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HOW WAR RUINS FARMING.

In the current issue of Farm and Fireside the national farm paper published at Springfield, Ohio, David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, publishes a most interesting article entitled "The Farmer and the War" in which he shows in the path of armies the producer becomes helpless. He compares our peace-loving and prosperous middle Western farming country with Macedonia, which was physically endowed as well as our middle West, but which unfortunately has been for 2,000 years in a position where war has constantly interrupted its development. In the following extract taken from his article Doctor Jordan gives a picture of Macedonia: "There were no homes standing along the road. Everybody lived in the villages, even though the lands were ten miles away. And the villages were crowded just as closely as houses could stand. And the farming was not very good. The ground was barely scratched by the plow. Often in good land one would see strips covered with blackberries and wild flowers. Other tracts are overgrown with scrubby oaks and sometimes with wild lilacs, although not a big tree was left standing to make a forest. The Turks once held Macedonia, and it would seem that they hated trees. The Chinese have a proverb that 'where armies quarter thorns and thistles grow,' and armies have quartered in Macedonia for twenty centuries. And for this reason there can be no good farms. The cattle are dwarfish and give out little milk. They are used, with the primitive European buffalo, as beasts of burden. Horses are few and small and mostly vicious. The sheep, the same breed they had in Judea in bible times are handsome and active, but carrying very little wool; a couple of pounds a year would be a big average.

"There would be no use in improving the stock when the soldiers may come any minute. And between bands of soldiers come the bands of brigands. A brigand in Macedonia, as in Mexico, Korea, and China, is a farmer who has quit. If he can't make a living on the farm, or if someone has seized his farm he becomes an armed tramp. "The farmer who is rich and prosperous today may have to leave the country tomorrow on two hours' notice, by the light of his blazing house, with whatever he can carry on his back."

MONEY FROM THE WAR.
 Greatly as America regrets the European war, and gladly as she would be to make sacrifice in order that the fearful carnage might

cease, it must be admitted that the business effect of the conflict is beginning to show on this side of the ocean. As a starter the following orders from European countries have been received by American manufacturing concerns:

Two hundred thousand rifles, caliber .303, from the Remington Arms company.

Two hundred million cartridges from the Union Metallic Cartridge company.

Two hundred thousand rifles, caliber .303, and 200,000,000 cartridges from the Winchester Arms company. Total output of artillery cartridge-cases of the Union Metallic Cartridge company.

Four million pounds of powder from the Du Pont Powder company. Fifteen hundred machine guns from the Colt Works. (Large orders pending.)

Fifty thousand revolvers from the Colt Works.

Two hundred armored motor-cars with machine guns, from the Autocar company.

Five hundred thousand rifles, caliber .22, and ammunition for drilling purposes from the Winchester Arms company.

Nine hundred 6-inch howitzers, delivery within eighteen months, from the Bethlehem Steel company.

Shell cases for the howitzers from the same company.

Seven million pounds of powder from the Dupont Powder company.

One hundred thousand Remington rifles, caliber 7 mm., and 13,000,000 cartridges.

About 3,000,000 cartridges per week are being shipped from the United States to France.

Forty to fifty large guns, 9.2 inch caliber, from the Bethlehem Steel company.

Two thousand tons of powder for artillery and infantry cartridges from the Du Pont Powder company.

One hundred thousand carbines, caliber 30-40, from the Winchester Repeating Arms company.

One hundred million cartridges for the above carbines.

Aeroplanes from various firms.

Four million aerial arrows.

Artillery ammunition, estimated value \$12,000,000, from the Crucible Steel company.

This can mean but one thing to America—more business. While the lines are now confined to weapons, ammunition and motor cars, it is very likely that many other lines will profit from European orders.

Card of Thanks.
 We wish to thank all neighbors and friends and members of the Christian Church who were so kind during our late bereavement.
 I. W. CRAWFORD and FAMILY.
 —Adv. 12 29 it.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of the State Bank of Imbler will be held at the banking rooms on January 12, 1916, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

SHERWOOD WILLIAMS,
 Cashier.
 Dec. 18-25 Jan. 1-3

A small railroad operating an oil-burning locomotive on the Tahoe national forest, California, had a breakdown during the past summer and burned wood instead of oil for one day. On this day fifteen fires started along the right of way. During the preceding year, only one fire occurred near the railroad and it was not thought that the engine was responsible for that one.

MRS. DAVIS IS STILL OBDURATE

COMMENCES CAMPAIGN TO GET HER CHILDREN BACK.

Noted Durkee Woman Has Gone to Portland to Get Children.

Baker, Dec. 29.—A mother's love impelled Mrs. Florence Davis, a week ago destitute and adjudged incapable of providing properly for her children, to make a strenuous appeal to charitably inclined persons in Baker that she might obtain funds to take her four children, of ages from seven to 12, now at the Boys and Girls Aid society. Mrs. Davis succeeded in her quest for funds, getting enough from the charity funds of the W. C. T. U. and the Christian church to take her to Portland. She left last night. Baker county authorities pointed out today that Mrs. Davis' quest for her children at Portland will probably prove futile inasmuch as the rules of the aid society are such that parents cannot see the children who have been taken away from them. Mrs. Davis and her four children were removed from a brush hovel near Durkee a short time ago.

A TEST FOR LIVER COMPLAINT

Mentally Unhappy — Physically, Dull
 The liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills; they empty the Bowels freely, tone up your Stomach, cure your Constipation and purify the Blood. 25c at Druggist Bucklen's Arnica Salve excellent for Piles.—Adv.

HEAR IN LA GRANDE.

How Bad Backs Have Been Made Strong—Kidney Ills Corrected.

All over La Grande you hear it. Doan's Kidney Pills are keeping up the good work. La Grande people are telling about it—telling of bad backs made sound again. You can believe the testimony of your own townspeople. They tell it for the benefit of you who are suffering. If your back aches, if you feel lame, sore and miserable, if the kidneys act too frequently, or passages are painful, scanty and off color, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that has helped so many of your friends and neighbors. Follow this La Grande citizen's advice and give Doan's a chance to do the same for you.

Mrs. Ella Lyman, 1307 Madison Ave., La Grande, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills several times for back and kidney trouble with the best results. I have also noticed their effect in another case of kidney weakness in my family. We have never found anything else that acted as quickly and thoroughly on the kidneys as Doan's Kidney Pills." Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Lyman had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo N. Y.

Distress in the Stomach.

There are many people who have a distress in the stomach after meals. It is due to indigestion and easily remedied by taking one of Chamberlain's Tablets after meals. Mrs. Henry Padghan, Victor, N. Y., writes: "For some time I was troubled with headache and distress in my stomach after eating, also with constipation. About six months ago I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. They regulated the action of my bowels and the headache and other annoyances ceased in a short time." Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

How to Prevent Croup.

It may be a surprise to you to learn that in many cases croup can be prevented. Mrs. H. M. Johns, Elida, Ohio, relates her experience as follows: "My little boy is subject to croup. During the past winter I kept a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house, and when he began having that croupy cough I would give him one or two doses of it and it would break the attack. I like it better for children than any other cough medicine because children take it willingly, and it is safe and reliable." Obtainable everywhere.

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W. D. Grandy, S. B. Sweeney and J. D. McKennon
 FOR
W. L. Russele Contractor

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Horses to be from Five to Twelve years old, heavy built.

Weighing from 950 to 1300 and 15 to 16 hands high.

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Date of Inspection FRIDAY JAN. 1st.

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