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## A COMBINATION ELECTIO

The legislature no doubt thought it was doing a wise thing when it passed the bill requiring cities to hold thei lections on the same days as general elections. The bil was passed as a measure of economy, but the author of be the same and the same judges should act. Besides there was no provision requiring the city to make it cincts, or the county authorities to make the precinets th same as the city wards. Without this arrangement it mpossible to use the same election officers for both cit and general elections and so two elections must be hel and the voters must go to two separate voting places to do his or her day's voting. One of the amendments to the city charter submitted at this coming election is for the purpose of correcting this, or atteapting to. While th object was to save expense it may well be doubted if this will be done, and it is quite certain that the voting will b just that much slower when a city ticket is added to the
long ballot of a general election. Not only will the voting ong ballot of a general election. Not only will the voting be slower but the counting of the ballots and getting the
returns will also be delayed materially. Besides, if the returns will also be delayed materially. Besides, in th
election boards are required to work enough longer to make another day of it in making the returns, on accoun of the length of the combined ballot, then the saving wil be but trifling. Apparently the easiest way to straighten ack to the levislature and let it repeal the low. This by back to the legislature and let it repeal the law. This by the way would give the legislature a job at its mos
valuable branch of business, repealing something it had valuable brance.
already done.

Voting for the retention of Governor Withycombe in office means the endorsing of one of the oldest and mos corrupt practices in polititics--that of assessing office holderkmail on the employee because be knows he must pay or get out, and it in all respects tends to degrade the pub lic service. In this state the governor has absolute contro over the penitentiary and it is here that the spoils system flourishes openly and brazenly. Employes there are as Eessed according to the salaries they draw and given to enses or lose their jobs, as shown by a list published i the Capital Journal Saturday. Joe Keller, appointed parole officer by the governor in spite of strong protests peems to be the governor's closest poitical adviser and ploves. He had anything but a savory reputation as a
police officer in Portland but worked for the governor's police officer in Portland but worked for the governor city with good results and received his appointment a parole officer as a reward.
Daily there are reports of some person who has refused to subscribe for Liberty Bonds, Red Cross or such
patriotic measures being tarred and feathered or sub jected to some such treatment. It is to be regretted tha such is the case. No matter how aggravating it may be o see those abundantly able to assist in all patriotic ef forts turning aside from them, it should be remembere that the government is asking a voluntary loan not mak ing a forced one. If it becomes necessary to take such drastic steps then the government will levy a tax which will apply to all and it will enforce its payment. The betcountry is to ignore them, to forget they are alive. The caussing by unnoticed on the street of such persons, re fusal to associate with them, is a far worse punishment than tar and feathers or any other f. recible means of compelling a show of patriotism.

National bicycle week is being observed throughout the nation. Its a good idea--the bicycle is not only extremely delightful and healthful recreation.
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## LADD \& BUSH, Bankers

The Third Liberty Bond Sale is now on. We have a Liberty Bond Department in one of our Lobby Stalls. A teller is constantly in charge ready to answer questions and take subscriptions.

## HUNS HAVE THE BLUES

Letters found on German prisoners show the Huns have a fit of the blues. History shows the Hun as a hard a poor loser. He has not the moral courage to make a osing fight and stay with it. In other words while not owardly he is a quitter when onee he realizes he has the worst of it and the immediate prospect is not for a betterment of conditions. He has been disappointed about his objectives in the last drive, and would get most decidedly
blue if given the opportunity. This he will not blue if given the opportunity. This he will not get, for his leaders know his disposition and will keep him too busy to ndulge in much thinking, and so prevent trouble for themselves. No doubt there will be lots of hard fighting
vet, but once the fighting is carried onto German soil the yet, but once the fighting is carried onto German soil, the Destroy the Frenchman's garden and orchard and you Destroy the Frenchman's garden and orchard and ermined to fight it out until he punishes the destroyer. he same devastation done to a Crerman farm would sian mind.

Russia is undergoing much the same experience the duthern states, or some of them, had during the recondea of the responsibilites of life, no conception of what iberty meant; no knowledge of finance, or government was placed in charge of the matter of managing the states. The result was an orgie of extravagance, a reign
f lawlessness followed by one of terror. Ignorance w placed on top of intelligence. In the natural course of vents it could not stay so placed, for intelligence was cerain to find some way to get out of the yoke. It is so in Russia and it is only a question of time until the inThe rule of the czar no doubt had many drawhen affairs. much to condemn, but whatever it was it cannot be denied hat the czardom of ignorance is worse than that of the Romanoffs. Lenine and Trotsky are the limit in the way rulers, ex.
ravaganza.
German newspapers are announcing that the central owers will attack on two fronts at once and assert that ith a drive on the Italian front while another is carried on in the west, "the combined efforts will bring the onged-for German success." It is possible an attack on he Italian front will be made, but ahout the only prediction made by the German papers that will prove true is that success "is longed for." There will probably be he allies, but from all appearances the Hun is done. His iggest gun has been fired, and it is for a defensive war or him in the near future.

With three separate investigations underway as to al ged graft and crookedness in connection with the buildoon be exposed or never discovered. In most cases of investigation of any old thing, nothing is ever discovered, and the question as to three such investigations at once nswering, for such a combination was never tried before.
Americans are literally "pouring into France" according to a Paris newspaper. This has been going on for some time and every day makes the forces arrayed
against the kaiser that much greater and his chances of winning that much smaller.
Only eight days more and the agony will be over for
ose candidates who are beaten. For some of the others hose candidates $w$.

## Rippling Rhymes <br> \author{ by Walt Mason 

}THE COLD RAIN
The wind is cold, the sky is wet, the rain's continuous and moist; and many people sigh and fret who on the sunny days re-
joiced. Some voters are so poorly built joiced. Some voters are so poorly built
they view a dark day with affright; they think that all the beans are split if there should be a cloud in sight. But I have made
a gaudy fire, I hear it roaring up the flie a gaudy fire, I hear it roaring up the flue; a happy howdydo. I look out at the liquid rain that hasn't sense enough to the liquid see it washing down enough to quit, and see it washing down the pane, and do not fields more fair, and that should cheer up dismal souls; and it will purify the air, and make the microbes hunt their holes. The rain will save the oats we see, if we have eyes, that storms like this will win the war. How often, through a lack of rain has this drouth stricken country groaned! So it is sinful to complain because your pienic is postponed. The country roads are dripping wet, no motor cars along them purr; but it's wicked thing to fret because your joyride won't occur.
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