

OREGON WORKING TO ADD TO FOOD CROPS

Patriotic Service League to Distribute 5000 Copies of President's Messages.

CO-OPERATION IS PLEDGED

Attention Called to Shortage of Winter Wheat and Need of Increased Spring Acreage—Land Is Offered for Cultivation.

Oregon is going to do its share to meet President Wilson's appeal for bigger crops, more food, thrift and economy.

The Oregon Patriotic Service League yesterday took official cognizance of the President's message to the people of the Nation and will endeavor to spread the doctrine broadcast through the state.

Orders were issued to have 5000 copies of the special message, together with the same number of copies of President Wilson's classic war message, printed and distributed to the farmers. They will be sent to the head of every acre in Oregon.

In addition to this, people in the cities and small rural communities will be asked to turn their backyards and idle acres into gardens.

The season is late and immediate action is necessary. Every piece of land that can be farmed must be farmed this year, says H. H. Ward, president of the league, who is pushing the campaign with vigor.

Governor Withycombe has issued a personal appeal to residents of the state asking them to join in the movement.

Boys and Girls Asked to Aid

He wants every boy and girl in Oregon to do something in the patriotic cause of increasing the state's food production. The children should be employed during vacation season in cultivating back yards and gardens, he says.

The Government reports on the winter wheat crop show it to be far below the normal—only 63 per cent. Unless conditions improve in the next few weeks this means that the country will be short millions of bushels this year. Even if the spring wheat crop is above normal the price will be distressingly high.

The high price of wheat is expected to stimulate the farmers to increased energy. They will sow bigger acreages of spring wheat, but the total crop of the Northwest threatens to be exceedingly short.

Railroads Offer Aid

The railroads have come to the support of the campaign by offering free use of their right of way and other lands, not otherwise utilized, by people who want to farm them in accordance with the President's appeal.

The O. W. R. & N. Company, the North Bank system, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company have offered their property to their own respective employees, but if it is not taken up by employees it will be offered to the general public.

The Portland Railway, Light & Power Company owns many acres of idle land, and President Griffith decided yesterday that he hopes it all can be used this year in the general effort to pound down the high cost of living.

The Laurelhurst district in Portland has been particularly active in this connection. Some time ago officials of the Laurelhurst Club opened a "clearing-house" for lot owners and persons desiring to use the lots. As a result more than 1200 lots will be cultivated. A few more are available and can be procured by desiring persons who are willing to use them.

Conflict to Be Avoided

So that there will be no conflict of purpose in the conservation work of the state, efforts are being made to direct all such activity through the offices of the Oregon Patriotic Service League, which maintains branches in many cities and towns of Oregon and which hopes to organize in others.

Robert E. Smith, of Roseburg, has been traveling through the state, at his own expense, effecting organizations and urging the people not only to aid in the conservation campaign but to join in the general patriotic movement for which the league was formed. He reports that residents in the outlying districts are thoroughly aroused to the duty presented by the President's appeal and the Governor's message.

ALUMNI STARS ENLIST

PLAY BY BROOKLYN ASSOCIATION IS CALLED OFF.

Three Members of Cast Leave to Enter Service—Girls May Take Up Study for Red Cross.

After rehearsing for two weeks on "The Reckoning," which was to have been given within a week, the Brooklyn alumni players gave up the play that the young men in the cast might enlist and serve the country. Herman Peppy, one of the leaders of the cast, already has enlisted in the Oregon National Guard and given up his part. Travis left last night for San Francisco to join the Navy.

The Brooklyn Alumni Association is composed of graduates of the city's high school and has been in existence for three years.

At the meeting the young men pledged themselves to the country's service and the girls probably will take up some form of welfare or Red Cross work. In the association are: Clarence Wood, Alex Robertson, Ralph Nauratel, Herman Peppy, Merle Travis, Alice Nauratel, Fern Smeilert, Ralph Wood, Margaret Moliner and Ruby Axel.

CITY NOTICE BIDS OPENED

Figures Also Asked for Printing of Council Calendar.

Bids were opened yesterday for publication of city official notices during the year commencing June 1. Apparently the Daily Record-Abstract and the Deutsche Zeitung are the lowest bidders.

The bids received were: German Publishing Company 7.7 cents per 100 lines for first insertion, and 5.77 for subsequent insertions; Daily Record-Abstract, 8 1/2 cents for first, 5.1 cents for subsequent; Daily News, 12 cents for first, 11 cents for subsequent; Evening Telegram, 18 cents for first, 16 cents for subsequent; Daily Reporter, 8 cents for first, 5 cents for subsequent. Figures also were made for printing the Council calendar. The city, under an existing contract, pays 2 1/2 cents for the first insertion and 1/2 of a cent for subsequent insertions.

On Account of the Patriotic Parade This Store Will NOT Be Open Thursday After 1:30 P. M.

<h3>Have You a Flag?</h3> <p>If you have, are you displaying it? If you haven't a flag you should secure one at once. We have fine, new assortments of every imaginable kind and size at lowest prices. New transparent flags for your windows, each 15c. —Fifth Floor, Sixth Street.</p>	<h3>Store Your Furs</h3> <p>In our safety vaults on the premises and they will be safe from theft, moths, dust, fire or loss. An always below-freezing temperature is maintained. Expert repairing and remodeling. Phone and our auto will call. —Fur Shop, Fourth Floor.</p>	 <p>Established 1857 THE QUALITY STORE OF PORTLAND 7th, 5th, Morrison, Alder Sts.</p>	<h3>Silver Paste 19c</h3> <p>The popular "Diamond L" brand of silver paste that will positively clean and polish all silverware, brassware and cut glass. A limited quantity of this excellent 25c silver paste reduced for Tuesday only to 19c. —Silverware Shop, Main Floor.</p>	<h3>Learn to Cook</h3> <p>Wednesday at 2:30 an expert in the art of cooking and home economics will demonstrate practical methods in the selection, preparation and cooking of meats and poultry. Valuable recipes given away free. —Auditorium, Sixth Floor.</p>
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Thousands Will Come to Profit by These and Equally Good Unadvertised Offerings Tuesday—Double Savings Day at Meier & Frank's

2000 Yds. 25c-50c White Voile and Organdy 12 1/2c

—Less than half price on mill lengths of excellent qualities sheer white voile and organdy. Lengths 2 to 5 yards in each piece, sufficient for waists, graduation and Summer dresses, children's wear, etc. Much is desirable material for shirtwaists, collars and cuffs. All full forty inches wide. For Double Savings Tuesday, yd. 12 1/2c
—White Goods Shop, Second Floor

35c Bleached Turkish Towels--Tuesday 23c

—About 600 splendid quality bleached Turkish towels—size 18x38 inches. Good, desirable towels, with pink and blue borders. Very unusual specials with the cotton market in its present condition. Tuesday only at 23c.
—Linen Shop, Second Floor.

Just Received—New Spring Heatherbloom Petticoats

—We have a beautiful assortment of genuine Heatherbloom petticoats. These are in all the popular colors for Spring wear, and a number of good models are shown. All have full, fancy flounces. These petticoats can be laundered and still retain their silky luster.
Priced \$1.75 to \$2.50.

COTTON PETTICOATS WITH SILK RUFFLES

—These are quite popular—good cotton petticoats with full fancy silk flounces or plain tailored silk flounces. They wear excellently. There is a good assortment of colors.
Priced \$3.50 and \$3.95.
—Petticoat Shop, Third Floor



50c Stamped Dresses 25c

—200 well-made little dresses in sizes 1 to 3. Completely made of blue and tan chambray and stamped to embroider in simple yet effective designs. Pretty for Spring and Summer wear.


<p>\$1.25 BATH MATS 98c</p> <p>—Excellent, heavy Turkish toweling mats with pretty pink or blue borders, stamped to embroider in a variety of simple designs.</p>	<p>75c STAMPED CENTERS 59c</p> <p>—54-inch centerpieces stamped to embroider in cross stitch patterns. Of natural colored "Bur-linen," to be embroidered in Delft blue.</p> <p>—Art Needlework Shop, Second Floor.</p>
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Expert Corset Advice FREE Every Day This Week

—Mrs. A. L. Craig, expert Nemo corsetiere, will be with us during the balance of this week to give her expert instruction and advice in the selection of your corset.

NEMO CORSETS

are constructed for every type of large or small figure. And what is more, they are scientifically designed to aid nature. Nemo corsets are made on the most stylish lines and are sure to give the greatest service to their wearers.
—Come in and see the new Auto-Massage and Back-Resting models and the new "Wonderlift" Corsets.
Priced \$3.75 Upwards
—Corset Shop, Third Floor.



The Biggest Thing in Shirtsdom!

That With Conditions Such as They Are Today Meier & Frank's Can Offer

Men's \$1.00 Shirts

At 65c

—Wise men will anticipate a whole year's needs at such savings as this means! These shirts are all made of fine quality percale and are sure to launder well. Your choice of soft or laundered cuffs and shirts with attached lay-down collar are included. Many attractive new designs in blue, black and lavender striped effects. All sizes 14 to 17 1/2, inclusive.
—Buy as many as you like while our present stocks last at the sensationally low price of 65c.
—Men's Furnishings Shop, Main Floor



Flouncing and Embroidery For Graduation Wear

—The graduation season is nearing—now is the time to be choosing dainty embroideries, laces, etc., for frocks and undermuslins.

SPECIAL PRICES ON FLOUNCINGS

—Dainty organdy and voile dress flouncings in pretty designs, 40 inches wide. Large and small scallops. 5 yards will make a frock.

<p>75c FLOUNCING 49c</p> <p>—40-inch voile and organdy flouncing. Elaborate designs, in cotton and mercerized floss. \$1 values at 69c.</p> <p>\$1.25-\$1.50 VALUES 98c</p> <p>—40-inch voile dress flouncing with border design, done in best quality of yarns. Very effective. Yard, 98c.</p>	<p>\$1.25 FLOUNCING 98c</p> <p>—Organdy flouncing, 27 inches wide, in medium scallop, worked to depth of 8 inches.</p> <h4>COTTON NETS</h4> <p>—Cotton net plays an important part in the graduation frock. Complete stocks of 72-in. white nets. \$1 to \$1.50 yard. —Lace and Embroidery Shop, Main Floor.</p>
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SCORES OF NEW ARRIVALS ADDED TO OUR Splendid Showing New SUITS \$32.50

—Among these newest arrivals are strictly tailored and fancy models. Excellent qualities of serge, gabardine, poplin and wool jersey have been made in the smartest fashions. Some are semi-fitted, many are belted and a number have large silk over collar. The skirts are plain or pleated and the colors are the most popular bright sports shades, navy, tan, black and black and white checks.
—These are exceptionally attractive models and embody the very smartest materials and styles for Spring wear. All sizes from misses' 16 to women's 54—\$32.50.
Other Suits Priced \$17.50 to \$85
—Apparel Shop, Fourth Floor



Four New Models in Wirthmor Waists \$1

—In this week's shipment of Wirthmor waists just received by fast express there are four altogether new models entirely different from any we have heretofore shown. The styles are delightfully pretty, new, modish, distinctive—created a very short time ago by designers in constant touch with style evolution. Each week the justly famed Wirthmor waists gain new admirers and as the quantity is limited we advise early buying, for the allotment may not last all day. Sold at this store only in Portland. As always \$1 as always worth more.



—Waist Shop, Fourth Floor

ALL WHO ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR New Books

can save time at least by calling on us first. And if, perchance, any desired book should not be in stock at the time asked for, we can procure it at short-notice without additional expense to you. A few recent arrivals are:

- "The Plattsburg Manual"—a textbook of military training—by Lieutenants Ellis and Garey, \$2.
- "Gullible's Travels," by Ring W. Lardner, \$1.25.
- "The Thoroughbred," by Henry K. Webster, \$1.35.
- "President Wilson's War Speech," 25c.
- "Getting Together," by Ian Hay, 50c.
- "Succeeding With What You Have," by Charles M. Schwab, 50c.
- "In the Wilderness," by Robert Hichens, \$1.50.

—Book Shop, Fifth Floor.

Special Sale Pearl Necklaces

50c Necklaces 37c
\$1.00 Necklaces 69c
\$2.50 Necklaces \$1.69

—A limited number of pearl necklaces in each group. Some are graduated and others are of the same size throughout. A number of different sizes are shown, and several different shades are to be found among these lovely necklaces. These pearl beads are very pretty with Summer frocks—so the opportunity is a good one if you want a pretty pearl necklace at a good saving.
—Jewelry Shop, Main Floor



Leather Handbags For Clean-Up 69c

—A big cleanup of women's leather handbags. For quick disposal we've taken three different styles of bags and marked them 69c. These would easily sell for \$1.25—but since the quantity is limited, there are not quite a hundred in the lot, we have reduced them for Tuesday. All are fitted with coin purse and mirror. While any remain, Tuesday at 69c.
—Leather Goods Shop, Main Floor



Lawn Mower Sharpening \$1

—If you haven't already taken advantage of our expert lawn mower sharpening service, you should do so at once. For only \$1 we will call for, sharpen and deliver your mower. Phone and our auto will call.
—Basement, Fifth Street.

BABY HOME DISPLAYS FLAG

Former Inmates Take Places in United States Navy.

Among patriotic institutions of the city to display the National flag is the Baby Home, out in the Waverley district. A fine big flag is hung from the front of the building. This is but an outward sign of the inward patriotic motives that are be-

Riddle Has Red Cross Branch.

RIDDLE, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Public spirited citizens of Riddle met at the home of Mrs. B. E. Bullwinkle Saturday and organized an auxiliary to the American Red Cross to be affiliated with the chapter at Roseburg. Thirty-one signed as charter members. Mrs. C. F. Sowersby was elected chairman, Helena A. Riddle secretary and Mrs. E. D. Stuller treasurer.

DRAINAGE TALKS ARE SET

Columbia County Agriculturalists to Give Demonstrations.

ST. HELENS, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—County Agricultural Agent D. C. Howard has arranged for a series of meetings with the farmers in different localities of the county to give practical demonstration of drainage. J. E. Larsen, drainage specialist from the

Oregon Agricultural College, will conduct the demonstrations.

Wednesday field demonstrations will be held at the Teatz farm near Scappoose and the evening lecture will be in Watts & Price Hall in Scappoose. Thursday the field lecture will be at a farm in the Batchelor Flat community and the evening lecture at Houlton. On Saturday the field work will be held near Clatskanie and the evening lecture at the hall in that city. The agricultural agents having the

co-operation of the Columbia County Agricultural council in arranging the demonstrations.

PENDLETON, Or., April 16.—(Special.)—A Pendleton Home Guard will be formed here this week to train Pendletonians in case they are called to the colors. A meeting has been called for Wednesday night, and Dan P. Smythe, former Captain in the National Guard, will preside.