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Our flag is red, and white and blue,
The little Thrift Stamp's green;
The colors, though, don't matter much,
But victory's what they mean.

BILLIONS INCREASE IN CROP VALUES

The value of farm products of the United States for the year 1917 reach the tremendous and unprecedented sum of \$19,443,849,000, an increase of more than six billion over the values of 1916 and almost nine billion more than 1915.

The Department of Agriculture has just issued a preliminary estimate for last year, showing crop values of \$13,610,463,000, representing 70 per cent of the value of all farm products for the year, and \$5,833,386,000, the value of animals and animal products of our farms.

By far the greatest and best customers of the farmers of the country now are the United States and the Allies. The money used by all of these governments in purchasing the products of American farms is raised by the sale of Liberty Bonds. Part is spent by the United States itself and part loaned to the Allies. In lending to the United States, therefore, the American farmer is simply enabling its best customers to purchase his products and receiving in return the best security in the world. Good business.

Financial undertakings of the gov-

LIVING IN THE POORHOUSE

A correspondent of the Oregonian seems to be right in digging up stories of the death of persons in the poorhouse. Similar items have been printed in the Baker newspapers.

Do not some young "journalist" who is cutting his journalistic eve-teeth has committed this offence against the ethics of the newspaper business. The first lesson a young man should learn who enters the newspaper field is to be honest, to be kind. No business has greater opportunities of evil than the newspaper business. The opportunities to injure are enormous. Carelessness, printing of scandal and gossip, becoming venal are pitfalls that lurk in the newspaper business for the beginner.

But the young man starting in the newspaper business will make no mistake if he errs on the side of kindness and charity. Take the case in point. An aged man has worked hard all his life, prospered, then met with ill health and financial reverses. Finally, his spirit gone, he is taken to the poorhouse to spend his declining days; death comes and takes him away. A kind and forgiving newspaper man could forget where he died, just as many cases of lapses of women and villainy of men in high places are forgotten.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT

Colonel Roosevelt is ill in a New York hospital. It is hard for us to picture an active man like him on the

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Mr. William E. Deany, 1022 Park Ave., Springfield, Ohio, writes:
"I find great pleasure in writing you and thanking you for what Peruna has already done for me. I have been troubled with catarrh for years, and it had affected my head, nose, throat and stomach, that I could not eat nor sleep with any satisfaction."

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Catarrh
For Years
Can Now
Eat and
Sleep
To My
Satisfaction



Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

flat of his back. Colonel Roosevelt is the personification of manly vigor; he is exemplification of the triumph of mind over matter. Born a weakling, he started out to conquer his bodily afflictions. Life in the open air, riding horseback on the range out west made a man of "Teddy," and a man that is the admiration of the age. Theodore Roosevelt is not only a statesman, but he is a scholar, an orator, a writer, an historian, the holder of the Nobel peace prize medal, a soldier, a naval strategist, a good husband, a good father and a good citizen.

It is hard to realize that Colonel Roosevelt is getting old; perhaps some of the machinery which he has used so strenuously and at the same time so carefully is breaking down; we hope more operations will not be necessary. American life would not seem the same without him.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

His Gravest Mistake

To sum it all up, Senator Chamberlain has finally made the gravest mistake of his long career. He has become a kaiser, an objector and faultfinder instead of a co-worker with the men who are trying to transform a peace-loving nation into an effective military machine with the least possible delay—a job for real men and earnest patriots. If his usefulness to the nation is not entirely gone it most certainly has been greatly impaired, and we are sincerely sorry for it.—Salem Capital Journal.

Logged-off Land Is Expensive

If a sane system could be devised of opening up and developing our logged-off land, the commission appointed by Governor Withycombe could do it. The members include State Treasurer Thomas Kay of Salem, J. A. Farrell, Emory Olmstead, O. M. Clark and Whitney L. Boise of Portland, William Hanley of Burns, and William Pollman of Baker. These gentlemen are good and able citizens, thoroughly conversant with the state's resources and needs, and quite ready to assist in developing the one and providing the other.

But the matter of opening up for profitable orchard or agricultural purposes logged-off land is something that will tax their ingenuity. Logged-off land, while apparently the cheapest that we have, is about the most expensive that one can buy. To clear it costs much more than the land itself is worth; and, except under the most unusual circumstances, it is not often that the land will pay interest on the investment. The idea that clearing logged-off land will give the settler cheaper farms is erroneous—unless it is the purpose of the state to remove the stumps at its own cost and hand over to the purchaser the land at a cut price figure.

That could be done; but it would be a very expensive thing to do. We have not the men, nor the machinery, nor the experience to go into the business on a very large scale. And it will be some time before we have the settlers to take advantage of the state-cleared logged-off land.

Oregon has as much arable land as there are men to work it. We do not need more agricultural land so much as we need farmers. Under the circumstances, The Spectator would like to make a suggestion to the Land Settlement Commission: While I know it is quite able to formulate and follow a useful and valuable program of its own, could it not induce some of those very many bright young men who each year graduate from the Oregon Agricultural College to take up farming as a profession, instead of going into the law, or medicine, or politics? If this could be done, it might pay the state to lease, with the right to buy, all the cleared unworked land in Oregon, and rent it with an option of purchase to the students of our agricultural college.—The Spectator.

What Will Oregon Do About It?

The Capital Journal has furnished proof which should convince any fair-minded reader that the state of Kansas never offered President Kerr of the Oregon Agricultural college \$9,000 a year to accept a similar position in that state.

The evidence of Governor Chappin, chairman of the board of administration of state schools, and of former Governor E. W. Hook, vice chairman, is unequivocal. The governor says the Kerr story was a "pipe dream," and the former governor says it is absolutely without foundation. The salary paid the president of the Kansas agricultural college is only \$6,500 a year, and no decision has been reached to raise it. Mr. Kerr was never considered for the place at any salary.

These are facts which cannot be controverted, and yet the board of regents of the O. A. C. raised Kerr's salary from \$7,000 a year to \$8,500 a year as a compromise, so Chairman Weatherford stated, between the amount he was being paid and the salary he was offered by the state of Kansas.

And the state of Kansas had never offered Kerr any salary or any job at all—and the head of a great state school kept silent and became the beneficiary of a fraud that should make every true Oregonian hang his head with shame. A job was put over on the state that reads like one of Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford's schemes to fleece suckers.

And in this instance the people of Oregon were the suckers.—Salem Capital Journal.

ALICEL FARMERS
TO BUILD A
BIG ELEVATOR

\$35,000 SUBSCRIBED TOWARD
BUILDING \$100,000 CON-
CRETE STRUCTURE

ALICEL, Feb. 9.—(Special.)—The Alicel Farmers Elevator Co. of Alicel held a meeting Thursday and were addressed by Mr. Bush, a government expert on grain handling and also by H. W. Banfield, an engineer on construction and machinery.

There was \$35,000 subscribed and immediate action will be taken to complete a concrete elevator of 100,000 bushels capacity. Messrs. Wells, Case, Ledbetter and McDonald were appointed on the building committee.

The farmers believe that the high cost of sacks has made it necessary to take some steps toward the handling of grain in bulk.

SUMMERSVILLE NOTES

SUMMERSVILLE, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—Saturday evening, February 16, there will be a basket social given at the Dry Creek school-house three miles north of town. Miss Becker is now busy drilling the children who will take part in the program. All those who attended the Christmas program know that they may expect an intensely interesting program at this social. The proceeds will be used for the improvement of the play-ground.

A number of farmers were called to Imbler on Wednesday to attend the elevator meeting.

W. W. Sanderson was a business visitor in Imbler the fore part of the week.

Clyde McKenzie transacted business in Imbler Wednesday.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer who has been very ill with pneumonia, is improving.

John Niederer and son, Leo, were business visitors in Imbler on Wednesday.

B. M. Oliver transacted business in Imbler Thursday.

J. L. McKinnis was a business visitor in La Grande Tuesday.

D. L. Sanderson returned home yesterday from La Grande where he was called for jury duty.

Gene Becker was down from La Grande on Tuesday to spend the day with his mother.

Mrs. Burt Oliver and her sister, Mrs. Frank Woodell were visitors in La Grande on Sunday.

Unclaimed for Letters.—List of letters remaining unclaimed for in this office for the week ending February 2, 1918: Gentlemen—Adams, John; Belding, B. E.; Denart, N. A.; Davis, E. G.; Pike, Jack; Robben, J. G.; Sales, G. P.; Simonson, Alfred; Wyatt, Chas. G.; Ladies—Andrews, Mrs. E. G.; Boering, Miss Edna; Dibble, Mrs. L.; Horn, Miss Lattie; Jones, Mrs. Alice; Mason, Mrs. Emma; March, Miss Zelma; VanCamp, Miss Mattie. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised" giving date of list.—E. E. Bragg, P. M.

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Women--

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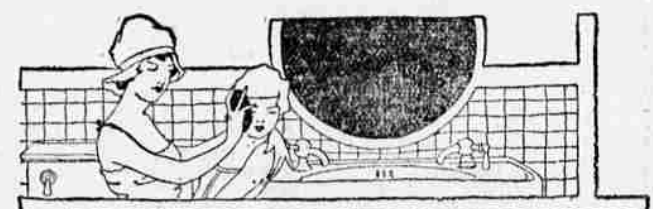
Get an all wool Extragood suit at \$7.00 or \$8.00, and you will find that it will outwear two cotton suits that you buy for \$5.00.

We have the cheaper suits, however. Come in and let us show you our stock.

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TO BE HELD

Evangelistic meetings will begin at the M. E. Church South on the evening of February 15, by the Mills-Huggins Evangelistic party which consists of Rev. Mr. Mills, evangelist, Mr. and Miss Huggins, singers, and Mrs. Huggins, pianist. This party comes highly recommended and the people of La Grande are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

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Notice!
February 19th is the last day to pay water rent without the penalty. 2-8-21.

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