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THE PRESIDENT WINS.

Regardless of the delicate point of international law as to whether a merchant vessel can carry a gun for protection, and regardless of the opinion, as to right or wrong of the President's stands on this matter, it would have been a national tragedy for congress not to back up the chief executive at this time.

That congress did come manfully to the front with endorsement of the President is a tribute to each personal member who voted that way, and an announcement to the whole world that this country is not dangerously divided within.

Every Republican congressman who stood by President Wilson is to be congratulated and praised. By so doing he stood for a United America.

PATRIOTISM.

Lyman Abbott has a faculty of putting phrases and words together to form classics from a viewpoint of rhetoric. He likewise overflows with patriotism, as witnesses these words from his pen:

A nation is made great, not by its fruitful acres, but by the men who cultivate them; not by its great forests, but by the men who use them; not by its mines, but by the men who work in them; not by its railways, but by the men who build and run them. America was a great land when Columbus discovered it; Americans have made of it a great Nation.

In 1776 our fathers had a vision of a new Nation "conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." Without an army they fought the greatest of existing world empires that they might realize this vision. A third of a century later, without a navy they fought the greatest navy in the world that they might win for their Nation the freedom of the seas. Half a century later they fought through an unparalleled Civil War that they might establish for all time on this continent the inalienable right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. A third of a century later they fought to emancipate an oppressed neighbor, and, victory won, gave back Cuba to the Cubans, sent an army of schoolmasters to educate for liberty the Filipinos, asked no war indemnity from their vanquished enemy, but paid him liberally for his

property. Meanwhile they offered land freely to any farmer who would live upon and cultivate it, opened to foreign immigrants on equal terms shared with them universal taxation the door of industrial opportunity, for universal education.

The cynic who can see in this history only a theme for his egotistical satire is no true American, whatever his parentage, whatever his birthplace. He who looks with pride upon this history which his fathers have written by their heroic deeds, who accepts with gratitude the inheritance which they have bequeathed to him, and who highly resolves to preserve this inheritance unimpaired and to pass it on to his descendants enlarged and enriched, is a true American, be his birthplace or his parentage what it may.

The Industrial Welfare Commission of Oregon has very wisely decided to let things rest as they are at present, and the rules affecting hours for women to labor will not be changed at present.

The Germans are finding that new way to Verdun judging from advances being made.

Kansas is having her historical prairie fires once more. Everything comes back in Kansas—but populism.

While Bill Hanley was in Portland the people of Burns unanimously elected a mayor.

Vermont has rejected state-wide prohibition by decisive vote. Evidently things go more in cycles, and the effete east has its own way of looking at matters.

Seattle re-elected Hi Gill, cob-pipe and all, to the mayoralty by over 5000 majority. As a "Come-backer," Gill is the wonder of the west.

Attractive young women are urged to volunteer as missionaries to South America. Most of them find sufficient opportunities for uplift and reform in the United States.

One of Roosevelt's sons is taking a course in army training. It seems to be in the blood and T. R. is proud of the fact.

FOOLISH QUESTION

Old lady—So you have come back to us wounded, I hear. How did it happen?

William—Shell, mum.

Old lady—A shell! Oh, dear—and it exploded?

William—Explode, mum? Not likely. It just crept softly up behind and bit me.—London Punch.

Cleamery Joins Co-Operative Agency

Hood River, Ore., March 7.—The local co-operative creamery, which paid out to local orchardists, who have added dairying as a side line, more than \$15,000 the past year, has decided to enter the recently organized co-operative concern formed by independent and co-operative creameries of the state. The local concern, in conformance with the rules of the new agency, will begin as soon as enough cream is secure for two churnings to grade its butter. While in former years approximately \$50,000 was paid for butter shipped in here, the sales of outside manufacturers have dropped to a negligible quantity.

FARM EXPERT GIVES ADVICE

SPRAYING INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMULA GIVEN.

Time to Get Field Peas Into Ground Near at Hand.

PAUL H. SPILLMAN
(County Farm Expert)

If you have not already done your winter spraying of fruit trees, 'don't worry'—it is not yet too late. In fact the time to do the most effective work along this line is still before you, especially with certain troubles. When ever possible you would like to "kill two birds with one stone," especially in this true with the spraying of fruit trees. Such being the case, that opportunity still presents itself.

The ordinary winter cleanup spray is the Lime Sulphur mixture—one part to ten of water. Add to this "Black Leaf 40," a tobacco spray, using one gallon to 900 gallons of the winter strength Lime Sulphur spray. Apply just as the apple buds begin to open and you get the aphids as well as the scale insects. Be thorough and you will get results.

The winter strength Lime Sulphur may be used on any of the fruit trees infested with scale, but in the case of peaches this strength should not be used after the buds begin to swell. Peach leaf curl is controlled by spraying the Lime Sulphur one part to fifteen of water, this application should be applied just before the buds begin to swell, or just as they begin, but not after they begin to show green.

Field Peas.

If you intend to grow any of this crop and have as yet not ordered your seed "get busy." This is a cool weather plant, and just now as we are having some cool weather, is a good time to let me know how much seed you would like to get. Am getting prices and varieties lined up, address me at La Grande, or phone me, both phones, will be glad to give you all the information I can on the subject.

500 Bu. Potatoes Per Acre.

You may have grown such crops, but very few of you did the past season. There were a few cases of good big potato yields in Union county last season, but not nearly as many as there should have been. Do you know what is the matter? why don't you grow the crops you use to? See next week's notes.

Alfalfa.

Better plan to sow a little alfalfa this season—you need it for various reasons. If you don't believe in feeding it to your horses, raise a little alfalfa hay for the milk cows, and then try feeding a little to the horses occasionally. Don't forget that the brood sow or those pigs that you carried over winter would not have required as much grain if you would have fed them some alfalfa hay. Even the chickens like to pick over the leaves. Then you can use the pasture to advantage to carry the pigs on, until time to turn them out onto the stubble in the fall. Better give them a little grain with the pasture, not much, but a little will go a "long way" toward keeping them in shape.

Corn.

Union county surprised itself with some of the corn it grew last season. It would be a good plan for the people of the county to do it again, only there ought to be more of you try it. Minnesota No. 13 and Minnesota No. 23 gave good results. Some of the flint corns also gave satisfactory returns. Last year was favorable to the corn crop, still we will find that year for year, Union county can grow corn, at least for the silo.

Squirrel Poison Formula.
The following formula for preparing squirrel poison has been used by the U. S. Biological Dept. with good results in controlling the squirrel pest in various parts of the country.

"Place a mixture of 10 qts. wheat, 5 qts. barley, 5 qts. oats in a wash tub or boiler. Make one quart of starch solution by dissolving 2 table spoons of ordinary gloss starch in 1-2 pint of cold water and pour this solution into 1 quart of boiling water stirring until you have a thin clear paste. As soon as the starch is cooked, remove the solution from the fire and add one ounce of soda, one ounce of strychnine powder, 1-5 ounce of saccharine; stir thoroughly until you have a white smooth creamy mass, then stir in 1-2 pint of corn syrup. Now add the whole mixture to the grain and stir thoroughly until every grain is equally moist with the paste. Distribute in tea spoon full doses on the ground near the squirrel hole. This is better than placing it in the hole as there is none wasted. This poison will not kill quail, grouse or sage hens. We find saccharine is very expensive just now so a tea cup of salt is recommended in its place. The salt to be added to the boiling water before the starch is put into it. This change makes practically no difference in the efficiency of the poison, and is better than either saccharine or salt in the mixture."

In spreading poison try to place it on as dry ground as possible, and after a rain in preference to just before one. The best results are secured during bright clear weather. How-



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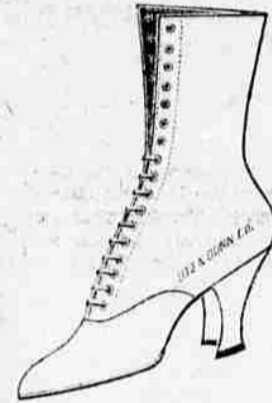
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ever we do not always have these conditions, consequently during cloudy damp weather we must go over the ground oftener, if we wish to get results.

In measuring the soda, if you have no scale handy two tablespoons full, but not heaping, will equal about one ounce. The following are the requirements of the formula, for 20 quarts of grain:

- Gloss starch, 2 table spoons
- Soda 2 table spoons
- Strychnine 1 ounce
- Salt - cup full.
- Corn syrup 1-2 pint.
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Standing of Debaters.

Centralia, Wash., March 7.—J. M. Layhne, superintendent of Centralia schools and head of the Southwest Washington debating district, yesterday made his report on the season's debating. The eight teams which went through the season received the following votes: Kalama 11, Centralia 9, Olympia 6, Chehalis 5, Raymond 5, Winlock 5, Ridgefield 2 and Kelso 1.

Presipitation Breaks Records

Eugene, Or., March 8.—The rainfall during the first six days of March has been more than the average for the whole month, says H. M. Mayo, local weather observer. The total precipitation since March 1 has been 5.83 inches, according to Mayo's records, the average for the whole month in the last 25 years being 4.04 inches.

MORE CHILD ADVICE BY CHILD.

By CLARENCE SNOW.
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The Care of Babies.

It is very important that good care should be taken of babies as they are tender little creatures and if they are impaired in any way while very young it is likely to effect them for life. If germs get near them they will get into their bodies for they are not strong enough to throw them off.

It is very necessary that a baby should have a bath every morning just before a meal. Healthy babies should be bathed in a bath tub while very delicate babies should have a sponge bath instead. The baby should be stripped of all its clothing, wrapped in a clean towel and set on the lap. A soft cloth should be used. Wash the baby's head and face while still in the lap. Then slowly and gently lower it into the water. Wash carefully all over. Then lift it back into the lap and dry with as little rubbing as possible. If the baby's skin is dry or chapped a little vaseline or cold cream may be used. If powder is used

it must be of the simplest kind. Correct bathing should be a pleasure to both mother and child.

The baby's clothing should be soft and simple. There should be no substance such as pins or buttons next to its body. Flannel shirts and bands are the best.

Babies should have food at regular hours. If a bottle is used it must be perfectly sanitary. The milk should not be adulterated but should be rich and pure.

The baby's room must be as sanitary as his food or clothes. Unless the weather is especially cold the windows should be open all the time as fresh air is very important. No smoking should be allowed in the room. The room should be kept at the same temperature all the time. A white enameled crib is the best bed for the baby. When the baby is taken out to be bathed the bedclothes should be aired thoroughly.

A small baby should have plenty of sleep. It should be allowed to sleep many hours a day. When it is a little older it will require a morning and an afternoon nap. When it is two years old it will require only the afternoon nap.

While the baby is still quite young it will begin to kick and swing its arms. Its clothing should be loose enough to allow plenty of this exercise. When it is a month old it should be taken out of doors for a while every day unless the weather is too cold.

A very young baby does not require much handling but as it grows older it will cry very often. Some mothers think that if the baby cries it wants to be fed but that is often a mistake. Offer the baby a teaspoonful of warm or cool water. Ice water should never be given. Do not try to make a young baby stand as it is apt to make its spine crooked. Do not kiss the baby on the mouth as the germs from your lips will get into its body.

The first week in March is baby week. They have many of the windows decorated very prettily. In one they have dolls sleeping, eating, dressing and bathing in a little room. Back a little farther they have a large doll dressed in black and white, cooking on a small stove.

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