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Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.

Mark of Profit For the Dealer.

Marking the discovery by a committee that virtually all business concerns paying excess taxes have been passing those taxes along to the consumer.

The opinion of the investigating committee, it may become necessary for congress to set a certain amount of profit, and then levy a 100 cent excess profits tax beyond that point to curb the effort to escape the tax by raising prices.

Price-fixing is a difficult task. It is complex. The government cannot undertake to set the price of everything. What can be done, if necessary, is to set a definite mark of fit beyond which it is forbidden to go.

Speed in Road-Building Not All-Important.

A returned doughboy, describing an emergency road-building in the fighting area, remarked that the American engineers got their roads built in far shorter time than did their French allies.

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Health Orders For Officers of the Army.

A new order of the War Department requires military officers below the rank of brigadier general to take exercise of some sort "one-half day each week, exclusive of Sundays and holidays."

Almost any kind of exercise will fill the bill, except automobile riding and bridge whist. Golf is acceptable. If an officer is more vigorously disposed, he may go swimming, or indulge in a riotous game of baseball or tennis, or even go to the Rooseveltian extreme of fencing, boxing or wrestling.

The only wonder civilians may feel about this matter is that half a day should be deemed sufficient. Army officering in piping times of peace always tends to become a sedentary occupation. Well remembered is the adageous plight in which President Roosevelt found his officers, and the consternation that arose when he ordered them to take a hundred-mile horseback ride to prove their fitness.

The present administration is doing nothing so cruel as that. It seems to be erring in the opposite direction. What sedentary civilian would think it possible to keep physically and nervously prepared for war's alarms on half a day's exercise a week? And why are brigadier generals and their superiors exempt? It is designed to keep fat men in the top jobs, so as to preserve good nature in the army?

As for the privates and petty officers, they will bide their fat off as usual. So will wise civilians, if they are able to accumulate any fat in these profiteering times.

Uncle Sam is to open retail stores in fourteen different cities. But will the prices remain down? Our uncle is selling war supplies and when he has exhausted them what will he do? If he is to continue in the price-cutting game he must commandeer some goods to sell, which after all, will be the test of the sincerity of the war on high living cost. It is no effort for the government to sell what it has on hand, but to secure supplies and continue to sell at lower prices requires a little statesmanship.

The Shriners are coming with their shrine, their oriental costumes and their dancing girls. La Grande bids them a welcome that will ring from Oro Dell to Hot Lake, and while these Shriners are here, if the forest fires have not been curbed, it might be well to arrange for Harvey Wells and a bunch of his "hot sanders" to try their hand at fighting fires over a hot and burning soil.

Chief Christiansen is absolutely right in demanding the cut-outs on automobiles be abandoned within the city limits. There never was an excuse for a cut-out and the factories should be prevented from making them. La Grande has an ordinance demanding that the cut-out be made oil. Let us have complete enforcement of the ordinance.

President Wilson is right in his request to have the laws clamped down on the alien. That has been the source of trouble in this nation—too much alien. And now it is proposed to lift the bars and let them flood the country. Everyone should stand with the President in this matter.

Drafting men for fire fighting is the thing. This is no time for delays and it is no time for quibbling. The governor has the power under a state law to draft fire-fighters, and if the present lethargy continues the chief executive will be compelled to make it a business of placing men in the service of the state.

The railroad shopmen of the country have been taking the President at his word on many things, but the refusal to grant a higher wage scale is a point where there is an honest difference of opinion, and the shopmen propose to take a vote among the locals to see whether or not a strike shall not follow.

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Falling men for refusing to help fight forest fires is really a mild punishment.

Did anybody ever have so many members as Andrew Carnegie?

Courtesy That Pays. Compliments of congratulation are always kindly taken, and cost nothing but ink and paper.

A WANT

Glass Bricks Now in Use.

A novel idea of building construction which has been introduced in European cities is the use of glass bricks for certain parts of the water walls.

Be on Guard Always. Shut the door and keep the padlock on amidst mean thoughts. One single night of lying on the ground brings the rest of rust to the smallest plowshare that ever was made—Exchange.

Nearing Age of Discretion. As a general thing a woman has to be about 80 years old before she realizes that no fancy waist is worth \$18.—Galveston News.

INTERNATIONAL HIT COMES TO THE SCREEN

"The Man Who Stayed at Home," with Alf Star Cast, to be shown at Sherry's Theatre.

"The Man Who Stayed at Home," the Screen Classic, Inc. production of the famous E. L. Lonetree TETT four years in London and two years in New York, will be the feature at Sherry's theatre today, with an all-star cast of renowned players.

The play, written by Lockmeier Worral and J. E. Harold Terry, deals with the adventures of a young Scot, Serjant man, Christopher Brent, who is detailed by his chief to run down a band of desperate conspirators. These plotters are harbored at a fashionable seaside hotel and are prepared to go to any lengths to obtain United States Government secrets and transmit them to a foreign power.

Young Brent arrives on the scene just as they are about to be successful. He meets a young woman with whom he falls in love at first sight. She loves him also, but her ardor is cooled by his mysterious actions and by reason of the fact that he refuses to let her know all about his secret mission. Jealousy creeps in when the girl notices that he and the elite Mrs. Lee appear to have something in common.

Brent bears his sweetheart's suspicions patiently. With the aid of Mrs. Lee, who, it turns out, is another government agent, he thwarts the conspirators and captures them after having saved the hotel from destruction by a bomb planted by the enemies of his government. The story is said to be surprising in its startling turns and to be replete with action and suspense.

The all-star cast comprises, among other noted players, King Baggot, Claire Whitney, Robert Whitmer, Alexandre J. Herbert, Lilla Leslie, Frank Fisher Bennett, Ricca Allen, Robert Patton Gibbs, Julie Calhoun, Ida Darling and A. Lloyd Lack.

Herbert Blache directed the production, which was made under the personal supervision of Maxwell Karger, Director General.

On the same program a comedy and the Pathe Review with some more slow movements. Looks like a dandy program.

AMERICAN LEGION ORGANIZATION TO BE PERFECTED

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Legion in its present form was evolved.

The American Legion has for its mission anything that affects the national welfare of the country although it is purely non-political, 100 per cent Americanism is the key-note of the Legion. It will deal with such matters as affect the ex-soldier, sailor or marine as regards his reemployment, settlement with the government of pay and allowances and to combat the autoeracy of both the classes and the masses.

Every one who has this country as eye engaged in has later brought forth an association, of some sort, of the men involved but, due to the vast numbers in the recent conflict, the American Legion promises to be the biggest of its kind. It will include men from all sections of the country and from all walks of life.

Mr. Eivers and Mr. Walker will be here next Wednesday at which time it is expected to take preliminary steps toward establishing a Post, as the local chapters are called, in this city. All ex-servicemen are requested to be present and bear what those men have to say.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE—3 Hysteria milk cows, one roan, Durham milk cow, one roan Durban heifer. Inquire C. A. Chadwick, Harris Grocery. 8-28-19.

FOR SALE—Modern seven-room house in one of Portland's high-class suburbs, one acre, fruit, berries, garden, good chicken house. Price \$9,000.00. Address owner, M. B. Brown, Milwaukie, Oregon, Route One. 8-28-19.

FOR SALE—Two and a half acres two blocks north and two blocks west of Riverfront, best first cash balance on easy terms. See owner Mrs. Phoebe Webb, 402 Newton st. 8-28-19.

WANTED—Alfalfa hay. Phone Black 1912. 8-28-19.

FOR RENT—Six room house for rent to party who will buy the furniture. Inquire at Washburn's. Phone 4996. 8-28-19.

FOR RENT—Furnished house 602 11th St. C. E. 8-28-19.

A WANT

Advertisement for 'More New Blouses' and 'Two New Colonial Pumps' by 'A UNION STORE'. Includes images of a woman in a blouse and a pair of pumps. Text describes various styles and prices.

Advertisement for 'MEN!!' featuring 'ARMY "REJECTS" WOOL SOX' and 'BATES STREET SHIRTS'. Includes text about the quality and availability of these items.

Advertisement for 'MONUMENTS' by 'BLUE MOUNTAIN MARBLE & GRANITE CO.'. Features an image of a monument and text describing their services as 'Monument Makers of Quality'.

Advertisement for 'Golden Sheaf Butter' by 'VABLEY CREAMERY'. Includes the text 'THE BEST ALWAYS GOOD' and 'GOLDEN SHEAF BUTTER'.

Advertisement for 'More Japanese Luncheon Sets' and 'For The Baby' items. Includes an image of a baby and text describing various baby goods like comforters, sheeting, and booties.

Advertisement for 'Shoes' by 'STILL 165 PAIRS SHOES AT \$2.25'. Includes text about the sale and the variety of styles available.

Advertisement for 'First Arrival of WINTER FUR' featuring 'BUCK HECHT ARMY SHOE'. Includes an image of a boot and text about the quality and availability of the shoes.

Advertisement for 'BUCK HECHT ARMY SHOE' featuring 'BLACK GUNMETAL, MARGANY CALF OR INDIAN TAN CALF'. Includes an image of a boot and text about the shoe's durability and comfort.

Advertisement for 'The Balance To Your Credit' by 'La Grande National Bank'. Includes text about the bank's services and financial strength.