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SPECIAL NOTICE-- All resolutions of condolence, cards of thanks, notices of entertainments where an admission fee is charged and the object is to raise money, or notices of any kind intended to promote business of any kind whatever, must be paid for at regular advertising rates when printed in The Echo.

When this paper is asked to push some scheme where the object is to get money from the public then the use of its space must be paid for.

Free entertainment of a moral or beneficial nature, or any movement with the object of promoting the welfare and prosperity of the community as a whole will be given the free use of its columns.

No deviation will be made from this rule.
Back numbers of The Echo other than those of the current month will be furnished at a cost of 25 cents each.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1915

A Springtime Homiletic

Spring is here. Our violet beds are in bloom.

The warm, sunny weather of the past week has put new life in the people of these parts, and everybody seems to have a more cheerful outlook on life. The wrinkles caused by the grip of winter and lack of employment consequent on dull times are disappearing with the advent of spring and the rising of sap. Along with these cheerful incidents our own little world has entered on a period of activity. The home owner is cleaning up his lawn, straightening up his fence, pruning his trees and shrubbery, and as the roads firm up the auto owners are cleaning up their machines and getting ready to go to the hills. Fishing enthusiasts are talking about the places where they caught the wily trout last year.

The grouch and stagnation of winter has surely given way to the hopeful activities of "The good old Summer-time." We believe in the gospel of work as a cureall for most of the ills of this life. Rather do we believe in too much work than too much leisure. With nothing to do man is prone to magnify his troubles. More than twice as many suicides occur during the winter months as during the bright, sunny days of summer. Winter suggests stagnation, death and decay. Summer suggests life, growth and activity.

Wake up, good reader, get busy about something. Go to work and the first thing you know you'll be whistling a cheerful ragtime tune. This old world is all right. Nothing wrong with it. If there is lack of harmony with your surroundings look in your own heart for the cause. Anyhow, get busy. Do something. Nothing like activity to banish dull care from the mind. Try it.

Scenic Highway vs. Good Farm Roads

Are we not spending too much money on Scenic highways and too little on good roads for the farmers to get their products to market? We submit this proposition to the farmers themselves. The cost of these great highways must in a large measure be paid out of the profits of farming, as well as the cost of the roads the rancher uses to get to town. Fine arterial roads across the state are no doubt a good thing to advertise our scenic beauties, but the only way we know to make scenery profitable is to attract tourist travel a few months dur-

ing the summer. The farmer uses his roads all the year round, and yet the tax contribution of the farmer to the scenic highway is about three to one as compared to the tax contribution to the ordinary road fund. Then again, approximately one-half of those who use the Scenic highway do not pay any tax at all toward any of our road funds. However, if the farmer is satisfied, perhaps we have no right to lodge a complaint. We are merely calling attention to a taxation fact because we hear so much complaint about high taxes.

Diversity Means Prosperity to Rancher

Mr. J. B. Schons with his family arrived here Tuesday afternoon from Wenatchee. Mrs. Schons and the children will make their home the coming summer on Mr. Schons' Eagle creek ranch, while he will devote most of his time to a large fruit ranch in which he is interested near Wenatchee, and will make an occasional visit to the Eagle creek property. It is his intention to keep considerable stock on the Eagle creek place. He already has some hogs and fine chickens there and will add a number of milk cows, believing that diversity will add to the profits of farming and make the returns more certain.

This, we believe, is what all the farmers in the Wenatchee valley will finally have to come to. The time was when the profits on the apple crop would pay for milk, butter, eggs and meat from the store, but since the eastern and middle state fruit growers realized that there is profit in the apple industry if the methods of the western grower are adopted their crop has not only increased in quantity but improved in quality, with the result that the northwestern apple grower will probably never again receive the prices for apples they did a few years ago. Up to a few years ago apple growing was with him a half neglected side line, much as is the raising of stock with many of the northwestern farmers. The slump in the apple prices will force our ranchers to pay more attention to stock. Why should not our Washington farmers devote more time to milk cows, pigs and chickens. Producing the milk, butter, eggs and meat on the home place means a big saving in the yearly grocery bill.

Every now and again we hear some man say: "I do not take any interest in the European war, or war news." To us this is most astonishing. It is

almost as if a man would say, "I do not take any interest in the rising and setting of the sun." A war in which nearly every civilized nation, and one-third of the population of this world is engaged? A war in which eight months, every day, Sunday included, from hundreds to thousands of human beings have been slaughtered? Not to take any interest in a war in which we and every other nation may yet be embroiled? A war, nothing even approximating which ever occurred before? A war which threatens to starve thousands of women and children. Not take any interest in it? Heavens, man, have you been dazed into insensibility to human suffering by the magnitude of the war, or you have a very bad case of the "Don't know."

Back to the Land Movement

Back to the land; cultivation of the soil; the first occupation of man. Sounds good to us. There is a lot of good, hard, common sense in this movement. There are too many consumers and not enough producers. There are just three producers of wealth in the world, the farmer, the stockraiser and the miner. All the balance of us are converters and consumers of wealth. We consume while we convert what the other three produce. If the farmer, stockraiser and miner were to go into partnership they could easily get along without so much as even having any knowledge of our existence, while without them the balance of us would either starve or freeze to death in a mighty short time. The reason some of us do not now have enough to eat, and enough fuel and clothing to keep us from freezing is because in the present scheme of things too many of us are consumers and too few producers of wealth. Unless the back to the land movement means more than talk the pinch of hunger and the grip of cold will in the years to come make life in town less alluring and the back to the land movement attractive as well as necessary.

The World's Greatest Calaclysm

In the Franco-Prussian war, says Goodwin's Weekly, 156,000 Frenchmen were killed, 143,000 were wounded and disabled. The Germans lost 28,000 dead and 101,000 wounded and disabled.

In the Russo-Japanese war the losses of the Japanese were about 170,000 killed and wounded; of the Russians about 400,000

In our Civil war, which lasted four years, the Union forces lost in killed and wounded 359,528, and in prisons and hospitals enough more to swell the total to 500,000 men. The Confederacy lost nearly as many more.

In the present war in Europe, taking the accounts from all the countries engaged, in the seven months since the war began, the losses are counted by millions. Last December the estimated loss of the Prussian army was 753,202 officers and men, beside half the Bavarian army had been put out of action, which with the losses in Saxony and Wurtemberg armies swelled the list of German losses in killed, wounded and missing to 2,000,000 men.

At the same time the estimate in Vienna was that the Austro-Hungarian

army had lost about 1,500,000 men in killed, wounded and missing.

Two months ago it was estimated that the French had lost fully one-half of their soldiers. A month ago the estimated loss of the Russians was 700,000 men, and a Russian paper in December gave the loss in Russian commissioned officers at 33,000. Half of the Belgian army has been destroyed, more than half the army of Serbia, while it is known that at least three Turkish army corps have been wiped out. A month ago Premier Asquith stated in the House of Commons that the British losses to date amounted to 104,000 men. In the past two months there has been almost constant fighting, but no figures for the appalling losses are forthcoming.

The losses at sea have hardly been noted, but really more ships have been destroyed than in any previous war since the battle of Lepanto was fought and the great Armada was shattered.

When the war closes Europe will be as was Egypt, on that dreadful morning on which there was not a house in which there was not one dead.

The Spokane International railroad builds a new depot at Spokane.

The Spokane city payroll has been reduced \$2100 a year.

Business Paragraphs.

NOTICE—If you have lost anything, or found any article, or if you want to buy, sell, rent, locate, or get information, write or call at this office and place an ad in our "Business Paragraph Column." You will get quick results. Rates 10 cents a line for first insertion and 5 cents a line afterwards. Minimum charge 25 cents.

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Miscellaneous

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Violin Teacher

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