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pass the buck industriously to each other. Mr. Hughes is engaged in this depressing task, some consolation may be derived from the knowledge that Mr. Ryan and his aides are saving what they can out of the wreckage left by the old board and are trying to get full value for what is not yet expended, to speed up production and to make a better showing with the new appropriation of over \$384,000,000, which is to cover the fiscal year beginning July 1. That sum, added to former appropriations, will be an investment in air war close to the two billion mark.

Mr. Hughes is ready to report, we would carry a large enough air fleet in France to carry the news to Germany that the new forces in line with the allies are Americans, not Canadians or English, as the German propagandists have told the Germans. Another three months' production should equip General Pershing with enough armor to spread terror in the German rear and in the Rhine Valley and to give the German people food for thought through the Winter.

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may count on help from the Japanese merchant marine. The development of oil lands in Government reserves may ultimately relieve the situation, but even if necessary legislation had been perfected, this would be more than the work of a moment. The obvious lesson is one of economy. We have not quite reached the point of rationing automobile owners, but notice has been given to certain industrial plants to be prepared for a change to other forms of fuel, and there should be no waste of fuel in personal use by the consumer. Every gallon of fuel oil should be made to perform its full duty.

PROTECT THE PACIFIC COAST.

In asking for appropriations for hydroplane stations along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts for defense against submarine and air attacks, the War Department adopts after the event the plan which Admiral Peary had advocated for several years before the advent of the voyage of the Deutschland and the raid of the U-53 had proved that submarines had been built of sufficient steaming radius to attack ships off our coast, but nothing was done for defense against them until the United States actually declared war on Germany in 1917. The provisions of the act were provided. All of our most effective defensive measures have been the result of hindsight.

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The Grange resolutions rejecting alliance with the Non-Partisan League are clearly and forcefully expressed. The Grange bears in mind that the initiative and referendum, which it was largely instrumental in obtaining, still exist in Oregon. It sees no reason why it should not exercise the doubtful capacity when it has an opportunity at hand for getting that which will be of rural benefit.

Mr. Spence, and several others in Oregon, have been competitors in the field of mechanical invention. We all know the type. He—the inventor—is forever enthusiastically working out the details of some contrivance that will revolutionize some branch of industry, but never applies the product of his brain and hand to practical use. He invariably abandons it to start something else.

A BROAD IMMIGRATION POLICY.

Part of the preparation which the United States will need for the period after the war is thorough revision of the immigration laws. The intimate friendly relations into which this country has been brought with other nations by alliance with them in war have made these laws show due regard for the susceptibilities of people with whom we shall have recently been comrades in arms.

It is in a sense gratifying to know the remaining fever stopped short of Liebe street. Some of the best citizens of this land have German names, although, for that matter, many of the worst have them; but one who lived a good life in this country and who has earned a slight honor is not to be discredited when he has passed.

Other counties can with profit follow Union in holding stock shows independent of fair. This is more an idea than a county rivalry in the stock ring is bound to produce better blood, and the better that is the bigger and better the beef.

without passing the examinations would pay \$10 a year. The development of oil lands in Government reserves may ultimately relieve the situation, but even if necessary legislation had been perfected, this would be more than the work of a moment. The obvious lesson is one of economy. We have not quite reached the point of rationing automobile owners, but notice has been given to certain industrial plants to be prepared for a change to other forms of fuel, and there should be no waste of fuel in personal use by the consumer. Every gallon of fuel oil should be made to perform its full duty.

A Line o' Type or Two.

The delightful season is here when persons are to be seen carrying coats and collars in hand and larding the lean earth as they walk along. It may have been these that provoked the late William Winter to refer to "the proletarians who make the world almost uninhabitable by their vulgarity."

Self-Immolation.

"Yes," said the Colonel. "It was a great and a pleasant surprise. Mr. Taft learned I was here and came to see me."

Arkansas Amenities.

The candidates for Representative in Baxter County spoke at this place last night. There are five in the race, a preacher, a merchant, a justice of the peace, a school teacher and a restaurant keeper. In his speech in support of the people, the justice of the peace stated that his opponent, the merchant, reminded him of the first war he saw—how he did not deny the fact, but stated that his opponent was so crooked that it would be necessary to dig a grave to bury him since he could be interred by simply screwing him into the ground like a corkscrew.

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Edgar Jepson, whoever he is, sniffs Dr. Isaacson. Stop your sniffing. Doc. Jepson has written a dozen or so novels, and he is a world more over, his phrase, "plopp-eyed bungaroo," is all to the good. We're strong for Jepson.

Gu is in for an Awful Trimming.

From the Marquette, Ia. Sentinel. A long letter from Mr. Gus Miller, the West Anama storekeeper who tried to sue one of the soldier boys on the eve of his departure for an infantry regiment, has just received the attention necessary to give him the airing he seems to be wanting.

Low visibility marks Schumann, Schubert and Brahms songs on our vocal programmes, but pianists continue to perform those masters.

Our ultimate conception, enlarged 500 diameters, of nothing to brood over, was a letter from Kerensky, a quondam Big Benky of Russia. Besides, the B. E. people say that Kerensky was a false alarm.

The Inspired Reporter.

From the Charles City, Ia. Press. He has been a member of the House of Representatives for four years and a member of the Senate four years. Aside from this, Mr. Enger is a high type of citizen and an honorable, upright gentleman.

Glady's No Longer Luce.

From the Philadelphia Record. Announcement was made today of the marriage of Miss Glady Luce, a high school teacher, to Corporal Marvin Jones.

Scoping the Yerkes Observatory.

From the Stevens Point Journal. Resident of Wisconsin will have an opportunity to witness a total eclipse of the sun on the afternoon of June 8. The eclipse may be seen from 1:30 until sundown, according to authorities, the moon and sun, one on each side of the earth, will pass each other some time during that period.

The Best Time to Hear Reinold Is on Tuesday.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Reinold Werren's first appearance was with Mrs. Geraldine Farrar in concert, when Milwaukee recognized him as the first baritone in American on Tuesday.

THROWING TOOL INTO MACHINERY.

Why the Rev. Booser's Criticisms Have That Aspect Told by Mr. Churchill. PORTLAND, June 6.—(To the Editor.)—Rev. Myron L. Booser, of Grants Pass, is again quoted in The Oregonian on the subject of foodstuffs. He has greatly revised the tone of his last week's protest against wheat saving, and with much that he says this time I am quibbling in harmony.

But while he now acquiesces in the great need for wheat saving, he makes certain other misstatements of fact which cannot but confuse the public mind. The great cause of prohibition does not gain anything by inaccuracy, no matter how inadvertent.

So far as the barley used in malt liquor (beer) is concerned, I stated last week that what the brewers were still protesting about was the fact that the ready long since all been turned into malt, so that so far as the period between now and harvest is concerned, Mr. Booser's appeal is already answered.

I am not familiar with all the reasons which the President of the United States has given for his proposal of stopping last Fall the use of any barley in beer. I do know two of any. He had a tremendous responsibility in the war has come and has through vast numbers of workers in munition plants, shipyards and other essential industries. Their enthusiastic backing of the war has come and has through vast numbers of workers in munition plants, shipyards and other essential industries.

There is a second reason that the President undoubtedly had. I discussed this matter by it seems to have escaped Mr. Booser's notice. To have a three years' whisky supply in the country, manufactured previous to August 1, 1917, is a national calamity. We adopt National prohibition (which can scarcely happen for a year yet) it would be most dangerous, from the prohibitionist's own standpoint, to cut off the manufacture of beer and whisky off the beer-drinking population over to a whisky basis. I doubt if Rev. Mr. Booser himself is a very good brewer.

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Hideout of Tomato Pest.

RAINIER, Or., June 6.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Do you know of any place where a small black bug or gnat that is eating my beet leaves and killing my tomato plants? I don't know what they are called, but I have seen them on the tomato plants and they eat the leaves off them.

Classification Must Stand.

RICHFIELD, Idaho, June 4.—(To the Editor.)—When I made out my questionnaire I entered no claim exemption and was placed in class I. One of my eyes is blind, as was assured by the doctor that I would pass.

Where to Learn of Shipyard Jobs.

LA CROSSE, Wash., June 4.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me just how a person must go about getting into the shipyards and what the wages are. I am an experienced machinist and have worked quite a good deal in carpenter work and can offer good references. I am a single man, 35 years of age, and would like to know if there are houses to rent near the work.

Status Change Must Be Reported.

PORTLAND, June 6.—(To the Editor.)—Please state what the status of a man is and what he should do who was married at time of answering questionnaire, but a widower now, with no dependents, and within the draft age?

Gas Masks in Navy.

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In Other Days.

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Eclipse in Ancient Literature.

Earliest Record is Found in Chinese Classic of 2136 B. C. DALLAS, Or., June 6.—(To the Editor.)—The approaching eclipse is attracting more than usual attention in this section of country just now, because of the fact that the sun and moon will be within the 65-mile wide belt of the eclipse zone is located at a certain geographical point in the Pacific Northwest namely, Baker, Oregon. Here the savants of astronomy are congregating and putting in place the latest instruments for observing the phenomenon.

The solar eclipse has in all ages aroused both the superstitious fear of the ignorant and the scientific interest of the thoughtful. When the dark shadow begins to creep over the face of the sun even thinking men stand in awe of the unusual phenomenon, yet they know that it is but a part of the natural order.

Perhaps the most famous eclipse mentioned in history was the one predicted by Thales of Miletus. Thales is said to have visited the land of the Chaldeans, and while there became familiar with the methods of predicting eclipses, the Magi ascribing the phenomenon to the influence of spirits. The old Greek philosopher could not accept the popular interpretation of the cause of the phenomenon, but after long pondering over the subject he came to the conclusion that eclipses were brought about by natural causes, and reasoning from these premises he predicted that an eclipse of the sun would occur on the date above given. The old philosopher of Miletus had given to the world the greatest thought that ever came into its working mind.

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