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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1917.

DANGERS OF PRESS CENSORSHIP. A danger confronts a nation at war which is second only, and may equal, ing the necessary cost of tags and that of defeat by the enemy. It is that, on the plea of necessity for de- highway fund. feat of the enemy, arbitrary power be used, intentionally or not, to detime of war the freedom of the press to this danger. the enemy may derive aid or comfort convey nothing but such criticism of fund. the Government as is essential to de-Such would be the of the censorahip clauses of the espionage bill now before Congress.

That bill gives the President power to make regulations the violation of and the Go which is a felony punishable by heavy in Oregon. Whoever in time of war shall "collect, record, publish or com-municate or attempt to elicit any information with respect to" practically anything about the armed forces, war material, fortifications or plans of the Government "calculated to be or which might be useful to the enemy," will be subject to these penalties These regulations made by the President must not "limit or restrict any discussion, comment or criticism of the acts or policies of the Government its representatives.". In addition, the Postmaster-General is authorized to exclude from the mails any publication containing information useful to the enemy.

This bill presents the difficulty of doing what is necessary without doing what is dangerous. All agree that information should be kept from the enemy, but it is not necessary to throttle discussion of the war in order to avoid helping the enemy. Communication with Germany is cut off by cable, mail and wireless, and the Gov-ernment already has power to keep prosperous and promising colony esit so. Strict censorship of the mails to neutral countries, also of passenger promised to reach a population of travel, can shut off indirect communication. The purpose of suppressing the Turks. The death of the famous publication within the United States is leader, David Wolffsohn, in 1915, was therefore solely to prevent any infor-mation so published from leaking to New life for the the great restriction of our liberty necessarily will prevail.

which is proposed. of mind to begin adequate preparation tion of them. Some officials will surely prove incompetent; by publicity they will be removed instead of protected, for we are all human, and a refuge from materialism and a home holders of political office are more land in the highest spiritual sense. human than the rest of us. Yet nonof these defects in our war organizarevelation to our whole population, will reach Germany.

Are we to renounce our only sure means of perfecting our military machinery lest the enemy learn of its imperfections? If this should be at- that of the entire world, has undertempted, we should be paying no heed gone a promising transformation to the warning of Sydney Brooke, drawn from the experience of Britain: Don't establish a consorship of the press for any other purpose than to conceal the mayal and military intelligence that would be useful to the enemy. A censorship that is used to cloak official shortcomings, to suppress criticism and to veil the realities of war from the people is something that no democracy should tolerate.

Spanish War, knowledge of it would aid Germany but it would aid us far more by forcing amendment. If our military camps should be visited by of the facts is necessary to that vigi- several important things to do. lant public criticism which is the only ard of efficiency.

The present splendid achievements the products of a free press and free tion's weaknesses to the enemy. free press exposed the need of high explosive shells, and that type of shell is now blasting holes in the Hindenburg line. A free press told the need of industrial organization, of abro gating labor union rules, of female escaped previous attention. A clean- intentional tribute through the Shiplabor, of enlisting scientists, for the ing-up process that will get the eggs ping Board's return to that type of production of vast quantities of guns of the flies will be a fine thing for vessel after having considered its and ammunition, and British guns now attic and cellar and house and barn. outnumber those of the Germans three to one, while a deluge of shells mows down the German battalions and reduces British losses to one-half the ratio expected. A free press drove the reluctant Asquith Cabinet to adopt conscription, and British armies ar now winning victories in France, Macedonia, Palestine and Mesopotamia The shameful blunders of the first campaign in Mesopotamia were denounced, by a free press, and that province has now been swept by a British army. It is not too much to They include removal of all inflam- it a first claim to contracts for

jurious publication should be pre- of the building at the same time that rial must be transported. As steel is vented only when it would do irre- it improves its appearance. parable harm to the National cause, and then only as an exceptional war measure. This prevention can be effected with the voluntary co-operation only in the case of a very small num- It is a good thing everywhere. of reckless or treasonable publications. If it should go beyond these limits, it would tend to establish an limits are stated to the establish and limits are stat jury would be done to true democracy the lead. less only than the success of Prussianism.

DO WE WANT BOADS NOW? When the automobile tax, three-fourths of which is now returned to the counties where the auto is owned, and the one-quarter mill road tax is consumed by the state on especially selected roads, counties will find their county road fund short that amount. Some of the counties are not touched by any of the proposed roads to be improved. Will these counties be given a fair deal when a part of their road money is legislated away from them and they get nothing in return? And will solvent counties be treated fairly when they are required to help build paved roads in insolvent counties?

This statement from the Scio Tri oune is inaccurate in several particulars. Regardless of whether the bonding bill be adopted or rejected, the entire automobile license tax, after pay-

Such provision is made in chapter may be given to the rulers which may 194 of the general laws of 1917. The last named law is not before the peostroy the liberties of the people. In ple. Counties will get no division of the auto license money during the and of speech are especially exposed life of another law, adopted with the On the pretext that emergency clause, which accepts the derive aid or comfort terms of the Federal good roads law. therefrom, speeches or publications The proceeds from the millage tax them are the following: may be prevented or punished which will also go into the state highway

> In brief, no matter if the bonding effect act be defeated, the State Highway Commission will still be empowered to spend the auto licenses and the millage tax upon such roads as they and the Government may decide upo:

The chief point in the bonding lay is that it capitalizes the auto license noney and provides for expenditure of road money upon certain designated roads. As the roads named in the bonding act are the roads most generally used in Oregon it is reasonable to expect that the highway funds would be expended upon them, even though the bonding act be rejected.

No county will secure local advantage by defeat of the bonding act. The same money mentioned therein will be used on the same roads designated arising from street accidents therein. The only difference will be that the work will be done in install- issue ments. The main issue is whether Oregon wants roads now.

ZIONISM REVIVED. As the armies of the allies advance in Palestine, hope of the Zionists revives. The movement for establishment of a separate Jewish center had suffered eclipse as the result of early tablished a few years ago, which had New life for the propaganda

The chances are at the Zionism, however, does not mean that worst slight. The question for us is the views of those who have contended whether they are such as to warrant for establishment of a separate nation is more than ever spiritual in its na That involves consideration of the ture. This was brought out recently conditions under which we have gone by Jacob Schiff in an address in New to war. All the world knows we are York, in which he pleaded for conunprepared; we cannot conceal that tinuance of the Jewish efforts to refrom Germany. Only by noising the populate the land of their ancestors. ot abroad for two years and more But he has never been an advocate have we got Congress into the frame of a Jewish nation which should preclude loyalty to and residence in the The Government will inevitably make lands in which so many Jews now find number of men to the military forces many blunders; only by publicity can happy homes. The ideal toward is assignment of many others to agriwe hope to "ginger it up" to the point which he looks is a reservoir of Jewof undoing them and avoiding repeti- ish culture, unhampered by the con- Government should know not only fusing and conflicting alms, of the how many men between certain ages grier they grow the fiercer becomes rest of the world. From this foun- are available for military service but the war frenzy. tione can we assure ourselves that tain head, Judaism in all countries what each able-bodied man of any hey will be removed instead of pro-

Formerly it was hoped, among other things, that Palestine might become tion can be sure of correction without place of refuge from civil and religious man is fully employed, the Governrevelation to our whole population, persecution and intolerance. But re-with some risk that the information cent historical events may remove the necessity for these plans. Russia, which at the close of 1915 was esti-mated to have a Jewish population of 7,000,000, or a little more than half been aggravated by voluntary enlist-With their rights restored, and with opportunity for unhampered development in Russia, these millions ma see their destiny in a new light. The spread of democracy in other countries is likely to have an equally beneficial effect. So that the idea of likely to be abandoned, while in its

CLEAN-UP WEEK.

Observance of Clean-up week, ena scourge similar to the typhoid fever joined on the people of Oregon, has epidemic at Chickamauga and Long been forestalled to some extent by Island camps, publicity might reveal the widespread cultivation of yacant this weakness to Germany, but by lots and by previous efforts to collect delayed, but it should follow as quickly compel proper sanitation. Publicity turned to use. But there still remain

The campaign against rats ought spur by which a democracy can held to be conducted vigorously, both as a its government up to the proper stand- health measure and as a matter of preventing waste. Rats are carriers of time for a draft of men to farm work disease, but in addition to that they of Great Britain on sea and land are destroy great quantities of food that we need for ourselves. The rat has speech, though these have at the absolutely no reason for being. Even same time revealed the British na- a pacifist can join cheerfully in exterminating him.

The fly is a nulsance also. Its eggs should be swept from every recess in which they have accumulated, and burned. This involves attention to nooks and crannies that may have building of wooden ships won an un-

The dandelion is a pest of high degree, and deserves not only a day but This tribute is the more impressiv a season, if necessary, devoted to its because the Board seemed obsessed extermination. It is a good idea to with the idea that the South's inabildig up lawns that are hopelessly over- ity to produce the timbers should be run with dandelions, give them over conclusive. An opening was thu for a season or two to food crops that the Pacific Coast builders to require hoeing. It will be all the bet- attention on the resources of their secter for the country new and for the tion by offering to supply material for new lawn later on.

Fire-prevention measures are all-embracing, and form an important part of the purpose of Clean-up week. will supply the material should give

the first week in May is the time for general housecleaning, but some facof the great majority of newspapers, they ought to do. Housecleaning and need be accompanied by force should not be confined to dwellings.

Every day in the week will be chil- terial which might better be used near

ARE WE BUSY?

administration, will go into the state

A tax levy of \$400,000 for construc-

tion of a new penitentiary.
A \$6,000,000 road-bond issue. There are also various A \$3,000,000 grain elevator bond

Two new rival charters, each designed to overthrow commission form of government.

use of the public streets. A measure requiring bonding of fitneys for the protection of public. A measure prohibiting picketing and trade conspiracies.

A measure requiring interchange of dephone calls. The firemen's two-platoon bill. Four referended jitney franchises

applied for by Stephen Carver. A 1-mill tax for playgrounds in Marquam gulch. A \$500,000 bond issue to encourage factories.

A measure to relieve City Commissioners from liability for damages A \$75,000 garbage-collection bond

A possible bond issue to establish municipal light plant.

During the month that intervenes before election the military census will be taken by state and county officials, the food-production campaign will be in full swing, everybody will be hoeing and we shall be getting ready for the Rose Festival and the National Education Association. It is also housecleaning month and moving month. Clean-up week and Baby week are upon us, and it is urgently suggested that Portland citizens devote their idle moments to swatting the fly. Every cloud has its silver lining, There is a bright side of everything. The Portland citizen will be so busy during May that he will not have time to worry about the high cost of living.

A CENSUS OF HUMAN RESOURCES. The great task before the American be taken for the purpose of drafting struck for Germany. men for the Army be extended to all occupations, in order that the Government may have complete informatio tance with assignment of a certain number of men to the military forces culture and other occupations. mation was gathered in the state census of Connecticut, and it should be

gathered in every other state At a time when practically every ment is taking away from industry about a million men, yet it desires increased production by those who remain. It requires greater farm yields allies when the dearth of farm labor has Sam. ment. This deficiency can only be supplied by transferring labor from the cities to the country, yet it re- of vessels. quires increased output of guns, ammunition, clothing, tents, shoes, ships

and many other things in the cities. All these ends cannot be suined without a National stock-taking of labor, a redistribution of labor and in Zion as a place of refuge is quite creased production by each man, with If there should be a repetition of higher sense it is more than probable. The census would show which men that it will persist. in the cities have had experience in farm work and could with advantage be transferred to the farm. It is nec essary to complete mobilization of

It may not be advisable to take this as possible, and the same organization might be used for both. The de sired information might be obtained as to the men who are required to register for the military draft, and the when harvest begins. As the war progresses, necessity may arise suddenly for large bodies of men having special skill, and the Governmen should know in advance where to find

A TRIBUTE TO THE WOODEN SHIP. Supremacy of the Pacific Coast in

abandonment because the South cannot supply timbers of the required size. conclusive. An opening was thus given the Southern yards as well as their

But the fact that the Pacific Coast say that intelligent, unrestrained public criticism has been the prime agent in making Great Britain the backbone in the same set aside a "paint in adjacent yards can use the same set aside a "paint in adjacent yards can use the same set aside a "paint in adjacent yards can use the same set aside a "paint in adjacent yards can use the same set aside a "paint in adjacent yards can use the same set as a same set many vessels as it can build at one of the alliance.

Some cities have set aside a "paint day," on which the painter is to be countable to the law for publications that are inimical to the public good. The law cannot ordinarily touch it until after publication. In war inturned out faster than the immediate-

No housewife needs to be told that ern yards, they might be permitted to specialize on steel ships. This arangement would be both economical ories do not observe the occasion as and just to all sections of the country Housecleaning When both ships and railroad cars are in urgent demand, it would be wasteful to use them in carrying ma-

marines and the shipbuilders of the

An amendment requiring election of shells, the chances of their destruction city, town and state officers at the will be much greater, as they must ome to the surface to fire their guns. Also, the smaller the ship, the smaller the target and the less chance of a

By turning our energy to production amendments and ordinances. Among of the largest possible number of medium-sized ships at the smallest cost in the shortest time, the United States may keep the allies supplied with food and munitions enough to sustain their strength and their offensive power till an American army is ready for the An act to give jitneys unrestrained field, may build ships at least as fast as they are destroyed and may destroy

ernor Clinton, of New York, from whom the young aviator is descended.

It is a pity the movement begun disguised. The fruit they bear is not

In any scheme of defense in which big timbers are needed, the Northwest has a chance to show its pre-eminence. as usual. It has been a long time coming, but our lumber industry is about to receive reward for its patient waiting.

Grain elevators and all other places where food is stored should be as carefully guarded as Government arsenals, for German plotters consider copie demands that the census to the destruction of one of them a blow

A bone-dry Manhattan Island, even and possibly a foretaste of a longer posal for all uses. Of equal impor- dry spell, with the help of Billy Sunday and the war.

Britons and Germans each take comfort in seeing the others tighten their belts another hole, but the hun-

The speed with which the Navy 1

For a neutral nation, Norway is taking calmly the sinking of hundreds Evidently she is keeping books and somebody later must pay.

In order to save heart burnings, s uniform with ample gold lace must be designed for those who are con-

of Massachusetts for food production Such leaks are welcome.

n the world—the salmon—is now on. and America expects every fisherman to do his duty.

Federal officials are generally being reappointed in Oregon while the Why not include earmarking in the

the emergency? The man who would dodge the draft has no place to go but to Mexico,

The obstreperous county in the southwest corner needs currying with coarse comb.

Villa is cruelly slighted. He has not appeared on the first page for many

Hands across the mountains to Ne braska, which will be dryer than Ore-

The young fellow not drafted can do his two bits by paying income tax.

Now that the farmer has been everlastingly advised, let him go ahead. The farmer is going to be too busy to attend more meetings.

Can Logan Billingsley come back? It was a pleasant May day and more

Talk Rose Festival and act it.

German Militarism in Action By Irvin S. Cobb, of the Vigilantes.

(By courtesy of the Saturday Evening Post.)

Those conscientious gentlemen, who going to war with any nation for any reason, I wish, with all my soul, might have stood with me in Belgium on that In view of the statement of Lord
Percy that the war has resolved itself
into a race between the German submarket and the shiphyllders of the marines and the shipbuilders of the allied countries, it is not easy to understand why the Board should have tion and devastation in the tracks their

After the design of large proportions demanding the attention of Portland men and women. June 4 we shall elect a Mayor and two Commissioners and pass on a number of measures of wide scope and more than incidental importance. The state measures are the following:

An amendment granting authority to ports to create indebtednesses to encourage transportation.

A bill to tax the Oregon & California land grant.

An amendment prohibiting implied repeals of the constitution.

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see their eyes shining with joy and their faces transfigured as though by a splendid vision; and I can hear them-not proclaiming the justice of their cause; not seeking excuse for the recause; not seeking excuse for the re-prisals they had ordered; not, save for a few exceptions among them, deplor-ing the unutterable misery and suffer-ing their invasion of Belgium had wrought; not concerned with the ethi-cal regrets of helpless and innocent non-combatants—but proud and swoi-len with the thought that, at every onward step, ruthlessness and deter-mination and being ready had brought to them victory, conquest, spoils of to them victory, conquest, spoils of war. Why, these men were like beings from another world—a world of whose from another world—a world of whose tenes we, on this side of the water, had never dreamed.

as they are destroyed and may destroy submarines faster than Germany can build them. In that way the race may be won. The Pacific Coast, with its vast supply of large timber, is in a position to become the main factor in winning that race.

Citizen Genet made himself very unpopular by trying to dragoon the United States into an alliance with the first French republic, but his great-great-grandson has helped to make it a fact by serving in the French air service. The citizen became an American and married a daughter of Governor Clinton, of New York, from opportunities, and I can see Holyoke, Massachusetts, or Charleston, South Carolina, razed in smoking ruins, as Louvain or as Dinant was. I can see Louvain or as Dinant was. I can see the Mayor of Baltimore being put to near Junction City cannot become death by drumhead court-martial begeneral of cutting down old orchards.
There are thousands of trees in the Valley so covered with moss as to be Pennsylvania Congressmen and judges order to comply with laws prohibi disguised. The fruit they bear is not fit even for a poor grade of vinegar. The ground they encumber will produce food. County inspectors should look after these "orchards."

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The ground they encumber will produce food. County inspectors should look after these "orchards." shotgun in defense of his homestead. I can see a price put on the head of some modern Molly Pitcher, and a miltary prison waiting for some latter-day Barbara Frietchie. For we must remember that what we Americans call patriots the anointed war lord calls franc-tireurs, meaning bushwhackers. I was an eye-witness to crimes which measured by the standard of the stand which, measured by the standards of humanity and civilization, impressed me as worse than any individual excess, any individual outrage, could ever have been or can ever be; because these crimes indubitably were instincted on a wholesale had a by cortage. these crimes indubitably were insti-gated on a wholesale basis by order of

destruction has been permitted to oc-

The speed with which the Navy is reaching full war strength shows that the call to action is a more powerful stimulant than the prospect of doing duty at home.

A new peace offer tomorrow will be the usual stall. The real peace offer must come from the entente allies, one of which is your Uncle Sam.

For a neutral nation, Norway is tak-

It seemed to me then, and it seems to me now, a most dangerous thing for all the peoples of the earth, and a most are the peoples of the earth, and a mose evil thing, that into the world should come a scheme of military government so hellishly contrived and so exactly executed that, by the filtr of a Colonel's thumb a thousand men may, at will, be transformed from kindly, courageous, manly soldiers into relentless, while executioners and incendiaries. It has leaked that Thomas W. Law-son has offered his estate to the state and arrogant thumb, be converted back

again into decent mer again into decent men.

In peace the mental decility of the German, his willingness to accept an order unquestionably and mechanically to obey, it may be a virtue, as we reckon radial traits of a people among their virtues; in war this same trait becomes a vice. In pasce it makes him becomes a vice. In peace it makes him yet more peaceful; in war it gives to his manner of waging war an added sinister menace.

Henda of City Departments PORTLAND, May 1.—(To the Editor.)
-Please tell me the names of the Chief plan to bring in Oriental labor for of Police, the officers of the fire department, members of the Board of Health and School Board, and chief duties. BOY SCOUT.

> Chief of Police, John Clark. The heads of the five departments are: Mayor Albee, safety; Com missioner Baker, public affairs; Com missioner Dieck, public works; Commis sioner Daly, public utilities; Commissioner Bigelow, finance. There is no oard of health. Mayor Albee is head of the Health Bureau.

The members of the School board are . V. Beach, O. M. Plummer, Nelson G. Are you buying a lot for a home? Pike, Aian Welch Smith, J. Francis If not ready to build, make a garden Drake. Their duties are to administer the school affairs of District No. 1, inluding Portland and some adjacent territory.

Place Is With Home Troops SALEM, Or., April 30.—(To the Editor.)—The proposition of "British-American" in The Oregonian today is not a good one, in my way of thinking. If there are natives of the allied na-

COSTLY FOR MAJORITY OF HOMES

Telephone Interchange Means Many Will Help Reduce Expenses of Few. PHOENIX, Artz., April 25 .- (To the Editor.)-The Oregonian brings to me, away down on the Santa Fe, information that a measure is to be submitted to the voters of Portland at the June election to require the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Home Telephone Company to establish a system of interchange of service within the city.

Being interested in the city of Port-land and hoping to spend the greater portion of the remainder of my time there, I register my objection to the

vestment of either company. It will increase the investment in amount necessary to establish physical connection, increase the cost of opera-tion, increase the cost of maintenance, injure the service by the extra connections necessary to complete each in-terchange call, and delay the service by the time required for operators of each exchange to note record of each Interchange call for the differential charge which justice demands shall be paid to the company rendering service to patrons other than its own

Calculating that the total an ing paid to both companies for service at the present time is the amount nec essary to pay a fair net interest on the record valuation of both systems in addition to the necessary cost of operation and maintenance and that by terchange of service patrons will continue one service where both are maintained and thereby lessen the number of rental paying stations and close so many avenues of revenue, it will be necessary to increase the charge for service on telephones remaining in service in order to continue payment of the same rate of interest on the increased investment in addition to the increased cost of operation and main-

tenance. It would be unfair to increase the ost to the majority having only one telephone in order to reduce the expense of the minority having both tele-

For the information of advocates of telephone competition, I beg to advise that, by interchange of service, pa-trons of each company will have the same number of connections at their disposal, and the efficiency of service will be identical. Then it will be nec-essary to charge all patrons the same order to comply with laws prohibiting discrimination.

Telephone patrons throughout the city should hold neighborhood meet-ings of voters for the purpose of discussing this important question before

I am not in any way connected with either telephone company. Votes should elip this article and get bus on the job. ED WORD. Voters

ROOSEVELT DIVISION IS OF VALUE It Is Certain Way to Extend Immediate

Moral Effect of Our War Entry.

In holes, like wild beasts.

Taking the physical evidence offered strings have been placed on them to before our own eyes, and buttressing have been placed on them to keep them home, for they owe their the statements made to us not

We are willing to help pay our debt of gratitude to France, but not in any heedless rush to the slaughter pens of Europe. Give all plenty of time to season and prepare for the terrible ordeal and they will be equal to any and inferior to none. If the education is better finished in France, well and good, but not in the trenches or on the firing line in a war where experience and long training are the vital reand long training are the vital re-quirements of the fighting man. While we at our house are willing

(but with many heart aches and much grief) to see those who are dearer than of human rights and the general welfare of mankind, I suggest that, as there is not now any violation of neutrality rights, the many young foreignborn residents of this city and state will fluctuate in value measured by gold form a company or more and go with unless they can be freely exchanged for Teddy or ship to their own country and gold and unless there is absolute confitrain for the fray, in which our boys dence in the ability of the Government are about to plunge without restraint. to make the exchange. If they do this they will prove their patriotism to their own land and the glad hand of congratulation that has been extended to myself and to other parents that our sons are to aid the parents that our sons are to ald the forces of the allied governments in opposing the Kaiser will be taken at 100 per cent. If not, will they not be as bad as Colonel Rooseveit said this country was in hiding behind the British fleet? They will be living in a country where they will not be subject to military service and are only interested in that they will not have to go to the trenches and can pursue the money-making path without let or hindrance. Yours for the prosecution of the war to a victorious end for the althe war to a victorious end for the al-lies, America and the right. W. E. DANIEL.

725 Hawthorne avenue.

GARDEN IS PLACE FOR THE HOE Feel Like Joining Parade.

PORTLAND, May 1.—(To the Editor.)—One cannot help but wonder how many of the women who are really us-

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of May 2, 1867. The Good Templars of Oregon City From The Oregonian of M yesterday chartered the Echo and

made a picnic excursion to Rock Island, where they had the usual May Day ceremonies. Miss Ardula Randall was May Queen. A race has been made between the

"Plowboy" and Alek Hamilton, to be run at the White House at 2 P. M. next Saturday, 40 yards, for \$50 a side. The Pioneers will meet at the

grounds across the river this afteroon for practice at 5 o'clock.

The Good Templars' excursion and picnic yesterday was attended by about 300 people and was a very well got-up and nothing occurred the entire day to mar the pleasure of

Good lime for building purposes is eing burned from limestone in Jack son County.

As I have secured 500 tons of ice As I have secured 500 tons of ice from the Mount Adams cave, I would inform the public generally that I will have on hand from the first day of May throughout the entire senson ice sale at wholesale and retail-Philip Hornung.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian of May 2, 1867.
Portland had its May Day celebration find among those who ran it were
all the isms represented, including, of course, the People's party leaders. The celebration consisted of meetings, one in the afternoon and another at night.

The Bowers dredge will complete the illing of the section of Couch Lake, on which it is at present engaged, this week, and next week will begin work on another section adjoining the Seventh street bridge. Everything points to an early resumption of work on the Grand Central Station.

The negotiations that have been gong on for some time, looking to the opening of the wagon roadway of the steel bridge as a free bridge, have fallen through.

Some huge blocks of Arizona sandstone are being hauled up to the site of T. B. Wilcox's new residence at the corner of King street and Park avenue.

Captain Pease has gone to the each, north of Gray's Harbor, to perintendent the work of removing the steel ralls from the wreck of the British ship Abercorn, lost there two years ago. The rails were to have been used in building a portage road around The Dalles of the Columbia.

BONDS VERSUS FIAT MONEY Why It is Wise to Issue the Former,

Not the Latter. PORTLAND, May 1 .- (To the Edor.)-I have been a reader of The Ore gonian for 45 years. That alone should be sufficient proof of my faith in the onor and ability of the management, and in view of that fact I am quite sure the question below, in which I am very much interested, and upon which I hope to be enlightened, will receive due cor sideration

If the Government is good security for bonds, why is it not equally good for the same amount of fiat money? WILLIAM FRANKLIN PRUDEN.

Bonds are an evidence of money hor-PORTLAND, May 1.—(To the Editorial, 'Using Every Resource.'' I say give Mr. Roossvelt a chance, for if it is moral effect our worthy allies want, that ponding to the Government's credit at officers of rank, and must have been al effect our worthy allies want, that carried out under their personal supervision, direction and approval. Briefly, what I saw was this: I saw wide areas of Belgium and France in which not a penny's worth of wanton. I take a decided stand with you in destruction has been permitted to content out of the state of the same opinion. a fixed time. Fiat money is kept at its objecting to sending any of our troops Government's ability and willingness to destruction has been permitted to occur, in which the ripe pears hung untouched upon the garden walls; and I saw other wide areas where scarcely one stone had been left to stand upon another; where the fields were ravaged; where the male villagers had been shot in squads; where the miserable survivors had been left to die in holes, like wild beasts.

I have two sons, members of the Nation's credit is impaired even in the Silghtest degree. Greenbacks, which are flat money, were at a heavy discount during the Civil War and greatly instance in holes, like wild beasts.

Taking the physical evidence offered before our own eyes, and buttressing gold, it drains gold from the Treasury to be hoarded. During Cleveland's secservices to their country, as does every other right-thinking American.

We are willing to help pay our debt by redemption in gold and, as the law

to 1 per cent of their nominal value. General Carranza has issued flat money in Mexico, and it has fallen as low as 2 per cent. In fact, the only real money our own lives go to assist in the cause is some commodity which is adopted as

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—I notice in one of Portland's papers an appeal to eat war bread. What is

That paper's argument that this is patriotism is pure tunk. We are consuming all the bran and shorts now in its most nutrificus form. The stomach of the cow will extract more nutriment for us from thi A FORMER DAIRYMAN.

> The Hyphen Is Taboo. By James Barton Adams.

many of the women who are really using the hoe with desire to do their "bit" will take part in the "woman with a hoe" parade. As the actual use of the hoe increases, the desire for parades decreases.

There is not the least danger that women will fall to do their part or that they will be unable to appreciate the service of our men who are willing to sacrifice their lives if their country needs such a service. The sacredness of home and family is appreciated by home and family is appreciated. They read about the thought have no race affection for the least danger that the service of our men who are willing homes 'home and family is appreciated by home and family is appreciated SALEM, Or., April 30.—(To the Editor.)—The proposition of "British-American" in The Oregonian today is not a good one, in my way of thinking. If there are natives of the allied nations in this country who have not become citizens of the United States and are enxious to become soldiers in action, let them return to their own countries and enlist there.

They will be better acquainted with their associates, will know the personal sympathies and aspirations of the troops and will be much better equipped for valuable service than they would be as officers in the American Army.

I believe the practice of putting only American citizens on guard as soldiers of the Nation is a good one and should not be relaxed.

FRANK DAVEY.

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