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THE MEETING GROUND OF THE CAMPS.

Some of us who stay at home almost wish we were to be soldiers, as we read of the novelty and interest the men are finding in the new army cantonment life. It must appeal particularly to many types of men who hitherto have led very quiet and isolated lives.

There will be hosts of farmer boys who previously scarcely saw any greater assemblage of men than you would gather at the crossroads post-office or church. At home they communed mostly with their own thoughts. They went in but little for social life, as they could reach the country gatherings only by long walks in the evening. This isolation develops a rugged but too independent type of character. The enthusiasm of a regiment of men will be a thrilling experience to such.

Also it will do these fellows good to realize that the city boys are not all duds and weaklings. They will find many of them very athletic, and quite able to throw the country boys at a "wrestling" match. Also it will do the city boys good to see that the country boy is not necessarily a hayseed. He may be shy of manner, but underneath there is a keen observation and shrewd comment on what he sees.

Men who previously never left the boundaries of their native states will be swapping experiences with those from cities they only knew dimly as a memory of geography study. It will do them good to realize that their own locality does not possess all advantages nor all wisdom.

Travel is supposed to be beneficial, but the great majority of people never get much of it. The army boys will now see the world, but even better than that, they will get what is the major advantage of seeing the world, the meeting with people from widely diverse occupations and localities. Men of sluggish ambition will be roused when they find out what others are doing, and their eyes will be open to many opportunities. This army service will be a tremendous experience in a great many ways other than the military and fighting side of it.

GIVE 'EM GOOD CARS.

It was frequently complained, when the militia boys took their long jaunts to the Mexican border for the recent mobilizations, that many of them had to travel long distances in antiquated and badly crowded cars, mostly day coaches. Traveling at night with your legs bent up like a jackknife in the vain effort to find some comfortable position, is a test of patriotism.

Probably sleeping cars can not be found in sufficient number for the soldier boys. But they should be given plenty of room, and the best day coaches there are. If anyone is to ride in crowded cars, it should be the ordinary traveller, who usually is going but a short distance. He is sacrificing nothing, and can stand discomfort in a patriotic emergency.

Or if any antiquated cars with springless seats and tiny little windows have to be used, put them on regular trains and give the soldiers modern equipment. They are giving their all for the country, and the country should give them its best.

FUEL SHORTAGE.

Up to recent years, the last thing the people of the United States thought about was fuel shortage. The scientists might figure that the coal mines would be used up in 1,000 years, but "We should worry." It never occurred to them that the shortage and the high price of labor would greatly increase the cost of mining coal, and that our supply of fuel wood was rapidly being depleted by the gross waste of forest resources.

Today high cost fuel is threatening the security of railroad dividends and it greatly increases the cost of running any plant needing power. The householder feels keenly the augmented price of coal and wood in his home. Recognizing these conditions, the government is asking the public to conserve supplies of fuel in every way.

In industrial plants various devices are used to save coal, such as automatic stoking, more careful systems of feeding fire, etc. But the one great means of saving fuel is to develop water powers and make our rivers turn our wheels. The people who promote and bring to successful operation a water power company are adding permanent sources of wealth that will increase production indefinitely.

If they plant and maintain forest growth about the headwaters of their stream they will maintain a regular flow of that stream all the year around, or nearly so, thus reducing the time that auxiliary steam plants burning coal have to be operated.

It is too bad that so many millions of dollars are wasted in unfruitful speculation, in wildcat mining and plantation schemes, when if they could only be used in developing water powers that are going to waste they would permanently economize our resources and reduce the cost of manufacturing. Power plants are recognized today as one of the safest forms of investment.

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SOLDIER AND SAILOR INSURANCE.

The soldiers' and sailors' war-insurance bill, the first step in government insurance, and what is pronounced the most generous effort on the part of any nation to care for the dependents of its fighting men, has been passed and is now a law.

The bill follows almost exactly the lines laid down in the plan of army insurance worked out by Secretary McAdoo and his coadjutors and embodied in a draft of a bill approved by President Wilson and presented to congress for action.

The press of the country seem to think that the unanimous approval given to the bill by the lower house of congress is thoroughly representative of the feeling of the whole country.

Secretary McAdoo's comment was as follows:

"The unanimous passage by the house of representatives of the bill for the compensation and insurance of our soldiers and sailors is a distinct triumph for justice and humanity. It is the most conspicuous and advanced step ever taken by any nation for the protection of its soldiers and sailors and their dependents. The prompt passage of this bill by the senate will satisfy the heart and conscience of uplifted America."

Frances Willard Day Will Be Observed

In accordance with Oregon's school law, the fourth Friday in October, October 26th, will be observed by all the public schools of the state as Frances E. Willard day, when interesting and appropriate exercises will be given in commemoration of the life, history and achievements of Frances E. Willard.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill has prepared a program for the day which will be forwarded to every school teacher in the state, the main features of which are:

Flag salute by the school; song, "America," by entire school; short talk by teacher or other, eulogy, recital by a pupil; "Life of Frances Willard," to be given by pupils above fifth grade, and "Effects of Alcohol and Narcotics on the Human System," scientific facts assigned to each pupil; essays and responses by pupils on what prohibition promises for Oregon.

All Registered Men Will Be Examined

Forty-five governors have approved the plans to proceed at once with the physical examination of the 7,000,000 men registered under the selective draft act, who were not included in the first call.

The work will be done leisurely, two or three examinations being held each week. The accepted men will be included in the second call and will be used to fill gaps in the national army as they occur.

The People's Forum

Travel Letters.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 2.

Everything has to have a beginning. Therefore, having arranged to contribute a few short articles for your valued paper while on my eastern journey, I am starting in early so as to avoid the rush. There is nothing in the city of Sacramento to attract particular attention excepting that it has the distinction of being the proud capital of the great state of California, which to the native sons living within the radius of this metropolis is not by any means to be considered lightly.

While it is difficult for a stranger to see all the merits claimed for this particular section of our globe, yet notwithstanding its malaria districts, its long, hot, blistering summers and a few other minor drawbacks, it is only fair to say that Sacramento is a thriving, up-to-date city with all the vim and go of a characteristic western town. Having said this much, I want to say something more, and that is that during the past few years I have many times traveled from Seattle to southern California. I have been through every province in Canada, stopping at every important place, and also through many portions of Mexico, visiting the most beautiful sections. During the past sixteen years I have crossed this continent twelve times, and now having said this much I want to say what was in my mind from the beginning—that our own home town of Ashland is the most beautiful spot in which to live on this continent, and the more of the other cities we see and the more of the other regions we explore, the more definitely, powerfully and clearly we are enabled to see this. Let no one in Ashland who has property to sell give it away. Prosperity is coming this way with leaps and bounds. All over this coast the vaults of the banks are bursting with money that they do not know what to do with, and just as soon as absolute confidence is restored in the stability of things they are going to put this money out speedily at reasonable rates of interest, and when the people have recovered from the pressure and stress of these hard times so that it will be possible and safe for them to move to a more beautiful climate and healthful place it will be found that Ashland will easily take first rank in the state of Oregon and will start side by side with the best that California has, and in some respects it will rank much better. While it is folly to claim that Ashland has everything, still it is equally safe to say that it is a greater folly upon the part of her own citizens not to strenuously lay hold of the great fact with ever-increasing enthusiasm that it has within itself the making of Oregon's most beautiful city and greatest health resort.

As we left on the south-bound train the ride was so beautiful around the curves and up the hill, and when we reached the summit of the Siskiyou I stepped to the rear of the train to say goodbye to the scenery that more than a hundred times has gladdened my heart and stirred my soul to its deepest depths. I raised my hands to the mountain peaks above me, then dropped my eyes to the valley below, and immediately the words came to



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M. C. REED.

Maccabees Dedicate New Home Building

The state of Oregon will be represented at the dedication of the fine new home office building of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, to be held in Port Huron, Mich., on the 2nd of October, by Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte, deputy supreme commander and state leader for Oregon. Mrs. Aydelotte has been officially connected with the order for over fifteen years, and is privileged to represent one of the most active states. She claims the honor of being an officer of the largest fraternal society in the world for women, and this special dedication is of unusual interest in that it commemorates the completion of the first and only building of its kind in the world, entirely built and officered by women. Twenty-five years ago the order was founded by Miss Bina M. West, its present leader, and has in that time grown from a mere handful of members in one state to 200,000 busy workers throughout the United States and Canada.

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Trains Young People For Civil Service

O. A. C., Corvallis, Oct. 8.—Young men and women of Oregon who wish to take the civil service examinations in typewriting, stenography, applied economics, etc., for which the demand at this time is so great, will find courses arranged especially to suit their needs in the O. A. C. school of commerce. Advertisements for stenographers were recently placed in every paper in the country by the U. S. government, urging that schools come to the relief by providing training. The demand is almost without limit, excepting only those who are not able to deliver the goods.

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ACCORDING to the ruling of the Oregon Dairy and Food Commission all dairy butter sold or exposed for sale in this state must be wrapped in butter paper upon which is printed the words "Oregon Dairy Butter, 16 (or 32) ounces full weight," with the name and address of the maker.

To enable patrons of the Tidings to easily comply with this ruling this office has put in a supply of the standard sizes of butter paper and will print it in lots of 100 sheets and upward and deliver it by parcels post at the following prices:

100 Sheets, 16 or 32 ounces \$1.50
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