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THE FUEL OF PORCE.

On the day word came that Americans were engaged in force in delivering a blow on the flank of the German days of foreboding. Each hour had told the story of some further advance by the enemy. But news that the Americans were in action dispelled immediate doubts. The people had faith in the valor of their soldiery. They felt that the tide was about to turn. A new enthusiasm found expression in shouts and congratulations.

The tide had turned and it has been ebbing ever since. But with successes that are daily reported has come a dangerous complacency upon the peo When the allied might was menaced last Spring and Summer those could not fight felt that they must do something. The most prac-ticable thing seemed to be to give of their money. So they gave. Is fear the only thing that will make the ones at home give adequately of their means? Will they fight only when their backs are to the wall?

It would be a disastrous policy on the battlefields of France. No soldier there is dallying or displaying indifference to duty because the Germans have fallen back. Each is determined to finish the fight and to finish it

cuse. The war is not over. The be- be at the disposal of the Government tion of the force we have been exerting; it may vanish if we do not in- the Government will decide every crease that force. Our policy must be doubt. to fight, fight, fight, with ever-increas- which women can do must be turned ing force until the enemy is over-

The engine of force cannot run without fuel. It is fuel that we are now called upon to provide. Unless dollars are put into Liberty Bonds there can no vital thrust. Purse strings must be released.

## A GREAT NEWSPAPER FALTERS.

A most astonishing exhibition of in its discussion of the Austrian peace proposal. Alone among great American newspapers, it described the proposal as one "which the allies may honorably accept," which should "re ceive the most serious and respectful The Times could "Imagine that the invitation will be

What has come over the Times' Before the United States entered the war, it was a staunch champion of the cause of the allies and of the defense of American rights. Since we accepted the Kaiser's challenge it has not faltered until this time. What has happened to weaken its heart? Austria proposed that the allies

send delegates to exchange views about peace with delegates from the four central powers-that is, men whose sovereigns have declared a treaty to be a scrap of paper and who have proclaimed and acted the belief that wholesale massacre. mutilation and starvation of women and children, wounded soldiers, penceful seamen, are legitimate methods of warfare; who have violated all the rules of national hospitality by employing their diplomatic agents to destroy the lives, industries and shins of their hosts; who bought the basest citizens of Russia, installed them in power by violence, corruption and intrigue and then negotiated a sham peace with them at just such a conference as the Times would have the United States and our allies enter with the central powers. Austria proposed a secret discussion at a confer ence similar to those which President Wilson has denounced, at which the rights of nations were bartered away among the agents of despots like pawns in a game of chess. By asking that this proposal be ac-

cepted the Times preaches defeatism -the same insidious poison which Bolo Pasha spread in France and for spreading which he died the death of a traitor; the same poison which finished. caused the defeat of the Italian army last October; the poison which re duced Russia to her present horrible condition; the poison which Lord Lansdowne spreads in Britain. We from past performances and they would use their utmost guile to war divide the allies by offering concessions to first one, then another, with no intention to keep faith with either.

This is no mere assumption inspired by prejudice. It is the logical conclu-sion from the acts of both Germany and Austria, and from the doctrines which they have taught their own people, to say nothing of the established record for perfidy of Turkey came from no sincere desire for peace or to re-organize the world in accordthe monstrous system of tyranny which has been built up by the Ho henzollerns, Hansburgs, the Ottomans, and their satellites. It is the cry of the trapped desperado who has been

This is no ordinary war to settle the conflicting claims of nations to this might be turned to our advantile mint price of gold remains the same, territory, like that between Russia tage in solving the land-improvement the value of gold has risen. In fact, while the conclusion of this war.

America did not speak through the article in the New York Times. Its true voice was that of the Mothers of Soldiers and Sailors, who demand that no terms be considered except unconditional surrender of the enemy. Now, when we have just begun to win and when the bullies of the world tremble MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS at the certainty of punishment, is not The Associated Press is exclusively enti-'force without stint.'

### HUNS AND VANDALS.

ecord of wanton destruction of a in the farmhouse kitchen. supply of sphagnum moss in a Red ross warehouse; the other a relation stretcher-bearers and carry machine guns instead of wounded on the batsalient that menaced Paris, there was tiefield. The Kaiser, who is respona great public gathering in front of sible for fixing the designation "Huns" the Liberty Temple. There had been upon his soldiers, will be delighted, no Its object is not only to conserve food doubt, that they are also making themselves worthy to be called Vandals.

The Vandals, in the belief of his origin, unlike the Huns, whose ancestry was Turko-Tartaric. It is un-Germans' seem determined to approwere ruthless and cruel, but they perhaps were outdone by the Vandals in wholly purposeless destruction. The Vandal's under Genseric practiced virtually every form of treachery and piracy of which the mind can conceive, and made the word vandal one of the most descriptive in our language.

It is doubtful if Attila would have countenanced the destruction of hospital supplies, if there had been hos pitals in his day. Genseric might have done so. The Germans may be chafing inder discovery that the Huns were not barbarous enough to serve as models for them.

A SUMMONS TO EVERY MAN.

The meaning of the summons to every able-bodied man to engage in Overconfidence is a dangerous thing some productive occupation with the hand, is likely to persist.

to harbor in war time. It should be alternative of being drafted into the The argument of those who clung to repelled even when there seems to be Army is unmistakable. It is that the the barrel was that it could be rolled excuse for it. Today there is no exentire man power of the Nation must and need not be carried any distance. ginning of the end may be in sight, for prosecution of the war, that the but it will vanish if there is diminu- limits of individual choice are to be ter also lends itself more readily to ent standard. restricted within those limits, and that Work now being done by men over to women. Work which can be dispensed with or postponed must be dropped, and those employed in it without harm to the business if the out suddenly giving an unearned profit must turn to something which is mili-

tarily useful. When we consider that war industries are from a million to a million and a half men short of their requiremental blindness or faintness of heart Army is defending the United States to minimize waste. Extra sound fruit, lingly as the Colonel predicts, for they has been given by the New York Times as surely by fighting in Europe as if which need not be "extra fancy" to be would be assured against loss. it were fighting in America, and the good, can wait until later on necessity of the Nation is the supreme

Government places him. This stern summons is a needed rebuke to those whose superficial overoptimism leads them to imagine that because the allies are winning at all the war is already won and that the time to relax has come. It is still possible for us to lose by relaxing our efforts too soon. The fact is that we have just begun to win, and, to use the vernacular of the prize-ring, the time to get in your best and hardest licks is when you have got the other fellow going. No doubt should be entertained that Germany will press into the ranks every man, even women, of her own and of subject peoples, and that every appeal will be made to the patriotism and fear of the German people to induce them to fight as long as an army can be held to-gether. If through laxity at home the blows of the armies should become weaker, they might yet suffer grave reverses. The way to win, and win quickly, is to make each blow harder than the last and thus to give the enemy no respite for recovery.

That which has been said of men and of human effort is true also of money and financial effort. The need of money grows as the Army and Navy grow, and their continued growth to the maximum requisite to crush the enemy will require every dollar people can lend over that sum which is reasonably necessary to living. Slacker dollars are as contemptible as slacker men, and money should pour into the treasury in a swelling stream until the allied armies enter the Hun capitals. Not till then shall we be able to say that the great work of saving the world for democracy is

USE FOR EXPLOSIVES jection after the war would be a plan after-war burden, the governments of under which commercial explosives from former intrigues of German would be furnished at nominal cost can now begin to remedy the inflation agents what would happen at such a to bona fide owners of stump land, of currency by stimulating production conference. The only hope of the engaged in preparing the land for of gold. This would give relief from central powers to escape the punish- tillage. The countless billions of foot- that part of the inflation of prices ment which they have earned lies in pounds of energy which have been which is due to inflation of currency division among their enemies, and expended in pure destruction since the

> read of shells costing \$175 apiece two nations combined, these two na-without mentally calculating what he tions could, by co-operation, decide could accomplish with \$175 worth of the matter for the whole world. powder under some of the stumps for perfidy of Turkey slower methods. It would be interest-The Austrian proposal ing to calculate the number of acres gold. That is an assumption t

constructive channels.

purposes, but in certain fundamentals that it no longer pays to work low

ing them is now perfected to the high- of value for other commodities: est possible degree. The notion that

lease their slaves. Such must be the Washington he would be amazed and today": edified by the results obtained.

Two items in a day's news have a vegetables, that should have been it peculiarly Frussian flavor. One is the grown on the home farm and put up

Such statistics, which it is asserted can be duplicated in farming comof the treachery of German soldiers, munities, not only in Oregon but who disguise themselves as Red Cross throughout the West and in many sections of the East, furnish full justification for the big canning campaign now being conducted through the agricultural colleges of the various states.

and labor but to encourage thrift. Results of following out the Government's advice will be far-reaching. torians, were of ancient Germanic Home products used release commercially canned goods for American soldiers and their allies. Home canned necessary to take sides in an argument or dried food means so much cut from over which was the more vicious in the high cost of living, so many more order to appreciate the fact that the liberty bonds or war savings stamps bought, consequently so much further Germans' seem determined to appro-bought, consequently so much further "certain individuals are bound to get priate the vices of both. The Huns advance toward a competency and hurt" in "carrying out any worldbetter times in after years.

All praise to the patriotic women who are spreading the thrift gospel through the canning demonstrations

### APPLES IN BOXES.

The box pack, in which Oregon apple growers were the pioneers, is more than ever justifying itself in the present emergency. In the first place the boxes required to contain a given quantity of apples cost less than bar rels would, and in the next there is great economy of space for shipping and storage. Boxes can be made from the lumber rejected by airplane manufacturers and are likely to be available in reasonable quantities when the industry can be reorganized. The barrel shortage, on the other

But this was offset by the many advantages of the Oregon box. The lathonest grading, and is associated in the minds of consumers with a su-

perior grade. It is possible that the "extra fancy"; This can be next lowest grade is well maintained. methods, but this is not the time to sudden access of wealth? be finical. It will be a good thing,

law for each citizen. For the dura- of sugar, should increase apple contion of the war no man belongs to sumption. By buying them we help himself; he belongs to the Nation, and one of our key industries and keep the mint price and cost of produche must be ready to serve where the more of our money at home. The apple has a valid claim for considera-

HOW TO GET MORE GOLD,

One of the most complex problems with which the world is confronted is that of increasing the supply of gold in order to establish a safe basis for the vastly inflated supply of paper currency and credit which the war has produced. There is a broad and constantly widening gap between the existing supply of gold and the amount Government and private paper which is payable in gold. This gap has caused depreciation of paper, which is expressed in enhanced prices for commodities, and to that enhancedue to demand which in many cases exceeds and in any case equals supply. The wider that gap becomes the higher will prices rise, the more currency will be needed to pay them, the more currency, and so we shall continue to travel the vicious circle. The Federal reserve law adopted 40 per cent as a have done. safe ratio of gold reserve to paper currency, and in effect declared that less ratio was inflation. actual ratio is far less than 40 per the degree in which the gap has become unsafe.

The danger lies in the near future when the world will have stopped fighting and gone to work. prices will surely begin to fall, and the man who now can pay a specified debt by working so many days must work twice as many days to pay the same sum. Govern ments have piled up debts in order to pay inflated prices caused largely by inflated currency, and they will be called upon to pay in deflated cur A form of Government subsidy to rency which the taxpayer must earn at which there should be no serious ob- deflated prices. In order to lighten this the United States and allied countries war began suggest the beneficial re-sults which would flow from diversion of only a fraction of this energy into of the world's gold production in the No true stump land pioneer can year 1916, or 86.2 per cent for the

It has been accepted as an axiom that he was forced to dig out by that prices of other commodities are That is an assumption that of logged-off land which could be \$20.67 worth of other commodities, brought under the plow if the exploance with the aims of the allies. It sives consumed in a single prelimi-was inspired by terror at the immi-nary barrage were directed to their many years the price of commodities nence of defeat and of destruction of clearing. The number undoubtedly has been rising, and a greater value in them has been consumed in produc-It will not be contended that the ing an ounce of gold. The great dishigh explosives of military science are turbance of prices caused by the war either desirable or safe for industrial has so enhanced the cost of production brought face to face with the stern their ingredients are similar and the grade mines, and they are closing.

penalties of law and hopes to escape organization for obtaining and utiliz- How can that be if gold is the measure The explanation is that, while the

and Japan, for example. It is a war problem is attractive. The cost would we must reverse the axiom by saying to decide whether the world shall be be only an infinitesimal fraction of that the value of gold is measured by ruled by the moral law which dis-tinguishes man from the beasts. It is leads to the further revolutionary conto establish the elementary principles of human right, of mercy and kindness to the weak and young, which Germany has challenged. Officers of the law do not negotiate with, they capture or kill, men who violate those principles. The judge does not discuss with a criminal what sentence he explosives is both too costly and too nan, of Coeur d'Alene, has written to shall impose. The United States did ponderous to be practical. But if one Senator Henderson, chairman of the not negotiate with the Barbary pi-might translate, say, a battle of Vercommittee on mines and mining, in rates; it burnt their ships, destroyed dun into an energy-equivalent in which he gives these reasons "why their forts and compelled them to re-stump-land reclamation in Oregon and the nominal price of gold is so low

FARMERS BUY CANNED GOODS,
Marvelous to relate, farmers of Oregon, instead of producing their own necessities of life, buy and consume quantities of canned goods each year. Figures gathered in rural districts of Polk County by Miss Edna Mills, home demonstration agent of the Oregon Agricultural College, show that fifteen county groceries sold to farmers last Winter \$2938.31 worth of commercially canned fruits and vegetables, that should have been upon the home farm and put up.

Colonel Kennan proposes that the certain fixed nominal price for two centuries.

That in these two centuries, owing to the splandid credit of the great nations, the vast amount of negotiable paper issued by the last all the paper issues been uniformly acting on the paper issues based on gold are gold. And in effect this action agricultural college, show that fifteen county groceries sold to farmers last Winter \$2938.31 worth of commercially canned fruits and vegetables, that should have been uniformly acting on the paper issues based on gold at a falsely low price—less than they gold at a falsely low price—less

Colonel Kennan proposes that the permanent price of gold be raised to \$33 1-3 per ounce, which he holds to be its true value, and he says:

We could dig the needed amount of r gold in a way and at a pace that we be good for sore eyes. An ounce is small amount of gold and, if about were added to the present price of it, could and would mine gold from thousand it was a state of the could make new yelopments in all old and abandoned guiden that we do not not be sore that we have new yelopments in all old and abandoned guiden that we dare not attempt before: velopments in all old and abandoned gold mass that we dare not attempt before; and we could utilize thousands of old mines containing millions of tone of ore already mined, which were too low grade to be tackled before. A greater boom in gold mining would follow than this old world has ever seen before. We'd get the gold.

But a change in the fixed price of obligations which are to be met in gold. As to them Colonel Kennan says wide or nation-wide programme," but that this "cannot be avoided." He proposes that in legislating on the weighed, but that present high war prices of other commodities were left wholly out of account" and he further proposes that:

We should stand on the broad, just ground that all contracts heretofore made and hereafter failing due, in which gold was consideration and value received, were inadvertently made under mutual mistake of the contracting parties as to the true value of gold. . and that the United States Government as a high court of equity decrees that all those contracts should be carried out in gold at its true value, i.e. the new gold standard.

But war prices have affected the value of gold, and the disturbance of values is morally certain to continue These causes may be for some years. expected to cause the value of gold to fluctuate from the new standard and to render it as fictitious as the pres-What is needed is means of making the price paid for gold correspond with the cost of production, varying as this varies. not this be done in such a way as to pack will be neglected during the stimulate production without chang ing the present mint price and with to those persons who have hoarded Buyers do well to insist upon honest gold and who are least entitled to a

The end might be attained by payhowever, if buyers will content them- ment of a bonus for production of selves with the lower grades early in new gold equivalent to the difference lion men will soon be drafted into the season. These do not keep so between its present fixed price and the military service, the necessity for this well in storage and ought to be cost of production. Miners would then drastic measure will be obvious. Our utilized in a year when we are trying extract gold from the earth as wilrate of the bonus could be changed Shortage of other fruits, and also from time to time as conditions door and carried the blazing can into the sugar, should increase apple conchanged, though it should always be the street with a little hand truck. maintained at the difference between When the department arrived there the mint price and cost of produc-tion. We have reason to expect a flames were entirely extinguished. The material fall in prices after the war, which would warrant a reduction in the bonus. The conditions leading to the rise in value of gold had been operating for many years before the They may change until produc-WAT. tion cost closely approximates the mint price, when the bonus would cease!

twentieth century Crusaders from recovering the holy places of Christen dom, and we may feel sure that this paradoxical thing is that the Arabs whose ancestors drove the Christians J. B. Bridgeford, Assistant Manager. from the Holy Land are now helping them in the work of reconquest, and ment is added a further enhancement that the Christians are ready to help the Arabs in driving the Turks from the holy cities of Mahomet.

Those good fellows wearing the but tons are working for the honor and gold will be needed as a basis for the credit of Portland and are doing their best. Help them by doing yours, which means a little more than you

A man who had been drinking The tollet preparation containing alcohol was found dead, and a Deputy Coroner cent, and the extent of that excess is thinks he died of acute alcoholism. The Deputy Coroner is an acute official.

No doubt an alien enemy set the bomb that wrecked the Seattle plant. Then In fiction he always is caught, but in real life seldom. Seattle can make another record by landing him.

> There are many who do not need to be importuned to buy bonds or to buy more. It may be matter of honor and pride, and both will win before the final day.

When a car is stolen while a man s at church, the victim shows a proper disposition by wanting to fight, for a fighting Christian is a holy terror for

they need it for growth, but make the grown folk leave the table a bit hungry -it's good for them. These are not the melancholy days

far from it. Buy another bond and make them joyous. We may run short of bacon and

cans, but we may certainly be sure of enough prunes. The weather prophets are punsters They predict "fair" weather. Hope

they make it. You need not catch influenza to be better.

Tin spectacles will be in fashion if Tin spectacles will be in fashiou if our city ought to enable us to raise gold conservation continues and grows. \$20,000,000 in four months. Our failure to do it would not only be ridiculous. A peace proposal from Turkey is in but positively disgraceful.

SUGAR ALLOTMENTS FOR CANNING CHARLATANS REAPING PROFITS "Messages" From Boys Overseas Brazen-Use Must Be for Purpose Purchased and ly Sold to Gullible Relatives. Balance Returned.

PORTLAND, Sept. 23 .- (To the Editor.)—I would like to know if I am mistaken in my idea of the sugar allowance. I think it was a few months ago, people, for a few days were allowed 100 pounds or a sack of sugar, specialty of looking after other people's but a while later I read in one of the psychics, fortune-tellers, mediums, quacks and charlatans who make a slowed 100 pounds or a sack of sugar, troubles and worries and in the psychics of the psychics and the psychics of the psychics for tune-tellers and the psychics of the psychics of the psychics for tune-tellers and the psychics of the psychics for tune-tellers and tune-tell but a while later I read in one of our papers where it was found necessary to call in sugar that had been thus purchased and each family was allowed 25 are in a burst of rather indiscreation.

ago, in a burst of rather indiscreet confidence, "Yes, I look after other people's personal troubles, but (winkwith many who have their 100 pounds. As no one seemed to have read the article I refer to, so they just say, "I bought the sack of sugar when we were allowed to." Now if all the people were entitled to all this sugar, who soldiers in France are anxious about where they are and what their fate will be. That is a perfectly natural feeling and one that we all respect. There must be at least three million was supposed to be allowed only the 25 pounds? Those who were too slow to be in on the "bargain," or didn't have the purchase price? States now. Portland has its share of these troubled hearts. This city also I am not complaining, for I have made my 25 pounds do our small

family, by using kare syrup in can-I have not seen the sugar in any tives. All reports show that the psychic quacks are unusually busy. Soldiers' relatives consult them to get these homes but have the word of the people that they have it and they surely nust from the fruit they are preserv

Now, please do not think I am in any way jealous of these people, nor am criticising anyone concerned in the disribution of sugar, nor our inspectors out if I am in the right, why a great many are surely getting by with their scheme. I merely wish to know if i took the wrong meaning from read. READER.

Persons who purchosed a 100-pound sack of sugar for canning were not requested to return their purchase and take only 25 pounds when the Food Administration found it necessary to discontinue allowing the larger allotment. There has been a call for the return of all sugar alloted for canning and not used for this purpose, and this is doubtless what you read. Families which do not use canning sugar exclusively as such, according to gold would disturb vast numbers of pledge made, and purchase for culinary and table uses in accordance with the new regulations render the family member who signed the pledge a per jurer, amenable to prosecution. If the Food Administration calls for inven-He tories of the amount of canned and preserved foods in such homes the consubject Congress should state that "in sumption of sugar from the sack to naming the true value, pre-war conditions, war-imposed paper issues and which patriotic citizens now get along, werely punished by fine and imprison ment. Only in that way will it be possible. the duplicity will be revealed.

If you have fruit of your own which might go to waste or can show justification for the request, you can ob tain a permit to make a second or even a third 25-pound purchase. To quite an extent the Government trusts to the sincerity, honesty and natriotism of the housewife to utilize such sugar solely for the purpose of adding to the food stocks of the Nation. At the same time Food Administration officials will freely tell you that they have developed an absolute check on every pound of sugar from refinery to dining table. The fruit jar rubbers will be accepted

as salvage. GUARDSMEN QUICK IN EMERGENCY

Two of Multnomah Organization Pre

vent Fire Damage by Prompiness. PORTLAND, Sept. 23 .- (To the Editor.)-Permit us to bring to your attention an instance of efficiency and initiative on the part of two members of G. H. Company, Multnomah Guard, of this city. A small hlaze started from spontaneous combustion in the plant of a downtown printing house (that of Bushong & Co., on Park street), the fire starting in a metal waste can on the first floor of the building. The fire had gained quite a little

headway, and was blazing up brightly when the alarm was turned in. It happened that two members of the G. H. nity, and seeing writer has no doubt, however, that if the waste can had not been removed as promptly as it was, considerable dam age would have been done to the paper tock contained in the building

We feel, therefore, that it is due to Multnomah Guard that the damage done was practically nothing. work in this particular instance was significant of their readiness and will ingness to jump into the breach at any emergency, and we believe it to be litting that they should receive the credit that is without question due her 21, and was published the next ers entering the service have delegated

time the recovery is final. But the PACIFIC STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Wages of Logging Camp Cook. SKAMANIA, Wash., Sept. 22 .- (To the Editor.)-Please inform me what is the Government scale of wages for a log-ging camp cook, where up to 25 men combined. 2. Can an employer cut a cook's

wages at the end of the month without notifying her, and what steps can be taken to collect the same wages as for the month preceding A CONSTANT READER

1. The wages of a camp cook are

optional, but are presumed to be above those of a second cook, fixed at \$100 per month. The scale for dishwasher and waitress is \$95,

2. Take up the matter with the local Loyal Legion secretary for consideration of the local council.

Men in Merchant Marine. ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 22 .- (To the Editor.)-1. Please tell me if the Gov-ernment allots anything to the wife whose husband has joined the merchant marine.
2. Also, must the husband who be-

ongs to this branch take out insurance for his wife? CONSTANT READER. 1. The wife of a man in the merchant

marine receives an allowance just as in the case of soldiers and sailors. The ompulsory allotment from the husband's pay is \$15 per month, minimum, and the Government adds \$15. It is compulsory that men of the

merchant marine take out insurance if they are attached to a vessel traversing or do they need more? the war zone.

No Excuse for Bond Failure.

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—(To the Edi-tor.)—When we consider that 100,000 people by digging up an average of \$50 each per month can raise \$20,000,000 in each per month can take the pay-the four months allowed for the payment into the United States tres or Its agents, the banks, it is nothing short of ridiculous that Portland should fail to pledge that amount as fast as the solicitors can get around. There are several ways to figure it to date. Buying another bond is and make our response look ridiculous but I think this is about the shortest. Why, even if we had never heard of the meaning of patriotism out pride in

J. A. CLEMENSON.

and concludes: "The outlook

PORTLAND, Sept. 23 .- (To the Edl-

tor.)-One form of war profiteering has been largely overlooked. I refer to

ing his eye) it costs money to talk to

over a million and a half American

It is easy to understand why an anxious mother, wife or sweetheart would

do this. Her heart is full of sorrow and her grief drives her to adopt any desperate means to get information that all is well with him she loves. But

how about the quack? His slogan, as stated, is, "It costs money to talk to me," Could anything be more fraudu-

lent than the "messages" they deliver often such "messages" cost more than

would an actual cablegram from the loved one in France. No sound mind, or one not distracted by grief, but can

see that all such "news" is sheer lying

The money that is charged for that sort of information is as dishonorably

and viciously obtained as if it wer

some poor widow and orphan

thrift

frauds.

stolen from the little fund that sustains

In New York the District Attorney

Living is now too precarious and too necessary for anyone to

has interested himself in such no-torious cheats as these quack psychics

waste of their substance on such

The District Attorney of Multnomal

County might do much worse than keep

a strict eye on these charlatans an

protect the relatives and dependents of

and heartless schemes of these van pires. Their methods and doings de

pires. Their methods and doings de serve to be closely investigated, and it

sible to discourage the brazen activities of these shameless mountebanks.

SAVINGS AND HIGH LIVING COST

Money Laid By Depreciated in Value

With No Prospective Adjustment.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 23 .- (To the

Editor.)—In "New Standards of Value," The Oregonian discusses rather gen-erally the relation between high living

the class which has been hit hardes by the rise in prices comprises mer

who receive fixed salaries in a unit o

value which has become depreciated . . . the prospect is that prices will

not return to their former level for

several years after the war, if eve

implies the need of a general readjust

ucated brains to the new condition

I wish you had touched on the de

cost and wages and states

SOLDIER'S FATHER.

soldiers and sallors from the mercenary

'messages" and forecasts.

preciation in value in the past four years of about one-half the savings of a very large, desirable class of our in-dustrious and comparatively poor peo-ple which are deposited as U. S. postal savings, in the savings banks, life inurance companies, building and loan institutions and the like and the responding reduction of income to them
The "fixed salaries" will be adjusted but what about these savings and the income from them? If that is not arranged, what will be the incentive for our people to continue to be Company, Multnomah Guard, were in prudent, saving-for-a-rainy-day, thrifty olks we have always admir

OBSERVER. Christmas Gifts to Soldiers. CURTIN, Or., Sept. 22.—(To the Edi-or.)—1. Has any arrangement been

made so we can send our boys "over there" their Christmas present? Will packages be accepted if full letter postage is paid?

I don't see the appropriateness A MOTHER.

plan under which one Christmas package may be sent to each American soldier was made in Washington Septem- Instances in which one or more brothfor each soldier will be sent back from burden of supporting a parent, thus France. Provided with this and with entitling him to deferred classification. standard container, to be obtained through the Red Cross, the relatives may mail one package. It would be of no avail to affix letter-rate postage to an ordinary package.

2. The term "doughboy," according are employed; also what scale of wages to the most plausible explanation, applies for a dishwasher and waltress originated during the Civil War from to the most plausible explanation. a practice of mothers and bakers of producing dough cakes modeled in the shape of a soldier. The sobriquet attached itself to the men of the infantry and persists without regard to appropriateness.

Use of One's Own Wheat.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., Sept. 22. (To the Editor.)—(1) Some time ago The Oregonian stated, when speaking raising wheat as compared with other crops, that a man could lawfully use all the wheat of his own raising, grinding it on a handmill. Please state whether this applies to one who wheat land rented out to a neigh-

(2) Is there any restriction on the (1) The person renting his land to another enjoys the privilege the same

as though he raised the wheat himself.

COQUILLE, Or., Sept. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me what is the pay for a chaplain in the United States Army. Is the Army short of chaplains, or do they need more?

their associations and auxiliary work, but who feel that they no longer teally "belong." and where one's interest is enlisted, there one's money is apt to follow—and vice versa.

H. F. TURNER.

Chaplains draw salaries according to rank, \$1700 for Second Lieutenants, Judge Advocate-General. You under-\$2000 for First Lieutenants and \$2400 for Captains. They are practically all pins are not official but that their use new commissioned only as Lieutenants is encouraged by military and Naval at the start. Statements that the supauthorities. ply of chaplains is inadequate have recently been given publicity.

## Stamp Tax on Deeds.

WHEELER, Or., Sept. 22.—(To the Editor.)—Please state the amount of evenue tax required on a deed where

The tax is 50 cents when consideraion exceeds \$100 and is not in excess of \$500, less incumbrances assumed by purchaser; each additional \$500 or fraction thereof, 50 cents.

In Other Days.

Fifty Years Ago From The Gregonian, September 24, 1883. Oregon City.—Two barns full of grain and farm machinery, together with two horses and a carriago, were destroyed by fire this morning at the farm home of Samuel Miller, about two miles west of town. The loss is estimated at about \$5000. No insurance. No one has any knowledge of how the fire originated. Mr. Miller had left his house shortly before the fire broke out.

Yesterday evening, as we learn, Mr. Mothers, wives and sweethearts of rough manner in regard to a cow which had been taken up pursuant to an ordinance of the city. Mr. Tennant made some reply, the exact purport of which we did not learn. Mr. H. then struck Mr. Tennant on the head two or three of these arxious ones in the United times with a stick and turned as Mr. Tennant fired two shots at him, neither of which took effect. It is the law into of folly for persons to take the law into of folly for persons to take the law into has its share of extortionists who are not averse to taking advantage of this their own hands, as we are informed touching anxiety held by soldiers' rela-Mr. Hutchinson did, and such attempts can only result in their own defeat.

We were unable to witness the splendid play, "Camille," last night, but we learn that the performance was highly satisfactory to the large audience in attendance and fully sustained the reputation of the popular troups. The entertainment last night was such an one as would be highly creditable to first-class actors in any of the large Eastern cities.

The George S. Wright will leave for Victoria, direct, at 9 o'clock this morning and the Active, for the same port via the ports on Puget Sound, will leave

Twenty-five Years Afo.

rom The Oregonian, September 24, 1893, The members of the Portland Bowling Club have said goodbye to Dan Murphy, their trainer, who, on completion of his engagement, left for Boston, his home, on Thursday last. He has given the utmost possible satisfaction to the club during the seasor

The Sisters of St. Francis, who have the industrial school in Umatilla, have permission, from the proper authority, to collect in the city of Portland.

New York-Jim Hall arrived today on be Paris. He said he came here for the purpose of arranging a match with Fitzsimmens. He was anxious to fight him to a finish for any kind of purse

The British ship City of York has arived up after an uneventful passage of 58 days from Callao and is moored at Mersey dock.

FREEDOM CALLS.

Freedom calls with voice commanding. She beckons far-she sneaks to thee! Fredom calls with cry expanding, Lift the world to liberty! Break the scepter of oppression, Smite injustice everywhere! From the mountains of the morning,

Shout, "The way of God prepare." Oh, forbid that human brothers Should ever hold a brother chained into service all unchosen. Hopeless, helpless, poor and pained! Level down the rugged pathways,

For the weary, make them smooth; Loose the fetters of the prostrate, And the woes of ages soothe Bid the heavy-laden, sighing To lift their gaze to light above God hath heard their bitter crying. And will show his gracious love.

Soon must come the heavenly armies-Then shall righteousness abound

-MRS, FRANK A. BRECK 384 East Forty-second street North,

Number of Sons in Service. PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I have heard that the President has said that when a mother has given two sons to fight for liberty the present time in a hospital, having been disabled temporarily. The third son is engaged in war work in the fir campe He is 19 years old. Will they take

him, tou? We do not know of any utterance by the President such as you cite, nor of definite authority by which he might 2. Please tell the significance and promulgate such a rule. Your young-why our boys are called "doughboys." est son may be entitled to claim deferred classification because of his work. If his wages are a necessary 1. Announcement of details of the part of your support he may claim de-lan under which one Christmas packwith success. There have been many morning in The Oregonian. A coupon to another remaining at home the main

> Compensation Not Possible. PORTLAND, Sept. 23 .- (To the Edior.)-To settle dispute please answer the following: A says Foundation em-ployes take out more liberty bonds than Chamber of Commerce. B says,

Who is right? R. CHAPMAN.

Assuming that the query has reference to Chamber of Commerce member hips, a comparison such as attempted would be unfair to the workers in any ocal industrial plant, however patriottheir reply to the liberty loan may

Memberships are held by the Portand Clearing House Association, all Portland banks, the individual shipyard corporations and by all leading business and financial firms of the city. The banks alone subscribed \$3,000,000 the last drive. For obvious reasons he exact amount of Chamber of Commerce subscriptions has never been

ompiled. Service Star for Disabled Soldiers. PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Cannot you suggest a plan which (2) If you refer to breakfast foods of the wheat germ type the restriction is placed on the output of the manufacturer. There is no restriction as to sale or use of these foods.

There are the line of duty? There are many who would like to continue in their associations and auxiliary work.

> The suggestion has already been made and has the approval of the stand, of course, that service flags and

## His Dream-of-Her Lives.

Dallas Lore Sharp, in the Atlantic. It is now long past October, and where is the bluebird's mate of June? She has forgotten him, and is forgotten She has forgotten him, and a together by him, but he has not forgotten his dream-of-her; for I saw him in the orchard, while southward bound, going in and out of the apple-tree holes, the lover still, the dream-of-her in his heart, holding over from the Summer and coming to meet him shead of her, down the Winter, out of the coming Sandar