

Wives and sweethearts gathered there to render a last service of love before their departure. City officials, business men, fathers and brothers united in fervid assurance that when they returned from the trenches victorious, nothing for their pleasure or good would be withheld from them.

Now the boys are back. They are victorious. They have earned the highest praise and the richest reward. They are worthy of the best offerings of honor and gratitude.

But there are more than a thousand enrolled at Liberty Temple asking for work. The number is being constantly augmented.

Are they unwillingly idle because we are so willingly forgetful?

Oregon and Ohio are in a race for first place in the 1919 War Savings campaign. Today they stand neck and neck—but Oregon will win.

Her record in government financing stands above that of all other states, and her loyal citizens whose spontaneous and whole hearted response to every appeal of our country won for her that honor will never permit another state to wrest it from her.

Only a single month remains in which to complete our task. The patriotic Elks lodges of the state have undertaken the task of raising our full quota and every citizen should quickly respond to the solicitors.

If in the rush of the closing hours someone is overlooked by the solicitors he should phone his Elks lodge for a pledge card.

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THE public convenience of a common purchasing point for all railroad transportation as well as of a common point of arrival or departure for all those returning from or starting upon journeys has been so fully demonstrated since the railroads were taken under federal control that it passes without question.

The extra cost and upkeep of separate terminals and ticket agencies is part of the reason why many of the railroads of the country have been running close to the financial danger point. It is also one of the underlying causes for high freight and passenger rates.

To steer away from any return to the old practices will be a step in the direction of economy and efficiency.

When the English house of commons refused, by a vote of 163 to 56, to pass a bill under which Viscount Astor could divest himself of the title inherited from his father, the late William Waldorf Astor, the astute commoners probably thought it just as well to keep a little American blood and a few American dollars circulating through the nobility just to keep the mixture rich.

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Letters From the People (Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written in plain, simple English, and should not exceed 300 words. The name and address of the writer, whose name will appear in full, must accompany the contribution.)

Free Speech and the Law Portland, Nov. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal—Just what is 100 per cent sincerity, for in the present wild wave of hysteria against radicalism that is sweeping the country all old standards seem to have been cast aside and mob rule is being practiced. The fundamental principles of free speech and free press have been practically annulled and freak laws proposed that if enacted an enforced will infringe the public mind against all so-called radicals by creating the impression that all are red revolutionists by force.

The newly organized legion seems to be lending itself to the idea of action superior to the law. Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt openly advocated this when he is reported to have said: "Don't argue with the boss of it is that this and go after them hard." General Liggett is also reported to have said: "Just leave it to the legion boys; they will attend to these men," or words to that effect. A member of the legion is reported to have voiced the same sentiments, and the Ad club itself seems to be in favor of this new and strange brand of Americanism.

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SMALL CHANGE Are you doing your Christmas shopping now? Oh, say, can you see, through the dawn's early mist? Now that we have been assured again and again that the United States is prepared to act in Mexico, we may expect soon to learn that the U. S. has acted.

The Germans are complaining that the allies are taking everything from them. The Germans have already found out that there are some things the allies won't take from anybody. Rather than have their families and friends left out in the cold, soldiers are willing to go into the coal mines. Reading that a number of students have also volunteered to work in the mines, one is well qualified to "dig."

A well known political writer a few weeks ago listed 38 presidential candidates as looming above the political horizon, from which it is evident that a lot of this looming is not to stop, or the loomers will have to send out and get some more horizon.

You can follow the farm boy by watching his work, wherever he goes. Finishing, we have just been reading a little editorial in the New York Sun on the dietetic potentialities of brown sugar that couldn't have been written by anyone save an ex-farm boy who would now be about 45 to 60 years old. And the best of it is that this old chap doesn't seem to have ever been anything since that seemed to hit the spot like being that same farm boy.

I was my father's son. This was in 1875, just 44 years ago. I decided to make good on my own account, so I went to the Sandwich islands to study the sugar industry and to analyze the sugar produced there to determine its value.

"I ran across a large body of unused land, consisting of 20,000 acres. When I inquired as to its value I was told it was of little or no value, as the soil was too poor to produce sugar cane. I analyzed it and found the soil rich in the necessary elements for plant growth. I then planted it with sugar cane and it produced water, which upon investigation I found could be secured at a reasonable cost. I wrote my father, recommending its purchase. He was unable to investigate the title. I found it was crown land. This was a question as to its actual ownership. The then reigning monarch was not of the royal family. We hunted up the heirs of the former ruler—the heirs of royal blood—and paid \$10,000 for their equity in the land. This was a long and hard fight. It cost me a long time, but the Hawaiian legislature eventually passed a measure confirming our title to this land, as they did not want the whole question of the ownership of crown lands brought into court, with the possibility of clouting the title of lands the validity of whose title deeds had not in the past been brought into question.

"When we acquired this tract I was employed by the corporation that financed the deal to get water on the island. I had to get water superintending the construction of a sugar refinery, and build a railroad line to market the product. When I had done this I decided to go into the sugar business. I bought a little schooner Rosario. Later I built a vessel which I named the Centra. I connected it with a steamer flying my flag. Then I organized a steamship company and operated two steamships from San Francisco to Honolulu, and now operate two more. I have steamers plying from San Francisco to Honolulu, Samoa and Australia."

"We started this talk by referring to the completion of the San Diego & Arizona railway, but we got off the track and on a branch line. Let's back up and get on the main line. I said, 'It is a long road, but we will build it, and how long it took to build it,' said Mr. Spreckels. 'It runs from San Diego to El Centro, in the heart of Imperial valley, it is 110 miles long. It connects the Southern Pacific at Calexico. It should have cost about \$12,000,000. It was off. Yet the time is not very far distant in the past when Eugene actually did draw no little trade from across the Cascades.

It was quite the common thing only a few years ago for wagons to cross the mountains from Central Oregon to Eugene, traveling this same Willamette pass, and returning later on foot. Now, however, the trip would mean a pass with a winter's outfit of supplies purchased here. There was a time when Eugene's relations with Central Oregon were much closer than they are now. No railroad in all the great Eastern Oregon country, but neither, for that matter, was there an automobile. The railroads have taken the country across the Cascades but at the same time the automobile has cut down distances tremendously. When wagons were coming to the Willamette valley for winter supplies it was a trip of no moment, but it took days to cross the range. Now, however, the trip would mean a pass with a winter's outfit of supplies purchased here. There was a time when Eugene's relations with Central Oregon were much closer than they are now. 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