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WOMEN RULE IN ENGLAND.

Great Britain may now be said to have a petticoat government. In the recent national election, called by Lloyd-George for a new lease of power, the women voted for the first time, in fulfillment of the new franchise law. Early reports indicate that the female voters outnumbered the males.

The ballot privilege is limited to women over 30; but the excessive number of women in Great Britain, together with the absence of so many men and the stimulus of the novel privilege, more than made up for the difference.

The British woman was slow in demanding equal citizenship rights, but when once she started she made up for lost time. Now that she has the power she will surely use it to the utmost of her ability. Feminine influence will doubtless make itself felt at once, especially in the overshadowing business of the immediate future—framing of peace terms.

It is inconceivable that those strong-minded British women will stand for any of the old-fashioned, secret and crooked diplomacy in the fixing of British international relations hereafter. They will insist on such conditions as will tend to save them and theirs from all the sacrifices of these sad years. They will not tolerate the maintenance of vast armies and navies on the old competitive basis, for the glory and wealth of the political and business imperialists.

Their influence is one of the most encouraging factors in the establishment of such a peace as the American people want.

SLOW WORK FOR PEACE CONFERENCE.

It may seem that the peace commission at Versailles is a bit slow in getting down to work. The announcement has been made that the formal assembly will probably take place at a later date than was intended at first. This need not be cause for impatience, for there is much preliminary work to be done, and the more thoroughly it is cleaned up the faster will the final settlements proceed.

For one thing, the housing and assembling of the various branches of the American commission is a big task. In one advisory commission there are twenty-three experts who for a year have been making a study of political and economic conditions in Europe and Asia.

They have several tons of maps and data which must be so arranged as to be promptly available. This alone would take a good deal of time, were there no other circumstances to delay.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

BALMY DAYS.

We've been conserving bread, we've been conserving grease; and now we look ahead to bounteous days of peace, when one may eat a pie, and feel no blush of shame; how good to say good by to warfare's dismal game! How good to put four spoons of sugar in your tea, nor care two peayones who is around to see! When streams were running red with blood of angry foes, I lived on sawdust bread, and prunes, and things like those. And if I tried to sneak some sugar or some jam, my wife would wildly shriek, "You're knifing Uncle Sam! You're slacking just as much as some pro-German dub! It simply beats the Dutch how I must watch the grub!" Oh, those were bitter times, dark, tragic, galling years; you noticed how my rhymes were dripping salty tears. The bard who's fed on prunes and substitutes for pie, can't put into his runes much zest, though he may try. If he's deprived of ham, condemned to gnawing bones, he cannot write a psalm that's full of golden tones. The lyre seems dead and dumb, its strings are still and mute, when all the grub is bum, and miserly, to boot. But now come brighter days, with peace, the boon that's sweet; now mark my soaring lays, when I have pies to eat!

A house-cleaning of the political and geographical domains of the entire world is a serious business, and if it is to accomplish its purpose and end in peace rather than war, like marriage, "It must not be entered into by any unadvisably."

The world can afford to wait a little. The delay is for the future good of all mankind.

The president of a certain federation of woman's clubs says, in speaking of the women of her state, "They are all waking up to civic affairs and want something different from study clubs." You can't blame the women. Goodness knows there is nothing about the way men run civic affairs to denote that the matter had ever had much study.

It begins to look as though there would be a serious effort made to enact into law the recommendations of the state consolidation commission, which virtually abolishes all the elective offices except that of governor. Most people heretofore have regarded that remarkable report as merely somebody's attempt to be funny. Nobody outside of the governor's office ever seriously considered its absurd recommendations.

Senator George Chamberlain has taken Theodore Roosevelt's cue and will address the senate on the treatment of our soldiers at home and abroad. If George didn't make one of his cheap harrangues once in a while the voters of Oregon might forget all about him.

Day by day the grip of the socialist government in Germany weakens and that country is drifting steadily toward the fate which overtook Russia. The absolute futility of a socialistic government is again being demonstrated by the growth of disorder and anarchy.

The Salem Commercial club cannot pay \$300 a month salary to its manager and yet a woman who was employed at that figure by the State Council of Defense wants the job. But that state defense crowd was only spending the taxpayers' money and could afford to pay liberally.

Bernstorff is doing a whole lot of talking nowadays, but somehow the people are not interested. What the old regime in Germany does is no longer of any material concern to the world.

The Russian people are finding out that they cannot live on freedom alone—occasionally it is necessary to have something to eat, even if one has to work to earn it.

Where the money is these will the legislators be gathered, or words to that effect. Almost every member of the next session is said to want to be placed on the roads and highways committees.

We can imagine how Colonel Teddy feels when he reads of the Wilson receptions in Europe.

Let's make next year the biggest year in the history of Salem. And the start can best be made by making the Commercial club bigger and better than it ever was before.

amount to much. Neither of them had slightest conception of the bitterness Ruth's action had engendered in him. Even Ruth herself really knew nothing of the strength of his feeling and the havoc it had wrought in his mind and character. So to them Brian was a lagard, almost a no-account, and so worthy of scant consideration.

Ruth was obviously disturbed for many days. She talked very little, save as her work made it necessary, when at the shop. And at her home she spent most of her time with her baby. Finally Mrs. Clayborne said:

"Something is worrying you, Ruth. Please let me help you if I can."

"No one can help me," Ruth had answered so sadly that her aunt had turned away to hide her tears, and had said no more. But she set about cheering Ruth by pretending she herself wanted a little gayety.

"Suppose we ask Mr. and Mrs. Roberts in to play bridge tonight!" she remarked at breakfast.

"If you like," Ruth had replied listlessly.

"I'll wait a little, then go in," Mrs. Clayborne returned.

"I am sorry Mr. Roberts won't be home until late tonight," Mrs. Roberts had told her.

"You come in anyway. Have dinner with us, and—" a thought caused Mrs. Clayborne to hesitate. "I'll find some one to make a fourth. If not, we'll play with a dummy. Ruth seems rather depressed, as is only natural, and I want to cheer her up."

"I know! It must be dreadful for her, having Mr. Hackett over her. The uncertainty and the fear of what may happen." Then she added: "Yet my husband's heart is nearly broken because of his inability to go. His lameness prevents, you know."

Mrs. Clayborne went to the telephone as soon as she returned to her own apartment. She called Ruth:

"I have invited them, but Mr. Roberts won't be at home. Mrs. Roberts is coming to dinner. Why not ask Mr. Mandel to come and make a fourth? That is, if he hasn't something better to do."

"He is right here with me, Aunt Louise. He can speak for himself. I will give him the message."

Mrs. Clayborne waited a moment then Mr. Mandel's voice came over the

phone:

"Thank you very much, Mrs. Clayborne. I shall be delighted to come, although I play an indifferent game."

"So do we all," she replied, pleased that her little ruse to throw Ruth and Mandel together had succeeded.

(Monday—Mr. Mandel Praises Kenyon Roberts.)

WILHELMINA DOERFLER.

Rev. Mr. Butler, pastor of the Congregation church of Oswego, departed for France last week to assist in Y. M. C. A. work.

She is survived by her husband, C. A. Hoover, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jones, Mrs. Jennie Collard, Mrs. Alpha Nafziger, Mrs. Edna Ramp and Sylvia, Paul and Aetha Jones, who with her many friends mourn her loss.—Star.

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Open Forum

"THE HUN AND HIS ALLIES"

Salem, Or., Dec. 27th, 1918.

To the Editor, The writer of the article, "The Hun and His Allies," is commencing to throw dirt, the usual weapon against Catholics, and I decline to enter the contest. Again I reiterate that no quotations or authorities are given for his assertions, but if he is a Christian and a gentleman he will answer squarely the following: (a) What historian has said that Popes Gregory XVI, Pius IX, and Leo XIII were married, or ever attempted marriage or were "men of family?" (b) What historian tells that pope Leo had a son and a cardinal? (c) Will he kindly name the "standard books, published with the approval of the popes themselves," which tell of the "utterly discreditable (teachings) of his church?"

Sincerely yours,
J. R. BUCK.

Wilhelmina Doerfler Answers Note

Written by McAlpin School District No. 5.

I refer to the article published in the Capital Journal, December 25, which is said to be in answer to the "Patron's" note of Dec. 12, but I find no such article appeared in that issue.

First of all I declare that the picture of our governor, Haig, Foch, Lockey and other notables were not there when the ex-kaiser's picture was posted in positively false because these were clipped from such papers as the Portland Journal, Capital Journal, Stayton Mail, etc., on the self-same evening as the ex-kaiser's were taken to school and all hung on the bulletin board together. The "Absolutely Reliable Authority" mentioned cannot be a possible reality, because I speak the truth and that only when I say that the ex-kaiser's was not beside that of President Wilson's.

Broad minded citizens can you distinguish between a sheet of green bur-lap bearing the name of bulletin board and a plain white wall of wood?

On the former hung the newspaper clippings and pictures including the kaiser's and on the latter hung President Wilson's. It is not at all expedient that the "large number in the district SWEAT" that our President's picture was THERE for over one year (wisely failing to mention whether "there refers to bulletin board or otherwise) because no one denied that his portrait was not in the school but simply that it was not on the bulletin board at the time the ex-kaiser's was. Sure, Wilson's place on the wall was one of honor but no one can say that the objectionable picture was hung there beside it. A large picture of Wilson hung on the front wall of the building and a smaller one on the rear wall but repeating the words of the truthful and unbiased "patron" I firmly hold that Wilson's picture was not on the bulletin board with that of the ex-kaiser.

Another falsehood merits explanation. The article in question states that the cartoon showing the kaiser hanging on the end of a rope was not there until afterwards but I have the words of our worthy County Supervisor as direct and final proof. He visited McAlpin school on November 20, and saw the cartoon there. He even commented on the subject matter of the bulletin board. The board had been just recently hung and the first set of newspaper clippings was upon it, including the aforementioned cartoon. Supervisor Smith maintained that this cartoon was there on his visit Wednesday, November 20, but the other picture had not yet been placed. The picture from whence the trouble started was put up soon afterward and was a part of the first set which remained up also during the following week, thereby confirming the statement that the cartoon and the picture were both up at the same time.

The board regrets that the note spoken of was placed on the door and say that investigation would have been made had it been brought to their attention. The majority of the pupils read the note before I did and there is no question but that the remaining ones heard the news during the day. Is it possible, do you think, that they would have failed mentioning this happening on their return home in the evening?

The board had the fact brought very visibly to their attention yet no investigation was made. Chairman L. C. Priem, directors O. W. Humphries and G. C. Gilham have always been highly respected by myself, namely, Wilhelmina Doerfler.

I hold to the belief that the nucleus of the trouble resides in a neighboring district but the evil spirit of the party or parties has crept into this community and shows itself now through three or four channels.

In conclusion I wish to say that I am astonished by the way in which this matter has been treated. It seems inconceivable that men of understanding would try to make a mountain out of a mole hill.

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SCHOOL BUDGET

The committee on public information wishes to review three or four of the most salient points on the question of the school budget.

The time of the election is Monday, December 30th, from 2 to 7 p. m. The polling place is 385 State street. All persons who are qualified voters and who are taxpayers or who are members of the corporations paying taxes within the school district are entitled to vote.

There is a sum of \$93,000.00 to be raised by taxes, an increase of a little over \$13,000.00 over last year.

The city of Pendleton increased its school tax from 8 mills to 9.5 mills this year.

If the voters do not pass this budget the \$93,000.00 will have to be borrowed at a cost of from \$5000.00 to \$7000.00.

We have gone carefully into the matter of the budget and without further explanation of details we wish to recommend to the taxpayers that it is to the best interest of the taxpayers and to the public schools and to this city to pass this budget.

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ROSEDALE

The Hadley and Gardner families, also Gus Coles, spent Christmas in Portland.

Harry Parson has purchased the Bab Paulus place in this district and will move there in a few days.

Marjorie Alexander is at home from school duties at O. A. C.

G. Bloom is visiting his family here. They expect to move soon to W. E. Way's place near the school house.

Floyd Bates is visiting at home.

The Sunday school gave a pleasing Christmas program to a full house at the church Sunday evening. The church was tastefully decorated and a very generous collection given to missions.

Mrs. C. A. Bear spent Tuesday night with her mother, Mrs. B. J. Stroud.

The Bates families spent Christmas at C. Cappeck's in Polk county.

Miss Florence Frazier went to Scotts Mills to spend Christmas with her father and sister.

The young peoples Sunday school class held a social at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Alexander on Thursday evening.

DEATH OF MRS. C. A. HOOVER

The community was greatly shocked Sunday morning, Dec. 22, on learning of the death of Mrs. Charles A. Hoover who passed away at her country home five miles south of Gervais. She had been seriously ill for a few days with pleurisy and Saturday evening she was so much improved that a complete recovery was hoped for, but owing to a weak heart she was unable to continue the fight and passed peacefully away.

Bertha Jones was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Jones and was born on the home farm 43 years ago, where she grew to womanhood, attended the Willamette university and graduated in music under Dr. Parvin, and in elocution with Sarah Brown-Savage. She was united in marriage in October 1903 to Charles Hoover with whom she lived an ideal life.

Mrs. Hoover was a true Christian character, beloved by all; her thoughts were always for others, ever ready to do, in her home, with parents, sisters and brothers, neighbors and in the church, where she was a leader, likewise the order of the Eastern Star.

The funeral took place at the Pioneer church Tuesday at 2 p. m., Rev. Lovell having charge of the services, and she was laid to rest in the beautiful church ward. The burial service was conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star of which deceased was a worthy member.

She is survived by her husband, C. A. Hoover, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Jones, Mrs. Jennie Collard, Mrs. Alpha Nafziger, Mrs. Edna Ramp and Sylvia, Paul and Aetha Jones, who with her many friends mourn her loss.—Star.

EN ROUTE TO VERSAILLES

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The Japanese peace commission en route to Versailles, left San Francisco for New York this morning. The party was entertained last night by the Japanese consular general and prominent Japanese residents.

CONFER NO MOLL TITLES

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The German government has announced that no more titles, honors or decorations will be conferred. These now existing can be retained.

PEACE BRINGS SWALLOWS

London, Dec. 14.—(By Mail).—Evening dress, generally abandoned in England during the war, is coming out of the moth balls.

King George set the fashion before the armistice was a month old by abandoning uniform for black. Now fashionable restaurants and theaters are crowded by men in evening clothes.

West Salem.

Mrs. Ellen Jarvis and son, Frank, came up from Portland Tuesday evening to spend Christmas day with her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fennell. They returned to Portland on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brock went to Dayton to spend Christmas day with the Andrew Nicolaus family and other relatives. The friends of Mrs. Nicolaus will be pleased to hear that she was able to be up to dinner. She has been laid up with a broken leg.

Miss Elizabeth Leonard of Hoquiam, Wash., has been a holiday guest of Miss Joanna James in Kingwood park.

The Rev. Erwin G. Ranton was not able to fill his Sunday appointments on account of "flu." He is recovering nicely.

Troy Wood who was at Langley Field for some time but recently of Long Island, arrived home Thursday the 19th. He is well and looking fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cade of Albany were Sunday guests of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cade.

Howard Rex is convalescing from a serious attack of "flu."

Claud Moore enjoyed Christmas at home with his parents, the F. M. Moores and other relatives. He is stationed at Camp Lewis but is out on furlough. He expects his honorable discharge in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cade were Christmas dinner guests of their friends, Mrs. Thompson and daughter of Saco Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hunt were Christmas guests at a family dinner party at the home of Mrs. Hunt's daughter and family, the Ed Beckens.

Mr. C. Hughes of East Salem was a Christmas dinner guest at the J. R. Clifford home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thomas came home from their ranch near Chitwood, Oregon, to spend the holidays with relatives. He has been taken ill with the flu.

Ray Hawthorne has returned to Bremerton after being in the neighborhood on business connected with the renting of the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frazier of Astoria were calling on old neighbors and friends recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore who have been spending the holidays in the neighborhood will return to Orville the 28th of the month. They will be accompanied by their brother, Claud.

Miss Lottie McAdams of Portland came up Tuesday evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mary Billings. She returned to her home in Portland Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Billings went to Corvallis Friday morning for a two weeks' visit with her friend, Mrs. Thom.

Mrs. J. R. Bedford who has been ill is recovering.

Mrs. Arthur Rex and Mrs. E. R. Sauton are the latest flu patients in the neighborhood.

G. M. Douglas who is working in Portland came up for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. W. G. Gelske of Eola was a Friday dinner guest of Mrs. Edwina Brock.

Miss Clara Rex, one of our local nurses, has been taking care of a patient at Lausanne hotel.

Mr. Magner went to Portland Monday to be gone over the holidays.

Miss Florence Beckens who is teaching school in Weston county is at home with her parents, the Ed Beckens for the holidays.