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Farmers Do Not Like Daylight Saving.

Strange as it may seem, farmers, as a rule, do not like the daylight saving plan. It is an adage as well as a general fact that the farmer's work is from "sun to sun," no matter what the time of the year, so it would seem that the hours during the time of daylight as indicated by the clock would not make any difference. But more than one farmer in this locality has expressed his dissatisfaction with the hour earlier plan. One part of the arrangement that might be distasteful to the people on the farms is apparent and that is that the time for quitting work is not overlooked by those who are working as hired help. That much of it might be one reason for staying with the old regulation. At the same time the farm employers of Union county as a rule have gotten over the old notion of squeezing out of the hired men every minute of daylight and especially during the threshing season. The farming machinery and appliances are much better than they once were and a satisfactory day's work can now be secured without waking up the roosters as a preliminary for the morning start.

There is no use in denying the fact that the old motto of "early to bed, etc." has been overworked. Not many decades ago by the farming people used to get up and have breakfast at 5 o'clock in the winter as well as in the summer, and in the winter months it was necessary to sit around the fire an hour or two after breakfast before it would be light enough to see to do any work. That kind of a system has about played out even in the country.

The daylight saving plan appeals particularly to those who live in towns—not so much for the time it gives to work in the gardens, but for the long period after the eight hours of labor have been put in to go out and enjoy the beauties of nature. The long evenings in the summer months when it is 7 o'clock by the watch and only 4 by the sun is much more severe in this beautiful Grande Ronde on our fires than it is on the hill. And that is one of the reasons why so many people like the hour earlier arrangement.

But farmers in some localities are so disposed against the arrangement that many appeals have been made to congress to do away with the daylight saving law altogether. The best way out of it is to allow the gold standard of time for the farmers and the silver standard for those who want their hours of leisure all bunched together in the evening.

A Just Claim of the French.

France is said to be making one territorial claim which conflicts with the principle of "self-determination of peoples," and which nevertheless the peace conference may allow. It is the annexation of the Saar valley, along the northern boundary of Lorraine, and the eastern border of Luxembourg, where the population is mostly German.

The area involved is so small as to be almost negligible except for the fact that it contains a rich deposit of coal. It was the use of this coal in conjunction with the iron from the neighboring Reims-Langwy basin—stolen from France—that gave Germany the excellent facilities for

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competing with French industry and manufacturing war materials to use against France. It is natural enough that the French should want it because of the similar industrial and military advantages it would give them. France has a better argument, however, than that of mere desirability. It is well known how the Germans seized, held during the war, and finally ruined as far as they could, the principal French coal deposits around Lens. Production in the Lens field cannot be resumed for years and many of the mines have been permanently destroyed. France will ask for the Saar basin in compensation for Lens. And what American or Briton or Italian will object?

Salvage of Old Tin Is Needed.

Perhaps the soldiers who were so expert in making vases and bowls and other art works from shell cases and tin derbies have suggested the idea. At any rate, it is believed that discarded tin cans are to be rescued from the ash barrel and converted into handsome toys. Santa Claus and the salvaging department are going to get together on this.

It isn't much work to build a miniature automobile, a set of toy dishes or tiny washtubs from empty tomato cans and sardine tins. A little fresh paint and varnish are the only new materials needed. This puts the waste tin to use promptly without much fuss, leaves the new tin output for more important uses and adds an inexpensive raw material to the toy-making industry.

Great Britain and the United States are both going in for toy-making with a good deal of ingenuity and enterprise. So is Japan. German-made toys are no longer needed in our markets, and many patriotic people believe that neither German toys nor any other German manufactures should ever again be allowed to monopolize the American markets.

Real salvage work on a large scale is very nearly as new to this country as the manufacture of toys. It is interesting that the two should become so closely associated from the very start.

Naturally, Clemenceau didn't mind a little thing like being shot at. He

is used to it. In his prime, he used to fight a duel with any man who questioned the cut of his coat or the color of his necktie.

Funny thing—best way to be thoroughly American is to turn out undesirable aliens.

FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

Echo school pupils have organized a pig club and a sheep club for the boys, and a sewing club and cooking club for the girls. The work is carried on under the auspices of the O. A. C. extension school.

S. T. Ayres, a farm hand employed by Dave Stone on his ranch near Athena committed suicide by hanging himself Tuesday. Facts in connection with the tragedy show that despondency was the cause of the man's act.

Samuel Harrison of Sodaville, five miles from Lebanon, was instantly killed Monday by a falling limb while he was hewing down a tree. Mr. Harrison was a tie contractor, 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and five children.

Supplementary articles of incorporation have been filed in the county clerk's office increasing the capitalization of the First Bank of Pilot Rock from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The increase is 50 shares at a par value of \$100 each.

Part of the joy is taken out of "joy riding," at least for that species commonly known as the "road hog," by a little amendment slipped into the Oregon motor vehicle law in the house Monday. This amendment forbids an autoist to "speed up" his car when another car is attempting to pass.

Colonel John Lander is designated honorary colonel of the Oregon National Guard by a resolution introduced by Representative Richardson and passed by the house. The honor is conferred in appreciation of the service Colonel Lander rendered in preparing Oregon boys for service in the war against Germany.

With five votes against it, the senate passed senate bill 297, by Eddy, which provides for a special election to

Some People Lose Money

By concealing it about their person; by stowing it away in mugs, jugs and jars; by sewing it up in skirts and ticks; by tucking it away under couches and carpets, in cupboards and bureau drawers. These are some of the ways by which people lose their money, and sometimes their lives. Every person who is desirous of laying aside something for a "Rainy Day" should open an account with our bank.

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he left June 5, at which various measures and constitutional amendments will be submitted to the people of the state. The five votes against it were cast by Banks, Hurley, Jones, Zoror and Wood.

DEPENDENT JIMMY AGAIN GAY Jimmy, the soldier boy from the mountains, was slowly dying. He had slipped into the Slough of Despond. Slowly but surely, he sank, and no word of encouragement from solicitous nurses in the general army hospital in North Carolina brought a gleam of hope to his heavy black eyes.

But one day a representative of the recreation branch of Red Cross service brought into Jimmy's ward a trio of mountain boys armed with banjo and guitar, and made them sing and play for the patients. The lilt of a merry folk song seemed to arouse the languishing Jimmy. It furnished a fading life spark that had been beyond the reach of material aids.

Eventually Jimmy admitted that he "waster pick one of them," indicating a guitar, "as a kid in the backwoods." "Want ter try yer han?" asked one of the three who proffered a handmarked and scarred guitar to the invalid. The Red Cross worker, with the sanction of a nurse, encouraged the boy. Fumbling with the strings, he produced a few chords, his eyes brightened and he smiled. "It kind o' comes back to a feller," he observed.

"How would you like to have a guitar to practice on while you are getting well?" asked the Red Cross worker. "Oh! Oh, I'd sure like it!" "Maybe the doc will stand for it?" But the doctor did "stand for it" the next day—and for a little while each day. And Jimmy got a new grip on himself; his thinking was objectified a bit, and he looked forward to the practice hour impatiently.

Now Jimmy is in a convalescent house and is frequently in demand as a one-man orchestra.

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