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PORTLAND, TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1917.

MAKE UNIVERSAL SERVICE LASTING. Some members of Congress still in-

ure, to be abandoned as soon as the present war is ended. Yet the fact of acres of tulips. borne fruit. The people have been od of keeping down the weeds. educated up to some approach to a true conception of what is necessary to their safety against foreign foes.

Who has been the happier of the But persistence of the idea that the two Rockefellers—John D., the foundwhole manhood of the Nation be oruntil after the war betrays ignorance of our military history and ignores situation. It also betrays blindness for compulsory service. The United States never has fought

a war with a first-class power when we were without allies or when our antagonist was not also occupied with other enemies. In the Revolutionary War we had the active aid in our own country of a French fleet and army, and during its later years of Spain and Holland, While Great Britain fought us in the War of 1812 she was also fighting France and was pouring out money to keep the armies of Austria, Prussia and Russia in the field. The only foreign nations which we have fought alone are Mexico and Spain. both vastly inferior to us. A far larger proportion of the troops which fought Mexico were regulars than was the case in any other war, and General long training, which made them equal regulars. The confusion due to reliance on volunteers in the war with Spain would have brought disaster on us if that country had not been even more inefficient than we, inferior in resources and operating far from her base. The Civil War was prolonged by our reliance on volunteers and by the fact that the Confederacy resorted to conscription from the start. Millauthorities agree that, if the Union could have put 100,000 seasoned troops in the field in 1861, the war ld have been over in a few months. Luck has been with us in every war and it is with us now.

owe our safety from invasion central powers their superior navy could defeat ours and get command of the sea. They could then land an army of 300,000 men, thoroughly trained and equipped, on our coast within thirty days. We should be able to oppose them with only 50,000 regulars and 150,000 trained National Guardsmen at the most. Any other forces we might send against them would be untrained and ill equipped and would almost certainly go out only to be massacred. During the first year of the war when Great Britain was organizing new armies with great effort and at enormous cost and when France almost alone was holding the western line, Britons were satirically quoted as saying: "We will fight it out to the last Frenchman." hind the shield of the allied armies and navies we are beginning to prepare after the war has begun. We are now more dependent on the allies than Britain was upon France and Russia in August, 1914, for that country from the first has held command of the sea and in the first month of the war put more than twice as many men from our regular Army.

so would be to gamble with our National safety, perhaps our very ex-Some persons cheerfully assume that this will be the last great war: that absolutism will be destroyed with the defeat of Germany, Austria cial treaty with Russia has been re-and Turkey; and that a league of democratic nations will then establish government succeeding that of the There is no way other than univerdemocratic nations will then establish government succeeding that of the There is no way other than univer perpetual peace. The best that we can Czar and the announcement that dishope is that this will prove true as to crimination on account of religious complished. Great Britain tried the Europe and Western Asia, but a similar adjustment is due in Eastern Asia, treaty was denounced by President has tried that system, and its failure and we cannot be sure that, when all the nations of Europe have become of the refusal of Russia to treat all all industry to serve the Nation in democratized, they will always keep American citizens with equality. It the way of which they are most capathe peace. Dutch independence was was not a formal protest against inter- ble can alone equip us to put forth followed by the founding of a colonial nal measures of repression of its own our utmost effort at the earliest posherself of the Stuarts than she entered ran counter to our ideas, but a defi- years have been wasted, and that upon an era of conquest. France had nite stand upon the rights of all Amer-no sconer founded the first republic loans to be considered on the same for Germany's effort to keep us unthan it set out to conquer Europe plane. The old treaty called for cerand it remained a republic until after tain guarantees for American citizens. Italy, Belgium and Holland had been Russia kept the conditions as to Gentrally annexed and Egypt and tiles, but ignored them and imposed scale against it. We can at least Syria invaded. Settlement of conflict- intolerable hardships upon their Jew- partly compensate for that lost time ing claims among the allied nations ish fellow-citizens.

undergo that measure of military training which is of equal value in

FARMING THE RIGHT OF WAY. Announcement by various railway compaines that they will grant permission to cultivate right-of-way propaso area in the aggregate is so situated

Postage Rates—12 to 16 pages, I cent; 15 scenic outlook. Travelers are wont to 32 pages, 2 cents; 34 to 48 pages, 3 cents; complain that railway routes are not 0 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 76 pages, 5 chosen with a view to the pleasure of ents; 78 to 82 pages, 5 cents. Foreign postscenic outlook. Travelers are wont to the eye. Long stretches in plains and Eastern Business Office—Verree & Conkiln, valleys, laid out by engineers rather trunswick building, New York: Verree & than landscape artists, become prosy onkiln, Steger building, Chleago: San Franseo representative, R. J. Bidweil, 742 Marless complaint, for example, if on our niles long or a field of waving hay or town. Useful things may also be beautiful. To the man confronted by sist that universal service should be the problem of living, the white and adopted only as an emergency meas- purple bloom of the potato may easily seem as esthetic as an equal number

Let us hope that the custom of that they are willing to assent to it at farming the strips beside the railway cent less and eggs 35.8 per cent, but farming the strips beside the railway butter shows the enormous increase tracks may outlast the war. It is of 80 per cent. paredness, and for universal service as a splendid way to conserve our rethe best means to achieve it, has sources in land and an infallible meth-

THE TWO ROCKEFELLERS.

er of Standard Oil and multi-millionganized for its defense for the present aire, or Frank, the stockman? A guide occasion only, and that adoption of a to the answer is the obvious differ-permanent military policy be deferred ence in character between the two men. Frank's early severance of both at large. business and personal relations with outstanding fact of our present his brother implies disapproval of the situation as to some commodities, protection of the health of mothers And old freedom's bird may squawk methods by which the latter acquired to the principles behind the demand his enormous fortune and refusal to for in this section, wherein the de- delinquency has been due directly to life showed

the case in any other war, and General tired as a farm hand. He proudly not the same rule give us cheaper tearful farewells for those who per-Taylor's volunteers had undergone styled himself "Frank Rockefeller, butter? Such discrepancies might be form these prosain tasks, but these that his heart was in his work and prices and cold storage.

ple where he worshipped Meanwhile John for many years was piling million on million by ruthlessly crushing others in order to build up his great network of corporations. He was an indoor man, working in banks and offices. Not until his digestive apparatus broke down did he take to strength, and each is in some degree at the strength and each is in some degree. the mild, outdoor sport of golf. Nature played a scurvy trick on him, for, though he had means to buy the most cents a day in order to restore his now to the facts that allied fleets have penned up the German and Austrian fleets in their harbors and that allied armies have drawn an iron ring around the armies of the central powers. If we alone were fighting the enormous, but he believed in the gospel of money-making, and he used money to make more money and thus to increase the burden that weighed

The name of John D. Rockefeller has become the synonym for all that is cruel, unscrupulous and sinister in American business life. The sense of wrong that was stirred in the minds of many made him the personification of the system that he most success fully followed and that was adopted by many imitators. To that sentiment was added the envy which success always breeds in those who have failed. He became a trembling old man, feeling that envy and hatred surrounded him on all hands, guarded at all times against possible assault, seeking with The same taunt might as justly be mies. By lavish benefactions to many fair words to conciliate suspected enegood causes he has sought to win the good opinion of his fellow-citizens and to insure that some blessings shall be mingled with the curses which are heaped on him, but he has met fre quent rebuffs from those who call his

money tainted. Of the two Rockefellers, which has achieved the real success-John D., in the field as we could now send gatherer of many millions, whose home Is in the marts of trade and finance, or Frank, the lover of animals, whose We cannot be sure that luck will always be with us as it has been in former wars. To assume that it will swept prairies? Which was really the one to be envied? Is it not better to emulate Frank than to envy John?

FINAL BARRIER DOWN. The last barrier to a new commer-Britain had no sooner rid people of Jewish faith, although these sible time. Two and a half precious

compromises which will contain the nowhere better illustrated than by this to do so we must crowd into the next incident. Not much was said about it year work which might otherwise At the best, the League of Peace at the time-perhaps not so much as have been spread over three years, and will require each nation to maintain the underlying principles deserved— we must be able to put in the field a considerable army and navy to enbut the position of our Government, year hence an army which will more torce its decrees. Only by degrees regardless of partisan politics, has rorce its decrees. Only by degrees regardless of partisan politics, has will confidence in its permanence be been unyielding. There never was established, and meanwhile the namy prospect that a treaty would be central powers. In the meantime, it made that included the conditions in their armaments. Prudence requires sisted upon by the old Russian rether production of munitions and food to the production of munitions are producted to the production of munitions and food to the production of munitions and food to the production of munitions are producted to the production of the production of munitions are producted to the production of th us to be prepared for a break-up of gime. All Americans look alike to the to the point where we can equip a the league and for a sudden attack American Government. We have been new army without diminishing the until it has fully imposed its authority as deeply stirred by the deaths in the supply for the allies, and at the same Then we can reduce our war zone of humble sailors as by the time back up the latter with our armaments to the dimensions requisite loss of those better-known Americans finances. for our part in policing the world. Even then justice and genuine democracy will demand that the selective draft be adopted, and National welfare will demand that all male citizens our undercurrents all are in another limited.

Induces.

Herculean as this task may be, it is not beyond the capacity of the United States, if our bert men are put in charge. It cannot be performed by our undercurrents all are in another men of the caliber of Secretaries Dan-

direction. It is the fact of American lels and Baker. Far bigger men should citizenship, and not the identity of the supplant them, and those men should individual, that finally arouses us. . be relieved of the work of producing Because of temporary conditions, we

have recently increased our trade with Minister. A new department of mu-Russia without a treaty to take the nitions should be established, headed place of the old one. It is not likely, by one of our captains of industry however, that this would have continmission 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, have on our business opportunities in iteness, perhaps defeat. When the and that it inaugurates a movement the period of reconstruction. These fate of democracy hangs on our acthat can conceivably attain proportions of high importance. A large prompt ratification of a compact in area in the aggregate is so situated which all Americans shall be placed Japan has been moved by on a footing of equality will play an

STOCKS OF FOOD IN STORAGE,

The necessity of increasing the pre duction of food in the United States to meet the emergencies of the war appears from reports of the Agricultural Department on the stocks in hand on April 1 as compared with the same date last year. Though there has been an increase of 9.1 per cent in frozen beef and 11.8 per cent in journeys hither and you we are treated cured beef, the decrease in other meats to an occasional row of potatoes 100 and meat products has been serious. Stocks of frozen pork decreased 38.1 ripening grain extending from town to per cent, dry salt pork increased only 1 per cent, sweet pickled pork decreased 12 per cent and lard 42.5 per the Japanese Parliament, writing in cent, while mutton and lamb show a loss of 19.4 per cent.

The showing as regards dairy products, except butter, is equally unfavorable. Stocks of cheese were 18.3 per of 80 per cent.

These figures contain some explanabecause herds have been depleted, mous increase in the stock of butter sive, juvenile delinquencies have in ence in character between the two the present high price in the country dren have been employed under ad-

The Pacific Northwest is in a better worse as to others, than other sections, share responsibility for them. He was partment includes Oregon, Washing the absence of the heads of families a man of different ideals, as his after-ton, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, with the armies. The obvious course Though his success as a stockman cent, cured beef 48.6 per cent, frozen to be to take precautions before the implies that, like John, he was a man pork 6.8 per cent, dry salt pork has situation gets out of hand. Strict enof no mean business ability, Frank's decreased 11.4 per cent, sweet pickled forcement of school-attendance laws chosen occupation and his attitude to-ward it imply that, unlike his brother, the second of the development of infant-welfare the pork 5.1 per cent, cheese has increased and the development of infant-welfare work by public and private agencies the pleasure of life for him did not butter has decreased 52.7 per cent as are suggested. consist in the acquisition and disburse- compared with a general increase of ment of vast sums of money. He loved 80 per cent. The supply of butter animals and learned many good lessems to have drained from the Pasking what they can do to help in sons by "simply having fun with cific Coast and the South Atlantic the war. President Wilson gives the them." He loved horse racing, not for states into the Central and North At- answer. Grow potatoes and onions in the purpose of gambling on their lantic states. But if we in Oregon pay the back yard or on the vacant lot speed, but for the sport, which grati- more for meat because of the country- next door, or go into the country and fied his love of animals. He found the wide depletion of stocks notwithstand- help the farmer with his Spring plow- joy of living in the heavy work of his ing our increase for some classes and ing and seeding. There may be no ranch, in which he did his part, at- small decrease for others, why should brass-band parades, no uniforms, no stockman," and he showed by his life removed by Government regulation of people are doing their bit for the I gasped.

Actually at war, the United States has just begun to prepare for war. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and strength, and each is in some degree nullifying the efforts of the others. Recruits are being sought everywhere without regard to the greater need of have no reserve stock, our industries

should then be placed at the of the Government and should be applied to that use in which they can render the best service to the Nation. of all men, showing their occupation and where they are amployed. Those spared from their civil occupations. No man should be admitted to the should be treated as an enemy. Army or Navy who is needed to supply

costly blunder made by Britain in the first year of the war, when men sorely needed to make guns, shells or rifles, to build ships or to mine coal for the navy were enlisted only to be called back from the trenches to their places at home. The man at home who works where the Government puts him should receive as much credit for "doing his bit" as the man who goes on the job until exhausted, wounded

production, for the fighting man stays or killed. Any factory needed by the Nation should be at its service as as little claim to big profits as a reward for manufacturing for the armed

by adopting the most effective mean The true democracy of America is of thwarting the German plan, but

munitions, as was the British

Japan has been moved by the example of the United States in acquiring the Danish West Indies to start movement for the purchase of the Dutch East Indies. Java and Sumatra have been under the rule of Holland more than 300 years, but the Dutch government has not always found it easy to maintain its supremacy. Japanese are talking of devoting a portion of their war profits to the purchase and the party favoring this cours points out that it would not only furnish an opportunity for expansion but remove a menace. Holland had great So while loud the welkin dome the islands during the Russo-Japanes War, and the same has been true in the present war. A former member of the Japan Magazine, says that with command of the Straits of Sunda Japan could slacken her plans for naval expansion, from which viewpoint the While the soldiers dig the trench, subject might easily become highly interesting to the United States.

The children's bureau of the United While they drive the bay'net blade States Department of Labor is soundtion of the higher prices of all kinds ing a warning to parents and school of meat except beef, also of eggs and authorities in the United States to give cheese. Beef may have risen in price heed to the lessons taught by Europe in the past two years. In the belwhich fact may be due in part to the ligerent countries particularly, and stimulus of high prices for animals also in neutral countries where mobilon the hoof, but in view of the enor- ization has been more or less extenthere seems to be no justification for creased to a marked extent, more chilverse conditions and special measure have been found necessary for the and babies. Much of the increase frozen beef has increased 37.1 per indicated for Americans is declared

> Many men past military age are country just the same. They may even be likened to those of whom Milton "They also serve who only

After all, the American trouble with of terror. the hyphenated citizen has not been a That country has only three kinds, in on the late filibuster." but each sticks to its own language and vehemently upholds the country sent me the packages of seeds the that speaks it. Moreover, they are luxurious food, it reduced him to a keeping many men at work in prodiet which could have cost only a few viding Army and Navy with those a New England state, and are kept things without which they cannot apart only by the mountains. Yet that

Post calls the attention of those who are employed in supplying other na- oppose compulsory service to the fact hole bouquets to our gallant men at tions and they have just been listed that Germany is doing no fighting on the front, wouldn't it?" with a view to supply our own needs. her own soil, while the less prepared requires full inventory of man power party to bring the war. When we spurs and pansles in mine. and material. It is necessary that all consider the condition of Northern France, Belgium, Serbia and Poland. that is no small matter.

Mexico professes neutrality. This requires that a census be taken threatens to prohibit exports of oil mail the following to their Rep. in which is necessary to the British navy, Cong. DEAR CONGRESSMAN: men should then be enrolled in the German bankers and intriguers. He fighting forces who can be most easily will be judged by his deeds, not by his words, and if he acts as an enemy he them with the requisites for fighting.

There should be no repetition of the in calling on the services of the "army of producers." Calling it an army Secretary Lane has a happy thought puts the emphasis in the right place and gives the grower an added sense of having a part in the important scheme of National defense.

The Portland Evening Telegram is 'fair, fat and forty." three words could be taken as a text and much said, but to those who know to the front, but he should cast off or have known our neighbor during restrictions on hours of work and on all its years, fulsome praise is need-

It is highly creditable to the spirit of Young America that the branch of When I have to plant daisies and readily as any man, and its owner has the service most likely to see real action—the Navy—is having a genuine recruiting boom.

> ultimately affect the housewife, and bit" by refraining from criticism. When you count the coin in your

country is \$2157 per capita. Do not forget, while discussing a possible food shortage, that Belgian

children are still hungry. If the Turks think they can steal ne of our warships, they have another thought coming.

It has always been our boast we can feed the world. This year it is Dispense with the larkspurs and carup to us to prove it.

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

To realize the enormous wealth of this country-\$220,000,000,000-try to count a million.

A prowler should mail his address to the Coroner and save trouble for

With the rise in the price of ice, the onsumer will insist on full weight. High water and overflowed bottoms mean big crops later in the season.

The husky athlete makes a good

Gleams Through the Mist. By Dean Collins

MUNITION MAKING

Ev'rybody cannot run With a bay'net and a gun, To wallop at the foe across the But there's plenty yet to do, And it's patriotic, too. For the chaps that stay at home like

you and me. We can join the big parade With the shovel and the spade; We can hop into our set of garden

duds; While the rumbling drums are quaking We can start munition-making. And the best sort of munitions nov are spuda.

While the bullet and the shell Can keep going for a spell Upon valor and enthusiasm, too, Still it's very safe to say They'll get further in the fray If supported by a reg'lar bowl of

stew. difficulty in maintaining neutrality of Rings for those that march from home And in ev'ry heart the wild war spirit buda: We can make munitions here 'Nough to last the boys a year,

> are spuds. In the choking gas bomb's stench, We can dig a trench across our

And the best sort of munitions nov

peaceful lawn; We can drive the keen-edged spade, And raise grub for all the soldiers who have gone. There's a chance for everyone,

Though he may not pack a gun Nor drag cannon through the trampled mires and muds. While abroad the soldlers fight, Make munitions day and night-And the best sort of munitions new are spuds.

While some other folks may falk 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 feedstuffs some where every day, We can join the big parade

With the shovel and the space, We can hop into our set of garden duds: While the rumbling drums are quaking Let us start munition-making-And the best sort of munitions now

are spuds. "Sir," said the Courteous Office Bay, skating in from the corridor in high dudgeon and shying a paste pot at the marine editor's pet cockroach, which sat sunning itself on the radi-

ator. "What is the cause of your rage?"

stand and wait," though their task and making a flanking movement on would be to work and sweat. the cockroach, had fled with a squeak

"But wherefore recall the Congresscircumstance to that of Switzerland, man, my son?" I queried. "He wasn't "I know it, but he's the guy that

> other day," glowered the C. O. B. "And what then?" "Well, I went out this morning to plant a garden, so's to help out the

food production for the Army, and "I don't think." s own kindred nationality.

"The Congressman had picked out nothing but petunias and marigolds."

Most aptly the New York Evening bellowed the C. O. B. "It ud help a above the age limit. whole lot for us to be sending button-

And I instantly seized and signed Full equipment for war and for the nations have to fight on theirs. That the C. O. B,'s recall petition, for I winning of early and complete victory is the effect of waiting for the other remembered that I drew only lark-That the C. O. B,'s recall petition, for I

> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That in view of the importance of the point urged by the C. O. B., al but who are with us in this matter please

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

alarms And called all the soldiers to hurry to arms.

And ev'ryone went to the garden to For a place to raise food for the men at the front

In haste then I opened the packets you sent-Each of the Oh, how could you do it, perfidious gent?-And found that the seed that you sent

me to set

Consisted of pansies and sweet mignon-And how shall a soldier continue in longshore hope

weak heliotrope?

The time now demands, with this peril All plans for conservation of food That we cut out the nosegays and start raising food. the others of the family can "do their So herewith, dear Congressman, I do protest

Gainst the packets of seeds that to me were addressed, pocket, remember the wealth of this For how should a soldier endure bat- For this was willed to be tle shocks Upon salada of phlox or of pink hollyhocks?

> So, Congressman, Congressman, hearken my needs, Cut out the petunia and marigold seeds, Go down to the warehouse and faith-

fully hunt For some seed that makes grub for the men at the front, nations sweet-And send me some spuds or a bushel of wheat.

POTE HOUND ENGAGED.

G. Pythargoras Bimelack, the w. k. savant and vers liberator, who has recently appeared in these colyums with a series of American translations from English pomes, has agreed to serve us in another capacity for a

We have engaged him as our official 'pote hound' to run to earth the metriwe can shanghal it into our colyum and thus lighten our own burdens.

As we write these lines Prof. G. Pythag, is out in full cry after a promising pote of whom we have recently heard, and this colyum should be watched closely next week for the results of the hunt.

ON HOLDING A ROSE FESTIVAL

Writer Says Money Spent Might Be Used to Build Submarine Chaser. PORTLAND, April 15,-(To the Edior.)-In view of the National crisis now confronting us, is it possible that the citizens of Portland contemplate elebrating the Rose Festival? obvious answer is apparently not the correct one. It seems that even now the first steps of preparation are being taken. What spirit can prompt such actions? At such a time as this, when the Nation needs our every relource, can we afford to waste our

At best the Rose Festival is pretty is \$4982. At best the Rose Festival is a protty spectacle, and moreover an excellent advertisement for Fortland, but under existing circumstances should we not advertise ourselves as a city of triflers, indifferent to the Nation's needs? The display of much bunting means but little, and the sort of patriotism that expends itself in the waving of flags is of light caliber.

light caliber.

A recent writer to The Oregonian pleads for the Festival, saying: "Surely there is enough money for both the Red Cross and the Pestival." Does she not know that never at any time during the war has there during the war has there been enough money for the Red Cross? Are wound-ed men to go insufficiently cared for while we frivol and express our loyalty by long flaw-decked processions led

while we frivol and express our loyalty by long flag-decked processions, led by bands playing National airs? Is that our ideal of patriotism? With the money we would spend on the Festival could we not build a sub-marine chaser or a patrol boat to pre-sent to the Government? Such a boat might be in our own docks and be but might be in our own docks and be but a forerunner of what we are capable of producing. And if we are of a sentimental turn of mind, we might suggest that it be named the Rose.

Would that not be the better patriotism?

GERTRUDE CHAMBERS.

Experiment Station Grounds.

UNION, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—As the state is making plans to help raise garden tuff to cut down the shortage and high prices and prepare for war, why wouldn't ... be a good plan to set the Factor of the property of the part of the property of the property of the part of the part

experiment station to one side and raise potatoes for the Army. There would be close to 300 acres of fine garden land that could be used and the state owns teams and tools and has superintendent already. object as much as they do now, and it would be good for the ground. I believe there would be plenty of help

believe there would be proceed to take care of it if some committee to take care of it if some committee would look after it. I think it should be set aside for this purpose.

A. W. HOFMAN.

German Sales of Arms.

WESTON, Or., April 8,-(To the Editor.)-I noticed in The Sunday Ore-Editor.)—I noticed in The Sunday Oregonian, April 8, an article by Mr. Issac Peart, stating that the German government is kicking this country for supplying Great Britain with munitions and asserts that the German government did the same thing in the time of the Boer war, by supplying Great Britain with munitions.

I would like to know where he gets his authority for the statement.

We do not however agree with their

"I want you to help me start a recall on our Congressman," sported the
C. D. B picking up another paste pot
and making a flanking movement on
the radiator, behind which Waidemar,
Eritish or the Boers.

We do not, however, agree with their
Statement which infers that we have a
for 1901 states that on June 12, 1900,
the German government forbade the
Krupps to ship munitions to either the
British or the Boers.

D. B.

Peerless Recruiting Agent. MYRTLE POINT, Or., April 15 - (To the Editor.)—One of our contemporary papers in an editorial jubilantly as-serts that Mr. Bryan has offered his

a private
During his days of pacifism he was credited with the statement that he could raise an army of 1,000,000 men over night. Could not Mr. Bryan serve ils country to a greater extent by en-isting as a recruiting officer rather than a private? There is a bit of humor in his declar-

GEO. E. TONNEY.

Civil Service and Military Duty. PORTLAND, April 14 .- (To the Editor.)—If a person has applied for per-mission to take the civil service exam-ination and his application is accepted, would he be exempt from military duty if a draft were called before the READER. date of examination?

The fact that a person has applied for civil service examination or that his application has been accepted, will not exempt him in any way from the liabilof being drafted into military

Instruction in Kindergarten Werk. PORTLAND, April 16.—(To the Editor.)—Kindly tell me whether there is any school in Portland where one could receive instructions in kindergarten Hospital Corps, but a man who has had MRS. F. J. K.

St. Helen's Hall Kindergarten Training School, St. Helen's Hall, Portland, Or., can help you in any line of kin-

Longshoremen Indorse Mr. Wheelwright PORTLAND, April 14 .- (To the Editor.)—I desire to express through your columns the indersement of W. D. Wheelwright's appointment as Minister to Japan by the longshore workers. The Pacific Export Lumber Company's resident stands are high with the

America in Arms. By Percy Mackaye, of the Vigilantes.

To quench the horrible fire. By one who sprang on a world asleep, And now his talons out of the sea Have drawn us into the deep:

Into the deep and the dark
Where his blood is drunk with the
splendor of ships. As he lies in lair with a steel-gray The mad foam on his lips,

No more, then, now no mor 'Tis ours to watch by the burning lake, But ours, thank God, to wage this war, Thank God—for freedom's sake,

Till freedom shall be strong Through hell her heavenly work to do: For force is neither right nor wrong But the use we put it to.

So this is the pledge we plight:
That we can fight, who do not hate.
And we for freedom's love will fight
In the venomed teeth of fate.

Gird, then, our hearts to blaze "pote hound" to run to earth the metri-cal talent of the community so that we can shanghal it into our colyum God of our fathers, and upraise

> So her free soul may live, Then ours—to win Thy grall or Are an hundred million lives to give, But only one to save.

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago From The Oregonian of April 17, 1887. Yesterday was one of the warmest days of the year. The shady side of the street was decidedly the more comfortable of the two, both for promenaders and idlers. It was what might naders and idlers. It was what might be called a thawy day. It suggested cooling beverages

H. P. Isanes will erect a first-class flouring mill at Bolse City the coming

The debt of the town of \. alla Walla

A horse fair will be held at Jackson-ville on the 27th of the present month.

The Owyhee Avalanche is credibly informed that some practical printer is about to commence the publication of a journal at Baker City, Oregon. Baker County is rapidly growing in population and a newspaper should be sustained on a legitimate patronage,

New York—The Great Eastern leaves on the 16th. Not over 300 passengers have been received.

Twnty-five Years Age. From The Oregonian of April 17, 1892. Chicago—School elections were held throughout Illinois today, and for the first time women exercised the right of suffrage. They turned out in large numbers and in nearly every instance secured the election of their favorite

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

candidates.

of the Sisseton reservation, so far as known, was accomplished without a squatter's r.w or any trouble of a serious character. There was a large num-ber of broken wheels, smashed axles and bruised boomers after the scrambie, but on the whole the opening passed off quietly.

On Tuesday last Lightship No. 50, the first to be stationed on the Pacific Coast of the United States, was placed in position at the mouth of the Colum-

COOS COUNTY'S COAL AND HARBOR

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce Combuts Derogatory Inferences. the one Deregatory Inferences.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—In The Oregonian of April 5 gov. Meler & Frank Co. publish a splendid article about the water power possibilities of Portland and vicinity with which we heartly agree, and will add time that the heartly agree, and will add

ness only knows how many operated for neighborhood use.

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.

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And speaking of ocean-going ves-sels reminds us of a statement made by Mr. Hegardt before the Portland Realty Board a short time since as fol-lows: "Portland is the metropolis of Orange and its only assessed." Oregon and its 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 refute the statement that it is Oregon's only seaport.

Coos Bay harbor is and has been for neveral years. everal years the lumber not only in Oregon but in the entire Pacific Northwest Coast coun-try. The steamer Adeline Smith, during the year 1916, plying in and out of Coos Bay harbor, established new world's records both as to distance traveled and the amount of lumber

carried. MARSHFIELD CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE, Mel G. Duncan, Secretary.

Conscription in Alaska, HILLSBORO, Or., April 15.—(To the Editor.)—(1) In case the U. S. Government drafts, can it draft in Alaska to send men to the States or France? (2) Can anyone but doctors and nurses enlist in the Hospital Corp

experience as an orderly in a hospital or who has had some medical training although he may not be an accredited doctor, is taken for private service. Occasionally a man without experience in hospital work may be taken as a private for duty. Men with experience, of course, are enrolled first and inex-

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perianced men used only in an emer-

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 16 .- (To the Editor.)-Is Japan a neutral in the present war? If not, how is it con-

"Reader" evidently has not read the newspapers consistently. Japan is in the war on the side of the entente allies, took a prominent part in driving We have not willed this war, allies, took a prominent part in driving Nor heaped for man this monstrous like German forces from Asia and the islands of the Pacific and is now aiding But we have striven on hell's wide in patrolling the Pacific as a precaushore tion against German raiders.

> No More "Cutting 'Cross Lots." PORTLAND, April 16 .- (To the Editer.)—It seems to be a common practice all over the city for people to cut across vacant lots and fields whether under cultivation or not.
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> With nearly every lot and field being plowed under this year, and with

present prices of vegetables prevailing, the damage thus done no doubt will run into thousands of dollars the coming season if the practice is continued. Cannot the city do something to remedy this matter?

A READER.

Homestenders Need Seed. SEATTLE, Wash., April 16 .- (To the

Editor.)—There are thousands of home-steaders in Montana, Washington and Oregon who cannot borrow money to get crops in. They need seed and fence wire, posts, etc. Seed in some cases can be had but they cannot buy. One man has 50 acres plowed in Mon-tans. He cannot even fence it. These men need beans, corn, wheat and pot toes. A. B. HOLLOWAY.

Origin of Name Sing Sing. SALEM. Or., April 12.—(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 Sincks, the name of a tribe of Indians of that vicinity.