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MAKE UNIVERSAL SERVICE LASTING.

Some members of Congress still insist that universal service should be adopted only as an emergency measure to be abandoned as soon as the present war is ended.

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FARMING THE RIGHT WAY.

Announcement by various railway companies that they will grant permission to cultivate right-of-way property in the Northwest derives added importance from the fact that it is a good beginning in the right direction.

It also, we believe, will improve the scenic outlook. Travelers are wont to complain that railway routes are not chosen with a view to the pleasure of the eye.

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It is the fact of American citizenship, and not the identity of the individual, that finally arouses us.

Because of temporary conditions, we have recently increased our trade with Russia without a treaty to take the place of the old one.

The necessity of increasing the production of food in the United States has been the emergency of the war.

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At least one submarine should be built here, that Oregonians may see what it looks like.

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins.

Everybody cannot run with a bayonet and a gun. To wallop at the foe across the sea; But that is plenty good to do, And it's patriotic, too.

While the rumbling drums are quaking We can start munition-making. And the best sort of munitions now are spuds.

While the soldiers dig the trench. In the choking gas, bomb's stench. We can dig a trench across our peaceful lawn.

There's a chance for everyone. Though you may not pack a gun. Nor drag cannon through the trampled mire and mud.

While some other folks may talk And old freedom's bird may squawk And may flap his wings from Maine to San Jose.

There's another method, boys, That beats making lots of noise— And it's planting foodstuffs some- where every day.

While the rumbling drums are quaking Let us start munition-making— And the best sort of munitions now are spuds.

"Sir," said the Courtesan Office Boy, skating in from the corridor in high dudgeon and slyly a paste pot at the radiator, behind which he cowered.

"I want you to help me start a recall on our Congressman," snorted the C. O. B. B. picking up another paste pot and making a flanking movement on the radiator, behind which he cowered.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That in view of the importance of the point urged by the C. O. B. B. all the following to their Rep. in Cong. DEAR CONGRESSMAN:

Recently you sent to me Some packets of seeds, which inspired me with glee Until the war came with its dreadful aftermath.

And called all the soldiers to hurry to arms. And everyone went to the garden to hunt For a place to raise food for the men at the front.

In haste then I opened the packets you sent— Oh, how could you do it, perfidious you!— And found that the seed that you sent me to set Consisted of pastes and sweet mignonette.

And how shall a soldier continue in hope When I have to plant daisies and weed hellebore? The time now demands, with this peril imbued, That we get out the nosegrays and start raising food.

So herewith, dear Congressman, I do protest 'Gainst the packets of seeds that you sent me were addressed, For how should a soldier endure battle's splendor of ships, and grim warfare, Upon saiaid of pllox or of pink hollyhocks?

ON HOLDING A ROSE FESTIVAL. Writer Says Money Spent Might Be Used to Build Submarine. Chaser.

PORTLAND, April 15.—(To the Editor.)—In view of the National crisis now confronting us, it is possible that the citizens of Portland contemplate celebrating the Rose Festival.

At best the Rose Festival is a pretty spectacle, and moreover an excellent advertisement for Portland, but under existing circumstances should we not advertise ourselves as a city of triflers, indifferent to the Nation's needs?

With the money we would spend on the Festival could we not build a submarine for the Government? Such a boat might be in our own docks and be but a forerunner of what we are capable of producing.

RAISING POTATOES FOR THE ARMY. Suggestion Made That State Utilize Experiment Station Grounds.

WESTON, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—As the state is making plans to help raise garden stuff to cut down the shortage and high prices and prevent the war, why wouldn't we get good plan to set the Eastern Oregon experiment station on one side and raise potatoes for the Army?

German Sales of Arms. WESTON, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—I noticed in The Sunday Oregonian of April 8, an article by Mr. Isaac Pearl, stating that the German government is kicking this country for supplying Great Britain with munitions.

Peaceful Recruiting Agent. MYTLE POINT, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—One of our contemporary papers in an editorial jubilantly asserted that Mr. Hoover has offered his services to the country and to serve a private.

Civil Service and Military Duty. PORTLAND, April 14.—(To the Editor.)—If a person has applied for permission to take the civil service examination in any way or manner, he should be exempt from military duty if a draft were called before the date of examination.

Instruction in Kindergarten Work. PORTLAND, April 15.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me whether there is any school in Portland where one could receive instructions in kindergarten work.

Longhorns Indorse Mr. Wheelwright. PORTLAND, April 14.—(To the Editor.)—I desire to express through your columns the indorsement of W. D. Wheelwright's appointment as superintendent of the longhorn workers.

America in Arms. By Percy MacFay, of the Vigilantes. We have not willed this war, Nor heaped for man this monstrous pile, But we have striven on hell's wide shore To quench the horrible fire.

No More "Cutting Cross Lots." PORTLAND, April 16.—(To the Editor.)—It seems to be a common practice all over this city for people to cut across vacant lots and fields whether under cultivation or not.

Homesteaders Need Seed. SEATTLE, Wash., April 16.—(To the Editor.)—There are thousands of homesteaders in Montana, Washington and Oregon who cannot borrow money to get crops in. They need seed and fence wire, posts, etc.

Origins of Name Sing Sing. SALEM, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—How did Sing Sing Prison, New York, get its name? A FRIEND.

The prison was named for the town of Sing Sing, since changed to Ossining. Sing Sing probably was a corruption of Sin Sinks, the name of a tribe of Indians of that vicinity.

In Other Days. Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of April 17, 1867.

Yesterday was one of the warmest days of the year. The shady side of the street was almost too comfortable for the two, both for promoters and idlers. It was what might be called a beautiful day. It suggested cooling beverages.

The debt of the town of Walla Walla is \$482.

A horse fair will be held at Jacksonville on the 27th of the present month.

The Wythebe Avalanche is credibly informed that some practical printer is about to commence the publication of a Journal at Baker City, Oregon.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of April 17, 1892. Chicago School exercises were held throughout Illinois today, and for the first time women exercised the right of suffrage.

President Eliot, of Harvard College, will arrive next Thursday and will spend two days in the city, the guest of Rev. T. L. Eliot.

Some of the new electric cars for the street car system were taken out of the barn at T. W. T. and run down Third and Gilliam. They worked well for a short time the line will be in full operation.

Brown's Valley, Minn.—The opening of the Sisseton reservoir, as far as known, was accomplished without a squatter's row or any trouble of a serious nature. There was a large number of broken wheels, small axles and bruised boomers after the scramble, but on the whole the opening passed off quietly.

On Tuesday last Lighthouse No. 59, the first to be stationed on the Pacific Coast of the United States, was placed in position at the mouth of the Columbia River.

MARSHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Delegates to Conference. MARSHFIELD, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of April 8, Mr. Malar & Frank Co. publish a splendid article about the water power possibilities of Portland and vicinity with which we heartily agree, and will add that the same possibilities exist throughout Western Oregon, and in some portions of Southern and Eastern Oregon.

We do not, however, agree with their statement which infers that we have no coal or iron. Coos County has ever had coal, and Oregon has iron. We have six mines developed and operated on a commercial basis, and good-better than any other in the world for neighborhood.

Here is the one exception in all the United States where coal may be loaded direct from the mine's mouth into ocean-going vessels.

And speaking of ocean-going vessels reminds us of a statement made by the Board of the Portland Realty Board a short time since as follows: "Portland is the metropolis of Oregon and only seaport."

We all recognize the fact that Portland is the metropolis, and that it will be for years and years, if not for all time, but we regret the statement that it is Oregon's only seaport.

Coos Bay harbor is and has been for several years the heaviest shipper of lumber out of Oregon, and the entire Pacific Northwest Coast country. The steamer Adeline Smith, during the year, has been plying its trade, Coos Bay harbor, establishing a world's record both as to distance traveled and the amount of lumber carried.