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HOME PREPAREDNESS NUMBER FOUR—WHAT A MILLION DOOR YARDS CAN DO.

BY CARL VROOMAN

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Washington, April 10.—Without going beyond their own dooryards millions of American women can render real service to the nation. This service is as real as that rendered by the soldier on the field of battle. It is to plant and care for the little plot of land that lies back of the house—to make a home garden.

One million dooryard gardens planted in our suburbs and cities this spring would mean a national saving of possibly \$50,000,000, a sum as large as that which President McKinley was given by Congress for the prosecution of the Spanish-American war. Growing vegetables for home consumption in these gardens would relieve the railroads of the necessity of carrying millions of pounds of bulky freight thus releasing thousands of cars and engines for hauling men and munitions.

Our experts have calculated that an average American family uses about 20 bushels of potatoes a year. It does not take but a fraction of an acre to produce this quantity of this important foodstuff since a fair yield of this crop is 200 bushels in a season and it is not uncommon for potatoes to run to 400 or more bushels per acre.

Radishes, lettuce, early beets, beans, peas, tomatoes, spinach, and numerous easily cultivated vegetables can be raised in the back yard provided the soil is fertile and intelligence is employed in the process. There is no reason in the world why 3,000,000 back yard gardens should not be planted this spring, planted as soon as the ground is warm enough, and supply 3,000,000 families with good, cheap, nutritious foods all this summer, war or no war.

The hitherto wasted resource of our dooryard land should be utilized at once. It is no more work for a woman to tend a vegetable garden than it is to tend a flower garden or a house plant. At present it is more patriotic to subordinate flowers to food.

BUILD A BIG FLEET.

Building a big fleet of wooden vessels on the Pacific Coast is one of the best things the government can do. It will provide a fleet to carry foodstuffs to Europe and provide 3000 armed ships to fight the submarines. The fleet will sail through the Panama Canal loaded with lumber for the Atlantic Coast. Besides being a military measure, the building of the fleet will employ much labor at Portland and other Pacific Coast cities and also do much to revive the lumber industry. The expenditure of vast sums of public money will give the Pacific Coast a touch of Eastern prosperity.

For Women's Convenience

Some women are just a trifle timid about going to a bank to transact business. Why? Simply because they are not familiar with the rules of banking.

This bank is calculated to be of special convenience to women; a place where they can come and feel at home. We aim to make every transaction so clear and so plain, that dealing with our bank soon becomes to them an easy habit.

We appreciate the patronage of women. Their business with us is already large and steadily increasing.

If you are not already a patron, then please consider this an invitation to become one.

La Grande National Bank

COVE SCHOOL NOTES.

Cove, Ore., April 16.—(Special)—A rousing meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association was held at the Maccabee hall last Friday evening and in point of attendance and interest it will go on record as one of the best ever held in this part of the country. More than three hundred people were present and although the program was long, the interest never flagged.

The numbers on the program were so arranged as to lead up to the final topic, consolidation, which was handled in a masterful manner by Rev. C. C. Pratt. Miss Brown spoke on environment. Mr. Allen presented the claims of agriculture and showed in a clear and rational manner what the relation of the school to the community should be.

A unique feature of the program consisted of pictures of modern school buildings in various parts of the state, and ending in a clever stunt by the High School Glee club and student body, in which they presented their claims for improvements in an unmistakable manner with songs and yells. "The Old Time Religion," changed to "The Old Time School House" and otherwise to make it pertinent to the occasion, brought down the house.

Mrs. Ivanhoe made an appropriate talk bearing on consolidation and the importance of such activities as manual training and domestic science. Mrs. Ivanhoe was delighted with the program and expressed great surprise at the large attendance.

A good representation from the adjoining districts was present to hear the discussion of consolidation.

Imbler Items.

Agent Waddell and assistant Perry are busy these days. Late trains and extra freight handling have kept the office open till about midnight about half the time during the last few weeks.

Frank McKennon, home from the Farmers' union meeting in La Grande Saturday, reports that practically all farmers from this vicinity were in attendance.

Only two of the five or six young men from Summerville who went to Portland last week to enlist in the army, succeeded in passing the examination, the successful ones being Burrell Anderson and Burr Cantrell. "Shorty" Oswald, who reached home Friday, and who was temporarily rejected owing to a severe cold, says the recruiting offices are crowded every day.

The road bond editorial in Saturday's Observer was eagerly read by subscribers here, and no doubt will contribute toward securing affirmative votes for the measure.

The stage road to Summerville is in bad condition, especially the cemetery hill, where high drifts crowded vehicles and sleds over to the fence and lately deep ruts have caused several accidents.

Much river bottom land is flooded by high water, but as yet none of the levees have given way.

"Gene" McGoldrick has his incubator "settin'" to help solve the H. C. of L.

George Perry was down from La Grande Sunday.

George L. Cleaver has been out canvassing orders for his apple syrup.

The feed is all gone at Palmer Valley, the farmers have turned their cattle out to get along the best way they can.

THE OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE.



Young Women - Their Older Sisters and Mothers - are all Enthusiastic Over

SPORT GOODS

Dame Fashion has decreed—"it's a sport clothes season and every woman will have at least one garment of sport style in her wardrobe.

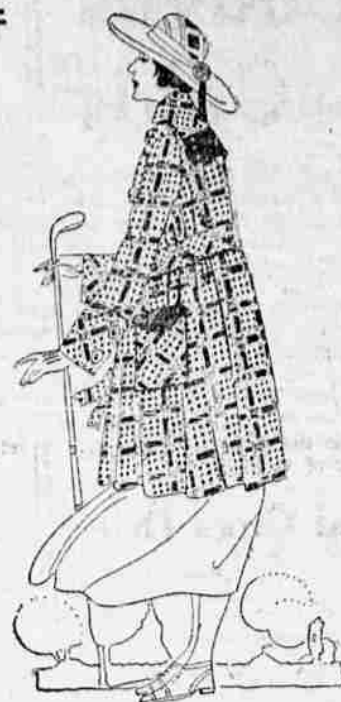
So the designers and makers have given this much study and we have received some of their best creations—these are here now for you to see—to buy now, that you may receive the benefit of a full season's wear.

Prices 35c to 75c yard

—See Our Window Display—

SPORT SKIRTS

Will be an important factor this season. Our display includes those models in greater demand—and we believe that you will find interest in an inspection of our stock of nobby up-to-date sport skirts.



Union News Notes

Union, Ore., April 14.—(Special)—The high school auditorium was the scene Friday evening last, of the most enthusiastic Patriotic Rally in the history of the town. Mayor Smith was the first speaker of the evening, and he touched his audience by telling of the time when he enlisted in the Spanish-American war. The other speakers of the evening were, Superintendent E. E. Arant, M. F. Davis, L. P. Derby and W. T. Wright. Mr. Wright's address was the finest address of the kind ever heard in the city. He brought forth repeated cheers and reminded the people that they are to look for the enemy within as well as without. An important thought emphasized in the meeting was that the American people are not at war with the German people, but on the other hand with the Imperial German Government.

By unanimous vote of those present, universal military training was endorsed, also every man, woman, and child present signified his or her willingness to serve the country in any way possible by rising to their feet. The flag was much in evidence, and when one of the speakers showed a picture of the President, the audience went wild with enthusiasm.

A Home Guard is to be organized immediately by the men of thirty years of age or over, who are not likely to be called into immediate service,

also a High School Cadet Band and a Girls' Honor Guard will be put into operation in a few days. This meeting is only the first of a chain of such meetings, and was attended by about five hundred persons. Much patriotic music was given by the High School Glee club and by the audience.

THE THREE D'S

Dirt Disease Death

Numerous Benefits Can Be Obtained By Cleaning Up

"Clean up week" depends for its success upon the hearty co-operation of every citizen, and if it be given ungrudgingly the town will be the better for it in health, in money and attractiveness. City officials can do much in seeing that the street cleaners do really clean, that garbage collectors do their task thoroughly and that public buildings, squares and parks shall be an example of neatness. But what the official can do will be but a drop in the bucket compared with what should be done. It is the corners that are out of sight that need most attention—the courts, cellars and back yards—and over these the municipality has no control. It depends, therefore, upon the householder to do the major part in the elimination of rubbish, the overhauling of the things that collect dust and filth, and the whole process that goes to make up the real town beautiful.

Dirt of any sort means multiplication of disease, and disease means economic waste. Therefore "clean up week" will mean business prudence and enterprise. Health means wealth and progress.

Make a Thrift Garden

It has been estimated by authorities on gardening and production that a back yard thrift garden, 25 by 50 feet, will supply a family of six with an abundance of fresh vegetables, sufficient to supply all needs through the season, if judiciously planted and given the proper care and attention.

In voting the good roads bonds June 4th, the voters of the state are taking absolutely no chances. The bill authorizing the bonds specifically describes the roads to be improved and defines the general character of their construction. Bids will be invited and, if the proposals are excessive, the Highway Commissioners have announced that they will do their own paving. What more could be asked?

PALMER VALLEY NEWS.

Palmer Valley, April 16.—(Special) Sunday and Monday a party of local men have been clearing the snow and ice out of the road between the Valley and Junction, but so far have

only about ten miles clear for travel. Jesse Kilenbeck and V. P. Hohn were visitors at the Junction the first part of the week.

Mrs. H. A. Galloway made a business trip to Enterprise the first of the week, being forced to walk to the Junction, not being able to get a horse through.

James Nicklett went to the Junction Thursday after supplies and reports 2 1/2 feet of snow at his place, three miles from the Junction.

Ben Herald and J. W. Feahe are pleased with the fact that they have all their hay hauled.

Mrs. Galloway returned from Enterprise Thursday and reports all the snow gone in Wallowa Valley.

Miss Williams made a business trip to the Junction Friday.

J. W. Feahr and Guy Amsbary worked for Mr. Baker the last of the week clearing for spring work.

Ben Harold, Mr. Luper, N. N. Mason, were visitors at the Junction Saturday investigating the road which they found in bad shape.

Mr. Peck of Cricket Flat was at the Junction the last of the week and reports the snow about all gone there.

George Ousley of the Looking Glass country was at the Junction and says the snow is about gone at his place.

\$ 7,000,000,000

is the amount of the war fund just voted by Congress. The next question confronting the Government is the readjustment of import duties and placing war taxes on commodities to insure larger revenues. One of the items prominently mentioned and now under discussion for war tax is coffee. Coffee is one of the few food items that is really below normal in price at the present time.

ROYAL CLUB COFFEE

has been a 40c coffee the past two years, it is still selling at the same old price, three pounds of this high grade coffee for \$1.10.

It is generally expected that the duty on this commodity will be at least 5c per pound. When the duty is placed it will become effective immediately.

Buy your coffee now. This is a friendly tip.

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