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PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 1918.

METZ NO EASY NUT TO CRACK. The most serious danger that American success in the war will not be won comes not from the German army but from overoptimism among the American people. The native buoyancy of our spirits causes us to overestimate the value of initial success and to underestimate the task which we have yet to perform. This fault selves is aggravated by prevalent ignorance of military problems-a grave part of the unpreparedness with which we entered the war and a failing not found in nations of which the men have had military training and often have had actual war experience.

American Army as probable. Metz is the key to the defense of the German frontier, and is surrounded by the best and most complete system of fortification which modern military science could construct. It has a ring of forts several miles from its center, and it is linked by a defensive system with the neighboring fortress of Thionville. There is no probability that it could be taken by direct attack more easily than Verdun could be taken from the French. The Crown Prince sacrificed 600,000 men in the attempt to take Verdun and falled. Neither General Pershing nor Marshal Foch is likely to risk such a failure at such

out of Lens, and the British and revenge for a fancied wrong. French are now closing in on St. Quentin.

great strategic value.

can forces will push their way near It would seem that a strange will by widely extended operations cut a night he wandered about, and it off from Thionville and work their length surrendered to the authorities. way to the north and south until they than the French were about Verdun. from its professed purpose. on its banks.

BANK FOR THE ARMY NURSE

The request of Army nurses that Congress grant them "relative rank" is based upon experience. The soldier, drilled in obedience to orders given by his superior, is constantly instructed at the same time that it is the rank not the individual to which he owes his obedience.

Thus, when Private Jones, who in civil life was the proprietor of a busi-"takes orders" from Captain Smith, who formerly worked for him as driver of a delivery wagon, he suffers no loss of dignity, because it is the bars on Captain Smith's shoulders will not be his. to which Private Jones is giving recognition, and not Smith's personality. This has been hammered into our soldiers upon every occasion. It was well threshed out in the beginning of our mobilization, when the propriety of the salute in a democracy was under consideration.

is frequently in a position where in- by an act of their own hand. stant obedience to her orders means life or death to the patient. enlisted men acting as orderlies there frequently are numbers who would do so unquestioningly do so in the case of the nurse. This ing that every suicide is insane. develops friction, human nature being cause alarm. It is true that some

tenanta, of all of them, but it does period of good weather to an extent of other regions where cost of opera-

GIVE US MORE HATE. In the Plane News, the air service newspaper of the American forces in France, is an interview with a French

soldier who recently escaped from a prison camp in Central Germany. This is the report he brings back of the treatment of American prisoners:

There is no apathy, no complacency, no willingness to "let George do it" among the men in France who them- quirements of the men themselves, is heard the tales of those who have suf- phasized. It must be understood that

fered. fered themselves? Major Brandon, of with the case. It may be permissible Portland, lately invalided home from in peace times to exercise one's right France, tells of the spirit of the first to cut down one's labor by the simple Americans who were gassed. One hun-process of reducing one's desires, but dred and fifty of them lay in a hosglib way in which some persons talk of the early capture of Metz by the falling from the burned portions of to be easy of comprehension by any their bodies.

home, to leave it all. It was to get it makes not the slightest difference well again and get back at the Hun. whether the worker thinks he "needs" do about it? Are we going to withhold seems to be most acute in the South the dollars needed in the fight to just now, for the reasons mentioned, make repetition of such agony forever

liberty bond campaigns easy.

Thoughts of suicide, Charles E. Chapin, New York editor and uxoricide, told the police to whom he sur-The strategy of the allies has been rendered after killing his wife, haunted not to attempt to take strongly de- him constantly. It was with the full fended points of this character by intention, no doubt, of ending his own which has been held by Interstate direct attack, but to work their way life that he shot his life partner as she Commerce Commissioner Aitchison and forward to the right and left until the slept; for it is known that he loved the decision which will follow are of the decision which will follow are of the utmost import to the industry and of being surrounded and besieged. That is the manner in which the ailies which unsettled his mind were exterpoor to this section the alternative is took Combles in the first battle of the nal to their domestic affairs. He had between healthy growth and arrested Somme, the Germans took Armentieres speculated heavily and lost; he feared development, between access to large, last April and the French have since poverty and disgrace; and when he distant markets on equal terms with taken Noyon and Roye. In that man-contemplated ending it all he could competing districts and a struggle ner the Germans hoped to take Rheims not bear the thought of leaving his against handicaps which may make in their unsuccessful advance on July wife to face the future alone. There weaklings of young industries. Ques-15, the British squeezed the Germans is no evidence of anger, no metive of

tuentin. shot he believed that he was prepared and, therefore, concern every section to snot the policy on either side to carry out the programme to the of the country. to hold to any point after it has be- end. He burned his last bridge behind their equipment are worth more than hope when his wife was gone. Still per cent to be practically prohibitive against their entrance to Eastern marsacrifice may be made in preventing crastination which so often marks circlement of such places as Ypres men on the threshhold of an appalling and Verdun, but the former was so decision, he performed various routine near the English Channel that its re- acts with unusual precision. He bathed tention came to symbolize in the Brit- and shaved, wrote letters and lingered ish mind defeat of German efforts to over a breakfast. New resolution forreach the coast, and the latter also tifying him, he found a secluded bench came to have a symbolic value to the in a Brooklyn park, drew his revolver, French people far exceeding even its pressed it to his temple-and the appearance of a policeman in the dis It is to be expected that the Ameri- tance caused him again to reconsider. enough to Metz to keep it under heavy, that he would be arrested if he killed continuous artillery fire, and that they himself possessed him. For a day and

The instinct to live is so deeply in are on three sides and are well ad- grained in our natures that it is alvanced toward completely surrounding most impossible for the normal man it. The Germans would then evacuate to conceive the violence of the mental the city rather than sacrifice a large wrench which is necessary to over-number of men and much material. come it. The spirit may be willing, which by that time they could ill but the flesh is apt to be weak. The for they are less sentimental slightest impediment diverts the mind nated. They would not repeat the mistake of are innumerable instances of this. A a percentage basis, bore more heavily Marshal Bazaine in locking up an would-be suicide once climbed to the on this section which had already army of 120,000 men only to be forced top of a tower of the Brooklyn bridge. to capitulate in the end. Operations intent on throwing himself into the against Metz may be expected to con- East River; he was checked by an tinue for months, rather than weeks. intrepid policeman who pursued him former increases were made, but on When they have been crowned with and threatened to shoot him if he that rate plus these increases. success, the way to the Rhine will be tried to drown himself. He only so nearly clear that the next deter- thought that he wanted to die. In his mined German stand is likely to be heart of hearts he, was fond of life. The part of him which still was sane revolted at the idea of self-destruction Perhaps no man wholly in his right mind ever killed himself. of Chapin even more impressively illustrates how tenacious of life we are. Mad as Chapin must have been when he slew the woman who had jars from Ohio territory to the Pacific ministered to him, and helped him overcome his craving for drink, and patiently endured him in periods alternate frenzy and melancholy for cases 1000 per cent. thirty-nine years, he was not even then insane enough not to shudder at

> define the reason for their existence, but they know, if they are normal, fight. their time on earth by a single hour earnings for several years prior

The effort to empower the War Department to take over weak sections nurses possess so much tact, and some of the public highways, as provided orderlies are so imbued with the spirit in the Chamberlain-Dent bill and in-of service, that open hostility is dorsed by the officials of the Amerinium to arrive, it seems practical to be no interruption of traffic in needed roads made good, though less obviate all difficulty by extending the supplies for the Army during the Win- able, showings. Though some increase principle of rank to the nurse corps ter, and the railroads are already of revenue may have been necessary This does not in- taxed to the utmost. Motor trucks to pay higher wages and east of mate-

obedience of orders where it belongs, clated. The needs of our military es- and where improvements were more Rank is impersonal, and in the militablishment will increase rather than needed. tary establishment it gots results. That diminish during the coming Winter, is the reason for the nurses' request, and it is desired to keep every poswhich is not accompanied by demand sible avenue of transportation open. may well be granted if acceding to it make repairs to highways which were the states refused to mend. Its action would serve not only to emphasize

SPEEDING UP LABOR.

The South has had a special call to organize its labor resources because They treat our prisoners in brutal fashion, because they contend that we have no right to be in the war. They are worked during rest hours and given the hardest kind of labor, and when unable to work because they considerations of thrift or ambition to accumulate substance against tion to accumulate substance against the butts and are continually taunted and jibed at. The slightest infraction of any rule brings the most rigid punishment and in many cases, death.

The food is entirely insufficient for the heavy labor they perform and the parcels of food from the A B. C. only rarsly reach them, being stolen in most cases. When they are, taken to the hospital or operating table to dress wounds, bandage cloth being very scarce in Germany. Many prisoners receive no medical attention until it is too late and death often results. The prisoner's mall receives only careless attention and it rarely reaches them.

Such things as these will not be of the large number of negro workers

The point that the Nation needs the labor of its men, regardless of the rehave witnessed atrocities or one that cannot be too strongly emthe ambition, or lack of it, possessed And what of those who have suf- by the individual has nothing to do

man of common intelligence. Produc-Their cry was not of anxiety to get tive work is the only thing that counts. What are we in Portland going to the money" or not. The problem but other parts of the country are not without their thriftless and unambi-It would make this and succeeding deed, it is whites and not negroes who are the offenders. But all must make up their minds to work full time, and take whatever risks may attend upon a forced prosperity.

BREAKING THE CAMEL'S BACK. The hearing of protests against the recent flat advance of freight rates tions of broad policy are raised which will surely enter into discussion of the Plainly, when Chapin fired the fatal future railroad policy of the Nation,

Loudest complaint comes from the new rates on containers from the East unduly raise the cost of their product The flat advance of 25 per cent bears most heavily on those sections of the country which ship the longest distance to market, and, therefore, imposes on the industries of those tions an undue share of the war burden which must be divided among the the fruitgrowers of the Pacific Northwest than for those of the Middle

West, East and South But this is only the last of three ccessive advances which have been made within two years. Those of the Pacific seaboard first suffered a flat an advance to an equality with the intermountain rates when the Interstate Commerce Commission held that water competition had been elimi-Then came the general ad-There vance of 25 per cent, which, being on The actual number is 106,883. which had not. This is calculated not on the rate prevailing before the two conditions were also attached to the last increase which had the effect of

a still further increase Thus it comes about that from December, 1916, to June, 1918, the westbound rates on steel from Chicago to the Pacific Coast have been raised 104 % per cent; on canned goods from the Atlantic scaboard to the Pacific Coast 83 1-3 per cent; on bottles and The attached Coast 66 2-3 per cent. conditions have made the increase in many cases 125 per cent and in some

The 25 per cent is held to have been necessary to enable the Federal Railthe idea of suicide. For him now to road Administration to advance wages welcome death in the electric chair to the war standard prevailing in is another matter. The responsibility other industries, to pay increased cost Whatever the end of material, to make needed improvemay be, he will always feel that he ments and to pay the railroad com-Men may not always be able to the Federal operation law. But the percentage needed for these purposes but they know, if they are normal, was not equal on all roads, and was that they were put here to make the less on the Pacific roads than on those fight. They endure the agonies of of any other section. The Pacific bandless library rather than they are the results. opeless illness rather than shorten roads had made improvements out of The Government operation and needed less s means soldier shows his disregard for his for this purpose than those of other Among life as such by charging into the sections. The famine of ships and The famine of ships and very cannon's mouth, but undergoes consequent cessation of water compeevery torment rather than seek relief tition had diverted to them a volume are expected to obey such orders, in death from a torturing wound. So of traffic greater even than that which contrary to every primal instinct is otherwise have been carried through if they came from a superior offi-cer, but do not feel compelled to would seem to be warranted in assumad increased in the years 1915 to

1917, but in a less degree than that of Eastern roads. Probably the most prosperous of the Pacific roads was the Southern Pacific which earned a net income of 17.65 per cent in 1917 and 12,63 per cent in avoided, but, unfortunately, it is not can Automobile Association, is a rec-always so. In the latter instance it is ognition of the growing importance revenue in 1917 by 21.60 per cent of motor truck transportation. It is while its operating expenses increased the desire of everyone that there shall only 16.39 per cent. Other Pacific volve making Generals, or even Lieu- have relieved the situation during the rial, it should be much less than that

mean placing responsibility for dis- that is just beginning to be appre- tion grew faster than gross revenue

dividual roads under and before Govarnment operation is impossible, for officers' pay or other allowances. The War Department under the bill diversion of traffic in accord with the or emoluments. It is a request that would summarily take charge of and policy of unified operation has remay well be granted if acceding to it make repairs to highways which were moved the basis. In each region will insure the sick and wounded bethaving the lowest grades and lightest curvature to the limit of its capacity. while passenger traffic is concentrated but also to call attention to the need on other roads. Effect on earnings in all seasons of good roads. of any individual road is held to be immaterial, for all goes into a common fund out of which the roads receive compensation. But the railroads by their opposition to the advance in transcontinental rates to an equality with intermountain rates admitted that they did not need the additional revenue, and there is no cause to believe their need is greater now, except from causes arising since the United States declared war.

The law requires that rates fixed by the Railroad Administration shall be just and reasonable, and the duty de-volves upon the commission to amend when they are not so. the law does not forbid discriminative or preferential rates, they may logically be held unjust and unreasonable and may on that ground be amended by the commission in confidence that the Supreme Court will uphold it. there is more virtue in No! and may on that ground be amended mo medical attention until it is too inte and death often results. The prisoner's mail receives only careless attention and it rarely reaches them.

Such things as these will not be atoned in smallest part—they cannot be atoned in full—if there is an inconclusive peace. The thing that will certainly make for an inconclusive peace is failure of the people at home to support the men at the front.

Atlanta Constitution in which he said:

We are bearing specially upon the point that he is to labor at an independent of the has acquired by the commission still yielded adequate revenue, there would be no proper ground for conflict between it and the Railroad Administration, and public opinion would be likely to support the men at the front.

The shippers and manufacturers do not protest against such an increase

not protest against such an increase in rates as is necessary to meet war expenses of the railroads, but they are justified in opposing an increase which is added to and increased by those already made within the last two years, when the life of the Nation is at stake of 10 cents per hundred pounds of dishes go until Mrs. Rigdon returns, he rivate desires cannot be consulted.

This is fundamental, and it ought fruit to Eastern markets were made, it would probably meet their war obligionally find any fault. It will be easy for him gation, would permit their industry to This controversy does not concern

prosper and would provoke no protest. the fruit industry or the Pacific Northwest alone. It raises basic principles which concern every industry in every section of the country, as they will sooner or later discover. Any injustice which might be done in the decision would inevitably react to the A little more hate would do us good. tious contingents. In the North, in- prejudice of other industries and states.

> When Lenine has killed all the Russians who have brains, the Germans will try to fill the vold with German That is the consequence of leveling down instead of up, as we do in America by developing the brains THOU DOSTS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED of all the people.

The number of registrants who eagerly waive all claim to exemption measures the rising tide of patriotism. Men view with dread the possibility that they may not have a part, and may, therefore, be under a cloud in

every woman with a breast cut off, every girl with years of misery behind and ahead, appeals to America to put over the fourth loan. Can you contemplate them and be a slacker?

The cavalry have come back. They come certain that the result will be a him. Life, gloomy as it may have siege and final capture of a large seemed, with creditors haunting him number of men, for trained men and on every hand, would hold even less sider the recent flat advance of 25 were the arm which completed the

> The criminal always overlooks a only for "the duration of the war." liquor in barrels labeled two kinds of oil was suspected because the barrels were not greasy.

chicken at Vancouver will always have pleasant memories of the city, for a man going into the Army is sure to remember the last good dinner he had as a civilian. The best eggs to be had are the

"henneries," fresh from the yards, and they fix the price. The dealer advance of 10 cents per hundred, then who sells storage eggs as the best is a swindler, but the trouble is in catching him. The estimate for Oregon in the Sep-

> tember 12 registration was 84,404. of "going over the top." Keep it up with another bond.

Many that day. This should encourage the anti-tobacco crowd. One result of the Russian revolution is that the allies must capture the Austrian and German prisoners all

Sunday, then the state went "dry."

Now the smoke stores talk of closing

over again. A case of war's labor lost An Oregonian will be proud of his fourth liberty bonds. They will mean omething to him-perhaps a sacri-

fice that has a bite to it. Having gone over the top with draft egistration, Oregon must not fail to ive up to its record with the fourth

liberty loan. The devil will torment in his dreams the man in Oregon who fails in his duty this week, and may he do the

The more cruelly Burlan is snubbed the more hopeful he is. 'He is the some of the doomed we must-God help is! 'Tis for liberative.'

We must-God help is! 'Tis for liberative.' -JEAN B. STEWART.

If you were a Frenchman in France you would squeeze your everlasting soul to buy more bonds in a time like this. The man who continues to work at

non-essential job that can be filled by a woman is to be field up to scorn There is no miracle in going over the top Saturday. It's just a matter

of honor. Buy one more, at least. Wilson went home to vote in the primaries yesterday as became a good

That new passenger depot in Salem "Bulgar" looks like "Burglar," and

mounts to the same thing Here are text and sermon: Double

Wow! What happened at an early

A Line o' Type or Two.

Hew to the Line, Let the Quips Fall

(By B. L. T. By Arrangement With Chicago

n' 'en strikin' fer more—Whoa thar! Quit yer bitin'!"— He was combin' and breshin' ol'

When the boys 'over thar' give up all that they hed
Ter fite fer thirty bones per"— An'-I couldn't ezzac'ly tell what 'e nex'

Fer 'is comb hed ketched in a burr.

PRES. WILSON met the peace offer half way. That is, he declined it be-fore he received it. It saves a lot of time and talk

THE biggest of the Metz fortifications is Fort Pring August Von Wurt-temberg. The American gunners ought to be able to knock part of that off.

A TIDAL wave off Japan was caused by a volcanic eruption on Urup Island. Trying to keep up with the other Urup.

Small Town Stuff. (From the Prophetsville, Ill., Echo.)
Mrs. J. M. Rigdon was a passenger
to Cannon Falls, Minnesota, last week for a two weeks' stay with relatives. In the meantime Mr. Rigdon will have the house all to himself, and if he sees ready made within the last two years, at to throw his shoes in the corner of the room and his coat on a chair, his increase which inevitably bears more hat on the table, leave his bed unmade heavily on products hauled a long distance and imposes on them an unfair pile his soiled linen where it is handy share of the load. If a flat advance to be disposed of, also to leave the

> YOU may laugh your head off over the information, that Trimmer and Trimmer deal in real estate and loans in Kirksville, Mo.

LET INQUIRY BE MADE. Sir: Should not inquiry be made as to the group of neutral correspondents who were invited by the Huns last March to visit the western front and observe their offensive? It may be they are old like some of us and in no condifion to run. Also could not some of our film companies be induced to run a goose-step film backwards? W. L. B.

"HIGHEST Prices in History Are Made by Hogs."-Market News. "Just as I thought," agrees N. I. S.

The Thunder Storm (Belle Castleman Carroll.)
Thou triescent, hydro, nitric oxyde,
Exultant decection of earth and sky Thou comest at a mysterious bidding A glorious bequest of divinity.

Thou dost cool the parched lips.

Thou dost lave the burning brow. Thou dost mount the wings of Iris And ride in her charlot of power. Thou dost clip the wings of vulcan

Thou dost quench the living fire; Thou dost yield thy restive nature At the syren's soothing lyre. Shake thou the slumbering clouds; Let all of them be risen, Rend their scattered fragments loud

With the thunderbolts of heaven Then the earth will be decked wit

green,
The flowers will drink the dew—
All nature will sing a song serene
Of the love that's born anew. AS an example of the insidious influ-

A MILITANT IMMORTAL Sir: I invite attention to Dr. Charles A. de Camp of Lexington avenue, New York. I trust he is eligible for appointment to the staff of General Is simo.

THE Germans have their Kultur. The third and Fourth Army Corps, U. S. A., are commanded by Generals Read and Wright.

The Prudent Tradesman Sir: A candid grocer on Detroit's Woodward avenue flaunts the sign: "Samuel E. Smith, the man who saves

CAMOUFLAGE (the word is getting out of use) observed in an Escanaba restaurant: "Chickhen Hash." NOTE to make-up man: Hold this line for further orders: "We have Mets the enemy and they

are ours!" ANY peace today? No! Giddap! "Just the first touch of Autumn in the wind at night," cables Phillip Gibbs.

Or, as General French reported, "there is a hint of Autumn in the air." Or did he say "jouch"? We never can remem-

IF WE WOULD BE FREE. Yes, war has brought keen, agonizing And bitterness that shall remain for

years: Yet peace, such peace as we might have tomorrow— Would it be pregnant of less bateful

omewhere, would there not be smouldering ember To kindle once again a holocaust? What led to this mad war? We can remember! "Til that is crushed in quitting we were lost

Sheath not the sword-go on-we dere not falter. Think you 'tis meant that such a thing should be?

Aberdeen, Wash, Moss Gathering Gratuitous.

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—(To the Ed-tor.)—Please inform me whether the through donations alone or whether it can be contracted charge of this work.

A SUBSCRIBER. contracted for and who has The collection is being achieved en-

tirely through volunteer and gratui-tous effort. It is one of the department activities of the Portland Red Cross Chapter, 204 Corbett building. Enlistment in Quartermaster's Corps HUBBARD, Or., Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—Would a business man with special salesmanship abilities (above draft age) be eligible for special staff work in Quartermaster Corps? What is the pay and does the Government make allotment to dependent wife?

ma says you're an old cat. INTERESTED READER. Write to Colonel W. G. Austin, Quar termaster-General's office, Washington D. C., for information. Army pay scale prevails; family allowances are

Those Who Come and Go.

"Men of my age, who are active, will be in demand next year, I believe," says Henry Blackman, of Heppner, And men of Mr. Blackman's age are far, far (By B. L. T. By Arrangement With Chicago Tribune.)

IDYLLS OF THE SKILLET FORK.

The Labor Situation.

"Don't hardly seem fair," said Bill with a hitch

Tew his gallus—the other was busted.

Tew his gallus—the other was busted.

Tew his gallus—the other was busted.

The Labor Situation.

"The Labor Situation."

Mr. Blackman's age are fair, fair beyond any draft that the Government of the United States will ever issue.

Mr. Blackman, who has eschewed polities for years, albeit at one time a shining light in Oregon Democracy, is at the Imeperial and will leave Tuesday night for San Francisco. Mr. Blackman has three some in service. Heavener has three some in service. • sich"—
An' I seen he was kind o' disgusted—
Ter praise up the workers ter home an' not fith'
An' gittin' all kinds o' big pay,
in' 'en strikin' fer more—Whea there's signal and became a Captain. The seeGuit was the control of t ond Blackman boy was a mining en-gineer in Chile, but he heard his coun-try's call, and traveled 6000 miles to join the Engineer Corps last May in Baltimore. He is in active service today in France. The youngest son is an Ensign and it is to meet him that Mr. Blackman and his wife are leaving for

California. When a red-hot rivet landed beneath when a red-not rivel landed beneath his shirt and his back, slipping down inside his collar, John Scinerowsky decided it was time to leave the Seattle shippards and come to Portland. This decision was reached after Scinerowsky stood on his head so the rivet would fall out. He arrived in Portland in time to register and today received his questionnaire.

"I claim no exemption, but I make a request." says Scinerowsky, who is a Russian Pole. "My request is that if I am to be sent anywhere that I go am to be sent anywhere that I go with American troops to Siberia."

Several years ago Scinerowsky's young brother, a student at Warsaw, became involved in some political movement and he was exiled to the lead mines of Siberia. Since that day John has never received any information regarding his brother and does not know whether he is alive or dead. It is John's hope that if he sees service in Siberia there is a bare possibility that he will find the long-lost brother or obtain information as to his fate.

Judd S. Fish, a pioneer hotel man of The Dalles, is in the city.

Representing the department of agriculture of Tasmania, John F. Ward arregistered at the Oregon, Accompany ng him from Tasmania are Mr. and Mrs. Kelloway. Mr. Ward's mission in the United States is to gather certain information of value to his country.

For the purpose of taking up matters connected with the training camp at Eugene, Colonel John Leader was in Portland yesterday, establishing his headquarters in the assembly room of the Hotel Portland. Dozens of men wanted to see him to talk over train-

land, is another military man at the Portland. The Captain has been speaking for the liberty loan.

The "Merry Monarch" and "

Bishop W. O. Shepard, of Wichita, Kan, who predicts a great religious rebirth after the war, is at the Seward. Bishop Shepard is in Fortland to attend the Methodist conference. delegates to the conference wh guests at the Seward are Rev. H. J Fessen and wife, of Ashland, and Rev. T. B. Ford, of Salem.

LACK OF APPRECIATION SHOWN Worth of Multnomah Guard Band De-

serves Greater Public Acclaim, PORTLAND, Sept. 24 .- (To the Edihis city some three months ago. I have had the great pleasure of hearing the splendid Multnomah Guard Band as they passed at the head of many of the numerous patriotic parades recently held, and I cannot help but notice the apparent lack of appreciation on the part of the public of their efforts.

I am not directly or indirectly acquainted with a single individual of the band so I speak impersonally, but I have had the privilege of listence to the band so I speak impersonally, but I have had the privilege of listening to almost every one of the finest milliary bands in existence, notably those throughout Europe, and say without difficulties at present and will be under fear of contradiction that this great handleap by the time our hand could hold its own in competition. National Army has reached its full with them, not only from a musical strength. little item that leads to detection. For ence of Kultur, it has put "straf" into point of view, but also from the view example: The Astoria importation of the English language. But probably of precise military bearing, and yet time and again have I seen them pass (every man doing his utmost to uphold the dignity of his band and give real pleasure to the public) with scarcely a

word or movement of applause from that public. The newspapers style them, and justly so, "The Pride of Portland," and I really believe the general public takes the same view, but would it not be better to remember that these boys are better to remember that these boys are after all but human, and give them all the encouragement and applause we can whenever they appear on our streets in pursuance of their patriotic duties—a duty which they at all times cheerfully undertake, and which cannot be performed as near to perfection as it is, without a considerable amount of application and time being devoted by each one?

ment of Labor and with such restrictions as will prevent their employment in any line where they would come that the street are they would come that the greatest field for this emergency labor is in the clearing and devoted by each one?

There are tens of thousands of acres of land within the state from which the timber has been burned or removed, or in unused portions of our farms.

each one?

This does not mean that I speak derogatively of any of the fine bands we have here, but they have evidently striven hard for their courtesy like "The Pride of Portland," and they richly deserve our warm appreciation at all times, which speaks louder than dollars and cents to the average man with a lessened demand for labor. dollars and cents to the average man who is striving to please. Incidentally, let us remember that it is the splendid personality and morale of this band, and like military organizations which have helped to make our mothers, wives and sweethearts proud to be seen on the arm of their soldier or sailor laddie, whereas it is only a few short years ago when a man in uniform was

not quite so welcome as he is now, in every class of society. Surely then we should not be back-ward in giving them all the applause we can as opportunity occurs. BRITISHER.

CORNUCOPIA Or., Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to procure a list of the educational institutions in Ohlo CORNUCOPIA, Or., Sept. 23.—(To the Editor.)—I would like to procure a list of the educational institutions in Ohio at which Students' Army Training Corps are to be conducted beginning September 30. Can you furnish me with this information or advise me as to where I can get it. I would also like To prevent exploitation and specutified to the state of the

For the list of Ohio institutions com-municate with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Columbus, O. The white labor, the Chinese could be let to of Public Instruction, Columbus, O. The. of Public Instruction, Columbus. O. The Institutions in Portland which will have the farmers at an agreed price, the difference between the contract price between the Government and the Chitchen North Pacific College of Dentistry.

Date of Seattle Exposition DILLEY, Or., Sept. 23 .- (To the Edior.)-(1) Please tell me what dates (2) Also what date Good Friday fell on in 1908. I am asking these questions so I can fill out my question-naire correctly, for when I came to the States it was during the fair at Scattle But I don't remember the date.

JOHN WEST.

(1) June 1 to October 16, 1909.

Baltimore American.

Visitor—Now, Willie, let me see how much you know. What class of the animal kingdom do I belong to? Willie -Well, pa says you're an old hen and

Auto Penalty Exacted. Cleveland Plain Dealer. The Justice—Ten for exceedin' the speed limit. Comin' back this way? The Victim—No. The Justice—Then In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian September 25, 1885, Henry Irving's special train returned from the Sound yesterday morning with all his people aboard. It was held at the Union Depot about a couple of hours while arrangements were being made to give it clear headway east over the Union Pacific. The passen-gers who appeared were in negligee at-tire. The men wore pajamas and slippers and smoked short pipes and the women were costumed in close-fitting woolen wrappers and wore mob caps

The Oregon Vegetarian Society held another of its successful meetings evening and vegetarianism was cham-pioned with all the zeal Mr. Galvani, president of the society, is capable of, in fact the hermit of the Coast Range cares no longer for any other isms and does no longer intend to trouble his head with any other schemes.

About 400 men are employed at the Cascade Locks and work is being pushed very rapidly. There are 75 men now at work in the pit of the canal, 130 in the quarry. At present indications the canal will be completed by the time samed in the contract and perhaps before.

An old settler, but not the oldest, says the weather has now settled for keeps and he expects to see six weeks of fine weather. The equinoctial storm is over and the weather has nothing to do but be fine indefinitely. But doubting people will do well to consuit the Weather Bureau before throwing away umbrellas and mackintoshes.

The fourth of the series of sermons on the second advent will be preached by Rev. R. G. Grant in the First Baptist Church tomorrow morning. The Na-ture and Reality of and Necessity for the Lord's Coming" will be the special topic. The evening discourse will be on the labor question.

Fifty Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, September 25, 1863. The presence of the Legislature at the capital gives a good run of local items. The following from the Unionist is a sample: "Yesterday some ur chins tore up the sidewalk east of the express office and neglected to redrive the nails. A Democratic member of the Legislature was going along and stubbed his toe, nearly measuring his length, which was about six feet, on the sidewalk. After righting himself, he hurled enough anathemas at it to have sunk the nails entirely through

wanted to see him to talk over training-camp prospects and among them was a policeman, who has been informed that he will go as class 1-A man at Olympia. W. T., and mainly devoted to the cause of temperance. It is is another than the will be a committee of the temperance

The "Merry Monarch" and "A Dead Shot" were done in an excellent manner at the New Theater last night, Some of our theater-going citizens may have given but little attention to the fact hat the company now playing in Portland is not one made up of second or third-class actors, but one composed of talented ladles and gentlemen, who rank high in their profession and ought to be enquiraged by all who wish to retain the presence in our midst of a first-class company. Tonight fine comedy of "Still Waters Run Deep" and the laughable farce of "Rough Diamond" will compose the entertainment.

-Since taking up my residence in IMPORTATION OF LABOR APPROVED Writer Would Have Chinese Clear Land Ender Government Regulation.

PORTLAND, Sept. 24 .- (To the Editor.)—I note that Mayor Harley, of As-toria, has taken up the fight for the importation of Chinese labor to supply the deficiency in certain lines, where under present conditions work necessary to the future welfare of the coun-try must go undone and work necessary for present welfare, as in food produc-

If Mr. Harley can succeed in lining up the people of Oregon for this matter of emergency labor importation he will have accomplished something that will have accomplished something that will make his friends, his enemies and himself grateful that he did not suc-

ceed in his efforts for the Gubernatorial nomination. In order that American labor shall not be adversely affected, such importation of Chinese should be managed directly by the United States Depart-ment of Labor and with such restric-

With a lessened demand for labor following the war and the return of our boys from Europe, the problem of uncleared land will still be unselved. Farm products will decrease in price if wages are lowered and certainly no American wants to see our returned men put at such work at the wages that work will stand, If, however, the Chi nese are kept busy while our men are in Europe in preparing land that will be available for use on their return, what will be the sesuit?

What will be the sessit:

For every Chinaman kept on landclearing work for three years there
will be an area prepared that will keep
an American family, to supply whose
wants roads and phone lines will be
demanded, lumber for houses, furniture,
lethius and expleditural implements

with this information or advise me as to where I can get it. I would also like to secure a list of the institutions in Portland where the training corps will be conducted.

E. J. STULTZ.

To prevent exploitation and speed to be lation, regulations covering the sale lation, regulations covering the sale lation, regulations covering the sale lation, regulations and agreed to by all and owners before the Government allowed the use of Chinese for cleared to the sale lation. nd the farmers being the profit of the Government in the transaction. These profits should care for all the expenses incurred in the importation and the

returning of the Chinese to their horses when their term of service was over. One hundred thousand Chinese workers in Western Oregon on land ing and reforesting for a term of three years at far better wages than they ould possibly earn at home would certainly be of the greatest benefit to the state. As many more as are necessary in food production work would guar-natee an abundance for ourselves and our allies. What valid objection can be raised to their employment?
W. G. BROWN.

Polite Manners Taught.

Buffalo (N. Y.) Express. Slavin (outside movie theater)—Worthere any eddicational filliums shown, Martin? Conlin—Faith, an' there wor. Terrence. I learned, among other things, how to act toward-rds me butler; how to inter me club properly an' how to haus me coat and car on the how to hang me coat and ar-rm iv th' gintlemanly attit