

CHARLES H. FISHER Editor and Manager

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 17 1917.

Capital Journal Ptg. Co., Inc.

CHAS. H. FISHER, President. DORA C. ANDERSEN, Vice-President. Sec. and Treas.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: carrier, per year \$5.00 Per month 45c; mail, per year 8.00 Per month 85c

FULL LEASED WIRE TELEGRAPH REPORT EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES: Lewis, New York, Tribune Building; Chicago, W. H. Stockwell, People's Gas Building.

Capital Journal carrier boys are instructed to put the papers on the carrier if the carrier does not do this, misses you, or neglects getting the papers to you on time, kindly phone the circulation manager, as this is the only way we can determine whether or not the carriers are following instructions. Phone Main 81 before 7:30 o'clock and a paper will be sent you by messenger if the carrier has missed you.

CURRY COUNTY'S DILEMMA

Curry county is up against it in good shape if the governor she makes is true, in the mandamus suit brought by the governor to compel her officials to call a special election as provided by the legislature on June 4, to vote on several measures submitted by the legislature to the people. One of these measures is the \$6,000,000 road improvement bill. The roads proposed to be improved in the county as shown by the map presented to the legislature, are none of them located within the borders of Curry county. Naturally Curry county folks could see no reason why they should get busy in an election in which they have no interest other than to be made a party to the bond issue. The county was getting none of the pork, why should it assist at the butchering? However it was considered the election might be jeopardized if Curry county did not take part in it, and hence the governor, representing the balance of the state, if not Curry county, brought suit to compel the holding of an election June 4 directed by the legislature. Curry county demurred the complaint which was filed in the supreme court, and its objections were over ruled, and yesterday its demurrer was filed. It presents a small legal nut for the court to crack, or perhaps we should have said presents small and devious crack for the legal nuts to walk. It is up to the county budget has been made up, and that there will be barely money enough to run the county. If it calls this election the expense, with its present indebtedness, would exceed the \$5,000 which is the limit allowed for county indebtedness created by the officials, and that if this sum is exceeded the officials will themselves become responsible individually. It will be seen from this if the contention of the officials is correct, that they would have to pay the expenses of holding an election if they were not interested in personally, to give people a chance to vote on what they did not care two whoops for, and which they knew would not have the result changed no matter whether Curry county held an election or not. It is probable Curry county will have to hold an election whether she would or not, and it is possible the road bonds will not get a large majority down in the southwest corner of the state. The majority against the bonds may be increased by about the vote of Curry county.

THE SEEDS OF REVOLUTION

Socialists in Germany are getting bold to the danger of revolution. The latest dispatches from Berlin state that the leaders of the two branches of the party in the reichstag, Scheidemann and Ledebour, bluntly warned the imperial chancellor, Von Bethmann-Hollweg, of possible trouble if peace steps were not taken. Scheidemann is the leader of the peace but pro-government faction, and this coming coming from him is the more of a surprise on account. Ledebour leads the anti-war and anti-government faction of the socialists, and he was even more frankly outspoken than Scheidemann. Of Scheidemann's position he said: "If he does not want strong words, which do not shrink even from the announcement of revolution to be followed by deeds. We are convinced that events must happen in Germany as they have happened in Russia. We must soon introduce a republic in Germany and we shall soon propose that the constitution committee take preparatory steps to that end." It is probably a long way to revolution in Germany, for the strong military force will keep the masses awed, but when the talk of revolution such as the above is made in the reichstag, it is evident the seeds of revolution are planted and sooner or later will blossom and bear fruit. It is within the range of possibility that when the end of the war comes it will be from within some of the warring countries rather than from their enemies. Hunger is a great driver, and because the central allies are the more oppressed from this source than their opponents the possibility of revolution in some of them, is that much the stronger.

LADD & BUSH, Bankers. Established 1868. CAPITAL \$500,000.00. Transact a General Banking Business. Safety Deposit Boxes. SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

MY HUSBAND AND I

By Jane Phelps

GREAT PREPARATIONS

CHAPTER XLVI Helen was as excited as I was when I told her of our contemplated house warming. "Oh, that will be lovely!" she exclaimed, "if I have any thing you want just ask for it, won't you?" Helen was one of the most generous souls that ever lived. Later, when I remembered it, it helped condone many things she afterward did. "By you think I have planned an elaborate enough supper?" I asked, "I want to have enough, but I can't afford too much; and with no one but Nora to help I can't serve it." "I think it will be lovely!" Then, "what are you going to give them to drink?" "Why I thought I would have both coffee and cocoa," I returned, "then if they don't like one they can have the other. Lots of people you know can't drink coffee at night, I can't myself unless I want to lie awake all night." "That will be nice," Helen mused, "but I thought perhaps as you were to have Miss Morton, and such swells as Bob Henderson and his wife that you might feel you would have to give them some kind of light wine with the salad." "Oh, no!" I exclaimed, "we never try to serve anything to drink excepting a little light beer when I make a rarebit. In the first place we can't afford it; and Tom is like his mother in lots of things; and she doesn't believe in serving liquor in the home." Helen is Puzzling. "But it isn't her home, and"— Helen broke off a little embarrassed it seemed to me. "And what?" I queried. "Nothing much—only Everett Crandell is no neostomach to having such things that I wonder he comes to your parties when you don't have anything for him to drink." "You mean that he—drinks?" I asked, shocked. I never had been accustomed to drinking in any form; never knew anyone well who made it a habit. Of course in our town, as in all small places we had a few village drunks, and several tipplers; but as far as any one who considered themselves respectable serving drinks, why—it was unheard of. "No, not the way you mean! Don't look so horrified! But a great many people now a days, especially in a big city like New York have some sort of wine served with their meals, and a cocktail as an appetizer. But I think that cocoa and coffee will do very nicely. Shall you play bridge?" "Yes, I thought so. There will be just eight of us," I replied, but some way my enthusiasm for my party had all oozed out. Helen had acted so queerly. Ought I to give them wine? I worried over it until Tom came home then I said: "Tom, what shall we give them to drink, Wednesday night?" "Coffee, of course, why?" "Nothing much, only I"— "You didn't think I was going to buy wine for them did you? Nice impression we'd give buying wine for that bunch. They all know I can't afford it! Crandell would be justified in firing me if I were fool enough to do such a thing. They have money enough to buy all the wine they want. It will do them good to lead the simple life one evening," so it was settled, greatly to my satisfaction. I no more than Tom, wanted them to think I was trying to do something; but no one knows how I wished we were able to do it naturally. Does it seem strange that I should have such desires; that as soon as I heard of the proper thing to do; or the thing which society people did that I should want to do it? Perhaps it was partly due to my bringing up; perhaps to inherent snobbishness. I don't pretend to know; but I do know that while all my life I had had the necessities, I never had been indulged in luxuries. That now I longed for the fleespots may have been due to that. All day the day of the party I worked in the kitchen with Nora; or in making the apartment neat and attractive. My curtains were all up and I had hung dainty cretonne hangings over them. "It looks like something new!" Tom said when he came home. "I shan't be ashamed to have anyone see our home now." (Tomorrow—The house warming)

War Prices Shot to Pieces BRICK BROS. QUIT BUSINESS SALE

Absolutely Only Genuine Closing Out Sale in Salem at This Time Comes at a Critical Time of War When Merchandise Is Going Up---Up

No wonder people are buying as they never did before. If there ever was a time when one needed to economize on the price of Clothing, Shoes, etc., that time is NOW. Footwear has doubled in price within just a few months and is still going higher. Shoes that a few months ago sold at \$5.00 to \$7.00 a pair, are now selling at \$9.00 to \$15.00. Wool suitings and materials have advanced higher and higher and no telling, next year, what clothing will be made of or what kind of prices you will have to pay. We bought our shoes and clothing before the big advance in price and in the midst of these conditions—never before prevailing since the Civil War—we're not only selling Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing Goods at reduced old prices, but GIVING A STILL GREATER REDUCTION on every article in this store, including thousands of dollars worth of new Spring and Summer Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Underwear, etc., some of which only arrived last week.

EVERY ARTICLE MUST GO FREE

- 9 A. M.—A Clock, Value \$10.00. 11 A. M.—Ladies' German Silver Sterling Plate Mash Bag Purse. 2 P. M.—A Gentleman's Silk Umbrella, value \$5.00 4 P. M.—Cut Glass Water Set, consists of pitcher and 6 Glasses.

Saturday May 19th, 9 a. m., 11 a. m., 2 p. m., 4 p. m.

As a special inducement for every person to visit our sale next Saturday, that you may see for yourself the marvelous reductions that are being made at this Quit-Business Sale and be brought face to face with the savings that are offered, we will give away, ABSOLUTELY FREE, the above articles. Remember, this costs you nothing. Every time you enter our store Friday and Saturday, you will be given a ticket absolutely free with each dollar purchase, and one of these tickets, Saturday, will entitle the holder to one of the premiums, clock, ladies' mesh bag, gentleman's umbrella, or cut glass water set. Save your tickets and also remember that you must be in the store at the time, for these premiums will positively only be given to someone in our store at 9 a. m., 11 a. m., 2 p. m., 4 p. m. o'clock Saturday afternoon.

BRICK BROS. Cor. State and Liberty SALEM THE CORNER STORE



PENNIES SAVED

Jinks saved his coin for years and years, the dollars earned in sweat and tears. "I have no use for banks," said he; "they never did appeal to me. Why hand my savings to a gent who may elope with every cent, and spend his days, till life is done, where extradition doesn't run? Methinks I have more sense than that; I have some brains beneath my hat. The hard earned dimes for which I grind, I'll hide away where none can find, and when I'm old I'll have a roll that will be soothing to my soul." And so, in nooks and crannies, then, he hid away the iron men. In corners underneath the stairs, and in old tables, cots and chairs, he stored away the good long green, and muttered oft, with mind serene, "The banks won't get my precious marks—I fear those money lending sharks!" And thus he saved till he waxed



old; and then one morning, fair but cold, with northeast winds and signs of snow, the fire fiend came and laid him low. His shack was burned, with all it held, and Jinks just stood around and yelled. He'd lost his all in wintry age; we put him in a padded cage, and there, with other batty cranks, he still remains and cusses banks.

With Packer Swift's son helping the dusky cook in the Sheridan training camp grounds; and Golfer Hale driving two mules to the ash cart, it will be seen the spirit of democracy prevails in the soldiers' camp. Of course these details are brief, the men being changed every few days, but it must have been some experience for Swift's son to be washing a quarter of beef from his dad's packing plant for use by the other soldier boys. Soldiering is a great destroyer of caste, the iconoclast of class.

The Portland Merchants Exchange yesterday voted to stop all trading in futures on wheat, oats and barley. Hereafter all quotations issued by the exchange will be for cash deals only. This ruling will remain in force so long at least as present conditions exist. This action taken by all the boards in the country should bring market conditions back to something at least approaching normal.

Latin Republics to Hold Neutral Conference

Buenos Aires, May 16.—Announcement of agreement of all Latin-American republics except Brazil, for a neutral conference on or about September 7, was made officially today. The meeting will be held at Buenos Aires. Brazil's non-participation comes about through her abandonment of neutrality in breaking relations with Germany. Argentine has been agitating a conference of South American republics for several months, with the object of attaining unity of action for preserving of trade as well as neutrality. It was learned today that Spain has made formal overtures to the Latin-American republics for a political and commercial post-war conference, to be held at Madrid.

REASSURES RUSSIA

Washington, May 16.—In an effort to counteract troublesome propaganda and misunderstandings of the purpose of the American mission to Russia, the state department has sent a reassuring note to the Russian government which it is hoped will be circulated to the Russian people. This statement shows that the United States has no ulterior purposes and is interested only in giving the Slavs a helping hand at a critical time.