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arws published herein. All rights of republication of special dis patches herein are also reserved. All rights of republication of special dis-patches herein are also reserved. FORTLAND, FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 1918. A high sense of public duty is desirable

BOAD PLAN VINDICATED.

Two years ago, or a little less, the State Legislature enacted the \$6,000 .ber of society. 000 road bond bill, and later the voters

at a special election gave their approval. In the brief time intervening the comprehensive road programme devised for the state has been in part carried out. Here and there is an echo of the old cry against any bonding scheme, and the other outery against the so-called paving trust; expected. but so much actual progress has been made, with results so satisfactory that to see as clearly as heretofore the sigit may be taken for granted that no scheme of obstruction for its own sake will hereafter receive the slightest countenance from the public

Nor is there anything left of the charge that Portland somehow had an ulterior design in its gift to the state of its proportionate share of tax money and automobile licenses so that the entire amount might be expended outside Multnomah County. Some argus-eyed and ready-tongued critics Indeed said that Portland had a deep, dark design of fostering construction of those main highways leading to and from the metropolis; and perhaps they were right. Yet does anybody know how any rational programme of road from home is quite likely to be a debuilding can be formulated which will exclude Portland?

The Highway Commission has been able to show the whole public that it has had no purpose of preferring one part of the state to another. It has given due consideration to the claims of all. It devoted its first attention, as the bonding law required, to such great thoroughfares as the Columbia River Highway and the Pacific Highway for the proper reason that they were the most vital and im-Now this wise policy has portant. evidently, found general acceptance, for the various sections show an obtous inclination to build upon the foundation thus laid and to fit in their own local roads with the larger plan. Not long ago there was an intima-

Highway Commission. But now the ence in war and, in spite of the severe proclaimed, yet he asks that the period dry members who will probably guide return to the

est, even if a doubting one, the further announcement from Washington.

WHAT FREEDOM MEANS.

President Hibben, of Princeton, stated the difference between freedom and tyranny in a single sentence when he told a National thrift conference the other day that "to be a completely free man one must be free from the limitations of indulgence and selfseeking." The sense of responsibility, 'the obligations of liberty rather than its rights," are essential to enjoyment

of any freedom worthy of the name. Americans, grounded in the principles of liberty by the gradual nature

esponding right to another."

THE PERILS OF BOBEDOM.

come a real peril to morale.

in which the home flavor shall pre-

as Mr. Fosdick has said, will be suf-

necessary added ingredient can be fur-

nished only by the home folks them-

selves. In the coming fight between

waged in a thousand billets, the letter

ciding factor. It requires only thought-

fulness and an inconsiderable expen-

diture for postage and is certain to

The purpose of the home letter

be productive of results worth while.

campaign is to maintain the connec-

tion between the soldier and the home

circle by a chain so strong that it will

unfailingly bring the absent one back.

The dangers of drifting away have

supplanted the perils of war, but they

are real, and meeting them is a duty

of all who have the interests of the

BLIND TO WAR'S LESSONS.

men and the Nation at heart.

and himself which will be

ficient to bridge over the gap.

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Cancellation of contracts for wood by the Shipping Board is of its growth, are less likely to fall added reason for proceeding without into the pit of anarchy, which is misdelay with the port improvements protaken by some for liberty, than those posed by the Dock and Port Commiswho have suddenly been released from one form of oppression, but do not yet Occupation must be furnished sions. to the ships which are to be completed comprehend that the working out of within the next year and, after they complete freedom depends upon themhave been completed, to the vessels selves. President Hibben puts the case against the Bolsheviki in a nutwhich will be built for private owners. Occupation must also be provided shell when he says that "the obverse workmen who may be disfor the side of every right we claim as our

rity.

own is an obligation to accord a corcharged from the shipyards as Government contracts are completed, for Substitution of one class for another, an interval may elapse before private contracts again fill the ways. New which seems to be the programme of certain extremists in Europe, obvicontracts may be more readily obtained if the new vessels can leave ously does not advance the cause of Portland with full cargoes, and facilities for economical and speedy loading will become known abroad through the captains.

put a new type of men in Congress.

PUSH PORT IMPROVEMENTS.

in the present crisis, and this is a duty Ample, modern port factilities will have chief weight in deciding the Shipping Board to allocate ships to which need not be left to so-called "public men." It is one which can be performed by the humblest memany port. Chairman Hurley has Inid emphasis on that point in all his re-cent utterances, for he relies on quick turn-around to offset higher wages of Secretary Baker and Chairman Fos American seamen. The unexpectedly dick, of the Commission on Training sudden end of the war has deprived Camp Activities, do well in calling atthe port of part of the time for preptention to the exacting situation in aration for which we had looked, and which the soldiers of the American it behooves us to make more haste for

Expeditionary Force now find themthat reason. selves. Relaxation is normally to be Equitable railroad rates are so expected, notwithstanding military discipline, and many will not be able closely connected with ocean com-merce that united effort to secure them should go hand in hand with nificance of the duties they are now being called upon to perform. With port improvement. In order to secure cargoes for ships loaded here there With no thought of a possible "zero hour" must be a steady flow of traffic from to steady them, they are confronted the interior. Inward cargoes are as conditions in which boredom may essential as outward cargoes, and these imply factories both at Portland The considerations which impelled and inland to import raw materials, the recent war welfare drive apply also rail carriage inland of goods equally to the call to people at home to write letters to the soldiers-letters brought here by sea. Railroad rates based on the natural advantages of the water-level route from the interior dominate. No amount of mere money, would add vastly to the water traffic

in and out of the port. THE FUTURE OF THE RAILBOADS.

gress extend the period of Government operation of railroads to five willing to hold control of the railroads thus serve the public. under present restrictions on Government action, and unwilling to let them back to their owners without greater powers of regulation than The country has no allies, has nothing were formerly granted, yet again he would not declare for or against public ownership, so he put it up to Congress, saying in substance: "Hurry up and decide one way or another; we cannot go on this way much longer." Now comes Mr. McAdoo with a pro-

posal to try out Government operation Peace is not yet made, an American without ownership, but with enlarged army occupies German soil, the pre-monitory rumblings of sharp disagree-to test the merits of unified control tion in the public press that the next ment at the peace congress are al-Legislature proposed to begin a policy ready heard, yet the little navy men plains that the provisions of the pres-to begin.

of meddling with the state road plan, are still at work in Congress. They ent law are inadequate for a period and to make trouble for the State have learned nothing from our experi- of twenty-one months after peace is

half, for the impressive surrender of spects has deteriorated, especially as the Germany navy after having given regards sleeping and dining cars. no challenge to battle for more than Unified control has brought about use no challenge to battle for more than two years proves that a navy unequal of some roads chiefly for freight to its task is a useless expen others chiefly for passenger trains,

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and has given passengers the choice It is a strange fact that the man whose every prediction as to the deciof alternative routes on any ticket. It sive effect of a seapower has been fulhas cut down demurrage on cars and increased loading and trainloads. All filled by this war-Admiral Mahanof these advantages could be as easily secured under regional operation by was an American, and that the men who are blindest to his teachings are Americans miscalled statesmen, a few large corporations subject to closer supervision by a more business play politics with the national secu-We must look to the men who like and less political Interstate Comhave seen the hideous facts of war to merce Commission than has existed

F. M. Rothrock, of Spokane, a breeder of blooded Shorthorns, is at the Hotel Portland and is in town to attend the The railroad problem is not lately. political, but, as Mr. McAdoo says, is a "grave economic problem," but the livestock exhibition. Commission has approached every W. W. Nicholl, County Judge of Yam

controversy with one eye on political effect and Congress has had both eyes hill, and Charles Daniels, the County Judge-elect, are here for the conferturned in that direction. ence of county judges of the state. All experience in this and other Eric V. Hauser, president of the com

countries has taught us that Govern-ment operation of any public utility pany which operates the Hotel Multho-mah, lef. for St. Paul last night and will spend the holidays with Mrs. Hauser. H. H. Cloutier, former man-ager of the hotel, will accompany Mr. Hauser east and will visit his family at Mineanolis. or business is wasteful and inefficient and gives poor service at high cost. That is true of the Government-operated roads of France and Germany. It is true of the Postoffice Departat Minneapolis. ment in this country, and has proved

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thompson, ranch-ers from Carson, Wash., arrived last night at the Hotel Portland, and will true of Government operation of cables, telegraph and telephone lines, By what miracle does any man ex-pect that a system which has always do their Christmas shopping Two of the Marion County Commisbad in other countries, and as

sioners, Hunt and Goulet, are here for the sessions of the County Commissionto other things than railroads in this country, can suddenly be cured of its ers' conference. when applied to railroads in faults S. B. Crouch, a real estate operator of Roseburg, is at the Hotel Oregon this country? The universal tendency of Govern-

ment business is to fall into a rut, to for a few days. reject new invention, to chain men C. G. Barr, of Astoria, is at the Im

routine, to elevate mediocrity above genius and to do things as they always Master Horseshoers' Association, which have been done. Bureaucracy is the will have its annual meeting today. natural enemy of human progress, for progress comes from men of originallature and newspaper man from Wheeler itv. initiative and genius, who prod County, was at the Multnomah yester-day. Mr. Stewart will be serving his second term and has found that his best work can be done in killing off slothful minds out of their rut and day. force them to think and to move along new paths. There is room for doubt whether, if the stage coach lines had freak legislation rather than by intro-

been owned and operated by the Govducing a flock of bills to reform every ernments of the United States and thing in sight. Great Britain, the railroads would yet man of that city, is visiting at the Seward. have been built, at least for a long George Stephenson and his time: American counterparts would have

seen coldly turned down by insolent, E. B. Marks, whose specialty is Holstein cattle, is at the stock show. He is registered at the Imperial. harnacle-encrusted bureaucrats. What we need is a combination of all the public advantages of private W. F. Hardesty, Seaside Councilman ownership and operation with all drove his car home from the Multnomah yesterday and the most important plece those of unified operation and of publie 'regulation, extended farther but of luggage he carried was a gold-han dled umbrella, presented to him by the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassen

more wisely directed than it has been hitherto. That combination is pos-sible if the roads of each broad region a branch of the Knights of Pythias. are unified under private operation; it is not possible under public owner-

River, were in town on business and pleasure yesterday and registered at ship and operation. In deciding the question no consideration should be the Benson. Mr. McAdoo's proposal that Con- given to politics, to preconceived the-C. L. Houston, of Astoria, arrived at the Hotel Portland on the late train last night. He is a prominent lumberories or to private profit. The sole consideration should be the best posyears from next January is different sible service at the lowest possible man in Clatsop County. from any one of the three alternative cost. That does not mean low wages: W. S. Ferguson came from Athena plans which President Wilson submit- it means high wages for good, faithful ted on December 2, yet the President approves it. Mr. Wilson seemed un-fair profits for the owners who would yesterday and registered at the Im-perial. He is here to meet Mrs. Ferguon, who has been receiving treats

> Two marines dropped a match in a Minister Egan need not be alarmed about Germany's renewing the war. wastebasket in their room in the Multnomah yesterday. Damage: One set of lace curtains, one window shade, one set of blistered furniture. And there to fight with, has a morbid horror of invasion and would have one new enwasn't even the smell of smoke in the emy in Bohemia on the south and an- hall. other in Poland on the east. The

Four lawyers were brought to the German people were not insane Hotel Portland from San Francisco yes-terday by the Pacific Telephone & Teleenough to have taken those chances in 1914; they are growing samer every graph Company to look after the in-terests of the corporation in the hear-ing before the Public Service Commisday in 1918. The danger is now schemes to divide the allies at the peace conference, and a desperate sion. The attorneys are F. C. Morris, drive to recover forsign trade. In F. C. Phelps, J. P. Downs and J. C. The attorneys are F. C. Morris, these particulars the war is just about Knowell

the German army's neck.

The United States Army has 161,909 mules, and no wonder it ended the

He is the ideal buyer and the sales-

shopping would have little charm if

The question between quarantine

fluenza is one between shutting up the

few hundred sick and stopping the industry of scores of thousands who

are healthy. There is no room for

the species by thwarting attempts to

commit matrimony. Uncle Sam has

much to learn.

Louis Lachmund, former Mayor of

Salem, and now a State Senator, headed a delegation of state capitol men who stopped at the Multnomah yester-The more the military sharps study public is told, upon authority of sun-lesson we have had, they wish us to be extended to five years from next the American attraction to them. the American achievement on the day while attending the Chamber of

ALL FOREST MATERIAL OF VALUE

Best Advantage Outlined.

SEASIDE, Or., Dec. 11 .- (To the Edi-S. R. Thompson, J. V. Tollman and C. K. Cranston, of Fendleton, are at the Imperial. The trio came to Portland this Coast is such that only a portion as delegates to the Chamber of Com Mrs. Harry McCormick, of McCor-mick, Wash, is registered at the Hotel Seward. She has been in a local hos-pital and was able to leave it for the hotel yesterday. acres, and this valley may be taken as better than an average sample of the

Those Who Come and Go.

J. S. Stewart, member of the Legis

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Revlin, of Hood

in a local sanitarium for several days.

merce convention.

Forty-three of the \$1 shingle mills along the line of the Seattle & Lake Shore Railroad are running, but not fied about as follows: 20 per cent plow land, level enough to cultivate and crop annually, 20 per cent orchard land, somewhat too steep for good plow land

degree that makes it more valuable for timber culture than for any other pur-Hence it will be seen that about 66

Like Kaiser's Own Teachings. part of man the timber of the Pacific Coast region will continue to reproduce itself, enabling the valleys to continue o receive the rich soil from the mountainsides. Also this 40 per cent of the timbered area can be made to serve a double purpose, that of a game preserve and to protect the sources of water sup-ply. Likewise the timber on the hills adjacent to the ocean beaches should be preserved as it aids to protect them from the Winter storms as well as makes a magnificent background for he beaches. Mr. Barr is the secretary of the

for Columbia River.

snow and ice

ossibilities are great

contain.

wish that any human being (and I as-sume that the criminal in mind is a degenerate human) should be punished pasture land is usually in better condi-tion with the stumps remaining, as they don't take up much room, and will serve as supports for climbing fruit vines. y torture such as having "his flesh reloved inch by inch," as was suggested

If the stumps are to be removed some likely will be good, for ship kness or can perhaps be charpitted, giving them We want justice, stern justice, if you please, or do we want revenge merely to appease our natural hatred of all that this man has stood for? It seems ommercial value for charcoal. Also thorough investigation should be made to determine the amount of turpentine strange that persons suggesting such marbarous punishment for the ex-Kal-er do not see that thereby they are proving themselves most apt pupils of and rosin and the like that the stumps With but little additional ex pense the mills can equip themselve to manufacture nine-tenths of the he greatest teacher of barbarity that their the world has ever known and, stranger still, are recommending this dire tor-ture for the teacher whose very meth-ods they themselves would use. He must have punishment, of course, but let it be of such a nature that he will thereby atoms in the greatest perwaste lumber and slabwood into articles of commerce at a good profit. The people can do much to aid by using forest wood for fuel. There should be numerous pulp and paper mills and tanneries conveniently placed so when a tree is felled in the

will thereby atone in the greatest pos-sible measure for the wrong he has done; let it be of such a nature as shall make it constructive for the good of the world he has wronged; let him be compelled to join the dinner pail bricut gade as a common laborer (not that common labor is degrading, heaven for-bid that anyone should draw this conlusion from my suggestion), which would be most humiliating punishment for this man who has such an exalted opinion of himself and which, morematerial to market. There is one-fifth of the standing timber of the United States in Oregon. over, would make it possible that he

till the soil and help to build houses to replace the homes he has so ruthlessly lestroyed, and let him labor alone, that he may have abundant opportunity for

those of one-fifth of continental United States, as well as its rightfu world, problems that should have the earnest thought of those who seek real United States, as well ammerce in these share of the foreign commerce in these stricter. W. E. BURKE. these rogress so that we may well give little time to the details of the punish-

MEMORIAL THAT WOULD ATTRACT conclusion; in fact he is already reap-ing in a measure that which he has Adaptation of Liberty Statue Suggested

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .--- (To the Ediin the world's history that all Amer-icans, while proud of the part our great tor.)-Many suggestions have been given as to erection of a Victory monbeen country is taking in world events, must acriously consider our opportunities as andividuals. For instance: we can see ment, but none seem to strike right ument, but none seem to strike, right, but home. Highways are all right, but don't let us thisk that we have the only scenery and possibilities for fine roads. It will not advertise Oregon as it ought to be done for this new state with so many resources. A highway around Mount Hood will not to it that the pernicious teaching of such men as the German Nietzsche, whose philosophy is thought by some to be largely responsible for the great war just ended, shall have no harbor in

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 11 .- (To What would advertise Oregon more han a fine and imposing lighthouse the Editor.)-(1) Can a drafted man be held longer than a man who enlisted at the mouth of the Columbia River or where the Willamette flows into the Columbia? Liberty Statue. New York, is remembered by all sailors, passengers and all who have seen and heard of it and would at the same time advertise the Columbia River and or the duration of the war? A relaive has been transferred from the pepot Brigade, Camp Lewis, to the Pre-idio in California, and I am informed hat the only troops they have at the Presidio are permanent troops. Is ime advertise the Columbia River and (2) Would being transferred to that Besides splendid soldiers we also furnished fine ships and therefore a lighthouse is proper. The decorative camp, where permanent troops are raised, serve to hold him longer, or will be be transferred back to Camp Lowis and mustered out there? Ha KNUD ROALD. uss not been assigned to any company or development battalion, as he was When Soldier Is Discharged. taken ill and was sent to the hospital two days after arriving in California. (3) Will he be mustered out after be-ing discharged from the hospital, or YAQUINA, Or., Dec. 10 .- (To the Ed. tor.) -- There are many readers of The nust he be assigned to a company and hen mustered out? would (4) I have a brother in the 102d. Is it the 103d Regiment, and is this a part of the 26th Division? Is the 26th Di-vision a New England division? (5) Has the 26th Division been menioned as one of the divisions soon to be returned to the United States? (6) Was it the 26th Division that was used as a replacement unit for the 55th Division, or vice versa? FOUR-STAR SISTER.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, December 13, 1893.

Wheat sells for 90 cents per bushel in the northern part of Grant County.

A railroad would soon lower the prices.

Five tons of deer meat, ducks and

The daily

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How Timbered Sections Can Be Put to

r.)-The character of the country or the land can be used for farming pur poses, owing to the roughness and broken nature. To illustrate, the Ne-halem River, in Columbia, Clatsop and and Tillamook Counties drains about 600,000

fish were thrown into the bay at Ta-coma by a cold storage company going out of business. The act is severely criticised. greater portion of the timbered territory on the Pacific Slope. The land in this valley can be classi-

up to their full capacity. output is about 20 carloads. but good for fruit-raising purposes; 20 per cent grazing land; 40 per cent re-foresting land, rough and broken to a A Pendleton man having large sheep nterests in Grant County tells the Long Creek Eagle that if Congress places

wool on the free list that it will throw every sheepman in Gregon out of busi-1055. LET PUNISHMENT BE ATONEMENT

per cent of the cut-over lands have more value for agriculture and stock-raising purposes, while the chief value of the other 40 per cent will be to stock it with young timber. In fact with a little caution and helpfulness on the part of man the timber of the Pacific Blood-curdling Proposals Too Much

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 12.--(To the Editor.)--Some of the articles dealing with the punishment of Herr Hohen-zollern, recently of Berlin, are very incresting as showing the trend of opin-on of some so-called Americans. The columns of The Oregonian happily have been practically free from blood-curd-ling suggestions, but at least one newspaper has run a column or two of such suggestions, purporting to be the opinus of representative Americans.

s to this latter that I, for one, have objection, as I refuse to believe that With the exception of small stumps representative American any would it is not necessary to remove any ex-cept what are on the bottom land, as

by one person. It seems to me that the point is, do

forest its entire trunk can be utilized Where a tree is to be removed that will not make a sawlog by means of the steam saw much can be saved by cutting into shorter lengths for pulp and firewood. This also will aid in clearing the land. Also the hemlock and alder bark should be gathered for the tan will aid splendidly in getting this raw

much of this being particularly adapted for pulp wood and tanning purposes. Oregon, in addition to supplying its own needs in the way of shoes and leather goods, is in a position to supply

Critical problems are looming in the

ment of this man. We may rest as-sured that his punishment is a foregone

It seems to me in this critical time

the legislative ship during the ses that nothing of the kind is contemmore, rather than less, in road conpolitics is thus adjourned and that tions as they actually exist. visa counsels are to prevail. It is overseas to fight, who are to come back and seek employment.

LIBERTY FUEL.

The skepticism of the public toward indeterminable factor, consequently it which will be accorded to the new "liberty fuel," lately announced as a ibstitute for gasoline by Major Oliver Zimmerman and Captain E. C. Weisgarber, of the gas and oil production division of the War Department. protection of that navy began the flow

There is the fate of one Garabed T. K. Garagossian and his universal motor fresh in mind to restrain any tendency to overenthusiasm, and lurk- nial troops across the Mediterranean. ing in the recesses of memory a certain promise of wonderful results to South African troops across every sea. for that purpose, for in a letter to the from development of a new It was Canadian troops, brought New York Evening Post Mr. McAdoo "cracking process" which was to have across the Atlantic Ocean, which himself makes this admission: revolutionized petrojeum manufacture. stopped the German advance at the We recall only the self-abnegation of second battle of Ypres and prevented far the inventor who renounced all claim it from reaching the Channel. Mainly to personal gain-but his name al-ready has escaped us. to the British navy we owe the ability of the American Army to reach

There are certain factors connected France and turn the tide of victory. If with the prospect of a new fuel for we alone had been fighting Germany. motor vehicles which elevate it above that country might have succeeded in the common run. The statement, made landing an army in America. If the in favor of a temporary solution which apparently with approval of the War German navy was inferior to ours in cannot aid greatly in meeting an Department, that it has proved its April, 1917, so that it could not have practicability in extensive tests is one won command of the sea from us and will soon disappear? Why this of these. Another is that it can be alone, the cause was the losses inproduced in quantity at approximately flicted by the British navy at the bats-half the cost of gasoline. tle of Jutland.

Every owner of an automobile will

neering knowledge, so that instead of Ocean, or on both at the same time. practically a single grade, we shall able to secure the fuel precisely the better.

tes a desire to on, in which the war found us. Before keep the question out of politics, yet even a beginning has been made at the effect of his plan would be to plated; but on the contrary, it is in-forming a League of Peace and at keep it in politics for five years. He general disarmament, they propose denies that he is interested in proving that our naval policy be based on their or disproving the theory of Governstruction. It is pleasing to know that wishes and hopes, not on the condi- ment ownership, but neither his successor nor his subordinates in the

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The one unforgettable lesson which Railroad Administration would have also pleasing to see that the moneys the United States should have learned such scruples; in fact some of his available are to be larger than here- from the war is that a nation which higher officials have already carried tofore estimated and that there will has a great foreign commerce and a on propaganda for that theory. Every be no embarrassments about funds. long coast fronting on two oceans and act of every employe, high or low, is responsible for the safety of distant would be consciously or unconsciously ployment must be found for many men who have been engaged in war for their successful defense against for their successful defense against the successful defense against rork, and for the other men, gone any possible enemy or any probable be making a case for or against it. combination of enemies. In order to The further unified control was car

do this effectively, the Navy must ried and the longer it continued, the quer the world. be ready to act with full force the in- more difficult it would become to dis

stant danger arises. To the fact that unite the roads and the more unwill-The skepticism of the public toward the British navy was strong enough ing would be the unifiers to disunite. war became certain the final overend of the five years would be preis impossible to forecast the reception throw of Germany was due. It no judged by the facts, and the argusooner put to sea than German sea ment would be made that unified op- she bought that way. communication was cut off, German eration by the Government having is "dead tired" at evening. commerce died, the danger of a Gerbeen accomplished, the Government man expedition to the rear of the might as well own the roads and con-French army ended. Then under the tinue it.

The advantages in meeting the war of men and material from all parts of the earth. First came British troops rived from unlfied operation have unacross the Channel and French colo- doubtedly been great, and it was only to obtain them that the Government argument. then Canadian, Australian, Indian and took possession. They are still needed

This strain to which our transportation facilities have been subjected is not yet over, for Europs will continue to be de-pendent upon America for her food at least until her next harvast shall have been gathered, and many cars and engines will be engaged for some time yet in the de-mebilization of our troops.

Then why this haste for a decision emergency that will steadily diminish sudden request that the period of demobilized man from the female of

Government operation be extended to five years? The explanation is pos-Every owner of an automobile will This dependence for our safety on sibly a desire for a decision by the hope devoutly that this is true. It is the sea-power and good will of anto give more mileage to the gallon, other nation is both dangerous and ministration majority, rather than enwill produce greater speed, and will humiliating to the United States. Our ter upon a controversy with the new cause less heat, thus effecting a fur- navy should be strong enough for our Congress and its Republican majority. ther saving in lubrication. The pros-pect that it will be "almost odoricss" a battle fleet able to go out to sea and be secured on so controversial a matalso worth taking into account. It to overcome the battle fleet of an ter in the brief span of life remaining also is said to be tasteless, but we do not think that this is important, if all the other promises are fulfilled. Such as Congress provided when it be-gan building the new navy. It must The new fuel is said to be capable be strong enough to hold supremacy ple. The logical body to legislate is of refinement to the limit of engl- on either the Atlantic or Pacific the new Congress, which is fresh from the people, at a special session President Wilson's remarks to Con- which there would be no absolute

gress and Secretary Daniels' new con- limit. adapted to each kind of machine. If struction programme prove that they in addition it requires no change in are fully alive to this necessity, but ple data will be available for a joint present carbureters and explodes at when naval officers recommend the committee of inquiry into past experitemperatures below zero, thus elimi-nating many starting troubles, so much Naval Committee, they are badgered der private ownership and operation by such parochial-minded people as in the United States we had the best Some day, no doubt, it will all come Representative Butler, of Pennsyl- service, both freight and passenger, at Our faith in the chemists makes vania. Already the Navy Department the lowest rates in the world. Under us believe that it will be so. But we had reduced its estimates for pay and Government operation wages have have so often heard the cry of wolf! supplies 50 per cent, but it stood for been materially increased and, to meet wolfi when there was no wolf that as its construction programme, and this this increase Governmental power has people we are beginning to insist was the target of attack for the little been used to raise freight rates 25 Where is the in- navy men. Chairman , Padgett sug- per cent and passenger rates from 25 dustrial alcohol that only a decade ago was going to revolutionize com-merce and agriculture at one swoop? Yet we shall forget every failure the

For several years they had been talk commerce meeting. ing about the Meuse line as that to

men?

which the Germans might retire and OTHER UNITS TO BE WELCOMED make an impregnable defense, but the

doughboys colled up that line in six Home Boys Not All in Dist Division weeks and threw it like a noose around and Third Oregon.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Ediits harbors. or.)-I think it would be well to bring before the minds of the people of Port-land at this time the fact that all the war. The mule is the most intelli-gent animal, and knows how far to Oregon's famous "Third." This regiunits that left Portland at the out-He is the trade-unionist of his ment is composed entirely of infantry

go. He is the trade-union to the men. kingdom. The little sense left in the men. We are now beginning to make prepand was ready to quit. Long live the mule! With him America will con-boys, but no mention is made of any but the Third Oregon and the Oregon Oregonian here in the Yaquina Bay dis-trict who are about to be discharged at Vancouver Barracks and who men of the 91st Division.

A man knows what he wants when he enters a store and gets it at once. lery (the latter two units being on the (1) Does a soldier actually receive girl's delight. Woman knows, too, but

front line since July 14), which were all recruited and brought up to war his discharge at the barracks and im-mediately become a civilian? strength before they left Clackamas? (2) Can a soldier draw his transpor-That's why she All are now overseas. Are they not to be included in this grand welcoming tation money from the Government at 314 cents per mile and then remain in

of our boys when they return from the front? If so, why are they never men-tioned? And what about the Navy paying the customary fare when he front? If so, why are they never men-tioned? And what about the Navy and shutdown as a preventive of in- tioned? And what SQUARE DEAL desires to go home? (3) Must a discharged soldier wear his uniform for any length of time af-

Menace of Crowded Cars. ter he leaves the barracks? PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .-- (To the Edi-tor.)--If the city health officers are (4) Does the Government require the discharged soldier to leave immediate-ly for his home?

interested in learning one of the chief causes of the sudden increase in the One way to treat Reds and Bolsheinfluenza cases, let them attempt viki would be to turn them over to ride into town on an 8 o'clock Broad-

the prison barber for a very close hairway car. cut. A "slant" at a mirror would give The car into which I was forced to Insert myself was loaded to the point of suffocation. The conductor rang up 112 fares, and he missed some at that, each inspiration to be decent while the locks were growing long again. there being a number of hangers-on out of reach. Every window was closed, Dr. Effie L. Labdell, of Chicago, vocates wearing of fewer clothes by women and in the same breath resents and we were in such a compact mass that it wasn't even necessary to hang the second stare by men. Does she

on to a strap. As can easily be imagined, the air As can easily be imagined, the usual unspeakable. This is the usual citizen. want their eyes to flop out at the first "slant"? Fewer clothes, indeed! was unspeakable. This is the usual state of affairs on the Broadway line at this hour in the morning. (3) It is not required. being mustered out. Uncle Sam is determined to save the

And for this privilege we pay 6 cents. ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

Enlistments Since April 1, 1917.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 11.-(To the Editor.)-If a boy of 17 enlisted at the beginning of the war for a period of Making the world safe for democsix years, will he be discharged when racy is degenerating with making the United States solid for Democracy. Fra racy is degenerating with making the United States solid for Damocracy. American people can be fooled once, but no more. JOHN RAYMOND.

(1 and 2) These questions were an-

swered on the editorial page of The Oregonian December 11. (3) There has been no official an nouncement to this effect. The belief has been expressed that some such preference may be extended in troops that may be long retained in Europe.

PRIVATE ELMER H. MESERVE.

be mustered out there. The moment a

soldier is musfered out he is a private

(4) He may do as he pleases after

Married Men in Demobilization.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.--(To the Ed-itor.)--(1) Can you give me any infor-mation about the 91st Division?

(2) Is it included in the army of oc-cupation, or will it be sent home soon?(3) Will the married man be given

any preference in the demobilizing of

the A. E. F.? ANXIOUS SOLDIER'S WIFE.

Number of Peace Delegates.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 11 .- (To the Edi-tor.)- I have never yet seen a stateto be ment showing the number of dele-gates which comprise the peace con-ference, and the number apportioned to each country. I suppose this information is available inasmuch as the United States has five delegates, and no doubt the number apportioned to

other countries is fixed. I would, therefore, be pleased to hear from you, if you are prepared to fur-T. B. KAY. nish it.

Each country is to have four dele gates. President Wilson is not a delegate.

(1) Drafted men of some units are undoubtedly going to be held longer than enlisted men of other units, There is nothing to prevent. The Presidio is a permanent Army camp, but many troops not of the regular Army have been stationed there.

(2 and 3) The transfer may militate (1 and 2) New orders covering these to hold him longer. Without all the points were printed in The Oregonian facts it is impossible to state where or (city editions) of December 9 and 11 when he will be mustered out. If he Enlisted men are hereafter to be sent comes from the hospital unfitted for within 350 miles of their homes to be service he will doubtless be discharged mustered out. Only those who enlisted at once. within that distance of Vancouver will

(4) If the unit has been spoken of simply as the "103d," it is undoubtedly the 103d Regiment, infantry. This is a part of the 26th Division, made up of New England men. (5) No.

(6) The 26th Division was a combat division November 11. Units of the 86th Division may have been used as replacement troops for the 26th Division. The fact that the \$6th is soon to be sent home tends to indicate that this may have been the case,

Allotment to Lleutenant's Wife.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Ed-tor.) - (1) My husband, a First Licuenant, made an allotment to me before starting overseas in October. should I have received the first allot-ment? How long should I wait before writing the Quartermaster?

(2) Is anything known of the return to this country of evacuation hospitals?

(3) Can you tell me the name of the poem containing these lines:

And fold their tents like Araba, And silently steal away.

A READER.

(1) Three months is a reasonable time to await arrival of allotment after it is made. Formerly the average time required to get the allotments started and was considerably longer.

(2) Hospital units have not yet been announced as in line for return home. (3) The quotation, which is from Longfellow's "The Day Is Done," is: And the night shall be filled with music, And the cares that infest the day Shall fold their tents like the Araba, And as sliently steal away.

out and returned home. No Relationship Between Units.

two units.

uck. The Oregon Horseshoers' Association is with us today.

Germany's bill is \$115,640,000,000, and "two off for cash." probably.

their feet and have raised a crop and

has a lesson to leann, more economic

Royalty will come and be welcomed. but what this country wants is a sight

Well, here's the harbinger of good

This must be a calendarless season

Omaha is learning to walk.

G. R. G.

(1) There is no connection between

nounced.

Not Designated for Return.

gineers designated for an early return to the

United States from France? If en? _____SUBSCRIBER.

so, when?

No.

If the boy did not enlist in the regu Uncle Sam must continue to be lar Army prior to April 1, 1917, he will have the privilege of being mustered hanker for the allies till they get on

started their factories. If it means that Holland will not surrender Mr. Hohenzollern, Holland

than physical.

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of the old gray fox of France.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Ed-or.)-(1) Kindly tell me if the 163d Ambulance Company is included in the 163d Field Artillery Brigade, which has

been designated for return home? (2) Are replacement divisions to sent home soon? G. R. (

(2) Yes, according to plans an-

NORTH BEND Or., Dec. 11.-(To the Editor.)-Are the 18th Railway En-