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DON'T DO IT.

It is reported by W. L. Meyers, county chairman of the war stamp drive, that some people are converting their stamp purchases to cash. This should not be done except in cases where it may be absolutely necessary. It is provided that the stamps may be redeemed in cash by complying with certain conditions, and this provision was made to relieve those who might under some change of circumstances, be compelled to relinquish their investment. This was a proper provision and was designed solely as an aid to those who might not be able to carry the stamps till the time of their regular liquidation. The stamps are the same as a loan to the government, with the implied understanding that the loan would be extended for a certain specified time. Those who sell the stamps they have purchased unless compelled to do so by necessity, are not helping the government from the simple fact that if the stamps are turned into cash, it is the same as the withdrawal of the loan, and it will be necessary to replace the same by the sale of more securities. Every stamp sold means that the loan to the government is withdrawn, and the borrower will be compelled to borrow from some other source to make up the amount that has been required to be paid before it comes due.

From the side of patriotism it is all wrong for those who can afford to hold them. But there is a practical side to this matter, which should appeal to all prudent persons. Right at this period the opportunities of getting money by every and all classes of people were never better. There is an urgent demand for everything in the way of products whether it be from the factory or farm or for labor. In a certain sense it is a highly prosperous period, and it is a condition that will not continue forever. What a fine thing it will be when the demand for labor is not so urgent and prices decline to have a bunch of Uncle Sam's securities to fall back on. There is no better little "rainy day" budget to have on hand than some of the government's promises to pay. It is sure, safe and reliable. Now is the time to make that accumulation, and all prudent persons will hang on to their war stamp purchases as one of the best and most reliable "nest eggs" with which anyone can be possessed.

Both patriotism and prudence suggest that the last thing to do is to let go of a government war savings stamp.

FARMING IS SKILLED LABOR

Another thing the war is teaching Americans, who are not farmers, is that farm labor is skilled labor, says the Salem Capital Journal. It used to be considered that anyone who did not know enough to do anything else could work on a farm. They have found out, especially the few who have tried working on a farm since the war started "to help out," that the work required considerable besides main strength. It looks simple enough to hold a plow, but the fellow who never tried it will soon find there is a knack about it which lacking, will wear the greenhorn to a frazzle in a few hours. The beginner will imagine the first few hours he holds a plow that he is doing mere and harder work than the team—and he is. He will find that pitching hay and forking wheat bundles is not only hard work but requires plenty of skill to do it easily and satisfactorily. The tyro who tackles the gentle bossy will soon discover that she knows the difference between the skilled work of the farmer and himself and resents being tackled by one who does not understand the work, by kicking. The swinging of a scythe, binding of grain, stacking of wheat or hay, building fences and all the varied and multitudinous work there is on every farm, it will be found by one who has never tried it, requires brains and skill. A story in the Capital Journal yesterday from some of the big farmers of the country, shows they realize what they are up against in the way of labor shortage, and the poor opinion they have of the make-shift labor from the cities, no matter how much that same labor and the patriotism behind it was appreciated. This farmer says many of the large farms that are devoted to growing wheat will not be seeded the coming year unless the labor outlook brightens. This would be a calamity, especially if

the war is not ended next year, for it would leave the allies as well as our own boys on short rations provided the failure to seed was at all general. It emphasizes the necessity of exempting as far as possible, farm labor from the coming draft, for the men on the farms are needed there as badly as are the boys in the trenches.

THE SAME PRETEXT

There is no particular significance to the opinion of the Crown Prince on the war, except that it reveals the old subterfuge that the war is being waged as far as Germany is concerned on the justifiable plea of self-defense. There are times when the plea of self-defense holds good. But as a pretexting reason for self-defense an assault must be shown.

Not one of the nations now at war with Germany had any plan on hand to attack the dual monarchies of Germany and Austria. Not one of these nations were in any particular measure ready to begin war even if they had such a purpose in view—and it was months before any of them were adequately able to meet the precipitate invasion of the army which had had forty years of continuous and exclusive preparation for just such a conflict as Emperor William brought on the world in the year '14.

The self-defense plea is all "rot" and it does not become any more impressive, nor any nearer being true because it is announced by the imperial crown princeling.

ARCADE

"OLD WIVES FOR NEW."

Cost of Women's Wear in This Picture Reached \$75,000. Seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of specially chosen gowns are worn in "Old Wives for New," the new C. B. De Mille special production. This is an Astor picture, and it is significant of the splendor of the production when it is realized that this amount is more than the average five reel picture costs in its "purety". These gowns were chosen and arranged by Alpharetta Hoffman, costume director at the Lasky studios, when she went East on a last annual trip. They represent the advance sartorial examples of Paris and New York modistes.

These gowns are worn in the safe scenes of the play, written by Jennie M. Schlegel, from David Graham Phillips' novel of the same name. It is the most notable production of recent years and was staged by a master hand, Elliott Dexter, Florence Vidor, Sylvia Ashton, Theodore Roberts and others appear in the cast.

"KIDDER & CO."

In "Kidder & Co." Bryant Washburn comes into his own. This handsome and talented young light comedian repeats the triumph he first reaped in the "Skinner" series and "Twenty-one" in this amusing comedy in which Youth and Love triumph over all ancient dogma, tradition, hard luck, unforeseen obstacles and every other untoward handicap that besets a young chap when he's trying to make good in the game of business and win a girl's love at one and the same time.

Cuthbert Kidder, played by Mr. Washburn, goes to college. His father, who has been engaged in the dried codfish business all his life in Kiddersport, Maine, doesn't set much store by Cuthbert, for he thinks he's too frivolous anyway, and what little good there may be in him will be ruined by the frills and frolics that the old man is sure attends college life.

And Cuthbert is inclined to be a bit sporty at that. He wins the New England Pool Championship and that ends his career at home, for dad tells him to go anywhere he wants and return only with ten thousand from men he's gathered by the sweat of his brow.

Then he meets the most wonderful girl in the world. She loves him and it dawns on Cuthbert, sudden-like, that it is time to cut out the frothy frills of this mundane sphere and get busy.

He does so. He goes into the dried codfish business, too, but in a way that is delightfully different. He brings new and refreshing ideas into the codfish game that amaze and then confound the old-timers—including Cuthbert's father.

SHERRY'S

FARNUM FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM

William Farnum is always fighting on the films. If he was like that when he was a boy it's a good bet that every day at recess and after school the word went round: "Bill Farnum is fighting again!"—and the mollycoddles ran home to tell mamma; while the real big boys stood around and studied his action. So it is in the picture theatre today.

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In his latest Fox picture with the attractive title, "True Blue," at the Sherry Theater, Farnum fights for freedom—from the restrictions of caste, the rule of privileged classes and for independence, just as our ancestors did.

What makes it more difficult is the fact that the hero is rightful heir to an English earldom and has to fight his own ambitions and aspirations to better himself materially at the sacrifice of his cherished traditions. He is the real hero who "overcometh himself" and in this thrilling picture "True Blue," Bill Farnum whips the best man on the scene—himself.

C.E. WORKERS TO BE GUESTS

The Union Christian Endeavor Society of La Grande will give a social at the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening at 8 o'clock. This is in honor of Miss Edna Whipple, the state president and Miss Edna Rice of Milton.

All persons interested in Christian Endeavor are invited to be present.

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Notice of Meeting of Board of Equalization.

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Equalization for Union County, Oregon, will convene at the court house, La Grande, on Monday, September 9, 1918, and publicly examine the assessment roll, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions or qualities of land, or other property, as assessed by the county assessor, and it shall be the duty of all persons interested to appear at the time and place given.

All persons having grievances regarding the 1918 assessment may appear before such board and present their affidavits containing grounds for complaint. All such affidavits must be presented during the first 15 days of the meeting of the board.

U. G. COUCH,
Assessor for Union County.
Adv.—8-19 to 9-9.

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