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**WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?**

The News wishes to impress upon every reader the necessity of planting on a larger scale this year than ever before. While it may not be appreciated, yet the fact stares us in the face that before the close of 1918 a food crisis will probably overtake the world. While farmers throughout the nation are preparing for the supreme effort of their lives in producing to the limit of their ability, there will not be, even in event of a bountiful harvest, which is by no means assured, nearly enough to feed those of Europe depending upon America for food. The people of the Old World are on short rations now. Growing of grain crops in the countries of Europe at war will be still further curtailed this season, and the visible supply is constantly diminishing. The world is looking to America for relief. Can we give it? The solution of this greatest of world problems rests solely upon the determination of the people of our own country. We must not only plant beyond our greatest expectations, but we are called upon to conserve to the last degree. War gardens should be planned at once, as the planting season is just a short time away. Every individual having access to a plot of ground should raise something that can be used for food. Raise potatoes or those products which will cut down the bread consumption. Keep constantly in mind the fact that the United States must feed the allies, besides taking care of famishing peoples in other parts of the world. Remember that every one of us has a patriotic duty to perform, and we should esteem it a privilege to do it to the very best of our individual ability. Give the government your earnest moral support in the work at hand, and in this we will be giving the lads on the firing lines of Europe the inspiration which will carry them "over the top" and finally into Berlin, victorious. We can do it. We will do it. Will you help to do it?

**WHERE'S THE FOOD COMMISSION**

There is an excellent opportunity up at Portland for the food commission to distinguish itself. Several articles in late issues of the metropolitan papers have exposed an apparently organized effort on the part of food profiteers to hold up the public in broad daylight and systematically rob it of thousands of dollars. Just about the time that the salmon fishing season opened great quantities of dead fish were noticed floating down stream and lodging along shore, where the stench from the decaying mass, in some localities, was said to have been unbearable. A few days ago it developed that these fish were taken in nets several days before the fishing season opened, and then the cannery and fishermen not being able to agree as to price, the catch spoiled and was thrown into the river, a dead loss to everybody. But the price of fish in the open markets of the state was held to the usual high level. It is alleged that from twenty to forty tons of salmon were thrown away at that time. The state fish wardens, it seems, were not in evidence those several days just prior to opening of the season, according to reports coming from Portland. It is presumed, however, that they drew their sal-

aries just the same during this portion of the season when they failed to protect the public. Other reports within the past two days have come from Portland of continued waste of large numbers of salmon, and the statement is made that these fish are deliberately and criminally destroyed in order to maintain an even market. This even market means exorbitant prices for fish. It means that someone, party or parties, whose identity has not been made known to the public, is responsible for this flagrant violation of law, to say nothing about heaping a great injustice upon the already overburdened consumer. There can be but one conclusion drawn from the situation, and that is, profiteers are at work to fleece the public of every penny the traffic will bear. As The News stated some months ago, fish is one article that should not be materially higher than it was before the war. The Almighty provides the means of feeding them, they come in from the ocean without any expense or effort being made, and the fishermen get them, just as they always have done, so when the public pays twice the usual price for fish he is being "grafted" to just that extent. If there is one product that the food commission should place a maximum price upon, and see to it that no violations occur, it is the fish industry. To allow these wasteful proceedings and exorbitant prices is nothing short of an outrage, and the consumer, constantly being urged to conserve and sacrifice, is rapidly arriving at that state of mind when he will express himself pretty plainly about these things. It's up to the commission to give relief. Let's have it.

**BUILDING UP THE HOME TOWN.**

It is interesting to talk with officials of boards of trade and business men's associations, and get their ideas on how to build up a town. You will learn of all kinds of propositions for getting new enterprises. Men with experience in board of trade work often say that the town that makes the most progress is apt to be the one that made all around town improvement its first aim. It may not have done all that could be wished in offering inducements to new enterprises. But if it has kept plugging for good schools and roads, civic neatness and beautification and all that, it is bound to reap its harvest. The man who wants to start a new industry or remove an old one has all kinds of propositions put up to him. In one place it is free rent, in another exemption from taxes, in a third stock subscriptions. When he comes to decide he gives a lot of thought to the general character of the town as a place to live in.

If a community has good public institutions and advantages, if it is progressive and open to new ideas, if it is neatly and attractively kept up, its reputation will spread a long distance as a bright and advancing place. The man who contemplates a change of business location will be apt to inquire about a town of this kind. He will be attracted by the good schools for his children, the helpful and pleasant associations found there. If he can get any favorable business deal, he will choose that kind of town over a less attractive one that offered a little better financial inducements.

A reputation of this kind is not to be made by spasmodic efforts. It takes community spirit and town loyalty over a period of years. People must sink personal ends and factional differences and all work together for one purpose. When they do that, you can't set any limits to the growth of that community.

**DRAFT CONVENTION WITH BRITISH SIGNED**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Signing of the army draft convention between Great Britain and the United States was announced today. The new British ambassador, Earl Reading, affixed his signature to the document as his first official act in Washington.

**STATUTE COOS BAY WAGON ROAD LANDS**

Over Ninety Thousand Acres of Land in Grant Remaining Unsold.

\$408,000 IN TAXES DUE

Bill Before Congress For Disposition of the Property Protects Oregon's Claim—Public Land Committees Hesitate in Matter.

S. W. Williams, special assistant to the attorney general at Washington, has returned from Washington, where he appeared before the committee on public lands in reference to the Coos Bay wagon road bill, says the Oregon Journal. He will meet in conference with the various state and county officials whose official position brings them in touch with the case, as soon as such conferences may be secured, in an effort to make such a presentation of facts and data to the land committee as will gain its support for the bill now pending before it.

Mr. Williams was called to Washington several weeks ago to appear before the committee on public lands and outline the position of the department of justice in reference to the Sinnott bill. It was at that hearing that the opposition to the terms of the bill arose from different members of the committee who objected to the disbursement of 50 per cent of the net proceeds to the irreducible school and port, road and district funds of Coos and Douglas counties.

Mr. Williams' statement to the committee showed that the original Coos Bay grant comprised 105,000 acres of land, in a tract approximately 65 miles long by six wide, extending from marshfield to Roseburg. Of this total some 12,000 acres have been sold, leaving approximately 93,000 acres in the grant as it now stands.

The Sinnott bill provides that the government should pay Coos and Douglas counties approximately \$408,000 in taxes and interest, and the Southern Oregon Company, owner of the tract, \$232,000 for its interest in the land. The company, in exchange for this payment, is to convey the land to the government by deed.

These payments would leave approximately \$1,000,000 as the net value of the grant, which is to be sold under the same terms and conditions as set out in the Chamberlain-Ferris act administering the Oregon & California grant lands.

The Sinnott bill also provides that of these net proceeds 10 per cent shall be retained by the general fund of the government, 40 per cent be apportioned to the reclamation fund, 25 per cent to the irreducible school fund of Oregon and 25 per cent to the two counties of Coos and Douglas for their road, port and district funds.

The public lands committee is hesitating concerning the payment of more than the accrued taxes and penalties to the two counties and is showing a disposition to retain all of the net proceeds. Mr. Williams will co-operate with Attorney General Brown and the officials of the two counties and is preparing a showing in support of the present terms of the bill by which the school fund and county funds are to receive 50 per cent of the net proceeds or \$500,000 in round numbers.

**ROSEBURG BOYS MEET ON BROADWAY, N. Y.**

Lafe Engles, of Peel, who was in the city yesterday, received a letter from his son, Lee Engles of the 28th aero squadron, now stationed at Long Island, N. Y., which stated that he was expecting momentarily to embark on the long journey across to "somewhere over there." The young patriot also stated that he met Mar Hanan, another Roseburg boy and a son of E. R. Hanan, the well known cattle man, on Broadway, New York City, recently. Sergeant Hanan is a member of the 27th aero squadron and his contingent is mobilized at Long Island awaiting orders to "go over."

According to the letter both boys are in good health and are enjoying the life of a soldier immensely. Lafe Engles has been postmaster of the Peel office for the past 31 years, and is one of the best known citizens in the county.

**HONOR GUARD VAUDEVILLE REHEARSAL ON**

Rehearsals are progressing nicely for the Honor Guard benefit vaudeville, and from every indication the event is to be one of the most interesting and worth while of any amateur production that has ever been staged in this city. Under the able direction of Clark L. Bargar and Roy E. Bellows, the various skits and musical features are being worked into shape and the show is said to contain a mile of smiles for everyone.

Two skits and five side acts, are arranged for the evening's entertainment and the participants are going into the spirit of the occasion with a vim never before shown. "Heaven Help Us" is the awe-inspiring title of a 30-minute skit that will no doubt take the house by storm. Clark Bargar, the well known "laugh" artist, is to be starred in this famous production as well as five of the city's most talented young footlight artists. Everybody is planning on attending—not only for the fun they will derive—but for the good their "bit" will do for the cause of "Old Glory."

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**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**

I hereby announce myself as candidate for county commissioner for Douglas county subject to the will of the republican voters at the primary election, May 17, 1918. Myrtle Creek, Oregon. ED. WEAVER. pd adv.

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