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DEAR SUGAR IN PROSPECT.

If, as seems probable, there should be a great advance in the price, it may be attributed to the combined influence of prohibition and President Wilson. The American people this year are consuming about 400,000 tons of sugar more than normal, and George A. Zabriskie, president of the Sugar Equalization League, explains this fact by the craving for soft drinks and candy which has seized drinking men when deprived of their beer and cognac.

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There is to be held in Portland November 23 a civil service examination for the position of chief clerk of the custodian service at the federal building. According to official announcement of this examination, the salary of an unskilled laborer, male, in this county is \$18.00 plus \$2.00 a month; for an unskilled laborer, female, \$15.00 plus \$1.50 a month.

There may not seem to be close connection between a civil service examination to fill a laborer's job in the federal building of Portland and the doing of Congress on the Versailles conference. Yet to the latter is due the \$100,000,000 document which sets forth the peace terms in a chapter devoted to labor. Therein are enumerated nine general principles, and one of these is the principle that men and women should receive equal remuneration for work of equal value.

considerations he surrendered American citizenship. We leave it to the amateur philosopher, each on his own account, to answer whether the sacrifice was justified by the reward.

Viscount Astor owed his material prosperity entirely to America. As an expatriate, he cut a pitiful rather than an ignoble figure, and he served a purpose in the inscrutable plans of Providence by making his particular use of the local quality especially popular. Even the traitor may serve to emphasize a lesson in patriotism, as students of history know.

Over Tacoma a patriotic American jury convicted a loose-mouthed agitator of libel for making the false and outrageous statement that George Washington was a drunkard. The charge was brought by a loyal citizen, Colonel Job, who was not dismayed in his purpose to exonerate the memory of the Father of His Country.

THE MONEYS' WORTH. The pleasing announcement is made that the citizens of Portland have subscribed a \$12,000 guaranty fund for the coming season of the symphony orchestra.

Publication of delinquent tax lists costs the public nothing. It is paid for by the delinquents. But a large delinquency in taxes in the long run is costly to all of the public. This year the percentage of unpaid taxes on the wrong side of the ledger is 10.7 per cent.

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