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THE SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAM.

To give an idea what the submarine menace is General Goethals announces that his shipbuilding program—contracts already let—will provide 425 ships with a tonnage of 1,860,800 tons at a cost of \$275,000,000. He also announces that he expects to let contracts for 400 ships of an aggregate tonnage of 2,500,000 tons, which will take 18 to 24 months to build. These will not do much good during this war. He also intends to commandeer 1,500,000 tons of shipping now building. Speed is the essential. The way not to get it is to row.

THE BLESSING OF COOL NIGHTS.

For many things we should be thankful, and one of them is our climate. No matter how warm it may be in the heat of the day the nights are cool and delightful. When the sun sets and the glare of the day is over, the cool breezes spring up bringing their refreshing caresses to soothe the tired worker. Then comes the coolness of night and when morning comes, the worker is ready to take up the day's work again with restored energy. For these mercies we give grateful thanks.

THE SPEED 'EM UP.

The Speed 'Em Up is over. To the management we give commendation for their hard work for the benefit of the public, for taking every thought for their comfort, and for conducting such an event so carefully that the races have passed without accident to racer or spectator. This is no small achievement and indicates foresight and attention to details.

THE RED CROSS.

There are many things that can be done for the Red Cross which do not require money. One of these is the work of the sewing committee. Every day a group of devoted women gather and sew; make garments and supplies for the hospitals. There is room for many more to help. If you wish to do your bit, join the sewing circle of the Red Cross. You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing useful work that is greatly needed. We know that the La Grande women will respond to the call.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Which Is Which?

A moot question in Eastern Oregon is whether Pendle-

IN THE CIRCLE OF FINANCE



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La Grande National Bank

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

If anyone doubts the need of books as well as guns in the equipment of a mobilization camp, it will not take him long to investigate the matter all for himself. Let him visit the training fields where thousands of men are already quartered. He had best go at evening, when a long summer's day has drawn to its close, when hours of drill and the "regulations" are ended, and time hangs heavy before the night's sleep can prepare the way for another day of the same round. In the city or town near the camp, he will see so many in khaki strolling the streets that he may doubt whether any are left at the quarters. When he comes to the camp he will think his eyes deceived him in town; so many are still on the field. A hundred or more have gathered around an improvised ring to watch the boxing matches arranged for the evening. Strangely enough, they don't seem especially interested. A certain restlessness is ever stirring among them. It is still keener among those away from the ringside. Only in one large tent is there sustained interest and quiet. It is the recreation tent, where scores of men are writing letters and reading. The same air of sociability, pleasantly noticeable everywhere, is present here also, but with it is no restlessness, but on the contrary an evident contentment in activity—the satisfaction of rounding out a day's bodily work with things that keep a man's mind running smoothly.

On seeing that tent, no one can repress a strong feeling of gratitude that it was ever provided. The country learned something about the need of books from experience on the Mexican border. It is learning more daily. In addition to the work carried on by the Y. M. C. A. and other agencies, the Massachusetts Commission on Free Public Libraries took a hand this time, within a very few days of the first order for mobilization. It bought outright twenty-two "traveling libraries," by the legislature's permission, stocking each one with such books as "A Hilltop on the Marne," lives of Joffre and other heroes of battle, the President's speeches, the Plattsburg Manual, some easy French volumes. Instruction has not the only place. Many brilliant detective stories went into the boxes, general fiction, and poetry. The call for poetry has been nothing short of remarkable. Carried around from camp to camp by a Y. M. C. A. truck, visiting even the lonely stations where only a handful of bridge-guards are quartered, these traveling libraries have already been read and worn until they need the repair shop. The packing boxes themselves are in a condition that pays tribute to the demand for their service.

So far we have advanced for the camps now established. We need to go still further for them, but of course the great job lies in preparation for the cantonment at Ayer. No wonder the American Library Association has thought the provision of books for it, and for the fifteen other cantonments of the draft army, a matter demanding its special attention. The Federal Commission on Camp Activities has such work in its central charge, but it has already expressed eagerness for all the help the association can give, working through State Library commissions where this is possible and coordinating all efforts closely with the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross. The American Association thinks there should be nothing less than a special library building at each cantonment, of inexpensive construction of course, but equipped for expert service and for 10,000 volumes.

ton has made the Round-up or the Round-up has made Pendleton. We have no difficulty in answering. Pendleton would be Pendleton without the Round-up, but the Round-up would not be what it is without Pendleton.—The Portland Oregonian.

A Lake Beautiful.

Some of the most beautiful scenery in the world is much nearer our doors than the far-famed vistas of Italy or Switzerland. For those in quest of the picturesque, Wallowa lake in far Eastern Oregon will have a tremendous appeal.

Not many of Nature's pictures are more alluring to man's eye than the first view of this emerald hued lake, so serene and glad some as to seem asleep in the sun. It is guarded on either side of its four mile stretch by great gold shoulders of naked hills, which, in turn, are relieved by forest-studded mountains, and beyond, rising monumental against a gentle sky are still higher mountains, snowy patriarchs of the North Powder range. It is a poet's dream, a painter's paradise.—Portland Journal.

Edward Chambers, Top-Notcher.

Herbert Hoover, the government food man, and Edward Chambers, his new assistant in charge of transportation matters became acquainted in California, where they lived neighbors for many years. Mr. Hoover saw Mr. Chambers develop from a depot freight rustler to vice-president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company in a few years—a career which spells ability, industry and honesty.

Mr. Chambers' specialty was in handling railway traffic, and his experience in that field of activity gave him a thorough knowledge of agricultural, commercial and industrial conditions. He is regarded as an expert in the knowledge of where and how foodstuff is produced, where and how things are manufactured, the cost of production and manufacture, etc. Mr. Hoover wanted a man of that kind, so he selected Mr. Chambers, a topnotcher.

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related agencies that offer their help, but at the same time providing a central control from which branch collections could go out to the Y. M. C. A. tent, the Knights of Columbus tent, the Y. M. H. A. and all other sub-centres under expert system and hence best suited to the various needs of the men in the camps—this is a task for which our professional librarians are especially adapted. Eager for the service, they should be allowed it.—Boston Evening Transcript.

They Know the Game.

Not many years ago the big papers of Portland ignored the plebeian countrymen who composed the Oregon State Editorial Association. With Frank Irwin and Ted Piper occupying the places of the 75s at Pendleton it looks as though "de worl' do move."—Pendleton Tribune.

WHY--

The Business Man and The Banker should encourage and The Farmer should practice Diversified Farming

(By Kenneth Gilbert. These articles are reprinted from the "Business Chronicle" of Seattle, Wash., by permission of the publisher. They appeared in serial form in that publication, Feb. 24 to April 21, 1917. A copy may be had by addressing the Union Pacific System.)

Pigs, Like Other Products, Should Be Hurried to Market As Soon As Fit. The faster the pigs are crowded until they go to market the larger the measure of profit. This, of course, is subject to a common-sense deduction. It will not do to feed them more than they can digest and assimilate. Yet, remembering that profit is obtained only from food which the pig digests and assimilates over and above food necessary to maintain him, it is possible, by close observation to determine how much the pig may be fed without causing indigestion.

The grain ration should be one-half pound for each 25 pounds live weight.

It is apropos here to remind hog-raisers of the necessity of maintaining sanitary surroundings if "bad luck" is to be guarded against. Cleanliness in feeding and caring for pigs is a most profitable investment. Plenty of clean, cool water should be supplied at all times. Shade should be found in every hog pasture.

While peas and oats are excellent foods for obtaining the best results in raising pigs, corn produces the largest measure of feed per area of land and labor involved, of any plant, except alfalfa under irrigation.

The only safe and satisfactory place to store fodder corn is in a silo. Corn silage is good feed for pigs, cows, sheep, young growing stock, or for fattening steers. When you see a farmer who possesses a silo you see a man whose ambitions go further than merely wrestling a living from the soil. He is inclined to be progressive; a man who reads, who knows what is going on about him.

However, a silo is of value only when green corn cannot be obtained. One acre of green corn will make from 500 to 700 pounds of pork. Even when hogs are running on rich stubble fields, an evening feed of green corn will pay in increased gain.