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### SUPERFLUOUS TRAINS.

Is one of the big cities 23 passenger trains depart every day. It is estimated that 25 of them could be cut off without interfering with the mails or causing any serious inconvenience to the public. Nearly all of the 25 are practically duplicates. That is, they leave about the same time of day as other trains running to the same points.

It is further estimated that the locomotives hauling those 25 trains, if diverted to the coal traffic, would be able to move about 260,000 tons of coal from the mine to the market every week. That is twice as much coal as is needed to supply all household needs in that city and its suburbs.

If the figures are correct, and if the condition presented is at all typical of passenger traffic in general there can be no question about the desirability of a drastic curtailment. Many trains have already been cut off in all parts of the country, and the proportion of sleepers, dining cars, chair cars and other luxurious accommodations has been diminished, but the process might go on a good deal farther.

The benefit from eliminating superfluous trains is not confined to the gain in motive power for freight. There is an indirect gain almost as important. On most railroads freight trains are continually being run onto sidings to let passenger trains go by. The consequent delay is one of the chief causes of freight blockades. The fewer the passenger trains, the better speed the freight trains can make.

### THE BUDGET.

President Taft urged upon the country the budget system for government expenditures. President Roosevelt did the same. The Democratic platform of 1916 contained a distinct pledge for its installation. The pledge reads:

"We demand careful economy in all expenditures for the support of the Government, and to that end favor a return by the House of Representatives to its former practice of initiating and preparing all appropriation bills through a single committee chosen from its membership, in order that responsibility may be centered, expenditure standardized and made uniform, and waste and duplication in the public service as much as possible be avoided. We favor this as a practicable first step toward a budget system."

The Saturday Evening Post declares that the makers of this pledge had no intention of keeping it. President Wilson has more than once reminded Congress that the pledge ought to be kept. He has followed his predecessors in urging the establishment of the budget system as the only honest and reasonable manner of conducting public expenditure. But nothing gets done.

No family which lives on a hit-or-miss, hand-to-mouth, haphazard basis ever gets ahead. Marshall Field is reported to have said that if more young men adopted a system of living and saving before they were thirty there would be far fewer old men wearing frayed trousers. It's the same with a business as with a family. There has to be order and system if the business is to live. The government is both a family and a business on a large scale. Even more than small concerns does it need a budget.

It's high time the budget system was installed. What American wants to see Uncle Sam reduced to wearing frayed trousers?

### SAVE, WORK, GIVE.

A newspaper reader fears that too much emphasis has been put on the advice to "save" while too little publicity has been given to the equally wise injunctions, without which mere saving is useless, "work" and "give."

There's something in what this reader says. We've talked and read a lot about the need for saving and for economy and conservation. Perhaps not so much has been said about work and the fact that, while conserving and saving, every citizen must also speed up his production.

However, the "work" side of the balance hasn't been entirely forgotten. We may not have talked about it so much, but in general "everybody is doing it." Old and young are trying to find places where they can be of most service to the government or to their own community. And the opportunity, once recognized, is nearly always acted upon.

When it comes to the other word, "give," the American public is showing by deeds, if not by words, that it intends to be generous as well as industrious and thrifty. And there's one thing about working and giving, we're going to do a lot more of both as time goes on. With our sincere purpose to win the war and to shirk no opportunity or obligation that will hasten the victory, there's slight danger of our forgetting any one of the three important little words.

### FORWARD-LOOKING MEN.

When he was first inaugurated, President Wilson summoned "forward-looking men" to stand by his side. If he had really issued that call, except rhetorically, we would not have declared war upon Germany only to find ourselves unprepared for its tasks. If he would now issue such a call—and mean it—he would see a tremendous speeding up in our war work.

### IN DEADLY EARNEST.

The summary snuffing out of the German strikes in their main centers was due to the threats of the government to institute martial law and to order the troops to shoot to kill. The threats of the German government mean something. When the Kaiser says "strict accountability," or words to that effect, he means it.

Chickens are the worst slackers. The more their eggs are needed, the fewer they lay. No doubt next spring they'll be laying their heads off. At present, all that most of them are doing is eating their heads off.

If the German people revolt, says a correspondent, it will be because they're sick and tired of eating cow heads. Hope they have a good crop of them next summer.

"Huge salaries are ruining the movies," says a manager. Well, why not limit the salaries to a million dollars a year, and save the movies?

Don't worry about that "soft corn." It's perfectly good for hogs. And there's plenty of hard corn for the rest of us to eat.

Don't be too modest about that income tax report. Uncle Sam might mistake your modesty for something else.

### HAZELIA IS TO THE FRONT IN DOING WORK FOR SOLDIERS

The people of Hazelia, a little settlement near Oswego, and one of the richest farming sections of that section of the county, are doing their bit towards helping our soldiers, who are either in France or in the United States service. At the present time there is no Red Cross society organization at that place, but the good women have organized themselves into a sewing society known as the Hazelia Sewing circle. The work, when completed is turned over to the Red Cross branch of this city. There are about twenty members, who have worked diligently since organizing last fall, and during the three past months have turned over to the Red Cross branch the following: Twelve sweaters; 33 pairs socks, 8 pairs wristlets, 2 helmets; 4 knitted squares; 24 pajamas, 36 nightshirts, 20 small pillows, 13 ambulance pillows; 15 dish towels; 214 handkerchiefs; 65 linen napkins; 10 linen tray cloths; 1 hospital cape; 7 wash cloths; 3 knitted wash cloths; 3 wound socks, 4 strings of gun wipers.

Besides making and donating the above towards the Red Cross branch, this sewing circle donated 50 dish towels to the Third Oregon regiment at Camp Withycombe, previous to its leaving for Camp Greene, North Carolina. 50 dish towels to Sergeant Phillip Hammond, well known attorney of Oregon City stationed at Camp Lewis, Wash., and on Monday of this week brought to this city and turned over to the committee to be sent to the Third Oregon in France 29 dish towels, also \$2.10 towards the tobacco fund for our boys in France, members of the Third Oregon.

The Hazelia Improvement club recently donated to this circle \$10 for the purpose of purchasing yarn to be made into useful articles for the boys who have enlisted from that section of the county. From this yarn the following have been made:

Six sweaters, 3 helmets, 16 pairs of socks, 10 pairs wristlets, 2 knitted wash cloths.

These boys who have received the articles and enlisted from the Hazelia district are Henry Nagl, Alonzo Hayes, Mark Hayes, Winfield Baker, Harold Baker, Victor L. Johnson, Lloyd Rice. Johnson is a member of Company F, 18th engineers, and formerly was employed by the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company, and was one of the first boys of Clackamas county to reach France.

The officers of the circle are: President, Mrs. Lynette Childs; vice-president, Mrs. A. Nelson; secretary, Mrs. J. Eastman; assistant secretary, Miss Ethel Baker; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Cook.

The circle meets every two weeks, at the homes of the members.

Even children of that section are also patriotically included, and have been busy disposing of war savings certificates, and are entitled to belong to the Junior Rainbow regiment.

These children have so far raised \$400 by selling these stamps. They are Lena Lehman, Genevieve Duncan, Laurence Duncan, Lily Fiala, Arthur Fiala, Kenneth Baker, Everette and Leonard Whitten.

It was the little settlement of Hazelia that assisted in making the Red Cross market held in November in this city such a success. The Improvement club of that place, and others interested in that vicinity wishing to do their bit for the Red Cross came through with a large supply of vegetables and other farm products as well as household donation from the line of jellies and canned fruits and vegetables.

Hazelia can always be depended upon and it is certainly "on the map," when it comes to donating for a good cause.

### National Political Leaders for Women

Miss Helen Varick is president of the National Republican Women's association, and Mrs. George Bass is chairman of the Women's Bureau of the Democratic National Committee. As such they will become national leaders of women in the next presidential campaign.

Portland public schools add ship-building training school.

### Peony Plant Saved

Faithful Janitor Devoted to Handing some Bush at Courthouse

J. W. Jones, known at the courthouse as "Jonsie," is one of the faithful standbys at that place. He is one of the janitors of the courthouse, and has taken a great interest in the handsome plant beautifying the grounds known as the Burbank peony.

During the recent cold, weather the atmosphere changed suddenly one evening, and while "Jonsie" was enjoying his pipe by his fireside, he thought of the Burbank peony bush. Slipping into his shoes, he hastened to the courthouse, and built a framework around the bush, and covered it with canvas. Before covering the plant he secured a lantern, lighted it, and fastened it inside of the bush, in order to keep the plant from freezing.

It worked like a charm, and today the bush bears sprouts of leaves, and will soon be covered with its handsome flowers that are always admired by the public passing that way, especially by visitors to this city who have seldom seen a bush of such beauty.

This plant was planted in the courthouse yard many years ago by Peter Nehren, who was one of the faithful employees.

### LOCAL BOY AMONG LEADERS IN SALE OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(Special)—In the list of the third 100 names of children who have sold \$50 worth or more of war savings certificates and are entitled to belong to the Junior Rainbow Regiment as given out by Superintendent Churchill, the following appear from Clackamas County: Albert Grossenbacher, Oregon City; Genevieve Duncan, Lena Lehman, Laurence Duncan, Lily Fiala, Arthur Fiala, Oregon City, R. R. No. 5; Ernest Leek, Oregon City, R. R. No. 2; Kenneth Baker, Oswego.

### LONELY WIVES FILE SUITS FOR DIVORCE CHARGING DESERTION

Two lonely, deserted wives, filed suit in the circuit court Thursday for divorce.

Lena Baumgarten charges that John Baumgarten married her on Feb. 16, 1916, and on the 26th of January, a year later, departed from their home and has since remained away—without cause or provocation.

Pearl Daniels charges that on the 7th anniversary of her marriage, her husband C. W. Daniels silently stole away from her home affections. That was in 1911 and since then, the wife declares, she has heard nothing from her wandering spouse.

### COURT ACTIONS.

Casper J. Wilson, of Banks, Oregon, obtained a decree of divorce from his wife, Mamie Holmes Wilson, in the circuit court Saturday.

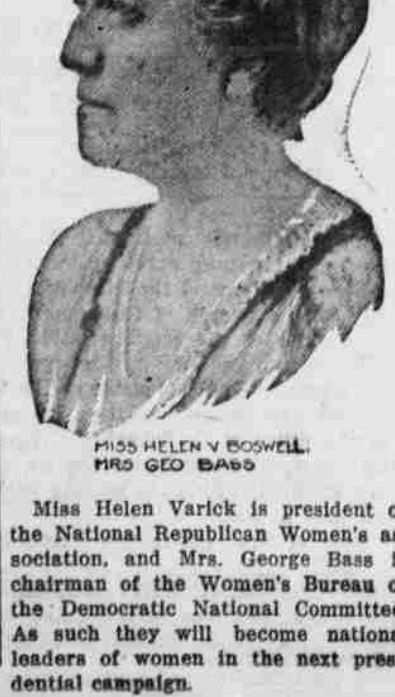
A default judgment for \$114.57 was entered in favor of the State Industrial Accident commission against J. E. Sutherland and C. A. Schiedel Saturday.

Salem Commercial Club may secure flax plant. Has 750 acres assured. Has also prospect of three story starch plant to handle potatoes.

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### Father and Daughter Run This Brooklyn Car



Miss Grace Roth is the conductor of this trolley car in Brooklyn, which is known as the city of churches and trolley dodgers. Her father, George Roth, is the motorman. The officials of the line say that Motorman Roth meekly takes his orders from Conductor Roth.

### L. J. SIMPSON, COOS BAY LUMBERMAN, OUT FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE

L. J. Simpson, Coos Bay lumberman, has announced his candidacy for governor on the Republican ticket. He pledges himself, if nominated and elected, as follows:

"I shall encourage and support such legislation as may be necessary for the establishment of nation-wide prohibition and the permanent adoption of equal suffrage in the state and nation.

"I shall endeavor at all times to create and stimulate that patriotic cooperation between employer and em-



L. J. Simpson.

ployee rendered so necessary by the strenuous conditions of war and so essential to the progress and advancement of the state.

"I shall aid and assist in every way, commensurate with due and proper economy, the educational system and institutions of the state and in every possible manner increase their efficiency.

"With a knowledge and appreciation of the enormous natural resources of Oregon I shall endeavor to promote development of those resources through establishment of new industries and by encouraging settlers and urging such legislation as will tend to make living conditions better for them and for the thousands of workers and laborers throughout the state.

"In administering the office of the state's highest executive I shall consistently endeavor to give to Oregon an impartial, clean, economical and businesslike administration, an admin-

istration, which, will have as its ideal, the greatest possible advancement of the moral, social and economic prosperity of the people of the state, and through an ever increasing development of its tremendous resources keep Oregon at the top in the vast fabric of our national life."

### SUIT IN EQUITY

Esther Howard was granted a decree of divorce from Leon E. Howard Wednesday. She is also to have the custody of their minor daughter, Virginia E. Howard, and the sum of \$10.00 per month permanent alimony.

Emogene Howe has brought divorce proceedings against her husband, Oren P. Howe, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment as the basis of her petition to the court. The Howes were married in Eugene in June of 1910, and the husband was formerly a real estate man of the university town.

### "DICK" LAYS AN IMMENSE EGG

Abernethy Hen Makes Record For Olson Family as Producer.

What's in a name? This is the least of old Dick's troubles.

Dick happens to be a hen, a cross of Minorca and Rhode Island Red, owned by Mrs. H. Olson, who resides about three miles from this city near the Abernethy.

Dick is making quite a record for herself as a producer of large eggs, and eggs that are purchased from the Olson family for setting are generally taken from those furnished by old Dick, as she is always called by the Olson family. Dick is there with the goods every morning, and her cacophony can be heard above the other birds of the poultry yard, and why shouldn't she, with the fine, large eggs she is furnishing the Olson family. She seems to be proud of the fact, and she is one of the proudest little hens that skips around in the barnyard at the Olson farm.

The egg she laid on Monday, weighs one-fourth of a pound, and the egg in circumference measures seven inches.

Editor Gordon Taylor, of the Mollala Pioneer, was in the Enterprise office when Dick's egg was brought in, and he said:

"This reminds me of the time when William Taft was president of the United States I named my cat William Taft. It was one of the finest cats that was ever owned by a newspaper man. I was somewhat surprised one day when leaving my office, to see my children running breathlessly towards me exclaiming in excited tones, 'Papa, Taft has got kittens,' but we never changed her name, and she went by that name until she died."

So old Dick will go by that name until she dies.

### OREGON CITY BOYS IN FRANCE

### Harold Swafford Meets Will Logus and Is Greatly Rejoiced Thereby

(Percy Caulfield, G. B. Dimick, B. T. McEain, S. L. Stevens, M. D. Latourrette and Raymond Caulfield joined in sending to the Oregon City boys who are serving with the 18th Engineers Railway in France the Oregonian and the Saturday Evening Post. Acknowledgement has been received in the following letter from Harold Swafford, now regimental supply sergeant.)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, January 13, 1918. Mr. Percy Caulfield, Oregon City, Oregon. Dear Percy:—Greetings from Sunny (?) France. Percy you are certainly a brick. The Saturday Evening Post and Oregonian are coming to me regularly and you have no idea how they are grabbed and read by all of us. We even read the advertisements and I don't know but what we get almost as much enjoyment from the ads as we do from the stories for the ads sort of keep us in touch with the clothes and things the people who are really living are using. I can't thank you enough for your kindness in sending these papers and the boys who are also getting the benefit of them want me to tell you how much they appreciate it, too. And I want to say right here that I hope with all my heart that I am home long before the subscription runs out. Of course the principal topic of our conversation these days is "when will the war end" and it is of course a matter for a hundred different opinions. We are all hoping that the terms of peace as outlined by President Wilson will bring them to time before we have to go in and show them that we mean business and which will necessitate the loss of thousands of good American lives.

Of course I have had many interesting experiences but which would not pass the censor. Of course we are not near the front and I do not expect that we will ever get very close. Those of us who have not been in the trenches cannot imagine the awfulness of them. Of course we are in a position to get more first hand dope probably than a great many and I can tell you that there is just one word that describes it and that is "Hell." For that is what the fighting front really is. While we are not a fighting unit we have heard from a very reliable source that no less a person than General Pershing has said that the Eighteenth Regiment of Engineers Railway was doing the best and most important work in France. We all feel quite proud to be members of this organization.

I saw Will Logus yesterday. He had just arrived in this section of France and it certainly did look good to see him. Kent Moody is near here too, as are several other men from Oregon City, who are some two hundred miles from us. When I saw Will it reminded me of that old song, "Gee ain't it great to meet a friend from your home town." It surely did seem good to see him.

We are situated in a very pretty section of France. That is it is pretty

again for being so kind and thoughtful and I want through you to thank the other men who have joined with you. I can assure you and them that I will not forget it—ever. Now I hope that you will not be as tardy with your reply as I have been with this. I will be very glad to hear from you often. Please give my very best regards to all the friends in the bank and also any others whom you may see. I surely hope to be there doing business with "the oldest bank in Clackamas County" long before this time next year.

So again thanking you, I am, yours very sincerely,

HAROLD A. SWAFFORD,  
Sergeant Company "F" 18th Eng. Ry.

### DREAMS OF HIS MOTHER'S FOOD

### Kent Wilson Writes From France That Peace Is Far Distant.

"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE," Jan. 13.—Dearest Mother:—This is Saturday I believe—days come and go here without the least thought—the quicker they are over the better, for everyone realizes that this war can't last forever and that the end of each day brings it nearer to a close; although peace still seems far in the distance.

I wish I could tell you about what I am doing here, and the things that happen each day, and millions of other things, but the censorship is very strict in regard to interesting news which no doubt is for the good of us all.

I have moved again, but not very far and am a busy boy each day. Working hours here are from daylight to midnight and there certainly are no slackers here. The food is good, but Oh! how I long for some of your good things. I dream each night of nut loaf, fruit cake, fruit salad and so forth, but dreams are not very satisfying to an empty stomach.

The French people around here that I have had a chance to see are an awfully queer lot, and the only thing—so far that has in any way impressed me is their sort of patient demeanor, the black-smocked peasant driving slowly his "one-hoss-shay," the women working in the fields and the

shop, and the children doing all kinds of manual labor but none of them grumbling—they seem to be a cheerful lot although hardships and trouble mark the expression of each countenance. I wonder what they think of us? I know one thing—they think we are easy because they charge us grand prices for everything.

I visited a typical French peasant's home today, trying to get some laundry done. In the home I found two middle aged ladies, five little children and an old man and lady—you never see a young man except in soldiers' uniforms, they have all gone "Somewhere."

One room in the house with a large fireplace in which a small fire was glowing was used as a sitting room, living room and dining room. At certainly looked dreary. By the fireplace an old lady was sitting, knitting, and the scene reminded me of a poem.

France in all its glory is gone, but the spirit still remains and the Americans are here to revive it.

I am waiting, waiting to hear from home, how welcome just a wee bit of news would be.

Give my love to all.

KENT WILSON,  
Sgt. Med. Dept. 147 Machine Gun Battalion.

### LIVE WIRES SIDE STEP POLITICAL SUGGESTION

The Live Wires of the Commercial club saved its face Tuesday by sidestepping a political proposal from B. T. McEain, of West Linn, who urged upon the organization at its noon-day luncheon the advisability of placing in the field a strong candidate for representative in the legislature. Mr. McEain said the good roads program would be an important legislative question, and he assumed that Senator Dimick would return to the senate, but that Oregon City should have a candidate for the house. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Wires.

Multnomah county came in for criticism at the hands of the Live Wires in reference to the hard surface improvement of its roads connecting with Clackamas county, and President Latourrette, of the Commercial club, reminded the Wires that County Commissioner Holman, of Multnomah, had, upon more than one occasion, offered to match up Clackamas county's pavement at the county line. It was stated

by Dr. L. A. Morris that the Multnomah budget this year contemplates the hard surfacing of the Eighty-second street road, connecting with the Clackamas pavement. R. L. Shepherd and Mr. Latourrette were named as a committee to take up with the Multnomah county authorities the matter of improving the stretch of road through Sellwood. This road has been for several years in bad condition and is especially noticeable as it connects with the hard surface pavement in Clackamas between Sellwood and Milwaukie.

The hard surfacing of Washington and Fourteenth streets, connecting the Clackamas pavement with Main street in Oregon City was referred to A. A. Price, W. A. Dimick and L. Adams, who will urge the improvement on the city council.

WHITES AWARDED DECREE.

Charles and Genevieve White were awarded a decree quieting title to lots 1, 2 and 4 of Block G of Clackamas Heights in their suit filed some time ago against W. J. Ritter, Alice Justin, Lavina Justin, Marie French.