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My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty. NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT TREES.

Late autumn, just before the heavy frosts come, is the best time for transplanting trees. The private individual who wants to do something for his own pleasure and for the benefit of coming generations should send to the nurseryman or go to the woods and get a tree or two to set out in the yard.

The excavation for replanting should be generous, and the tree should be carefully watched and watered. The watering should be continued on through the first summer also, as the transplanted tree is an invalid recovering from a surgical operation, and not quite strong enough to get along without a carefully administered liquid diet.

More beautifying of his property is the smallest reward which a transplanted tree gives to its owner. It gives him a healthy interest, it stirs his curiosity, it takes his mind away from business care out into the world of growing things—and it once gets out there he will never come all the way back. It will stir his imagination to dreams of those, who, when he is gone, will sit in the shade of that tree and bless him for it.

SUGAR HAS VERY HIGH FOOD VALUE.

The sugar crop is short. A similar shortage is feared next year, at least so far as the United States is concerned, because a large part of next year's crop is already spoken for by foreign buyers. It is a world shortage due to diminished production resulting from the war, and there may not be an adequate supply for years.

Prices, therefore, are going up. How far they will go it is impossible to say. Some authorities are talking of 20 to 25 cents a pound next year. Such prices are enough to give heart failure to the housewife who thinks 11 or 12 cents is an outrageous price, when she used to get the same sugar for about half that much. Let us devoutly hope that these prospects will prove false. Nevertheless, if they should be realized, an appreciation of the fact that the sugar may be really worth the money.

The actual food value of sugar is something to which unscientific folk have given little thought. It is very high. There is no waste in sugar, when it is not eaten to excess—it is all digested and utilized. And without attempting an exact comparison of calorific units, it is probably safe to say that there is more actual fuel value, more potential energy, more work, in a pound of sugar than in a pound of any other foodstuff that can be bought from the grocer or butcher for any where near the high prices mentioned.

A DAY THAT IS WORTH CELEBRATING.

The La Grande Post of the American Legion proposes to put in the whole day, November 11, in celebrating. This is the first annual Armistice Day, a date that must henceforth take on the nature of a holiday, because of its importance and significance as the close of the world's greatest war. While the war will not have been officially ended by that time, the fighting has stopped, and that was the main desire which reached a culmination on that November morning but a short year ago. With the confirmation of this news flashed to the four corners of the world came the greatest ray of hope that had cheered the dreary earth for nearly four and a half years. And the glad tidings reached every corner of this country, the big cities and the obscure hamlets alike, for in them all were anxious men and heart-torn women.

It is appropriate that those who were in the struggle and know by experience what war is, should lead off in this celebration. Primarily it is their event, but it is one in which all may join with the utmost good will and feeling of gratitude as well as high appreciation that it was the men of the American Legion who helped to force on Prussian militarism the Armistice Day.

RETIREMENT OF A MIGHTY ARMY.

The American army is now demobilized. The fact was officially proclaimed a few days ago. The mighty force of 4,000,000 raised to combat the men-

ace of Prussian militarism has melted away. The European expeditionary force of 2,000,000 men has been brought home, all but a mere handful kept along the Rhine and elsewhere for policing purposes. The men trained but not sent abroad are long since vanished from the training camps. The great encampments are empty. Incorparably the strongest force, in numbers and fighting power, ever raised by this nation, has given place to a volunteer standing army of the old sort and of little more than the old size, to tide over the interval until a new, permanent military policy shall have been adopted. And from present indications, that "permanent" policy which will really be only temporary will provide for a force only one-tenth or one-fifth of the number presently in arms.

It meant a tremendous change in American life and thought to arm those 4,000,000 men. Their mobilization was accordingly looked upon with many misgivings. The nation had been so shaken up, and those fighting millions in particular had been so shaken up, what would happen when they returned home? Revolution, political or industrial? Crime? Vagabondage? Radicalism of every kind turned loose? Society shaken? Property menaced? The steady, permanent foundations of liberty imperiled? Nobody knew.

Those 4,000,000 men have come back home—and nothing has happened. That is, nothing evil or disquieting has happened that can be attributed to them. The armies of other nations may have gone home to raise red flags and flaunt lowered moral standards and preach confiscation and the overthrow of the old order. The American soldiers have come back and helped to steady things instead of upsetting them. They are better Americans than ever. Demobilization is a greater triumph than mobilization.

LAZINESS AS A PHYSICAL COMPLAINT.

Jerome K. Jerome said that he read a patent medicine advertisement once which gave the symptoms of liver complaint, and one of the symptoms was, "A total disinclination to work of any kind." Then, for the first time in his life, Jerome declared, he knew what was the matter with him. He had always thought it was laziness, but now he knew it was liver complaint!

Now the medical fraternity has a new name for it. The doctors call it "encephalitis lethargica." It seems that this preference for resting rather than working, or fishing rather than figuring, arises because a man is not working at the right job. When he finds his own real job, the symptoms will disappear and be replaced by energy.

It is not laziness which makes the feet lag to the office, or the heart grow heavy at the sight of the stack of dishes in the kitchen sink. Perish the thought! It is a sickness of the mind arising from misplaced activity. There is a chosen job for every sufferer from this disease if he will but search until he finds it; and when he can work strongly and vigorously at the job for the job's sake, not for what it provides in food and raiment, he will be cured.

Advertisement for West & Co. 6000 Dainty New Handkerchiefs. Just received in hundreds of different patterns. There are hand-embroidered, hem-stitched and many plain handkerchiefs ready to be hemmed and embroidered for the holidays.

Advertisement for Ladies Knit Bloomers. A very scarce article in the merchandise field today are these flesh-colored knit bloomers for Ladies and Misses. We have plenty of them now in all sizes.

Advertisement for Syltex Robe Fibae Emb. Floss. For embroidering silk dresses, crepe waists, etc., in all colors, priced at skain 10c.

Advertisement for More Dolls. New KAT DOLLS and BUNNY DOLLS for the kiddies—cloth, filled and printed in different colors. 75c.

Large advertisement for VOTE TOMORROW FOR GOOD ROADS. POLL OPEN FROM 8:00 A. M. TO 8:00 P. M.

Large advertisement for Pendleton Robes. Real Pendleton Robes Just In. For men and women—There is no finer robes made than these genuine Pendleton Indian designs—made from real Indian Blankets. Bright cheerful colorings so well adapted to garments of this nature.

Of course, if he is too far gone with encephalitis lethargica, he will make no effort to save himself, but will drift slowly and inevitably down the wasted years to final dissolution.

Editor Observer: I notice in the statement by Mr. Pierce and Mr. Jasper that they use a large number of large figures to confuse people and then wind up their article by using some patent device to connect the state highway with our city water works.

Advertisement for COVE LAND. A fine tract of 90 acres just west of town. This is a part of the French land, lying just across the road from the G. M. Richey place.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Sound Business Policy, Reliable Service, Progressive Methods. CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$250,000. RESOURCES \$1,000,000.

bankrupt, we will be at least burdened with a debt that will more than offset the benefits to be derived from the roads. After every period of inflation we may look for one of depression and buying bonds with cheap money and paying with it when scarce is poor policy.

Editor Observer: Sir: As we are about to vote on bonding the county to build roads, I would like to have a little space in your paper to give my views on the matter.

BERLIN. (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—In defense of his administrative career as chief of staff of the German armies in 1915 and 1918, General Erich Von Falkenhayn denies that German losses at Verdun were excessive.

German defensive operations at the Somme, he declares, were effective under direction whereas only limited results previously had been achieved. The successes of the English and French at the Somme, he claims, were possible only because

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of the Austrian collapse which necessitated the dispatch of heavy reinforcements to the eastern front. Von Falkenhayn declares the swift success of the Rumanian campaign which he commanded after his dismissal as chief of staff was due primarily to exhaustive preparations of the general staff before his retirement.

Editor Observer: Let us beat this band issue and vote each year the amount we want expended for road work and then any time we are dissatisfied, we can call a halt.

city or town can have pavements everywhere in the start. But it is a good beginning towards a perfect road system throughout the county. Let's live in the future. Load upward and not down, look forward and not backward. Better roads, better homes, better cities and better people.

Yours for good roads, L. M. JENSEN. —Vote for Good Roads— PRIEST AND PROPHET. "Good roads?"

Advertisement for Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. Why should a person suffer with itching, pimples, or hemorrhoids when you can drop into our drug store and buy something that will give immediate relief and in most instances cure the trouble, all for \$1.50.

Large advertisement for Union County Ad Club. STUB STUB To be Torn off by The Chairman To be Torn off by The First Clerk. Sample Ballot for October 11, 1919. Precinct, Union County, Oregon. Shall there be issued serial bonds of Union County to the amount of One Million Four Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (\$1,498,000.00) due as follows: