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THE IMPORTANT TASK FOR THIS WEEK

There will be daily tasks for all patriotic people in the United States, till the end of the war.

And that includes practically all our hundred and ten millions of people.

But some tasks are and will be more important than others—greater and more outstanding.

The big thing for this week is the placing of a hundred millions of dollars into the Red Cross war chest, by the people of this country.

It will be done. Humanity demands it.

And Salem and Marion county will attempt to complete their task, to pledge their share of it—to go over the top in forty-eight hours.

It can be done. And if accomplished it will do great credit to our people.

They have not so far failed to live up to expectations in any patriotic drive, contribution or endeavor. May this prove no exception.

While congratulating the successful candidates, let us not forget to sympathize with the men who lost in the elections of Friday. It is the misfortune of politics that all cannot win—and some of the good men who aspire must go down to defeat.

Governor Withycombe went to bed at 10 o'clock on Friday night, and told his friends he would not answer the phone: But a member of his household got word to him that he was safe, a few minutes after 10 o'clock.

Oswald West proposes that no campaign be made between the Democratic and Republican candidates for United States Senator in Oregon. It would be rather hard on Mr. West to keep out of it.

"Every potato in the land is crying to be eaten," says a food bulletin. Correct. Crying its eyes out.

The requests being made upon congress for money to conduct the war show the American people what they must expect. The nation is thinking in billions.

It is a little late, but here it is; we knew it would be coming on soon. A Black Minorca hen in Spokane has laid an egg with the initials "U. S." on one end.

There are too many among us who do not go to church because our favorite preacher is not to deliver a sermon. This is a mighty poor kind of religion.

It frets our gizzard to hear of clergymen opposing the war on conscientious grounds. Thank heaven there are but few such. The great bulk of the cloth are singing "Onward, Christian Soldier."—Los Angeles Times. All of them up this way, where everybody thinks in terms of patriotism.

Why worry what the name for sauerkraut should be. It is not dis-

tinctively German, for "sour" in English and "crout" is Scotch. Sauer kraut under the name of choucroute is just as prevalent in France as it is in Germany. It is a sort of human enslavement, made as farmers prepare winter green fodder for their cattle, by cutting it up, packing it away and letting it ferment.

A certain British traveler and observer in this country does not lack tact. Discussing delicately the delays in our war making, he says it is due to American idealism. Americans cannot endure a second-rate thing. "In obedience to their psychology, American designers have worked to get the very best airplane engine, the very biggest and quickest fabricating factory for ships, the most reliable and deadly of all automatic guns." Some home cynics will inquire why the trait cropped out at just this time.

In about three hours at the battle of Neuve Chapelle, in March, 1915, the British army shot away more shell than in nearly three years of the Boer war. Now a German staff says that in three hours preceding the great offensive of March 21 the German army used nearly three

times as many shells as in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. On a front of fifty miles more than 1,500,000 shells were fired, or 160 a minute per mile. In the war of 1870-71 the Germans used 650,000 shells.

DAY OF PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE.

President Wilson, called upon by congress to fix the date of "a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer"—as the ancient formula runs—has done well to name Memorial day. On the 30th we are to beseech God "that he will give victory to our armies as they fight for freedom, wisdom to those who take counsel on our behalf in these days of dark struggle and perplexity, and steadfastness to our people to make sacrifice to the utmost in support of what is just and true, bringing us at last the peace in which men's hearts can be at rest because it is founded upon mercy, justice and good will."

The president's action will help to deepen our appreciation of the fact that Memorial day is hereafter to bind the battling and the losses of this period with those of our civil war. The French are preparing to join the Americans in their observance of the 30th. For the first time our Memorial day will be observed in a foreign land. The significance of the occasion will be deepened as the graves of Americans, scattered here and there behind the fighting front and marked with simple wooden crosses, are decorated with flowers by their comrades. As John Boyle O'Reilly put it: "Common debts are scored and canceled, weighed and measured out for gold; But the debts from men to ages, their account is never told." But the "debts from men to ages" become the inspiration of those who come after them, through the immortalization of stated remembrance.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

The showers are fine.

But slightly cool, for growing weather.

A lot of good things left out of The Statesman today.

The reason: The advertisers have a lot of interesting things to say.

The German forces are ready to strike again, this week. That is the "dope" from the western battle front.

Japan and China are combining to protect their interests in Manchuria, and perhaps in Siberia, and further west.

That contest in Marion county for the state senate looked like a real footrace before the final returns were in.

When the kaiserin receives the violets picked for her by the Kaiser on the battlefield she can console herself with the thought that the blood amid which they grew was none of her family's but belonged entirely to other German mothers.—Baltimore American.

Toll the bells for the American soldiers who are losing their lives en route to the camps before sailing for France. They none the less died in their country's service and should have a place on its honor roll.—Exchange. Well said.

That "squash" you hear is caused by American ships sliding from the ways into waves. It is a sound we have been long waiting for.

Moose Spring Celebration Will Open Tomorrow Night

The Moose Spring Celebration will open tomorrow night and will continue for the entire week on Ferry street from High to Cottage street. The Bernardi Greater Shows arrived in the city this morning and commenced work in erecting their tented city. They carry their own special train of twenty-five cars three hundred and fifty people, fifteen high class shows, and three riding devices. Each and every show is a feature and the riding devices the largest ever seen here. Joy unalloyed awaits those who attend the opening night of the celebration and the Moose look for a record breaking crowd. The popularity contest is in full swing and the candidates are showing some speed. Ballot boxes will be distributed around the mid-way and votes will be counted every night and the standings of the different candidates will be shown at Headquarters each day.

FUTURE DATES

- May 20, Monday—Red Cross drive begins.
- May 17, Friday—Willamette Glee Club, opera house.
- May 20 to 25—Moose celebration and Bernardi greater shows.
- May 20 to 27—Second Red Cross war fund campaign.
- May 21, 22 and 23—State P. E. O. convention in Salem.
- May 22 and 23, Wednesday and Thursday—War conference in Portland.
- May 29, Wednesday—Salem High School senior play "The Man of the Hour."
- June 5, Wednesday—Draft registration for young men who have reached their majority during last year.
- June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem.
- June 8, Saturday—Total eclipse of sun.
- June 14, Friday—High School graduation.
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- June 17, Monday—Annual school election.
- June 20, Thursday—Remmon of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.
- August 26, 27 and 28—Western Walnut Growers' association to tour nut groves of Willamette valley.

Music

Miss Lela Belle McCaddam, a popular soprano singer of Salem, will be presented in her senior recital tomorrow night at the First Methodist church at 8:15 o'clock. The public is invited. Following is the program: "Ernani Involant" (Ernani).....Verdi
Piano—November (Troika).....Tschalkowsky
Music Box.....Ljadoff
Miss Lyra Miles.
"Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster" (Oberon).....Von Weber
Piano—"Adagio Cantabile" (Sonata Pathetique).....Beethoven
Etude.....Chopin
Miss Lyra Miles.
"L'Hiere Exquisite".....Hahn
"My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice" (Samson and Delilah). Saint Saens
Piano—Venezia e Napoli.....Liszt
Miss Lyra Miles.
"Thy Beaming Eyes".....MacDowell
Exaltation.....H. H. A. Beach

THIS WEEK, NERVOUS MOTHER

Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.

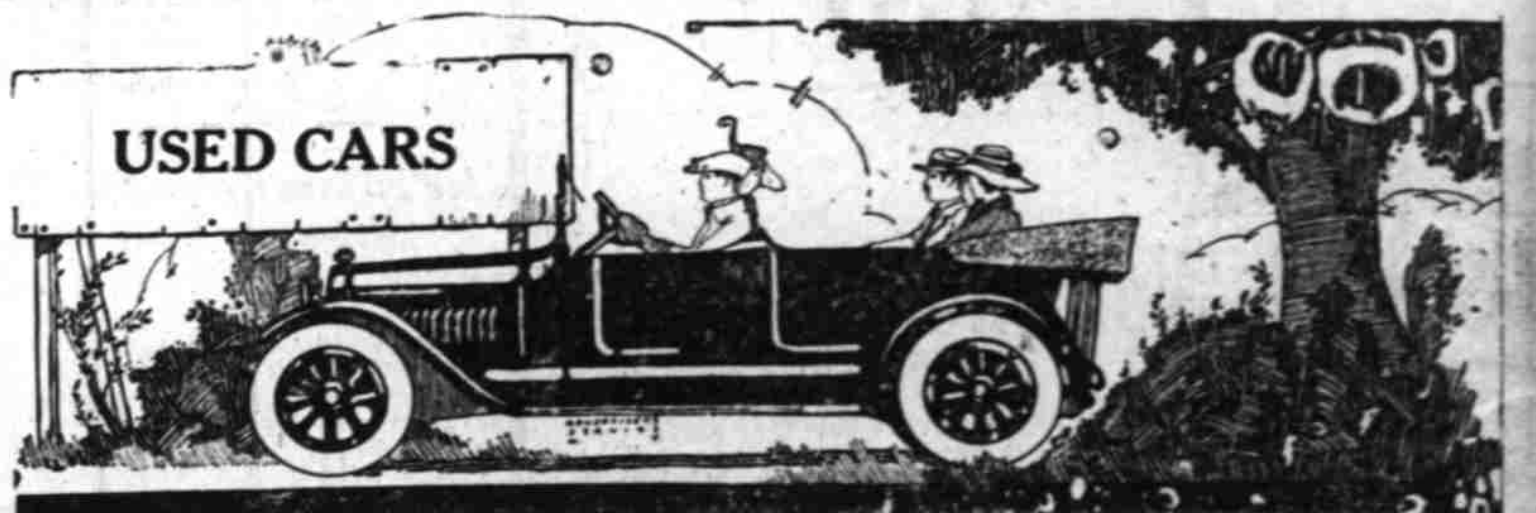
Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was very weak, always tired, my back ached, and I felt sickly most of the time. I went to a doctor and he said I had nervous indigestion, which added to my weak condition kept me worrying most of the time—and he said if I could not stop that, I could not get well. I heard so much about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for a week and felt a little better. I kept it up for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distress or nervousness."—Mrs. J. WOSTLINE, 2842 North Taylor St., Philadelphia Pa.

The majority of mothers nowadays overdo, there are so many demands upon their time and strength; the result is invariably a weakened, run-down, nervous condition with headaches, back-ache, irritability and depression—and soon more serious ailments develop. It is at such periods in life that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will restore a normal healthy condition, as it did to Mrs. Wostline.



June.....H. H. A. Beach	By the Class.	Donald Young.
Autumn.....Nevin	Sonatina, Op. 55, No. 5.....Fr. Kuhlau	In the Sweet Bye and Bye.....Webster
Organ—Offertoire in D.....Battist	Hazel Pierce.	Hazel Pierce.
F. W. Chace.	Procession of Lanterns, E Minor.....Brounoff	Golden Stars.....Streabog
Maygar aria.....Erkel	Dorothy Zimmerman.	Clara Hastings.
* * *	Exercise.....F. Beyer	My First March.....Harr
For their grand-daughter, Miss Hazel Pierce, a surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Grant, by the music pupils of Prof. Harr, Friday night. A program was given and later a dainty lunch was served. Mrs. Grant served the refreshments assisted by Miss Willetta Welch. Musical numbers were given by the class members, assisted by Miss Mary Schoettle as violin soloist. The program follows: Scales, Finger Practice and Technical	Sonatina, Op. 55, No. 1.....Fr. Kuhlau	Heather Bells.....Lange
	Gladys Anderson.	Gladys Anderson.
	Allegretto No. 17.....Fr. Beyer	Poet and Peasant.....Suppe
	Kobley Linville.	Hazel Pierce.
	Moonlight on the Hudson.....Wilson	
	Hazel Pierce.	
	Battle of Gettysburg.....Paul	
	Winifred Contreras.	
	The Robin's Call.....Friedman	
	Dorothy Zimmerman.	
	Summer Scenes.....Spencer	

The spectacle of King George and Queen Mary cheering American troops in the streets of London was certainly enough to make the King George of 1776 turn over in his grave a few times.



USED CARS

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To the Customers of the Salem Gas Plant GAS RATE TALK NO. 9

The following letter from President Wilson to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is in response to a letter from Mr. McAdoo dated February 15th, 1918, an extract from which was printed in our Gas Rate Talk No. 8, and shows that the President realizes the necessity for affording public utilities relief from the unusual conditions being placed upon them at this time:

"The White House, Washington, 19 February, 1918.

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have examined with care the memoranda and letters which you transmitted to me with your letter of the fifteenth. I fully share the views you express regarding the importance of the public service utilities as a part of our national equipment, especially in wartime. It is essential that these utilities should be maintained at their maximum efficiency and that everything reasonably possible should be done with that end in view. I hope that State and LOCAL authorities, where they have not already done so, will, when the facts are properly laid before them, respond promptly to the necessities of the situation.

I shall be glad to have you communicate with the local authorities whenever the information in your possession suggests that such a course is desirable and in the national interests.

Cordially yours,
(Signed) WOODROW WILSON."

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