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

THE FLOUR MILLS.

Regardless of what many thought
of flour mill profits last year, and
regardless of what such profits
really proved to be, the fact re-
mains that this year the govern-
ment has put on regulations that
will not only prevent profits of size,
but in many cases will cause mil-
lars to run their plants from patri-
otic duty rather than any hope to
amass earnings.

In a way the government is not
responsible for the condition that
confronts the millers. It was
thought to be a settled fact that
most of the new ships built on the
Columbia river and Puget Sound
could be used to transport flour to
the Atlantic coast. Arrangements
were made accordingly, when En-
gland stepped in, saying: "Britain
agreed to furnish ships to transport
American soldiers to Europe which
has been done. Now we need ni-
trates from South America and you
must furnish the ships to convey
them."

There is nothing to do but make
good with England, and thereby
prosecute the war that much fas-
ter. Our ships from the Pacific
are now sent to South America
for nitrates, instead of being sent
to the Atlantic coast with flour. As
a result the flouring mills of the
Northwest are ordered to manu-
facture flour for local needs and
for the government only. The govern-
ment takes what flour it can
use, thereby causing mills to run
only part time. Wheat raised in
the vicinity of the mills must be
purchased by these mills in order
to insure a grain supply, yet there
is no telling when the money thus
invested in the wheat will come
back.

We have no disposition to make
a feathered couch in the public mind
for millers to recline upon, but we
came into possession of these facts,
and it is but fair to give them to
the reading public.

FAR-SEEING I. N. DAY.

You do not remember I. N. Day?
Possibly not. Well, he was a state
senator from Multnomah county in
Oregon's legislature a few years
ago. He was called mean names
by a certain element in the state,
and a man lacking the balance
and poise of I. N. Day might have
either been driven mad by the
abuse or driven to no "gunning"
for a few newspapermen in Port-
land.

When you ride along the Col-
umbia river and reach Celilo Can-
al and Cascade Locks, after trav-
elling through "Doc" Donnelly's
town of Arlington, you should think
of I. N. Day, for he is the man who
was ahead of the times when he
asked Oregon to make proper sur-
veys of the Columbia river for
power purposes.

He was ridiculed, abused and

sat upon at the time. Yet the
truth is now dawning upon Oregon
people that the greatest asset we
have in the Columbia river.

In it we have power for two
states; power for all Oregon trans-
portation lines; pumping water
that will make a rose garden out
of Shuttle's Flat, near Arlington,
and turn thousands upon thousands
of acres of land into a Twin Falls
country from a production stand-
point.

I. N. Day saw all of this and he
asked for a hearing, only to be
"bluffed out" by some of the me-
tropolitan newspapers.

Such prosperity as Senator Day
had framed in his mind for Oregon
was of a permanent nature—con-
structive and permanent.

Yet many Portlanders, who can-
not see farther than the profit
they make on a suit of hand-me-
downs; who cannot think east of
the Cascade; whose souls are so
shrivelled they imagine the world
revolves around the Arlington Club
and the Chamber of Commerce, put
their disapproval on I. N. Day's
proposed development of Columbia
river power.

"It must come. It is OVERDUE,"
future. The timber will in time
be depleted. The Willamette val-
ley is a soured marsh at the pres-
ent time and will not properly sup-
port the population it now has.
Eastern and Central Oregon must
furnish the new and greater Ore-
gon, and in order to do this in the
most effective way the Columbia
river power must be developed.

THAT HOUR OF DECISION.

Quoting the Kaiser's own words
when the great German offensive
began on the West front—"the
hour of decision has come"—the
New York Mail makes the following
eloquent analysis of what the ex-
pression really means:

"Portentous events are recalling
to the mind of the world on this
day of days the Kaiser's solemn an-
nouncement at the beginning of the
great German offensive on the
West front, that 'the hour of de-
cision has come.'"

"The outcome of battles has given
meaning to that prediction. The
hour of decision has come. And
the decision is against the nation
which trampled the rights of peo-
ples under foot and by its crimi-
nal insolence put the iron of an
inextinguishable resolution into the souls
of mankind. . . ."

"The hour of decision has come.
Germany's doom is to be seen in
the amazing co-ordination of man-
power, machine-power, money-power,
and food-power which has weld-
ed the combined resources of the
free nations into a mighty hammer
destined to shatter the structure of
German militarism that has . . .
embittered the lives of men for
two generations.

"The hour of decision has come.
The world of doom is to be heard
all over Germany. All over Ger-
many, and beyond into Austria-
Hungary, is to be heard the phan-

tom of any people—of people
starved, betrayed, and bled white
that their masters might be rich
and powerful and dominate the
world.

"The hour of decision has come.
The terms of that decision are be-
ing written today by millions of
American men in the registration
places of every city, town, village,
and hamlet from the Canadian bor-
der to the Rio Grande.

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

Recently, Jonathan Bourne sent
out a "feeler" to Oregon to learn
if he would be welcome as a sena-
torial candidate once more. Per-
haps Jonathan might make quite
a race, were it not for one con-
dition.

His old opponent, Senator Fal-
ton, has passed on. Many who
fought Jonathan in the past have
undergone the softening process
which time always administers. But
Jonathan evidently overlooks the
greatest feature that will enter
politics—national, state and coun-
ty—in the future. That feature is
the boy in khaki. There will be
enough of the boys to fill all the
offices and the offices belong to
them. He who holds political am-
bition is unfortunate if he can not
or does not enter the service for
fighting in France.

There will be several kinds of
soldiers after the war is over, but
the soldier that will get the polit-
ical and social preference is the
one who has been in the front lines
on French soil.

No, Jonathan, there's nothing
doing relative to the senatorship.
That will go to a soldier, who is
rightfully entitled to it.

With a nation-wide drouth to
begin next July the hops are hop-
ping lively and J. Barleycorn has
been scared "white."

No, that is not the thick brown
taste of the "morning after." You
have merely taken a big drink of
La Grande's very water.

A few sheep on Grande Ronde
tatches will bring in some dollars
where dollars never grew before.
Get Mary and the Lamb lamb for
it is worth the effort.

That Baltimore American why
aptly remarks that many a man
of forty is about to find that cure
for obesity that he has so long
hunted.

Boys, remember soldiers get up
in the morning, and do not have
to be called the second time.

Those congressmen who imagined
they were statesmen and opposed
the war now have time to think it
over and wonder why they ever got
off so far wrong.

If Henry Ford is elected to the
Senate as he probably will be, the
country will see a demonstration of
the reverse Ford gear.

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Republican "Buck" federal coun-
ciltee, suspended the political cam-
paign during the Fourth Liberty
bond drive, which was right and
proper. Tom may have to secure
a searchlight to find his campaign,
however, for this is a year when
the public mind is centered else-
where than on state politics.

What has become of the fervent
movement to bring about legisla-
tion that would permit Oregon sol-
diers to vote regardless of their lo-
cation?



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"The government has reported un-
favorably on the bond issue for the
Warm Springs irrigation project in
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"Author county, which means it
must wait until after the war.

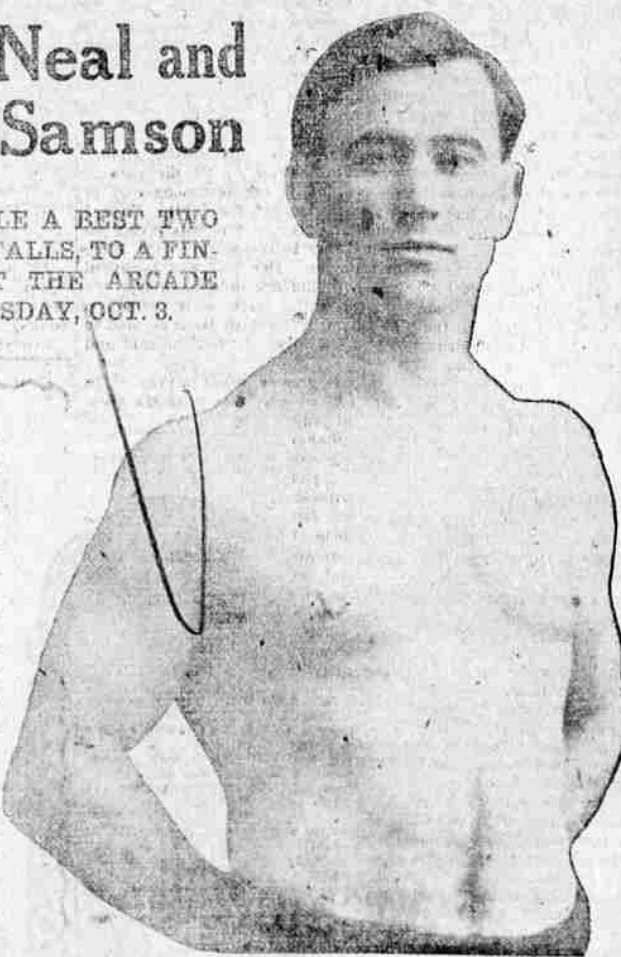
Woes of Women.
Must be tough on a girl when her
hair goes out of style.—Louisville
Courier-Journal.

Wrestling Match

Jack O'Neal and
George Samson

ARE TO WRESTLE A BEST TWO
OUT OF THREE FALLS, TO A FIN-
ISH MATCH, AT THE ARCADE
THEATRE, THURSDAY, OCT. 3.

Samson is a clean-cut,
manly fellow and a
very clever athlete,
and now holds the belt
as undefeated middle-
weight champion of
the Pacific Coast; on
one occasion meeting
Mike Yokel for the
championship of the
world and they wrest-
led 3 hrs. and 37 min-
utes to a draw. The
only defeat against
Young Samson in the
last five years was
when Ad. Santell, af-
ter 2 hrs. and 8 min-
utes of hard work pin-
ned his shoulders to
the mat, which was in itself praiseworthy to Young Samson, with the handicap
of 25 pounds in weight. Jack O'Neill holds the light heavyweight champion-
ship of the Pacific Coast. There will be not more than five pounds difference in
the weight of the two men, and lovers of the sport will witness a match that
will be long remembered.



George Samson

JOHN E. ANDERSON, Promoter

It's the Oregon Way

To put over the Fourth Liberty Loan even as it
is opened—is the way they do things in Oregon.
To think, talk and figure in advance; anticipate
our quotas and volunteer our applications for
subscriptions—is the plan of OUR campaign in
which for the fourth time, we send our DOL-
LARS to back our BOYS.

In the past, proof of patriotism has not been lacking. But there
are still a few—a very few, thank God, who do not realize the
immensity of this war or appreciate the principles involved. A
very few others would "let George do it"—while still others fool
themselves into thinking the war is almost over.

EVERYBODY'S HELP IS NEEDED. WILL
WE HAVE YOURS?

UNION COUNTY FOURTH LIBERTY
LOAN COMMITTEE.

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