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HOW ABOUT THAT WAR GARDEN.

Meantime, don't forget that backyard garden. Don't imagine for a moment that the urge is any less than last year. If anything, there is a more vital necessity that this year every available foot of ground be made to produce food. Not only is there a scarcity, but transportation difficulties render this shortage more acute in that they make it difficult to transport from one point to another in this country. So that in the coming season, the community that does not raise its own foodstuffs may face the impossibility of obtaining them, even though they have the money to pay for them, from the simple reason that the railroads are too over-burdened to haul them. If you raise your living you will be sure of it. If you do not, you at least face the possibility of a scarcity.

LOCAL CO-OPERATION.

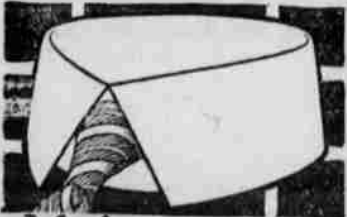
We all of us admit the power of co-operation. "Two heads are better than one," and granted this we must concede that three heads are better than two and four are better than three. Each man separately stands for his own individual force; but if a number of men join together for some object, their power in the community increases as each man joins, much more rapidly than his personal force would warrant.

Notwithstanding our knowledge of this fact, it is often hard to secure co-operation in local affairs. True co-operation means giving up one's own preferences, subordinating one's personality, considering the public good as better than one's own. The man who forgets himself is the most successful in working with other people.

Every man naturally wants the best for his town or village, but the community that achieves the best is the one where the citizens work unselfishly together. In other words, when we refer to the public spirit of a community, we simply mean its capacity for organized and smooth-running co-operation.

CAN WE ESCHEW POLITICS?

When President Wilson asked the Congress to declare a state of war with Germany, with the exception of a very few exceptions the response was immediate and emphatic. Party lines disappeared as if by magic and all were Americans first, last and all the time. And since that date the same state of cohesion has continued—Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists and Progressives vying in



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their loyalty to the Administration, until from the proceedings in the two houses of Congress one would be at a loss to tell who were Democrats and who were not.

This unanimity of action evidenced a fine spirit of loyalty and augurs well for the Administration's backing for the time ahead of us. But next fall the general elections are coming on, and many members will be compelled to contest before the people for their seats in that body.

There is now coming to be a large sentiment throughout the country that in the coming elections we as a people consent to drop for a time our propensity for politics and return these same men to the national capital on their records. It is pointed out that France has prorogued her elections and continues in harness the same men who have been bearing the brunt of the war legislation. This is done for various reasons, principal of which is that there may be no suspicion of dissatisfaction with her legislators that might give encouragement to the enemy.

It will certainly detract from the efficiency of the Congress if any large number of its members are forced to make a fight for their positions. It would be a graceful act of the American people if in the coming election each man who has stood staunchly at his post and upheld the honor of his country, were to be given his election again as a mark of confidence tendered him by his constituents. Whether he be of one party or the other, for his election to be conceded by the opposite party would constitute one of the finest displays of loyalty and fidelity imaginable. It would say to our enemies that our representatives have faithfully voiced our sentiments in their every act, and that we have implicit confidence in their loyalty and integrity.

Our country is facing a stupendous task and needs to come to this work united in sentiment and determination. No such disturbing factors as partisan politics should be permitted to interfere with our unity of action or take from our full efficiency. During the past year we have almost lost sight of politics, and it might be the best thing we could do if we continue blind to its lure.

It wouldn't be a bad idea to put every man on his war record and let him stand or fall by it.

THRIFT STAMPS ARE GIVEN FOR CHANGE

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Within a short time signs so reading will be soon on most every cash register in Oregon, inasmuch as over 400 salesmen of the National Cash Register Company have been instructed to co-operate in the Thrift Stamp and War Savings Stamp campaign in their respective territory.

This means that at least 600,000 "change" signs will be placed about the country, and Oregon will, of course, get her share.

Save that other 15 per cent. Eat War bread instead of Victory.

Old papers for sale at the Tidings office.

Bellevue Notes

The last Parent-Teachers' meeting of the year was held Friday evening, May 10, and the following officers elected for the coming year: Mrs. Andrews, president; Mrs. Fred Hanes, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Fifield, secretary and treasurer. Several amendments were made to the constitution and new resolutions passed. A large crowd enjoyed a very pleasing program.

H. Montgomery, of McCloud, Cal., spent Tuesday and Wednesday here with his family.

Mrs. W. L. Moore will be one of the delegates attending the Odd Fellows meeting, which will be held at Seaside, beginning May 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanning, of Ashland, spent Tuesday evening at the Ignatius home.

Miss Marjorie Fifield was a visitor at school last week.

Master Merle Montgomery celebrated his fourth birthday Tuesday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Ward. Harold Montgomery, Letha, Thais and Aubrey Miles helped enjoy the birthday dinner.

Mrs. Seely, of Portland, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Grover.

Miss Neta Barnard, who has been attending school in Berkeley, Cal., came home Sunday to spend the summer here with her parents.

The Hustlers' class of the Bellevue Sunday school are planning at camping near Gold Ray Dam for next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fifield are receiving letters now weekly from their son, Lee, who landed safely in England a short while ago.

SPRING POETRY.

Fort Stevens, Ore., May 4.

Spring has come and the balmy Oregon weather has penetrated even to the dark and gloomy atmosphere of Fort Stevens, causing the poet-laureate of the old First to again voice his sentiments in flowery metaphors.

Here is shown the fact that while Mars, the God of war, urges the spirit of the soldier boy to action, Mars is not the only God who influences their lives.

What ho! Morpheus, from out thine 'ticing arms I leap,

'Roused brightly from my erstwhile sleep.

Waked by Mars, the armoured God, Mars, I obey thee, at thy slightest nod.

Aha! What's this? This feeling soft, That steals into my heart so oft.

Sweet thought. Ah! Sentiment divine.

"Love me, Alta, and the world is mine."

Begone, Morpheus, and Mars, avaunt. Back, false gods, unto thy former haunt.

To but one famed God I'll give my glove.

Let's see. Who was the God of love? —W. Geoffrey Taverner.

The War Eternal.

When I elect to leave my home And far o'er foreign strands to roam, My past life just a mem'ry sweet, I tho't at least, I'd be discreet.

For three long years this war's been waged,

And now, at last, I am engaged! Engaged, you think, in bloody strife. Ah, no, unto my future wife.

Oh, really, very simple 'twas. It happened—oh, well, just because She'd soft brown eyes and pretty hair And always smiled (when I was there.)

With Kaiser Bill, a few years strife? No, now I've joined the war for life. 'Tis just a start, this scrap with Bill; When William's gone, I'm fighting still.

From this you'll think I'm indiscreet And may intend my wife to beat. Again you're wrong. My life I'm giving

With her to fight "High Cost of Living." —Corporal "Jeff."

(Who, by the way, is not engaged.)

SUN'S TOTAL ECLIPSE EVENT OF THE YEAR

Preparations for observing the astronomical event of this year—the total solar eclipse of June 8 next—are well under way, the staffs of all the important observatories having arranged a method of perfect co-operation. The photographs will be more numerous in this country than has been the case in the past, says a writer in Popular Astronomy, Northfield, Minn., although local difficulties are presented by the fact that in such states as Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington much of the shadow path lies in mountainous country.

Elaborate tables of latitudes and longitudes have been worked out by verified calculations for the benefit of all who desire to keep track of the progress of the eclipse. As the moon is but little, if at all, greater in angu-

lar diameter than the sun, to follow the notes of Dr. C. G. Abbot, the eminent astrophysicist, the cone of shadow cast by the moon only a little more than reaches the surface of the earth during a total solar eclipse. Sometimes, indeed, it fails to reach the earth at all. When the shadow cone reaches the earth's surface and we have a total eclipse, there will be a belt not more than 200 miles wide but several thousand miles long upon the earth's surface in which the eclipse may be observed at some time of the day.

Frequently the belt of totality passes over inaccessible regions of the earth, as for instance the North Pole or the South Pole, or falls upon parts of the ocean where it is impossible to use delicate instruments. Next June a path of totality will stretch right across our country.

The longest possible period of totality at any one station is seven minutes. In general the total eclipses have averaged about three minutes in length. Thus only a very little time can be used in eclipse observations, and yet the information to be gained at such times is so valuable that observers are glad to spend months in preparation and to travel thousands of miles to observe them. In the present case it may be a considerable time before the proper development is made of the photographs that will be taken, and it is very likely that, as in former instances, there will ensue controversy over the significance of unfamiliar "streamers" and new lines. In the critical photographs will be seen the corona, as it is called, a pearly object stretching out in beautiful forms to a considerable distance outside the sun.

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curred in its form between the year 1900 and the year 1905. This change is shown by other eclipse observations to be characteristic and always to accompany the change from sunspot minimum conditions to sunspot maximum conditions.

The greatest interest and importance attach to the photographs that deal with this aspect of the eclipse in June. Close up to the border of the sun there are also seen, at times of solar eclipses, bright red flames called prominences. They are due to gases, hydrogen and calcium, with sometimes an admixture of other chemical elements. These beautiful



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objects sometimes reach above the surface of the sun as much as 600,000 miles.

GRADUATION DATE IS SET FOR JUNE 17

University of Oregon, Eugene, May 20.—Commencement exercises will be held as originally scheduled, Monday morning at 11 o'clock, June 17, the faculty decided at a special meeting Thursday afternoon.

A committee from the Senior class, James Sheehy and Walter Myers, met with the faculty and asked that commencement be moved a week ahead, but this was not granted because it could not be arranged. One of the principal reasons for not making the change was that the commencement speaker could not arrange to come on the earlier date.

The faculty at a previous meeting, thinking that the Seniors wanted commencement exercises held on Sunday, June 16, moved them ahead, but now have changed back to Monday, June 17.

OREGON FRUIT GROWERS REPORT APPLE CANKER

Corvallis, Ore., May 20.—Growers of Red Cheeked Pippin apple trees report that European apple canker, the most serious disease affecting apple trees in Europe, has recently been discovered in Oregon on trees of this variety. This is the first time the disease has been found in Oregon, says H. P. Barrs, plant pathologist at O. A. C.

The disease was first reported by Andrew Verceler of Salem, who discovered it in the orchard of R. B. Duncan, Route 7, Salem. The next case was reported by S. H. Trump, county fruit inspector for Marion county, from the orchard of the Mt.

Angel College ranch. In writing to Mr. Van Trump about the case, F. Boniface, manager of the ranch says, "There are about 20 trees affected with it. All, without exception, are Red Cheeked Pippins."

Professor Barrs wishes to know whether the disease has made its appearance on Red Cheeked Pippins elsewhere in the State. Growers of trees of this variety are requested to examine their trees and send specimens of any cankers found thereon to H. P. Barrs, plant pathologist, O. A. C., Corvallis.

Check up occasionally on your ration of sugar and of wheat flour. If your family is doing the right thing the consumption will not be more than three pounds of sugar per person per month, nor more than one and one-half pounds of wheat per person per week.

Enlistments in the regular army since April 1, 1917, have been more than 379,000.

PLENTY OF PROOF.

From People You Know—From Ashland Citizens.

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