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"Unless we continue to develop our foreign trade after the war, we can have no enduring prosperity." This statement, by Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, should be given careful consideration by every American. At this time the winning of the war is the great question and every possible energy should be banded to that task. Having done all of those things which we can do in this behalf, we should next fix our attention upon the fact that after we have won the war, of which there can and must be no question, we shall then be confronted with the serious question of paying the war debt, which cannot be other than gigantic. It was not many years ago when politicians summed up all convincing arguments against the party in power with the phrase "A Billion Dollar Congress." The interest upon the war debt, after the war is over, will be at least a billion dollars yearly. This only to pay interest with no provision for meeting the principal. To meet these obligations our people must be more productive than ever. Our industrial plants must work with a greater efficiency. We must command more markets in order that our greater efficiency may find an outlet for its product and at a price which will provide the wages which our higher standards of living will require. The United States is a country of wonderful productive capacity and of untold natural resources. These have formed the basis of its wonderful prosperity. We must dispose of our surplus production in foreign markets in order to find full employment for all industrial agencies. —Mining Congress Journal.

The proposition of closing the Columbia Slough with a dam near the Interstate bridge will be up for argument next Tuesday morning at 10 a. m., as announced last week. It is safe to say the project will be turned down flat, as it should be. There is no more sense or reason in closing Columbia Slough than there would be in closing Columbia boulevard. The possibilities of Columbia Slough are immense. Its future is full of promise. It does not require the foresight of a prophet to foresee that in the days to come it will be of vast importance. It will be dredged and widened and become a great asset to the Peninsula's water frontage. More than that it will undoubtedly be utilized as water way to the Willamette as well as to the Columbia river. It is only a question of time when a ship canal will be constructed by the Port of Portland with the probable assistance of the government between the Columbia river and Columbia Slough. This canal could very readily and feasibly be constructed immediately adjoining the elevator site on the north, where a mile or so of dredging would connect the two streams. Such a canal, besides adding two miles or more additional water frontage to the Lower Peninsula, would cut off approximately six miles of the distance between Portland and Vancouver. And this will come to pass. It has been claimed by the promoters that only a temporary closing of the Slough is anticipated. But the fallacy of this idea seems to lie in the fact that once the Slough is closed it becomes un navigable water and the government loses jurisdiction over it for that reason. So it is far better not to take any chances. If the promoters can pull their project through by dyking on both sides of the stream there will be no objection raised, but dam it they can't. That is if the wishes of the people of the Peninsula are regarded.

Are the woolly aphids on your apple trees and the black aphids on your cherry trees, and the green aphids on your peas and the maggots in your cabbage roots? Consult Injurious Insects. How to Recognize and Control them, by N. C. O'Kane. It is in the St. Johns library. Other books which give directions for the mixing and use of the best insecticides are: Bailey's Principles of Vegetable Gardening, Biggles Garden Book, Bennett's vegetable garden, Green's Vegetable Gardening. The library has a small number of the pamphlet—War Vegetable Gardening—to distribute. This, also gives treatment for pests and diseases.

The Second Oregon summer Bible Conference will open June 23d at 2 p. m. at Conference Auditorium, Milwaukee street.

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In renewing his subscription to the Review, P. G. Gilmore, a former well known St. Johns resident, but now a prominent business man of Newport, Oregon, writes: Congratulations to yourself and all of our St. Johns friends on the good business boom in St. Johns. We have 2000 soldiers in Newport and expect 5000 by the Fourth of July. The government wants spruce and Lincoln county has it. They are cutting spruce, building mills and railroads. Newport looks more like a cantonment than a city; it is so full of soldiers.

No more will soldiers passing on their way to cantonment or battlefield be cheered by the thoughts of kisses given them by Scranton girls while the troop trains are halted at the Laekawanna railroad depot. Arthur Davis, director of police, a bachelor, has been ordered by Mayor Connell, also a bachelor, to see that the orders are obeyed and, to make sure that they are, he has decided to have hard hearted married officers detailed to the station to keep watch over the girls. The Red Cross workers said that the kissing habit at the station has become so general that their work of feeding the soldiers has been interfered with.

It has been suggested that a Women's Civic League be organized in St. Johns for the purpose of lending their aid and influence in keeping the streets and alleys of this place in more sightly and attractive appearance. The suggestion contains merit, because the women can generally be depended upon better than the male population to keeping things clean. It is certain that the main streets of the town should be swept at least once a week, and if a body of determined women would visit the city hall with this purpose in view, the officials would no doubt readily accede to their request, and get the street cleaning brigade busy.

W. S. Lauthers has disposed of his mercantile business on West Burlington street to W. K. Hollenbeck and two associates. The active management of business will be conducted by Mr. Hollenbeck, who will have entire charge. Mr. Hollenbeck has been connected with the Lauthers' Mercantile Company for a number of years, and is responsible for much of the success the big store has attained. That the business will continue to grow under his management is a foregone conclusion. Mr. Lauthers has exchanged the greater part of his realty holdings here for a big wheat ranch in Klickitat county, Wash., and will probably devote much of his energy in developing and taking care of same.

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Cherdame—United States and Pangermania. The author says—"I have brought together in this little book, a series of specific facts, easily verified, which should establish among you this certain conclusion: Germany no longer exists. In her place stands Pangermania, whose existence is incompatible with the independence of the United States and the freedom of the world."
Herron—Woodrow Wilson and the World's Peace. The author, George D. Herron, is a somewhat well known Socialist writer.
Hiscox—Page—Gas, Gasoline and Oil Engines. A complete self educator, 1918 edition, revised, enlarged.
Kellogg—Headquarters Nights. A record of conversations and experiences at the headquarters of the German Army in France and Belgium. The wife of the author, Mrs. Vernon Kellogg, recently spoke in Portland. Her own book, Women of Belgium, may also be had at the library.

The North School closed this year with an excellent record of patriotic work done in addition to the regular work which has been maintained at its usual high standard, notwithstanding the heavy demands incident to war activities. This school was among the first to go over the top in the Junior Red Cross Drive and the majority of its pupils are Liberty Bond owners, while plans are well under way to "adopt" a Belgium baby at the opening of the fall term. Several patriotic programs during the year were very largely attended, the last being given on Memorial day, after which a luncheon was served to those members of the G. A. R. who were present.

Dan Williamson returned the first of the week from White Salmon, Wash., where he spent three weeks in angling for trout. Dan says the White Salmon river is a veritable sportman's paradise, and that he never had better sport or better luck. While there he stayed with Peter Bannan, a former resident of St. Johns, but now a White Salmon valley rancher. Dan has the thanks of the editor for several handsome slices from a large rainbow trout which he captured. It measured 33 inches and weighed eight and one-half pounds.

FOR RENT cards at this office.

A Belgian Relief entertainment will be given in the community hall in East St. Johns Friday evening, June 28th. A club of girls who are doing relief work will give a playlet entitled "Young Dr. Devine." Among others numbers will be a vocal solo by Mrs. Hudson, piano duet by Misses Edith Earl and Minerva Holbrook. Mrs. Rice's Juvenile Orchestra will also render several selections. A cordial invitation extended to all. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

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