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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

EVERY MAN SHOULD DRILL.

War is past the guessing period. Neither you, nor anyone else, can know how long this horrible thing is going to last. The Germans once fought a thirty year war. You say, "But they can't do it now for modern methods won't permit it." Possibly so, but you also thought they could not do what they have done in the way of war.

Now, in order to get down to a war basis in this country as well as in Europe, there is not the slightest doubt but what every able-bodied man should have some kind of military training. We do not mean that he should leave his work of producing something, or his every day occupation, in order to drill, but he should be organized with other men for drill work at stated intervals to get the military swing. He should know what to do if a hurry-up call came "to arms," even though he is getting old he should still have enough drill work to be able to line up and do his bit in case of invasion.

The younger men should be in the Home Guard and have more or less intensive training, and the forty-fivers should be mobilized at least once each week and put thru training.

La Grande is fortunate in having capable military men to do the drilling and the opportunity should be welcomed to perfect an organization that will guarantee safety to the Grand Ronde valley and at the same time equip our citizenry for any emergency that may arise.

We admit there is a lot of war talk at home, but there is nothing of a fanciful nature about what we have said. It may come to a head by either the state, county or city making a survey of the man power left at home and issuing an order for military activity along the lines mentioned.

The spirit of "we'll get by" in this war is about to be nipped, and it must be replaced by "we'll do what we can to help."

PROTECTING SOLDIER'S HEALTH

The following statement is authorized by the War Department from the Surgeon General's office:

To guard troops stationed in camps and cantonments from disease carried by mosquitoes and flies, the medical department of the army has installed a system of prevention which is safeguarding not only the soldiers but also civilians living in the neighborhood of training camps.

There is attached to each camp a division surgeon who is responsible for the health of the camp. Assisting him is a sanitary inspector who has the assistance of a sanitary engineer and from 100 to 200 enlisted men who are continually employed in work designed

to protect the health of the soldiers.

Special attention is now being given in all camps to cleaning up spots where mosquitoes and flies breed. In some cases it has been necessary to dig channels in streams, drain swamps, and put in elaborate ditching systems in order to clean up stagnant pools and streams. In those cases where it has been found impossible or impracticable to drain swamps and to do other work of a similar nature, there has been installed a system for keeping these slow-moving streams and still bodies of water covered with oil. At all points within the camp where there is the slightest possibility of mosquitoes or flies breeding daily spraying of oil is done.

Arrangements have been completed with the Federal Public Health Service to carry out a similar program in the territories adjacent to the camps. The Health Service has agreed to fill bogs, open streams, and drain swamps and continue the oil spraying for a distance of one mile around all camps.

Special precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of disease by flies. With the approach of the fly season a general order was sent to all division surgeons and other health officials to take all necessary steps to prevent the breeding of flies. Instructions were given on the disposal of materials that were likely to become breeding spots. Arrangements were made to protect all food from flies. With this end in view all buildings in which food is prepared or stored were screened. The entrance to the buildings have been vestibuled. An added guard is the placing of flytraps in all buildings. An average of 6,000 such traps have been placed in each camp. More than 22,700,000 square feet of screening has been placed in all camps.

Concerning Coats for Summertime



Light summer frocks demand that their wearers shall provide themselves with summer wraps of some sort, to be carried along in case of need. The midsummer frocks accomplish their mission by looking pretty and comfortable when the thermometer registers high, and as the thermometer often backslides to the region of cold, when it hangs near the sea or in the mountains, the summer wrap must be responsible for comfort.

In wraps the choice lies between capes and coats and garments that combine the two. For there are many compromises that are part coat and part cape. With the vogue for sleeveless coats there comes about a two-in-one arrangement whereby a cape may be added to a coat and each of them worn separately.

There are not many of these but there are several good combinations of coat and cape like the handsome example shown in the picture. Dainty and light weight wool velour, heavy wool poplin and other light-weight coatings are used for making them. Cape coats are shorter than either separate capes or coats, the length pictured being about the limit. In this coat a narrow grille is provided made of the material and the coat is much like a sleeveless sweater coat. The buttons are covered with cloth and the design smart and elegant.

Always we have the dependable silk coat for wear over summer frocks. At

the right of the picture there is shown a new model in black taffeta with large white pearl buttons, proclaiming that it is a midsummer garment. It is long, with a panel down the back and front. No one need be told that it is of the all-round useful sort that is always popular.

Julie's Blouses

Batiste Blouses.
 Smart little blouses of fine batiste in white or delicate color, pink or blue or lavender, are made with contrasting collar and cuffs of washable satin. The collar is narrow and is attached to the body of the blouse at the edges in a point, below which the collar extends in long sash ends, which are loosely knotted in cravat form. Some of the new models in satin or crepe de chine have overlapping collar and cuffs of georgette crepe in the same tone or contrasted color.

Waistcoats.

Waistcoats of checked gingham are reasonable accessories for the tailcoat or dress. They are liked in two-tone effects and some of them have fluted edges. It is frequently possible to pick up handkerchiefs with a border matching the pattern of the waistcoat, or one's initial may be embroidered in the predominant color of that adjunct.

FORUM

IS CITY A SLACKER?

La Grande boasts of its war activities and of going over the top among the first towns in Oregon when any important drive is on, while as a matter of fact in one of the most important moves it is a slacker of the very worst kind. I speak of war gardens. The city management now is hoarding its supply of water in the reservoir in the mountains where they have an abundance, which added to by the late heavy rains covering the city water sheds makes the supply more than abundant, while the war gardens in the city are perishing for want of water. The potato crop, of which there is a short crop this year owing to the high guaranteed price of grains, can be trebled by using this surplus water now. What is true of potatoes is true of beans, corn, turnips, cabbage and many other useful war food. Salt Lake City this year is supplying water for lawns as large as any in La Grande and for war gardens with water all that is wanted by the user at any time. Unlimited use is allowed. Three times as much is used as in La Grande for \$8 a year while in La Grande we pay \$8 a month making water cost in La Grande 32 times as much as in Salt Lake. Portland and most other towns in Oregon furnish water for war gardens free. Why should La Grande be such a pronounced slacker in one of the most vital war movements so urgently advocated by the food administration? Mr. Currey, Mr. McKennon, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Brownton please answer. Respectfully submitted,
 A. S. GEDDES.

HOME ECONOMICS.

Stewed Salmon.
 Fish, like meat, is a food rich in protein, and you will be just as well nourished if you eat it instead of meat. Most other nations have recognized this and use more fish and less meat than we. Learn attractive ways of serving it, and use it often. Use fresh, dried, smoked, salt and canned fish—whichever is most convenient. Try new varieties. There are many good fish almost unknown to us now, that would be available if there would be a market for them. The sable fish of the Pacific coast, and the tile fish of the Atlantic are varieties that people of those sections are just beginning to use.

- 2 lbs. salmon,
- 1/2 cup carrots, sliced
- 1/2 cup potatoes, sliced
- 1/4 cup onion, cut fine
- 2 tablespoons butter or drippings.
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 small turnip
- 1 sprig parsley
- 1/2 cup celery, sliced.
- 2 cups water.

Boil vegetables in water until tender. Put the liquor from cooked vegetables to boil, and when boiling add fish cleaned and tied in clean cloth. Boil 20 minutes. Take out the fish, add flour, butter and vegetables to gravy, and boil until it thickens, stirring constantly. Pour over fish, garnish with lemon and parsley and serve.

Twenty more girls wanted at Hood River to join the Franklin High School group is the appeal sent to Farm Help Specialist Brewer by Miss Emily B. Johnston, the supervisor of the camp. These girls are now thinning apples in the orchards and are promised at least a five weeks' job.

Growers are paying 16 cents per hour for a 10-hour day and Miss John-

ston is running the camp for about 50 cents per day per person.

OVER THE NORTHWEST

Experienced loggers are needed in the Coos Bay section is the opinion of George Cornwall, now in that section making investigations of the situation. As editor of The Timberman, with many years experience along those lines, the people there believe his report is right. The government, in its anxiety to get out logs in that section, has sent a lot of soldiers there, who have no experience in logging, consequently their work is not efficient, and that is why Cornwall is making an appeal to experienced loggers to help out that situation.

Ed Cox, who lives on the bench land up Pyle Canyon, reports rattlesnakes numerous in that part of the country—more so than usual. He reports often seeing the trails where the snakes have come from the hill to the creek for water. Ernest Kohler reports many snakes along the hill farther east, near his ranch.

While returning from Hot Lake last Sunday morning, Ernest Kohler met a buck deer in the road near his ranch just a few miles east of Union on the hill road. The deer appeared a little frightened, and jumped over the fence, where the cows sighted and started after the deer, which then made its way slowly up the hill and out of sight.

The last preliminaries to presenting a site to the state for an armory in Marshfield have been completed, and nothing now stands in the way of construction, and this is urged by city officials upon the state administration.

Marshfield, by agreement with the state, was to furnish a site worth \$20,000, the county as much and the state the same amount. Marshfield has secured the required appropriation

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from the county, and deeds for the land and bond for \$20,000 to protect the state against any error of title have been forwarded to Attorney-General Brown.

The site is the finest in Marshfield, a park acquired some years ago on an eminence in the northern part of the city.

Every man of draft age in Cowlitz county, and not in Class 1, is working at some useful occupation, according to Auditor Ben Olson, who says that as yet no one has been found to whom the alternative, "work or fight," has been given.

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