

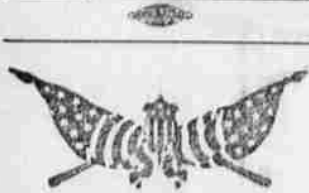
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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

The Government and Good Roads.

The writer in the Forecaster has the following upon the hackneyed subject of highways, but it is well worth reading, especially from the rural standpoint, the non-pleasure viewpoint. Many are accustomed to consider the roads in terms of automobiles and joy jaunts.

"The United States government, through its department of agriculture and the office of public roads, is the chief agent in investigating, aiding, and coordinating this mighty program of betterment, which involves the expenditure of \$233,500,000. Half of this sum has been or will be raised by states, and half has been appropriated by the federal government.

"In addition to this, state civil subdivisions are spending about \$280,000,000 of their own for new roads, and these two large amounts do not include the immense sums that are being expended upon for improvement, re-routing, and re-surfacing.

"The present special impetus to the country's road-building owes a great deal to the desire to give employment to large numbers of returned soldiers. The enforced holding up of all road-building programs during the war is another element influencing this 'biggest year' in road work! The engineer regiments, which many had feared would be left abroad for reconstruction work, began coming home.

The secretary of war turned over to the department of agriculture twenty thousand trucks (worth \$45,000,000), to be used exclusively upon road construction work, and the United States railroad administration has ordered a reduction of ten cents a ton freightage on railroad shipments of certain road-building materials from May to December of this year.

"A country-wide system of good roads will undoubtedly mean lower food prices, especially for perishables, than we could otherwise hope for. Good roads mean quick marketing of comparatively small lots by motor-truck or wagon, saving much food which might otherwise spoil.

"Indirectly, good roads work toward lower food prices by making farm life easier and more attractive, and by making the farm child's education less difficult and uncertain. A general betterment of roads is confidently expected to bring more wives and children into the business of producing food.

"The farmer's need of good roads is not theoretical. It has been proved by careful observation both how costly it is not to have them and how many-sided and cumulative are their advantages. Secretary of Commerce Rodfield remarked not long since: 'We might build up the railroads until they are ten tracks wide, and fill the rivers with steamers, and still the farmer would not be served.'

An English Estimate of Herbert Hoover.

"The London Nation, a leading organ of radical liberalism, says that the departure of Herbert Hoover will be 'read by half of Europe with deep regret'; that he is 'much the biggest man who has emerged on the Allied side during the war'; that he 'entered the scene as the savior of the Belgian population, and leaves it with the credit of defeating the plot for the restoration of the Hapsburgs.' This is the New York World's estimate that comparisons are dangerous and pointless. But a great figure Mr. Hoover is. 'The modest mining engineer who was not known at the beginning of the conflict even to his countrymen was not only instrumental in saving Belgium but in the vaster field of starving Central Europe his name is now a household word. And apparently the Nation entirely overlooks the fact that in the intervals of his European mission of mercy and justice Mr. Hoover did a marvelous work as Food Director in the United States at war.

Mr. Hoover has won. He has made that place for himself, without regard either of goods or titles, by simply adapting common sense principles to new and huge problems; by swiftly seeing the thing that needed to be done and doing it. 'Come! Let's do it.' This is an American way of looking at things and doing things; so we like to think of Mr. Hoover as a typical American. His efficiency on such a gigantic scale is not really typical. Whether or not he is 'the biggest man of the war,' as the Nation rates him; Mr. Hoover's self-carved career is surely an extraordinary one.

The High Cost of Leisure

Vice-President Marshall, declaring that he has often thought of striking for a higher salary for an office, 'which has so little labor connected with it,' says, 'The real evil which we are confronting today is the high cost of leisure.'

No doubt the plausible argument might be advanced that as the Vice-Presidency is a luxury it ought to cost more. Likewise, the requirement of being ornamental rather than useful necessitates a degree of expenditure on the part of the incumbent out of proportion to the salary. It is easy enough to live well on \$12,000 a year in private life, but it is doubtful if any Vice-President was ever able to save anything from his salary, if indeed he could live within it.

But is not the 'real evil,' as Mr. Marshall says, the high cost of leisure? What he humorously confesses about himself is fast becoming a serious and general condition. Men seek to do as little work for as much pay as possible, with the object of obtaining the greatest amount of leisure time for themselves. In place of the old ideal of 'striving for success to the limit of capacity and endurance,' there is the new ideal of minimum effort for maximum reward. Leisure and not work is made the measure of welfare, and the result is a bigger bill for everybody to pay.—New York World.

RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

Gilbert Hunter, son of Mrs. W. G. Hunter of Island City, returned home yesterday after being in France since last November, as a member of the 36th Service company, Signal Corps.

Gilbert says he surely is glad to get home once more as the Grande Ronde looks mighty good to him. He did not waste much time getting his discharge at Camp Lewis and purchasing a ticket for eastern Oregon.

The Jazz with the jazz, and the jazz that cures the blues. Come, dance with us at McCormick's Jazz Band dance at Rex Hall, Friday, September 12.

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GAS MASKS IN FOREST FIRES
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 11.—Gas masks, used by the American army overseas, will find a peaceful usage at home, according to Supervisor R. H. Charlton, of the Angeles National Forest, who announced recently that he had received a shipment to be used in fighting forest fires.

Forest fires have always been hard to fight, according to Supervisor Charlton, because rangers

have never been able to stand the smoke in close range work.

JAZZ DANCE FRIDAY

Jazz dancing to the music of the McCormick Novelty Jazz band of Portland, is to be the feature of Friday night entertainment for the people of La Grande. This band is composed of five of the best jazz entertainers on the Pacific Coast.

The features are Mr. Adams piano playing, and Mr. Barker, the accomplished banjoist. This band has just finished a tour of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and is now on its way to play at Pendleton during Round-up.

EPISCOPALIANS CLEAR DEBT

The Episcopal Guild paid off the

last \$250 on their church debt this week.

When the pylon was put in on the streets by the church some several years ago, a money loan was made to the church by Mrs. M. F. Hansen, member of the Episcopal church, and an interest was charged. Since that time, the Guild have been trying hard to pay off the thousand dollar debt, and make the pylon clear.

At the present time, the Episcopal church own their own building, their parish house and Roman hall.

All Yeomen requested to be at lodge this evening. Special business. Election of officers.
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Suits of the newly revived, old-fashioned whipcord, velour, broadcloth, polo cloth, dunetyn, serge and wool mixtures comprise the largest and most exclusive showing in La Grande.

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You will be pleased to look over these new and attractive LA VOGUE suits and we are pleased to show them to you. Prices \$37.50 to \$197.50.

1919-20 promises to be the most interesting chapter of fashion history in years. There are many different styles. Each woman can choose what mode she finds best suited to her figure, and she will still be in line with the varying expressions of Paris.

Already the salons of fashion contain such rich variety of autumn treasures that almost any style question finds its answer in many pleasing ways in this assemblage of Ladies' Suits, Coats and Dresses.

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You should see the new Sport Models, in short plush, straight line backs, and belts.

There are black plush, beaver, and tulle in these Sport Coats. You'll like them when you see them. Prices are \$30.00 to \$97.50.

New Derby Hose

A very new novelty feature in ladies' hosiery is this brown heather, derby hose; very coarse ribbed, lightly knit, of brown heather wool. Prices \$1.75 and \$2.25.



Millinery

Latest fashions from Paris show hats with feathers, hats of velvet, hats of dunetyn and velour. Boat shapes hats of black velvet are good. Velvet brim hats—little ones—have bows of velvet and are very good with veils.

You will find almost anything now in our millinery department, including the new attractive fall models in—

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