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**BE A MAN.**

It's a mighty good thing while you're running life's race just to pause, as you go, and come face to face with your conscience, and ask a question or two: For it's right you should know what your life means to you.

Have you done things worth while, have you drifted about, have you filled it with sighs, have you filled it with song?

Have you helped when you should, have you tried to do right.

Have you struggled for good, or just fought for might?

But the past, let it rest. Give a thought to today.

And tomorrow, as well, for the time's growing gray.

Do the things that you should, do the things that you can.

Crown your life with your deeds—be a red-blooded man!

—Book News Monthly.

**OUR HAGUE OBLIGATIONS**

IF the United States conforms to its obligations assumed at the Hague convention in 1907 we will not go to war with Germany without first giving an explicit declaration upon the subject or by sending an ultimatum with war contingent upon Germany's refusal to comply with our demands.

Article 1 of the Hague convention to which both Germany and the United States are parties says: "The contracting powers recognize that hostilities between themselves must not commence without previous and explicit warning, in the form of a reasoned declaration of war or of an ultimatum with conditional declaration of war."

In this connection it may be recited that Germany has not been very scrupulous about observing treaty requirements. Germany was bound by treaty not to bother Belgium, but the fact did not deter the kaiser from invading that neutral country and laying it waste when resistance was shown. It may be also held that Herr Zimmerman's negotiations with Mexico for an invasion of our southwestern states was far from being an amiable proceeding on the part of Germany.

However, President Wilson may deem it wise to scrupulously observe our obligations even if Germany does not observe her own. In that case we will not enter this war without issuing a formal declaration or by sending an ultimatum.

**IT IS WORK WE NEED**

THE immediate hard surfacing of the highway between Pendleton and the state line is a promise held out to Umatilla county in the event the state road bonds are voted. The conditions are such that this should be one of the first pieces of work undertaken by the commission and it

seems safe to count upon the representations made with reference to the subject.

Then will not this fact have a vital bearing on the attitude of Umatilla county toward the bond issue? We have a 40 mile highway graded and macadamized at heavy expense to the county. It has been an improvement worth while but the road must be surfaced or it will disintegrate. If the road is not hard surfaced by the state from the highway fund it will have to be surfaced at the expense of the taxpayers of Umatilla county.

With a chance to secure this work and much other valuable work from the state, without any increase whatever in taxation, will it not be well for Umatilla county people to give the bond issue close thought with a view to supporting the plan at the special election in June.

The East Oregonian has been giving study to the subject with a view to discovering the weak points as well as the merits of the scheme. Unless defects not noticeable at this time are discovered this paper will be a champion of the road bonds.

**THE EFFICIENT WAY**

THE fact that the Third regiment, O. N. G. after being mobilized for over a week at a time when war threatens the country is still short more than 500 men of its war strength affords strong argument against the policy of relying entirely upon the volunteer system to secure soldiers for the nation's purposes.

If congress wishes to give us real preparedness a law will be enacted providing for compulsory training in some form. If the country needs soldiers, it will need soldiers and should know they will be available without palaver or delay. Warfare calls for efficiency and it is not efficient to rely upon sentiment or upon chance for filling the ranks of an army when the army is called to the field. The energy and enthusiasm used in conducting recruiting campaigns could be used for other purposes with good advantage.

Furthermore the compulsory plan is the fair way. It places the burden where it belongs, upon the shoulders of all who should bear it. It does not take the willing ones to the front, leaving the reluctant or the feeble at home.

War is a horrible thing and to be avoided if we can avoid it with honor and safety to our rights and principles. But if Uncle Sam must play the game let him do it right. This is 1917, not 1776 or 1861.

If those 10 mail clerks will stick around for awhile in Pendleton they will soon learn that this is the place to reside if one would be healthy and happy and they will move here to live.

If you have a back yard on which anything can be grown do not let it go to waste this summer; the supply of vegetables may be lower next winter than at present.

It is impossible to get any road plan that will be entirely satisfactory and equitable; but neither are bad roads satisfactory nor is their cost equitably distributed.

There is a chance Germany may abandon unrestricted submarine operations when she finds the United States is united and means business.

Most people recognize President Wilson as being the head of this nation though some seem under a delusion that Charles E. Hughes is leader.

This congress will do no filibustering.

**28 Years Ago Today**

(From the Daily East Oregonian, April 2, 1889.)  
Mr. C. E. Roosevelt has this day been admitted into the firm of Marsden & Hanson.

The rat nuisance is growing at an alarming rate; oh, for a trap, a trap, with our citizens and many are looting their inventive talents to work.

Use water sparingly, for the pumps are not working but are being repaired.

A little daughter of J. L. Carroll fell in the river back of W. F. Fletcher's residence recently and would probably have drowned had it not been

for some small boys who were near and rushed to her rescue, saving the little one from further damage than a thorough wetting.

Mrs. M. Marshall writes that she has purchased a beautiful home in San Jose and will live there.

Notwithstanding the apparent scarcity of coin of the realm the collections yesterday were good, or were at least no worse than during previous months.

Charles Isaac and Frank La Dow left yesterday for the Isaac brothers stock ranch near Caldwell, Idaho.

**DO YOU KNOW--**

That the Revolutionary War, the Mexican War, the Civil War and the Spanish-American War all began in April and that the new April gives a promise of starting another war?

That Jim Neal, who once belonged to the Umatilla county bar, is now city attorney of Walla Walla and deputy district attorney of Walla Walla county?

That the point where Stanfield now is was once known as Poster and was named for John R. Poster, an early resident of the county?

That Pendleton has ten miles of gas mains?

That there are but few business houses in Pendleton not displaying the American flag?

**Spring.**  
Spring is looked upon by many as the most delightful season of the year, but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Some people are now eating bread from choice, thus smothering the staff of life from the mouth of the virtuous cow.

Every man knows about the pebble in his own shoe.

**Assist Nature.** There are times when you should assist nature. It is now undertaking to cleanse your system—if you will take Hood's Sarsaparilla the undertaking will be successful. This great medicine purifies and builds up as nothing else does.—Adv.

**LIVE NEWS OF THE NORTHWEST**

CHICAGO, April 2.—When the extraordinary session of congress opened today 350,000 children in Chicago's public schools arose, stood beside their desks and sang patriotic songs. As the session, which may result in war was called all the kiddies—little aliens as well as little Americans, joined their 350,000 voices in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—Opposing the plan of the general staff of the United States army to abandon the Pacific slope to capture in case of attack, and to retire to the Rockies until better prepared for war, the Portland Rotary club is organizing a campaign to acquaint the people with the necessity of preparedness. A mass meeting attended by representatives of very one of the leading civic bodies of the state, was held in the Lincoln high school auditorium Saturday night. Governor Withycombe, Mayor Albee, Bishop Walter Taylor Sumner, Mrs. James N. Davis of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Ellsworth Benham, of the National Security League, were the principal speakers. Speakers declare that any invader should be met at least 30 miles off the coast with the Pacific fleet of the navy.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2.—Saturday was a half holiday here when Portland's first steel ship was launched at the plant of the Northwest Steel company. Thousands, lining both banks of the Willamette saw the Vesterlide slide racefully into the water. Following the launching a banquet was served. The part that Portland and the Pacific northwest with many modern shippards in case of war was discussed by several of the speakers.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., April 2.—Veterans of the battle of Ypres, many of them permanently disabled, will be especially honored and memorial services will be conducted for the men who died in that historic battle throughout Canada. The returned Soldiers' association of this city is planning an all-day program which include church services and a sacred concert.

**FORMER NEW YORKER NURSING SOLDIERS**



Mrs. William Gould, who before her marriage was Miss Ethel Blanche Sanders, of New York. She is now actively engaged in Red Cross work in England. The services of nurses are at a premium and thousands of wounded soldiers are being received in home hospitals from the battle fronts across the Channel.

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Mrs. Frank P. Wood.

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