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... This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war

MERGE THE SMALL FAIRS.

If the only answer to murder is murder more efficient, the only answer to the demand for more food is greater production. If greater production must come it can come only from one source, the farm, the soil. War gardens and war gardeners may be of service in the end, but the commodities which are needed to win the war must come—so far as food is concerned—from the farms of the country, including Oregon.

In the corn belt when production decreased and hard times came, farmers and business men 'got beehing' a better farming movement and the crops were increased. A dozen elements entered into the campaign for better farming, and not the least was the competition and inspiration which was found in the county fair, and the state fair. That's why you will find real annual fairs all over the states where corn is the principal crop, and in fact in several states, like Kansas, where wheat is the crop which brings automobiles to the farmers' barnyard.

A fact worth considering has been developed in the conduct of fairs. The large exposition is of the most value, real value to the producers of the district served. Dinky fairs, like dinky railroads, are of value to the men who handle the funds but of little real service to the common man and woman who are expected to loyally patronize them. The educational value of an exposition increases with its size until it becomes too large to be easily comprehended. A little, struggling fair, can have but little educational value even for the small number of producers who can attend it, coming from adjacent farms and villages.

In sections of Oregon it might not be possible, to develop expositions of considerable size, because the country is not developed, but in Multnomah County it certainly should be possible to establish an exposition worth while, worth while to the agricultural interests of the state, to the farmers of the county and to the business men of Portland. At the present time small or county fairs are held in Clackamas County, in Washington County and at Gresham. Each of these fairs is located near Portland, and it might be possible to combine them and make a real agricultural show at Portland which would draw men and women from all parts of the state and really do good to the agricultural interests of Oregon as well as the communities immediately served.

The state legislature has appropriated money to aid in the development of a manufactures and soil products exposition at Portland, a commendable enterprise if effectively handled. There is but little need of four shows in a field centering at Portland, with ample transportation service by steam and electric railroads, and many thousands of motor cars. There cannot be efficient service without tremendous loss in overhead expense and duplication of effort. Why not combine three or four of the shows and make one really worth while? Why not combine the premium money and give premiums which would warrant producers in giving time and effort to the show, instead of offering paltry dollars which hardly pay the cost of transportation in many cases? Why not make the show big enough to gain publicity worth while, to draw from the outside men and women who are interested in the country and in its development? Why not build for the future and build wisely and with vision?

If the real purpose of a fair is to gather a lot of bunk sideshows into a group to offer the amusement-hungry farmer and farmer's wife questionable amusement at unreasonable cost, then there is no need of a truly representative show. If the real purpose is to give a few men the expenditure of money to aid in building up political machines or to line their own pockets with a few easily earned dollars, then there is no need of an effective exposition. But if the people of Willamette Valley are to be served, if agriculture

is to be helped, if production is to be encouraged at minimum cost with maximum results, then cut off the overhead and organize a worth while exhibition based on real service during war time.

Charles M. Schwab is a prominent man these days, but in nothing is he more distinguished than in his humility. He has reverted the plaudits heaped upon him back to the men in the ship yards who have handled the tools—done the hard work, in making his shipbuilding achievements possible.

The curtailment in the output of hot water bags may not be so serious a matter, as making garden and climbing fruit trees are good stimulants to the circulation, and with everybody getting up and hustling, the absence of the artificial heaters is not apt to be missed. At any rate these are not coddling times.

NATURALLY HE WAS PEEVED

Dog's Failure to Observe Meatless Day Cost Indiana Gentleman Just One Fine Ham

Louis E. Laitner, constable in the coroner's office, is peeved and he has a right to be.

Wingie, as he is known about the courthouse, likes to hunt. He also likes rabbits as a food. As rabbits were selling for 35 cents apiece he decided to go get some with the aid of a dog and gun and thereby have the fun of hunting as well as the pleasure of eating and at the same time reduce the cost of living.

So he borrowed a dog from one of his friends and hiked for the country. The result of his marksmanship for the day was two rabbits, but Wingie was happy when he returned home with 70 cents' worth of game, so he put the dog in the basement for safe keeping, and went to bed perfectly contented.

In the morning, when he went to get the dog his joy turned to gloom. The dog was there all right, but a perfectly good ham, which was stored in the basement, was gone. That is, most of it was gone, and what was left was unfit for use as food, because what the dog had not eaten he had chewed or dragged over the floor.

"That ham stood me three dollars," said Laitner, when telling about the incident, "and I had half a notion to shoot the dog, not so much because I mourned the loss of the ham, but the scoundrel is a traitor, as it all happened on 'meatless' Tuesday."—Indianapolis News.

Thought of Others' Safety First.

For remarkable coolness and a most commendable sense of humor under dangerous conditions the navy department has just received an account of a young sailor whose nerve will always be remembered, although his name does not appear in the reports. When the army transport Antilles was sunk the armed guard supplied by the navy, in command of Lieut. R. D. Risdale, displayed splendid conduct, remaining calmly at their station while the ship was sinking and making no move to leave their posts until ordered to save themselves. It was when the ship had gone down and the men were struggling in the water that this unknown hero came into being. He was a member of a gun crew and when rescued was on top of an ammunition box which had floated clear of the ship in an upright position. When the young man saw the ship coming close to him, he signaled for them to be careful, stating that the box on which he was floating contained live ammunition.

By Mrs. Robt. J. Burdette.

The firing line is now in your kitchen.

Knock out the breadline at your table.

It has been said that the Revolutionary War was won by men fed on hasty pudding, in other words, corn meal mush. Let it be written in history that the winning of the present war was made possible by the United States eating potatoes.

The manner of eating, the time of eating and even the kind of foodstuffs eaten are largely a matter of habit. We do not desire to break ourselves entirely of the habit of eating or life would not prove worth living, but it can be made to prove better worth living if we change some of the habits. Suppose we cure ourselves of the hand-eating habit and see if we do not consume less bread. If you were to put your bread and butter on your plate and eat it with a knife and fork it would reduce the amount of bread eaten at once. In some of the Oriental countries men carry strings of bright red wooden beads that are known as "Conversation beads," and they seem unable to talk unless they have them in their hands to play with and pass from one hand to the other. We seem to need something in our hands at table or we feel the meal is incomplete and that something is usually bread. Forget this habit and save wheat. If you must continue the hand-eating habit, hold a hot potato.

Make no mistake about the place which this Decoration day of 1918 will hold in the history of the greatest republic of all time. It is one of the red-letter days in the most tremendous chapter of the world life of the American people.

EAT POTATOES



It's Up to Us.

"Germany's war of starvation is a challenge most of all to America," says a Food Administration Bulletin. "Against Germany's lust for dominion, America's purpose is to establish the society of nations. Against destruction, America's aim is healing. Against mastery, America's ideal is service."

"We cannot surpass the steadfastness of Britain, the courage of Italy, the exaltation of France."

"We cannot excel the Allies in heroism, in endurance, in fortitude. Our force in battle, though it may be decisive, will not be as great as theirs."

"We can hope to contribute most to the common cause from our larger resources. To relieve desperate privation, America can supply food."

"Giving up wheat is a little thing compared to their death struggle—in which our soldiers are splendidly sharing."

"A little thing—yet we can do it with greatness of spirit. Supporting our army and adding wholehearted service to humanity, it is in America's power to defeat forever the passion of conquest."

"Now is the hour of testing. Wheat is the test."

LIMITATIONS OF MAN.

Men are essaying the tracing of effect to cause, but their conclusions are in disagreement, unsatisfactory to the generality of mankind, if not even to those who indulge in them. The world is suffering as it has not before suffered since the flood recorded in the Genesis of revelation; but what was said by our American Emerson is recalled: "It is the finite that has wrought and suffered; the infinite lies stretched in smiling repose." Contemporaneous events are marching along, clothed in habiliments of blood; a part of common earth that but a short four years ago was teeming with busy millions engaged in the business of busy lives, seems to be hungering human graves. All this may appear clearer to coming generations than to the present, just as we of the present in the light of history have a clearer understanding of past causes than was enjoyed by those who have lived when history was being made, says Knoxville Journal Tribune. The finite works and suffers; "the infinite lies stretched in smiling repose." The finite reckons time by years, days and hours; with the infinite a thousand years are but as a day.

Our most potent contribution to winning the war in the year has been in loans, amounting to over \$5,000,000,000 and the flow of munitions and supplies from our industries, factories and fields. The nation has responded nobly to the call for sacrifice and service. Notwithstanding official and semiofficial miscalculations and muddling that possibly could not be avoided, the people, as a whole, have overlooked these mischances or grimly resolved to make the best of them, and have submitted with good grace in a single purposed determination to get on with the war. This voluntary disciplining is the most convincing evidence of the national attitude toward the war, the most complete answer to the occasional complaint of popular indifference or the need of arousing the country. Families and communities that have seen their nearest and dearest set out for the front, who have pinched and denied themselves to buy Liberty bonds, war stamps, subscribe to the Red Cross and kindred campaigns, to save food and fuel, to sacrifice and serve, are fully alive to what this struggle means and why it must be won.

Give the Children Milk.

Milk is one of the most important food sources the human race possesses. For the proper nourishment of the child, it is absolutely indispensable and its use should be kept up in the diet as long as possible. Not only does it contain all the essential food elements in the most available form for ready digestion, but the recent scientific discoveries show it to be especially rich in certain peculiar properties that alone render growth possible.

It is not enough to take off your hat to the flag—take off your coat and roll up your sleeves, and having made those preparations, do something useful for America and her cause.

Write letters to the boys in France. They are in another quarter of the globe, under strange skies and in lonely places. Don't begin "nothing" has happened this week out of the ordinary."

After saying that there weren't any American soldiers in France, Germany announced that she had licked a lot of American soldiers. It is probable that one statement is just as true as the other.

Owing to the war the poaching egg has almost disappeared from the market. The average egg now thinks it has done its full duty when it scrambles.

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