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## Minding Our Own Business

Since the days of the padres, the trappers, the gold diggers and the Indian fighters the empire known as the Pacific Coast states has never minded its own business.

The business of this empire, its politics, its finances, its marketing and the administration of its resources have been attended to by Boston and New York, by Washington and by Tokyo, but never by the Pacific Coast.

The Pacific Coast is an empire set apart from the East, the South, the Mid-west of even the region between the Rockies and the coast ranges. It has the last undeveloped raw riches of the nation, the last vast estates of rich agricultural lands, the forest wealth of the country, and the power resources of the land, and yet its reclamation, shipping, immigration, business, labor and forestry problems have been solved not by informed Western men, but by ignorant, or selfish, Eastern and political interests.

Tokyo has had more influence at Washington, D. C., than Washington state; Eastern railroad officials have been listened to when Western farmers were given the gate; the massed wealth of the East has largely manipulated the coast for its advantage; and most of our wealth in native resources either is locked up by Uncle Sam or seized by giant corporations that work from Minneapolis, from Boston, from New York, and that regard the coast as a milk cow, or rather a range steer, for they never by any chance feed this animal. She lives only to give down into their private bucket.

The problems of the Pacific Coast as to transportation, finance, markets, reclamation of swamp, desert and stump lands; the problems of forestation, of power development, of immigration, of export business and shipping; these must be settled by the West for the benefit of posterity, not by the East for the benefit of this generation, and the only way the West can do this is to start now to mind its own business and to take dictation from neither private interest nor political party.

The Pacific Coast is a partner in this United States; it is not the flea on the end of the national tail, nor the private grab-bag for assorted predatory interests.

The Pacific Coast has money enough and brains enough and experience enough to mind its own business without the aid of assistance of Eastern editorial writers, party lap dogs, or financial buccannars; and when the Coast from Bellingham to San Diego gets together, and when every newspaper and citizen and office holder in this empire works with an eye single to the glory of the Coast, then the Pacific Coast will begin to get started.

To this time the Coast has not really grown—it has just bulged out here and there with added population. The future trade of the world is across the Pacific; the future manufacturing center of the nation is to be located on this Coast, and the future centers of dense population will be this side of the Cascades and Sierras. All this is certain, but whether it all remains merely an appendage to the rulers of the land who reside in New Jersey and way points or not depends on how wisely we mind our own business.

On account of the price, cold storage plants have a million chickens all dressed up and nowhere to go.

Zora Mehmed, Turk who claims to be 146, says he has had four wives, so may just think he is 146.

In spite of all these expert predictions that business will get better it will.

### Country Club or College?

That there is a small minority in America which views college "as a most inviting and satisfactory form of country club, with incidental facilities for reading and study," is the comment made by Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, in his annual report, which has just been made public.

It is a striking statement, but there can be little doubt of its truth. As a matter of fact, many will believe that Dr. Butler does not go far enough. Sneers about the "rah-rah boy" have become so common that they have even found their way into current literature—in view of which it is questionable if the minority is as small as Dr. Butler thinks.

The result of such a misconception is apparent. No doubt thousands of well-meaning but misinformed parents have kept their children from getting an adequate education simply because of this false view of our institutions of learning.

It is manifestly unfair that these children should suffer because of the irresponsibility of a few college students who have brought undesirable publicity to their institutions, and parents should remember that, as Dr. Butler puts it:

"The vast army of American college students is made up of young men and young women of the very best type, no small proportion of them self-supporting, who are bent upon making every hour of college residence count."

Some men are wise, some other-wise.

### A Good New Year Hunch

Have you started saving for next Christmas?

A lot of people were sorry last month that they didn't start the first of 1921. Why be sorry again NEXT December?

Ten years ago, bankers were wondering if the idea of Christmas savings clubs could be built into a success. Last year 5,000,000 persons belonged to them.

Systematic, persistent thrift pays big profits, even if you save only a few pennies a week.

Consider yourself in debt to your future.

Finest habit in the world. Ask your banker.

## Japan Bound to Grow on Ocean Lanes

BY AMATEUR ECONOMIST

Economic conditions point to Japan as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, ocean carriers of the future. It is not improbable that in another generation hers will be the greatest merchant fleet in the world.

Not only is necessity the mother of invention; she also seems to mother hard work and sacrifice. Necessity is going to require of the Japanese any sacrifice that may be necessary to compete with the English in carrying the world's goods. The Japanese cannot raise their food at home. They have to work for a living.

England has her dominions to develop. This is going to keep her busy for another hundred years. Japan has no colonies to speak of. In manufacturing, Japan labors under a great disadvantage, but on the ocean she has an even chance. That she is improving this chance nobody can deny.

In our own history we find a parallel to Japan's present course. After winning their independence, the American colonies were compelled to find some way to pay for a lot of manufactured articles that they had to purchase abroad. They naturally turned to the sea, as the Japanese are doing today, with this difference—the United States had great natural resources.

So, after working out for a while, our fathers saved enough capital to start developing their own rich farm. Japan's home farm offers little opportunity for development.

Probably for all time Japan will have to work for the other nations to pay for things that she is unable to produce. The sea offers her greatest opportunity.



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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

### One Talent to Let Shine

Editor The Star:  
Ma sez: "Some o' us have special talents give us, but all o' us have the talent t' smile an' make folks happy. Let's don't hide it under no bushel!"  
HANNAH K. MEAGHER,  
1558 E. 74th St.

### Fish Wholesaler Collects Tax

Editor The Star:  
Will you please answer this question in your paper:  
We have been paying our shrimp tax to L. H. Darwin up till about July for the next quarter. He sent our money back and said we did not have to pay it, that the wholesaler had to pay it, but the wholesaler took the amount out of our check. We wrote to the attorney general about it. He said they could collect it from us if they wanted to. What kind of a law is it where a citizen collects the tax for the government?  
Yours very truly,  
IRA E. STEVER,  
Holly, Wash.

### A Farmer on Unemployment

Editor The Star:  
I like The Star very much and would be lonely without it. Several times in your paper there was a plea for help for unemployed men in Seattle.  
It seems to me it would be better to help them to find employment. The country is very short of laborers. Farmers would have a good many men if they could get them. They could give good board and a good bed and wages according to what the men could earn.  
We want no men that want to lie in bed until breakfast is ready and then work until 5 p. m. at \$4 or \$6 per day.  
Farmers have to rise before daylight and work until dark or after. Men with the desire to earn their living would be very welcome in a farming community. If men would leave "bright lights" of the city behind and be willing to work hard for what they eat and wear this country would be much better off.  
G. F.  
Silverdale, Wash.

### Wants a Recall, Too

Editor The Star:  
So you are out to repeal the poll tax, are you? Who enacted that vicious piece of legislation, anyway? Why not recall the men who enacted this law at the same time we repeal it?  
It seems to me that it would be practical to link the recall of laws up with the recall of the men who supported these laws in the making. If not, why not? Will you answer for my special benefit and for the benefit of others who might be interested in the subject?  
J. T. KENNEDY,  
104 21st Ave.

### Freight Rates and Food Costs

Editor The Star:  
One of the most amusing arguments I have read in many a day was that of W. J. Bohon, who tried to show that the advance of up to nearly 100 per cent in freight rates that took effect on the railroads out of Seattle Dec. 1, does not make one of the important reasons for the high cost of foodstuffs.  
When Mr. Bohon refers to eggs and butter he touches only two items, and even then he figures a 21 cents per 100 pounds advance as one-fifth cent a pound, and he overlooks the fact that most foodstuffs have to be packed in cases that often weigh as much or more than the goods themselves, especially cheaper articles, sold in bulk, the very nature of which compels the use of heavy packages. So that even on butter, which Mr. Bohon takes as his basis for figuring, if shipped to Aberdeen, he would probably have to pay freight on nearly double its weight. The increased freight would amount to nearly one-half cent a pound, and if reshipped again by the Aberdeen jobber, the same proportion of freight advance coming a second time before the retailer gets it, would mean that this advance in freight rates adds close to one cent a pound to the cost.  
Of course much stuff moves at the carload rate; much also goes in less than carlots, but this fact stands out clear and plain, that the freight rates have advanced up to nearly 100 per cent, and we are paying now nearly double the freight to move foodstuffs that we did in November, and while not the only reason by any means, still these advances in freight rates make one of the outstanding reasons why the producer, jobber and retailer who may honestly want to reduce their prices find it impossible to do so.  
M. H. C.

### GEOGRAPHIC PUZZLE

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER.  
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## The Snowshoe Trail

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(Continued From Yesterday)

Bill was true to his promise to teach Virginia to shoot. The next day he put up an empty can out from the door of the cabin and they had target practice.

First he showed her how to hold the weapon and to stand. "See the can just over the sights and press back gradually," he urged. The first shot went wide of its mark. The second and third were no better. But by watching her closely, Bill found out her mistake.

"You flinch," he told her. "It's an old mistake among hunters—and the only way you can avoid it is by deep concentration. Skill in hunting—as well as in everything else—depends upon throwing the whole energy of your mind and body into that one little part of an instant when you pull the trigger. It's all right to be excited before. You're not human if the game knocked over, you're not excited after. But unless you can hold like iron for that fraction of a second, you can't shoot and you never can shoot."

"But I'm not excited now," she objected.

"You haven't got full discipline of your nerves, just the same. You're a little afraid of the sound and the explosion, and you flinch back—just a little. When you pull the trigger, it's only an eighth of an inch here, it's quite a miss by the time the bullet gets out there. Try again, but convince yourself first that you won't flinch. You won't jerk or throw off your aim."

She lowered the weapon and rested her nerves. Then she quietly lifted the gun again. And the fourth bullet knocked the can spinning from the log.

The man shouted his approval and her flushed face showed what a real triumph it was to her. Few of her lifelong accomplishments she had valued more. Yet it caused no self-wonder; she only knew that she respected and prized the good opinion of this stalwart woodsman, and by this one little act she had proved to him the cool, strong quality of her nerves.

And it was no little triumph. She had really learned the basic precept of good shooting—to throw the whole force of the nervous system into the second firing. It was the same precept that makes toward all achievement. The fact that she had grasped it so quickly was a guaranty of her own metal. She felt something of that satisfaction that strong men feel when they prove, for their own eyes, that their self-worth.

It was the instinct that sends the self-indulgent business man, riding to his work in a limousine, into the depths of the dreadful wilderness to hunt, and that urges the tenderfoot to climb to the crest of the highest peak.

It did not mean that she was a dead shot already. Months and years of practice are necessary to obtain full mastery of pistol or rifle. She had simply made a most creditable start. There would be plenty of misses thereafter, in fact, in the next six shots she missed the can four times. She had to learn right control, how to gauge distance and wind

## LEARN A WORD EVERY DAY

Today's word is DEBENTURE. It's pronounced—de-ben-shure with the accent on the second syllable. It means—a certificate showing money is owed, signed by the debtor.

It comes from—Latin "debetur," they owe.

It is used like this—"The allies will issue debentures for the money they owe the United States."

No less than 30,000 persons are reported missing in London each year.

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## Everybody just loves it

Remember, when you were a youngster, how good it tasted? Always on the table at meal time! Always a jar on the pantry shelf for between meals! You just heaped it on bread—and loved it! Heinz Apple Butter is just as good today. Try it.

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Other Real Estate	179,417.71
Customers' Liability under Letters of Credit	4,465,209.68
Sundry Bonds and Stocks	4,981,833.19
United States Bonds to secure Circulation	2,150,000.00
Other United States Securities	4,297,482.44
Redemption Fund with United States Treasurer	107,500.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	23,008,608.03
	\$95,851,570.61

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 8,500,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	8,961,081.35
Reserve for Taxes and Interest	407,161.40
Circulation	2,149,997.50
Letters of Credit	4,510,343.42
Bills payable and Rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank	4,750,000.00
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### INSPIRATION

BY LEO H. LASSEN

There is no charm that Inspiration weaves  
For them who seek the hidden wealth of words—  
For every heart that follows Song believes  
The magic spell of Spring and chant of birds!  
There is no secret door that opens wide  
For just a chosen few to enter thru—  
They find a living song in Heaven's blue,  
And see their dreams in flame at eventide.  
They never know the smell of lilac trees,  
Or roses that the summer gardens bring—  
They never see returning bluebirds wing—  
Or winter stars—without their memories!  
There is no charm that Inspiration weaves,  
For every heart that follows Song believes!

## A Letter From AVRIDGE MANN

Dear Ed:  
If I could have my way, I'd make today a holiday, so all of us could try to duck a very rotten run of luck; for what can anybody do when Friday is the 13th, too?  
Of course, I never like to crouch; I'm not a superstitious bloke; I don't believe the things they say about an evil-omened day; but still I'm not so very keen to see a Friday marked "13."

However, I've a friend who thinks that he can counteract the jinx; he has some dope he says he took from out a homeopathic book; in reading which, he chanced to strike the theory that "like cures like."

And so he has it in his bean that Friday counteracts 13; because his reasoning declares that when bad omens come in pairs, and both are of an equal rank, the net result is simply blank.  
I'll tell the world I truly hope that he has got the proper dope; so I can calmly meet the day, and throw my rabbit's foot away, relying on the happy thought that I from I will leave a naught.  
So, if 13 sit down to eat, I won't get coldness of the feet; but nonchalantly light a batch of three pills with a single match, or walk beneath the biggest kind of ladder I can quickly find.

Avridge Mann