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### WHO ARE SLACKERS?

There is a clipping in today's paper from an eastern paper making the inquiry, Are Farmers Slackers? In this country they are not—at least there is no special evidence of it. They have responded equally well with persons of other industries in the purchase of bonds and in answering any and all other demands made upon them in the country's hour of need.

It may be set down as a proposition that will work out in the end that there is no particular class of people who can be set down as slackers. The inclination to shirk is an individual and not a class defect.

The next loan drive will probably give a closer line than any effort that has yet been made to determine who are the ones who refuse to do what they should. Some of the slackers may be farmers; some may be manufacturers or merchants or bankers. If it happens that there are such people, and we may look for a mighty few in this locality, they are going to be dragged into the limelight. If there is a farmer, for instance, who has been able to profit by the arbitrary advance in the price of his products and he doesn't "come through," he will be known. If he is a slacker in any other trade or occupation, it will be found out. There will be no escape and in the end it will be found out that the slackers will be in a class by themselves, and a dejected, lonesome as well as loathsome class at that.

### BABIES AND POLYGAMY

What happens when a government urges polygamy to raise the birthrate is told by the Rev. Ignatius Kinast, a German who has been touring Germany for six months, and since his return to Switzerland has been publishing the results of his investigations.

A vigorous campaign is being waged in many districts, he says, by the authorities, with "Bear a Child for the Fatherland" as its slogan.

Never mind just now the effects of this promiscuous mating upon the adults immediately affected and upon society in general. Give your attention to the babies.

"I was credibly informed," says Mr. Kinast, "that in Munich district alone there were 12,000 such illicit marriages, resulting in 18,000 babies since the last two and a half years, while the authorities were not able to save the lives of more than 4,000 babies, so far, begotten by this method!

Talk about waste! Was ever production of anything on earth conducted with such disregard of plain rules of business efficiency?

## Farmers!

You Should Keep a Bank Account

Farmers, as a rule, keep no books or accounts. Their bank deposit books afford them a complete record of cash receipts, while the stubs of the check book are a perfect record of expenses and payments. Your returned checks are the best receipts in the world, because the person receiving them must endorse it, and being returned to you by the bank, they can be easily preserved.

Money deposited in a bank is not so easily "foolen away" as when carried around in one's pocket.

Try the experiment for one year of keeping a bank account and see if it does not pay you.

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### THE WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

The bill recently introduced in Congress for the creation of the "War Finance Corporation" with a capital stock of five hundred million dollars, all of which is to be subscribed by the United States, should be regarded, says Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, primarily as a measure to enable the banks, both National and State banks and trust companies, to continue to furnish essential credits for industries and enterprises necessary or contributory to the prosecution of the war.

The government has made and is making through the Liberty Loans such large demands upon the lendable capital of the country that the banks often have been prevented from giving needed help to private enterprises, some of which are performing vital service in connection with the war.

The War Finance Corporation is designed as a war measure to give relief from this condition during the period of the war and Secretary McAdoo asserts that the mere existence of the corporation would of itself do so much to maintain confidence that its actual aid would be necessary only in relatively few cases.

This is no hastily conceived legislation. Secretary McAdoo has taken the most expert advice available and the methods adopted in the other countries at war have been thoroughly studied. The proposed law embodies the basic principles of similar laws which have been tried in Europe. Its purpose is to attain the most efficient use of our country's tremendous financial resources for the government and for private enterprises, which are all necessary to the welfare of the country and our success in this war.

### VIEWS VARY ON NEW LEAGUE

There are numerous opinions being expressed regarding the new Non-Partisan League which is bouncing across the West from North Dakota with remarkable speed. Here is what Editor Lee Tuttle of the Elgin Recorder thinks about the organization:

At the present time considerable space of the Oregon press is being given over to a discussion of the so-called Non-Partisan League—rather the press is exposing rather than discussing. The Recorder has only a limited knowledge of the organization, but if we are to judge by what we read it is a good organization for patriotic men to leave alone. That the leaders of the organization are attempting to gain a foothold in Oregon has been evident for some time. The farmer is particularly appealed to, and is coaxed and baited with a lot of promises that can never bear results through class politics. We are informed on good authority that the Non-Partisan League has been caught redhanded in associating with the curse of the I. W. W. and various unpatriotic and destructive forces. That the organization has practiced sedition and joined with unpatriotic and anarchistic forces seems to be well established.

Many Oregon publications are alarmed at the attempt of the organization to become a power in this state. The alarm may be well founded, but we are inclined to believe that the movement will not make any great strides in Oregon politics for the simple reason that we do not believe that the farmers of the state are going to be coaxed into linking themselves with any organization that is known to be tied up with the I. W. W. At any rate, we should be on our guard and see to it that the politically progressive state of Oregon does not become a spawning bed for the so-called Non-Partisan clique.

For the least bit of heedlessness on your part in food conservation someone somewhere in the world must suffer privation. The Food Administration has mastered the problem of America's food in such a way that every ounce of food conserved and kept in the currents of trade goes to the empty stomach of someone in Europe who is going to keenly appreciate it.

### They Fly to Church to Get Married



This is a wedding picture! Lieut. Lawrence B. Sperry and his fiancée, Miss Winifred Allen, are shown here in their bridal clothes just as they arrived for the wedding at Governors Island, Lieut. Sperry, navy aviator, was stationed at Massapequa, L. I. He could get away for only a few hours, so they made the trip to the island by airplane. Army officers gathered around the chapel and set up a round of cheers when the bridal couple came flying down and alighted near the church steps. The wedding took place a few minutes later.

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### AN EXPLANATION

Red Cross Workers in Iowa District Meet Regularly.

To the Observer:—In your "ML Glen" news items of February 27 mention was made of a Red Cross organization meeting with Mrs. B. M. Burland and under her direction. This is an error in entirety.

The Iowa district ladies organized a Red Cross sewing circle several weeks ago and have been meeting each Thursday at the home of Mrs. B. M. Burland and devoting the entire day to Red Cross work. Their work is done in connection with and under the supervision of the La Grande Red Cross organization and much enthusiasm is shown by each and every one of the Iowa district workers.—B. M. DURLAND.

### DOUBLE BILL IS STAGED FOR TONIGHT

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hour limit contest, will start about 10:15.

Both wrestlers are in fine condition and a splendid contest is in prospect. Popstar prices will prevail. Jack O'Neill will referee.

### O'Neill in Handicap

Peter Buzukos, the San Francisco welterweight came to town last Tuesday and challenged O'Neill for a finish match. O'Neill is not in very good condition but he insists he can beat Buzukos in a handicap match, and last night an informal affair was arranged in which O'Neill agrees to throw Buzukos in thirty minutes. This bout will be staged in connection with the Thye-Lambert match, making a double card for tonight.

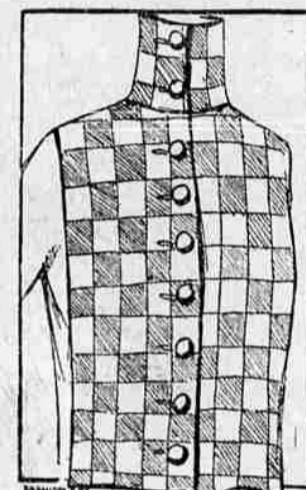
### HOW TO GROW TOMATOES

The tomato is one of the most satisfactory of all the garden crops and one that is found in practically every vegetable garden. No matter how small the garden space available, it is always advisable to have a few tomato vines.

Tomatoes will grow in almost any good soil, but the soil should not be too high in nitrogenous matter as this will cause the plants to go to vine, rather than to fruit. The plants should be started in the window box or in the hotbed, some six weeks before time to set them in the open. For best results they should be transplanted at least once. It is possible to secure a crop much sooner by carefully growing the plants indoors in pots and transplanting to the open ground as soon as conditions permit. They should not be set in the open until about two weeks after the last killing frost. If set sooner than this they should in all cases be protected from frost with a maulin cover or with boxes covered with glass or by other means.

The pot-grown plants are especially desirable, as they may be brought to the blooming period by the time it is warm enough to plant them in the garden. If the plants are not to be trained, but allowed to lie on the ground, they should be set about 4 feet apart each way. If trained to single stalks and tied to stakes or a trellis, they may be planted in rows 3 feet apart, and 18 inches apart in the row. If to be used for table purposes only 25 plants under good conditions will supply the average family. If

### IF YOU'D BE SMART WEAR PLAIDS



No bit of feminine wear is more up-to-the-minute, and is easier to make or wear than the separate vest—built of many materials—but preferably plaid. Not only something plaid, but something silk should be the law of the vest, for a large part of its reason for existence is the saving of wool. This checker-board confection is of heavy silk or satin in dull blue and white plaid. It is uncompromisingly severe and buttons close up to the chin with white bone ball buttons—in an effect that is a cross between the military and the jockey air.

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