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SOMEBODY'S MOTHER.

While in Salem Monday of this week, the editor happened to stroll by a vacant lot where the country people tie their horses when they come to town to do their trading. We noticed a bunch of young men? Yes, young men, who seemed to be having the time of their lives, poking fun at an old lady who was sitting on a wagon tongue, eating a lunch from a red handkerchief which she had brought with her from the farm. She seemed to be in distress, and we went over to where she was and asked her if we could be of any assistance to her. She politely said no, but she did not like the way those boys were making fun of her.

We stepped back of a shed that was near and listened. This is what we heard: "How's the hard tack old girl?" "Look out, or you'll lose your false teeth." "How many cows did you juice this morning?" and a lot of trash that is anything but becoming to a polite young man.

Did these boys ever stop to think that this woman was somebody's mother? We dare say that if any one of their mothers were seated on that wagon tongue and they heard any one making fun of her that there would be a scrap, right pronto. We have this much to say of that bunch: Be careful. Don't be too hasty. Have all the fun you want to, but don't make fun of somebody's mother.

THE FOOD SUPPLY.

We all know that when our nation entered the war one of President Wilson's first acts was to send for the best-known food expert of America. After his conference with this gentleman the president, with the sanction of congress, appointed him head of a bureau to oversee the production and distribution of food.

The president fully realized that the food problem is the greatest one which our country has to face. An army must have a full and sufficient food supply. Equipment, artillery, ammunition, transportation facilities,—all are useless unless they are backed up by plenty of good food.

In our case our problem was not only to feed our own armies, but to supply all deficiencies in the food supply for our allies. For all this we had to look to the American farmer.

At the end of fifteen months of war, how have our hopes and expectations been fulfilled? We have made a constant succession of food shipments across the Atlantic and met all needs. Our farmers showed their splendid patriotism by sowing a vastly increased acreage of wheat this year. We have a wheat harvest in hand which with continued foresight and sacrifice will meet all proper requisitions. Corn promises an abundance for use in its cereal form and for conversion into pork.

All honor to the American farmer, who by his willingness and skill makes possible the success of the greatest cause ever known. When the end of the war comes,—and any end save a complete allied victory is unthinkable,—the farmer and the soldier alike will share the gratitude of the country.

SEVEN-CENT FARES AND UTILITY RATE INCREASES.

Cities that can get by with no higher increase in street car fares than 6 cents had better seize their bargain.

Six-cent fares have been granted by the hundreds in the last few months and 7-cent fares are hot on their trail and already established in many places, large and small.

When the Oregon state commission granted the 6-cent fare in Portland the socialistic yelpers set up a terrible howl. They were going to have the law repealed that created the state commission. They demanded that the 5-cent fare be restored. The commission declared that to restore it would necessitate cutting out 41 per cent of the service for 59 per cent as much as 5 cents would pay for. The commission also explained that a 6-cent fare would not produce more than 1 1/4 per cent return on the investment, but the wags didn't believe that. Portland faces the probability of a 7 or 8-cent fare, as a result of an agreement between the company and its employees to submit the matter of wages to the national war labor board.

In addition, water, gas, electric and telephone rates have been increased in hundreds of cities over the United States, and why shouldn't they be when every butcher, baker, candlestick maker, farmer, factory and laborer has raised the cost of service from 50 to 400 per cent.

A man is a hypocrite who raises his own price and then kicks at inevitable raise which must come in other lines.

The Turner Tribune says: "The edit has gone fourth from New Yourk medical men that kissing hereafter must be done through a handkerchief, if one wishes to avoid the Spanish influenza that is sweeping over the country." It also says that "it is doubtful if Turner lassies will heed the warning."

The invitation is all right—but listen, boys, you had better take along a handkerchief.

Some patriotic men who have been bewailing the fact that they were too old for military service have discovered that Y. M. C. A. means "You May Come Across."

Some women are awful touchy. A widow has brought an action against a paper which said that her husband had gone to a happier home.

It is better to dream of world democracy than the world domination. One dream may come true, and please God, the other never shall.

Cook in Cool Comfort

We have a large line of the best oil cook stoves on the market in all sizes such as

Perfection and Blue Flame Stoves

These makes are too well known to need description, with one of these stoves you will be able to do your cooking in a cool kitchen

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Saturdays Program will portray

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—IN—

JACK and JILL

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CHARLES RAY

—IN—

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One often hears, "If I only had a little money I could make a fortune."

Why not be ready when opportunity knocks at your door?

Plan to place in the bank a certain percentage of your salary or business profits.

Then when the main chance comes along you'll be ready for it.

Banking in every form.

STAYTON STATE BANK

A share of the banking business of Stayton and vicinity is solicited.

You are assured of a safe depository and courteous treatment at this bank, by ample capital and long experience in the banking business.

Farmers & Merchants Bank of Stayton, Oregon Capital \$25,000.00

A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

We carry a large line of dry goods, shoes, notions, gents' furnishings, hats, caps and rubber goods, etc.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

has a large line of fancy and staple groceries, canned goods, smoked meats. In fact everything you will find in a first-class Merchandise store is to be found here at prices that are right.

GEHLEN'S STORE