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KNOWLEDGE AND PREVENTION.

The Oregonian notes without particular agitation that a contemporary has seen fit to give prominence to complaints from Charlotte, N. C., that a recent unfavorable news report in this paper on moral conditions there...

Very good. We hope everything is all right at Charlotte; we hope the correspondent of The Oregonian was not mistaken in his report of the fact that far-away city, who indignantly sends word that vice and intemperance have been sterily repressed there...

The gravest mistake the American people can make, in the vast preparation for war, is to close their eyes to actual conditions and to accept at face value the partial statements of local officials or of newspaper correspondents who are not conscious of their own correct conduct...

STANDPATISM BEARS ITS HEAD. It is a shock to our pride in creative genius to read in the reactionary Portland Journal the English criterion of standpatism, is not original with Oregon, and is not so good as the English system.

What ever it be the truth as to Mr. U'Ren's having found the Oregon system running around under another name in Tasmania, Kamchatka or Mesopotamia, Oregon has at least as good a right to the name of standpatism as the English criterion.

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toments. But even so, there cannot be overemphasis on the gravity of the sexual question, and the lurking and fearful dangers to the race it comprehends. The whole matter has unpleasant and disgusting aspects, and The Oregonian for a long time has been through choice, but wholly through its sense of obligation to the soldiers and to their parents and friends. No evil can be cured by ignoring it; knowledge is the vital need, so that there may be prevention.

PREPARE FOR THE NEXT LOAN.

We have done it. In typically American style, the American people have raised the second liberty loan of five billion dollars and more by a splendid Garrison finish. When the campaign began the millions seemed to grow slowly, but every bond-buyer became a worker, infusing patriotism and appreciation for a sound investment in his neighbors, until they grew to a mighty army of eight millions and more, each offering his money to Uncle Sam for the destruction of the Prussian barbarism.

The good news of American devotion to the cause of liberty and civilization comes most fitly on the same day with news that American troops have entered the front line of trenches in the mud and have fired their first shots at the foe. They will complete their education for the arduous task before them. The news from home that the people are behind them with all the money needed will stiffen their hearts and give them the courage to respond again and again to their country's call.

But the work is long and costly, and may absorb many more loans of five billions before it is finished. Having completed the second loan, the people should prepare for the next. They may be able to respond again and again to their country's call, they must husband their resources and accumulate funds to buy bonds as often as the Government calls upon them.

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Personal popularity and individual cleverness are the chief ingredients of the same member of Parliament may seek return from several districts. If he is of the government party, for example, he may be up in several districts before the next election, and may devote his whole time to the interests of himself and his party in another and doubtful district.

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the earth, which include minerals and lumber. The men who have been seeking out the secrets of Oregon's wealth will place their knowledge at the disposal of all comers, and will show its concrete results.

CHESTNUT TREES DISAPPEARING.

The Department of Agriculture has given our chestnut trees only two years more to live. Only a few years ago the chestnut timber in the United States was valued at \$100,000,000 or thereabouts. It was not the finest timber in the world, but it served to save better timber for other purposes.

But our scientists are a wonderfully successful set of men. They hoped for a while to save the trees by finding a way to combat the blight; but failing in that they have done the thing next best. They found in China a new chestnut that is immune, but the nut from which it factors to our own in sweetness and food value. So they crossed the Chinese variety with the chinquapin and obtained a nut much like the one which is now disappearing.

Nature has a way of solving her own problems, if she is left alone, but her processes are distributed among the Chinese chestnuts which do not blight have developed their immunity only in thousands of years, in which uncounted forests have succumbed, to the nut from which it factors to our own in sweetness and food value.

HOOVER SAVES CAR SERVICE.

The food administration is not content with promoting economy in consumption of food; it also works for economy in transportation. It is both to make the facilities of the railroads go as far as possible and to limit cost of food by avoiding unnecessary hauling.

In this as in other branches of his work, Mr. Hoover gets results through the co-operation of the people. He has been successful in organizing and placing patriotic duty above selfish interest. On their own recommendation, wasteful, expensive and unfair practices are abandoned, and rules are made in accordance with the plans of the administration.

Governmental restriction of enterprises not essential to the conduct of the war is going to put a crimp into the business of the next year. The stock market is not ready for Christmas, so why worry?

SHIPS, THE FIRST NECESSITY.

From all sides comes testimony that the greatest need of America and the allies in the war is ships. We have raised an Army of nearly a million men, but they cannot get to the front unless we have enough ships to send them across the Atlantic.

A professor up at Pullman has elaborated a formula for a breakfast food of grains and other stuff, but it cannot as a filler displace the "dog and fry."

The man at Aberdeen who says Henry Ford will be the next President is just a matter of "giving her more gas."

A Tacoma alienist says the round-head is the best fighter, which is not news to the square-head husband.

The long-range forecast was for "colder water at the end of the week," and hit it on the front end. The stress of war time was needed to show Oregon people the value in the evergreenberry.

firmly but ever against wooden vessels, yet refuse to permit shipbuilders to make contracts with other nations or private owners on terms which any man in his senses would accept. Thus a large proportion of the country's shipbuilding capacity is unused when the prime necessity of the war is ships.

ALL CAN HAVE GOOD FEET.

A person with bad feet need not despair, according to Dr. Jones, of the United States Army. The chance is good that with patience and determination he can cure his feet of the fallen arches, broken arches, "weak feet," hammer toes, curl toes, and even bunions, corns, and ingrowing nails produced by the folly of his youth.

Stand on a firm table with the balls of the bare feet on the edge, the toes projecting over the side. Bend the toes down as far as possible, then up. Repeat 30 times. At first the hands should be used to help bend the toes up and down.

After these exercises have been gone through with twice a day for two months, it will be time for walking on the toes, dancing, and such other exercises as develop the calf muscles. The first two months must be devoted to developing the unduly weak muscles of the foot and front part of the lower leg.

WOMEN DO MOST OF HOOVERING. I believe in playing fair, and not asking the woman to do it all. There is not a good wife or mother in the city today but whose main thought is, what can I get for dad's or the boy's dinner today? They do not buy the expensive foods for themselves. So gentlemen, have a heart, and do a little Hoovering yourselves.

CHIEF'S Diet at Fault. Mrs. G. W. J. writes: "(1) Can you suggest a mild purgative for my little girl, 10 years old? She has lots of trouble with her liver. Every three or four weeks we have to give her calomel. She begins to feel sluggish and in a few days she has high fever. Don't you think too much calomel will enter the system? She is not a hearty eater. She eats some vegetables, milk and butter, and a great deal of sweets.

Too Much Candy. F. E. K. writes: "I eat about three-quarters of a pound of popular priced candy (not chocolate) every week. Is this harmful to a woman of 21 years? If so, what would be a good substitute?"

Consumption Not Inherited. H. L. E. writes: "Is consumption hereditary?"

WHOLE leather ought to make good razor strops for use in the woodshed. Those Canadians in Flanders are setting a pace for the Americans.

Everybody knew Oregon would make good and have some over. The telephone workers will make a Halloween affair of it.

Julian Eitinge is the original camouflage. Consumption is not hereditary, properly speaking. It runs through families because they eat such other things as are not so badly ventilated, insubstantial because of consumed milk from the same source.

How to Keep Well.

By Dr. W. A. Evans. Questions pertinent to hygiene, sanitation and general interest. If matters of general interest, will be answered in this column. Where space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations and where stamped addressed envelope is enclosed, Dr. Evans will not make diagnoses or prescribe for individual diseases.

EXERCISES FOR OVERCOMING WEAK FEET, PAINFUL FEET, AND BROKEN ARCHES ARE: 1. Stand on a firm table with the balls of the bare feet on the edge, the toes projecting over the side. Bend the toes down as far as possible, then up. Repeat 30 times.

2. Toes are separated as far as possible. Then closed. Repeat 30 times. Help with the hands. 3. Standing on a flat surface, lift the toes (stand on the heels). Repeat 30 times.

4. Turn the feet inward and carry the weight on the other edge of the feet. While in this position curl and straighten the toes 30 times. 5. Stand on one foot. Carry the other foot over to an angle of 30 degrees. Rotate the foot in a complete circle about 30 times.

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SHIPPING, WHOLE WAR IN A WORD

Major Murphy Says All Else is Worthless Without Ships. From an interview of Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the European Red Cross Commission from the United States, with Elizabeth Fraser, published in the Saturday Evening Post:

Transportation: That, as I conceive it, is the whole war in a word. Not gold, not food; not materials; not labor; not soldiers—we've got all of those things to burn. But ships. An unbreakable chain of carriers straight across the world's water. And unfortunately the American Red Cross Europe can't produce ships out of its pockets at will, like a magician. Nor can we build them. But I can only say that unless we do get them, and that mightily quick, America will go down in an abyss terrible beyond any precedent in her history.

From now on every hour is precious. And, equally from now on, every hour of delay can be estimated pretty accurately in the loss of so many United States lives. We've got to face that fact squarely—and over here it looms bigger than across the water.

Men and Women Who Worked Day and Night for Liberty Loan Commended. PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—(To the Editor.)—In behalf of the Liberty Loan publicists, I desire to express my hearty thanks to the value of the volunteer services rendered so devotedly and faithfully at Liberty Loan headquarters for three weeks past.

RAIDS FRIGHTEN DOGS AND CATS. English Boy Notes That Household Pets Fear Hun Airplanes. BRITISH CONSULATE, Portland, Oct. 28.—(To the Editor.)—The following extract from the letter of a boy friend in England may interest you and perhaps some of your readers as indicating the way the air raids are regarded at the age of 12.

No Value in Madstones. HALSEY, Or., Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—The physical geography class of the Halsey High School would like to know if there is a mad dog stone, that is, a stone for the cure of mad dogs. If there is one, where is it to be found? Can you kindly tell us? BERTHA PYBURN.

Ordinary Stamps to Be Used. PENLETON, Or., Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Kindly state the approximate revenue during 1916 to the United States from letter and postal card postage. (2) After November 1 will there be special new war revenue 1-cent stamps, or will the present 1-cent stamps be used for postage on letters and postal cards? J. W. ELLSWORTH.

Alcohol for Manufacturing Purposes. PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—(To the Editor.)—Can alcohol be used for manufacturing purposes? (2) To whom should one apply for a copyright? OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Death of Writer. MILL CITY, Or., Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Have been interested recently in the death of Richard Harding Davis. I had not known of his death. Kindly state how, when and where he died. J. S. D. W.

Question in Grammar. BEAVERTON, Or., Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—To settle a dispute, please state whether this sentence is grammatically correct: "He returned a sudden and startling attempt on his part, made in the very middle of his career, to break away from the conventions that had limited him, if indeed they were a limitation." CLARENCE PHILLIPS.

Patent on Process. WENDLING, Or., Oct. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Does the Government afford any other protection than the patent office for inventions, especially a formula for the treatment of steel? P. A. JOHNSON.

A patent is all the protection one needs. We know of no other.