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would get still less if popular fury should be let loose upon them. The militarists may become as eager to submit to the allies in the hope that foreign armies would protect them from an enraged people as the people would be likely both to appease the enemy and to gratify their wrath.

workers may be most advantageously and economically made self-supporting and the public welfare farthest advanced. This blending of the interest of the worker and that of the public, by adding as rapidly as possible to the sum total of useful production, goes to the root of world reconstruction.

of military information, at least of comprehension of the spirit of the men and women who are winning the war. There is a certain art in letter-writing, as well as in letter-reading. It is necessary to see between the lines. Even in their intimate messages, our boys are much given to modesty in self-appraisal.

arrayed than any lily, convey also a message of tender regard from those who are gone. Early Oregon history, indeed, is filled with instances of this desire of the newcomer to make more beautiful the home which he was building in a wilderness.

be deterred by considerations of capital outlay. The preliminary outlay is negligible and the resulting product, in nine cases out of ten, is clear gain. Perhaps it is well that the plan to extend "daylight saving" to the winter months has been abandoned. There were phases which recommended it, particularly the promise that it would enable stores to close an hour earlier in the afternoon, but sentiment of the country was far from unanimous and it probably was not worth the acrimonious discussion which was threatened.

Ravings of a Recruit. By Private L. B. Gross, Spruce Production Division, U. S. Army. The other day our C. O. marched us out to drill. Said he wanted us fit for overseas.

THE CITY ELECTION.

The coming city election offers peculiar and unsatisfactory possibilities. Commissioner Keller, as an appointive officer, will retire immediately following election in favor of the candidate chosen for the short term. Mr. Keller is a candidate for the regular term beginning July 1. Whether elected or not he will not go into the office at that month.

It is possible therefore that we shall have a swiftly changing personnel on the commission. A new commissioner will go into the office at once, in any event, for eight months. On July 1 he will retire with the further possibility that not only he, but Mr. Bigelow, will be replaced by an entirely new man, inexperienced in city government.

There is still another phase of the undertaking which will appeal strongly to the imagination—the "gemilich Chasodim" or extension of loans without interest to the deserving to aid them in engaging in useful industry. This seems destined to become a major part of the plan, and the fund which will be set aside for the purpose will accomplish a great deal of good because of its revolving character.

These misguided persons who imagine that the wooden ship is intended as a rival of the steel ship and that every wooden ship that is built will displace equal tonnage of steel, never weary of dwelling on the deficiencies of wood or giving circulation to every story that reflects on the seaworthiness or carrying capacity of wooden ships.

SEDAN MAY BE THE AMERICAN GOAL. Sedan, not Metz, may be the goal at which the first and second American armies are driving, suggests the Army and Navy Journal, and it dilates on the vast artillery preparation as probably intended for that scene of operation. That conclusion is drawn from the diversion of the American attack from the direction of Metz, after the St. Mihiel salient was wiped out, to the Argonne and Champagne in the general direction of Sedan, which is not 40 miles northwest of Romagne.

It is a grotesque form of punishment. German he says, will predict forment that a Leipzig editor, who figures as a candidate for the post of chief of emigration to America after the war, which will "cause terrible gaps in the American Nation." German-Americanism being no longer enforced by this emigration from the homeland, this noble element will gradually disappear. But that is not all of the terrible tale. We shall be compelled to rely upon a Slav-Mongolian admixture to maintain our vitality, and these elements will gradually become parasitic on our political and social industrial life. In time our complexion will become a blend of yellow, brown and white, our Germanic features gradually fading away. This is to be our punishment for "flippantly disregarding the wishes of the Prussian war lords. In the language of the street, the Leipzig editor is kidding himself and doesn't know it.

At the command "Company front into line!" I turned the wrong way again, and there was no company in front for me. It was all to the rear. "Present arms!" was the next command. I tried to present mine to every soldier in the squadron but none would accept.

ALAS! WE CANNOT HELP.

Let us confer together a moment, fellow citizens, to ascertain, if we can, what the state of Oregon can do to grant the President the great boon of a Democratic Congress.

Mr. Bigelow has made an acceptable Commissioner. His qualities are known and it is natural that he should become more valuable as his experience grows. In the interests of unbroken and efficient service he should be re-elected.

Reviving the Art of Letter-Writing. Who was it that said the art of letter-writing had fallen into decay? Certainly it was not a constant reader of the messages that have been coming in a steady stream from the boys "Over There," and probably not one who ever enjoyed the privilege of reading many letters from the home folks.

Flowering Plants in Oregon. One need only consult the catalogue of any Portland nurseryman to confirm the statement that we live literally in a land of flowers here in Oregon. Nature having so favored us, it would be a pity not to enjoy our advantage to the limit.

The smokehouse on the farm. The waste on farms, due to shortage of labor which makes the old-time care in harvesting well-nigh impossible, ought to give new impetus to the raising of products which are gathered with the minimum of effort—such, for example, as hogs, which in certain seasons of the year forage for their own food.

Production of hand grenades in the United States passed the 3,000,000 mark more than a month ago and now exceeds \$4,000,000 a day. That was produced and shipped in exactly a month.

Beauty. Oh, how passionately I love it—of the grain field where the study is of the blossom of the mind; From the sunrise in the Springtime to the sunset in the fall; From the radiant face of childhood to the kindly one grown old; In the mountains, dank and woody, where the tall ferns swing and sway.

PATRIOTISM AT \$1.25 PER HOUR.

"Is it a crime punishable by penal servitude for Walter Pierce to accept the money for the service on the draft board?" asks Adah Wallace Unruh in a letter in another newspaper.

There are citizens whose services the country needs in this capacity, but who cannot without disproportionate loss and hardship to themselves and their families, be spared by the government. The services of these men cannot be spared by the government, and the government should make provision for those not well-to-do that the well-to-do Pierce drew payment from the Government.

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