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I have no patience with the foolish talk which would make us nothing but imperious and would teach the man who needs nothing but to have his deficiencies supplied, to have his native goodness educated and brought out, in order to be all that God would have him be.

TWO YEARS AGO

TWO years ago today America went to war. Overnight the nation turned its feet from the path of peace and sent its sons and daughters across the sea dedicated to the cause of a victorious liberty for all humanity.

It has taught us much, this two years of war. Still more, America is a new America in the eyes of the world.

To Americans the war has taught the virtue of self reliance. It has taught us how to suffer and still to smile. It has taught us how to fight and yet to be just and merciful.

100 HOURS A WEEK

THE World of Vancouver, B. C., publishes a characteristic letter from a farmer named Thompson, who lives at a town only called Dewdney Mudill.

LOVE GROWN COLD

THE Turks are shipping their German military tutors back to the Fatherland. The hot affection of yesterday is cold hash today and not very appetizing hash.

HIS OWN ROOF TREE

ELSEWHERE in today's Journal will be found a section devoted to the home and to home building, a problem prominent in the minds of Portland citizens at this time.

Marked Down

In the afternoon Bargain's store went to its customers. "Five o'clock!" "No, 4:55!"

is hardly noticeable. In Oregon, where we have blooms all the year round, winter and spring are normally indistinguishable.

COAST TO COAST

ANOTHER page serious minded Portlanders urge the Port of Portland commission to put on a steamship service between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts via the Panama canal.

They suggest for a beginning, that ships be chartered, and that in the end vessels be built in Portland particularly adapted to the trade.

It is a proposal for Portland to have service at cost of operation. It would be a service, on which no profit would be paid to private individuals or corporations—a service in which no dividends would be paid on watered stock.

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FROM APPLES TO ALFALFA

TWENTY THOUSAND of the 50,000 acres of orchards set out in the Medford district during the boom period of 1910-1912 have been dug up.

Some of the land has been cropped with alfalfa, other with wheat, and still other with varied products.

Water service in normal times is the cheapest transportation in the world. Operated without having to pay dividends on watered stock and without having to pay profits to anybody, the minimum in the delivery of freight by water would be reached.

There could be a fast freight and passenger service, or a fast freight service without passenger service, and a slow freight service under which a maximum of economy and efficiency could be attained.

Rail rates are higher. They have been climbing for a long time. Higher wages, and higher cost of materials may make them higher and higher.

Unfriendly decisions by the interstate commerce commission, taking away more and more concessions from coast terminals, make the outlook for low rates by rail more and more pessimistic.

Higher transcontinental rates will little concern Portland if this port had a coast-to-coast line of steamers, operated at cost with rates at that minimum never attained except in water transportation.

Unfriendly decisions by the interstate commerce commission would have little effect upon Portland commerce.

No greater measure for the development of the port could be proposed.

Not since the peak of the real estate boom a decade ago have been so many sales of Oregon farms as at the present time.

The fundamental fact learned from experience in the industry, is that the Newtown is the most profitable apple and that pears from the district are probably the best in the world and an even better crop than Newtown apples.

The fruit industry in the district has become highly stabilized. It is now on a thoroughly commercialized basis with all the former speculative features and over capitalized trimmings absent.

There is business optimism at Marshfield, Coos county. Litigation has thrown the C. A. Smith milling and logging operations into temporary stagnation.

He says also that the only effect of the daylight saving scheme in the cities is to "give an already idle class another hour of daylight to waste in frivolity and idleness."

Mr. Thompson compares the hard lot of the farmer with the easy time city wage-earners enjoy. The latter, he points out with some venom, work only 44 hours a week, while the farmer, at best, must put in 100 hours and then let many tasks go undone for want of time.

The effect of Mr. Thompson's argument upon the reader's mind is not exactly what he desired to produce when he wrote his letter to the World.

Out of the conflict a new nation has arisen. Dominant for righteousness and justice to all mankind; tolerant of the weak; sponsor for the oppressed; symbol of world humanity and international justice, we have taken our place in the council of the world; never to vacate it, always to stand for equal justice between nation and nation, man and man.

America has a proud record at this anniversary time. It has a noble part to play while other anniversaries come and go. The years will see no tarnishment of its shield.

The joy-East is felicitating itself over its emergence from an uncommonly open winter. Private letters from the arctic wilds of New York and New England assure us that the weather has been so mild that the transition to spring with its blooms

as he describes them. How can we expect a sane man to leave a 44-hour a week city job at good pay for a 100-hour a week country job on less pay.

The secret of the farmer's ills is his markets. He loses the fruit of his toil at the point where he sells his product. If Mr. Thompson were shrewd he would turn his thoughts to market saving and not trouble himself to argue against daylight saving, which is in sober earnest a subject of little real consequence to the farmer.

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