the horse wore through the insulation and was killed by the 120-volt current.

Improvement notes in Hermiston Herald: Many sales of land have been made during the past three months and in most cases the new owners, if not already here, will come within the next 30 days and start improvements. Street rumormongers have it that at least three new business houses will open soon after the first of the year.—Now a big pull all together and we will have the street to the school house grade.

A novel business operated at Eugene is thus described by the Register: "A miniature bowling alley is in full swing, when the weather permits, on a vacant lot off the alley running between Sixth and Seventh avenues east, in the Register block, and is operated by three small boys, who have displayed no small amount of ingenuity in its construction. The alley is com-

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plete, almost, from a return incline constructed of two lead pipes to scoreboard. A canopy covering has been supplied for the pin setter. Three cents a game is charged by the promoters.

Sealer of Weights Will Ask More Help

Spence Wortman, deputy state sealer of weights and measures, who took the place vacated by Fred G. Baehnel when he became public service commissioner, announces that he will ask an increase of two men on the force of district sealers as he says four are not able to cover the state in a year. He will also ask a law making it a misdemeanor to tamper with weights and it made possible to prosecute offenders in a justice court without the necessity of going before a grand jury for an indictment.

Mr. Wortman would have the law specify that any one having in possession weights that were evidently tampered with was guilty of a misdemeanor without the necessity of using a stool pigeon. Although he does not approve of it, he says he will recommend that the half-pint berry-box be made standard. This measure is standard in both California and Washington. Recommendations for change in weighing and making bread may also be made.

A SIGNIFICANT DISPATCH

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.—Great significance was attached to passage by Austro-German censors today of a quotation from the Vienna newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung, asking the government to "discover if the entente would be ready to negotiate peace after an evacuation by Teutonic troops in the west, and if so, that the evacuation be made immediately."

The newspaper asserts the entente's reply is a peace note—if rightly understood."

Significance attached to this dispatch arises from the fact that British sources have all along maintained if Germany was in earnest about peace she should evacuate Belgium and that part of France she now occupies as a preliminary to peace discussions.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



BROKEN RESOLUTIONS

CHAPTER CXIII

With each evening's absence from home, my uneasiness concerning Clifford's friendship with either of the beautiful women I knew he visited was deepening to real alarm and at last anger. I had nothing more tangible than my own thoughts and fears and the slight knowledge I had of my husband's movements. But these seemed sufficient.

"I cannot—I WILL not bear it much longer," I said as I made myself miserable by imagining how those older women must laugh at me for being such a fool. I felt I had done all possible to keep my husband, and had failed. Just as I came to this conclusion—for the hundredth time—the telephone rang.

"Hello!" I called, and was surprised to hear Leonard Brooke reply: "Good morning, Mrs. Hammond! I have promised to go quite a ways in the country to inspect an old violin. Some fellow thinks he has a Strad, and I am commissioned to find out. Won't you go with me? It's a glorious morning."

"But you know," I said, "is Muriel going?"

"No, she isn't at home. And what you said doesn't matter."

"Perhaps you are right, and what I say doesn't make any difference," I replied, my thoughts on Clifford. "And isn't there a saying that a bad resolution is better broken than kept?" I queried.

"Indeed, there is! I'll call for you in 15 minutes."

Just a Little Kid

Written For JAMES M. HEADY, JR.

I am just a little KID, I've got no SIS or BROTHER, the only one that EVER WUZ, there never was no OTHER. Sometimes I get LONESOME like but still I b'lieve I'd RUTHER that there would be just us THREE—just ME and DAD and MOTHER.

It's awful handy lots of times, not to have a PASSEL of kids a trottin' round with YOU, kids that fight and WRASSEL. I just take my FATHER'S hand, MOTHER takes the OTHER and off we go a happy THREE—ME and DAD and MOTHER.

Some day I'll be grown up BIG and workin' for a LIVIN'. I hope I'll heed all good ADVICE that DAD and MOTHER'S GIVEN; and will not live just for MYSELF but look a little FURTHER and at least take the FAMILY IN—ME and DAD and MOTHER.

News From Washington Keeps Market Guessing

New York, Jan. 5.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said: Wall street is quite frankly confused by the lack of definite news of any nature. There is very little that is tangible to be utilized as a guide to stock market operations. The public is holding aloof from the stock market until it can be determined with some degree of certainty whether the world is tending toward peace or a continuance of the war.

President Wilson seems determined to keep up his efforts for peace. That is the way the matter stands, while the financial district amuses itself with reading the reports of the stock scandal in Washington.

The market in stocks remains in the hands of the professional element. The opening today was weak, followed by a movement of great irregularity.

After the afternoon session advanced further losses were recorded, mainly in the industrial list. United States steel sold down nearly to 109 after opening at 111 to 110 1/2 against a closing yesterday at 112. Similar losses were suffered by the other steel and copper shares. The equipment issues and the munitions specialties yielded two to five points.

There was a good deal of backing and filling in the last hour. At one moment prices sagged, again made momentary advances. In some cases, prices moved near the level of the previous closing.

Wheat Prices Drop Account Peace Talk

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The grain market was lower today, the renewal of peace talk overcoming the bull influence of the seaboard buying for export.

May wheat opened down half and later lost 1/2 to 1/4. July opened up half, but at noon had lost 2 1/2-3, standing at 1.48 3/8.

Corn also was weak, after a firmer opening, which was based on the action of the British government taking over all corn stores at yesterday's prices. May opened up 7/8 and subsequently reacted 7/8 to 9/8. July opened up quarter and lost 3/8 going to 96 1/2.

Oats were very narrow, but fell with wheat. May opened up quarter, then lost 1 to 5/8 3/4. July opened up 1/4, and lost 1 point to 53 3/4.

Provisions were strong on large investment buying.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

In the action brought by W. L. Gilbert against the Globe and Rutgers Fire Insurance company for the recovery of money alleged due, the jury that heard the case yesterday filed its verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$1200.

The jur in the case of J. G. Woodard against the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company, an action for breach of contract, awarded the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$1000 with interest at six per cent from October 27, 1913, and \$450 with interest from date.

On account of sickness at home and various other causes Judge Kelly excused 11 jurors out of the first panel drawn after the grand jury had been selected. This left 13 jurors with which to start one of the largest terms of court for some time. As a result a new venire of 11 men was called.

Fred J. Siewert, executor of the estate of Daniel A. Siewert, filed a petition with the county court asking authority to loan the sum of \$1000 to J. W. Beckley and wife on property in business transacted is also asked.

W. J. Culver, executor of the estate of Samuel Sebastian Gimble, filed a petition with the county court asking permission to sell personal property of the estate to satisfy claims against it. An order granting the petition was made by Judge Bushey.

In the action brought by the Charles K. Fox company against C. E. Reinhart, Salem shoe dealer, for the recovery of money for goods sold and delivered, C. E. Reinhart today filed an answer to the complaint which states that between January 2, 1914, and July 28, 1914, the Fox company sold and delivered shoes to Mr. Reinhart to the amount of \$1037.98. On November 13, 1914, Mr. Reinhart was declared bankrupt and at a meeting of the creditors they agreed to accept 20 cents on the dollar. At this meeting, Mr. Reinhart says the plaintiff was present. He says he has paid all the claims at the rate of twenty cents. Regarding the claim of Adams Brothers for \$151.39 and the Summer Shoe company for \$71.40, he makes the same statement and asks that the complaint be dismissed.

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MY HUSBAND AND I

Jane Phelps

"That we all did?" "She is lovely," I answered. "My son was crippled for years before he died. He was injured in the mine of which he was superintendent. She made him happy all those years by playing on that old violin and supported him by giving music lessons. When she died she told us to sell it some time, but not until we were old, and then not to anyone who didn't understand violins. So now my husband is too old to work hard and we need money, so we are going to sell it—she said it was worth thousands."

"Oh, I hope so!" I exclaimed, "and Mr. Brooke will know. He is a great musician himself." I told her, just as Leonard commenced to play. I had not known he played the violin, and it was a complete surprise. He afterward told me that when a young boy he had played, but given it up for the piano. "It is a Stradivarius, all right," Leonard said when he finished playing. "A wonderful instrument."

"It is very valuable, then?" I asked. "Worth thousands," he replied, then to the old man, "I will report that it is a genuine Stradivarius, and communicate with you in a few days."

All the way home he would talk of nothing but his wonderful find; but I thought of the sad story the old lady had told me, lightened by the warmth of the cradle whose wife repaid him many fold—and I thought I, too, could do great things for love.

(Tomorrow—Leonard Brooke Act as Escort.)