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"Well, I'd like to say a few words to him——"

"So would I. He hasn't come home yet."—Boston Transcript.

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"What did he do when you told him he hadn't put a good face on the matter?"

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"Don't you think that short rations produce some tall thinking?" — Exchange.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

District Fire Warden Fuller, of Dallas, reports that the fire in the Sheridan Lumber company's Cedar Creek camp on Mill Creek has destroyed property amounting to over $25,000.

The chamber of commerce of Grants Pass has arranged, subject to the approval of State Fire Commissioner Harvey Wells, for the conducting of classes in fire fighting methods to teach constables of rural towns and villages modern methods of handling fires.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, Wednesday telegraphed to Klamath Falls for specimens to investigate the nature of poisoning which has killed many head of stock in Klamath county the past few days, and which has been suspected as work of the I. W. W.

Allotment of 10 emergency fleet vessels to Coos Bay shipbuilders necessitates the employment of at least 400 additional men in the two yards at North Bend. The officers of the companies expect difficulty in obtainnig the labor. They are assured, however, of government aid in filling their complements.

Unless there is a rain in the Lakeview section in a short time the farmers are going to suffer a large loss. Following a cold, severe winter, the weather has changed to a hot dry summer and the grain is burning up. The fall-sown grain is looking fine and a good crop would be assured if a heavy rainfall came soon.

The public service commission and Genreal Manager Dyer, of the Southern Pacific, still fail to reach a conclusion as to whether the road or the commission is right in checking up car shortages, another letter having been received by the commission from Mr. Dyer, in which he does not agree with the commission's ideas on the subject.

Figures gleaned from the forthcoming Oregon Blue Book, which will be issed by Secretary Olcott in a week or ten days, show that in the eight regular and two special elections since 1902, at which initiative or referendum measures have been voted on, a total of 155 measures have been submitted to the people. Of this number 56 have passed and 99 have been defeated.

The empolyes of the Kratz Shingle company at Clatskanie went out on strike Monday. They demanded 10 hours' pay for an eight-hour day. Thomas Doyle was suspected by the manager of being an agitator. The authorities were notified and the man was requested to leave the state. Sunday afternoon the shingle weavers held a meeting and decided to strike. Most of them are still in the city waiting for a decision of the company.

"Made in Germany," stamped on pocket scissors being placed in 75 duffle-bags which women of the Salem Patriotic League are preparing for members of Company M, Third Oregon regiment, "somewhere in Oregon," was discovered by a husband of one of the women and caused a furore among the men. The women were ignorant of the fact that the little scissors bore such a stamp, it is stated, but they are being informed.

corporation. So far as is known eight have been let on the Coast, two more being awarded to J. F. Duthie & Co., of Seattle.

Mr. Green, representing the Portland office of the United States Department of Labor, was in conference at Dallas this week with District Agricultural Agent Cooter relative to the labor needs of Polk and Marion counties. Mr. Green expressed the desire of his office to give every assistance to the farmers in the way of getting the necessary help during the harvest season.

Albert Tozier, for many years "Mayor" of the tented city at the Oregon State Fair, has again been named superintendent of the camp grounds, according to an annoucement made by A. H. Lea, secretary of the State fair board. Demand for space on the camp grounds is greater than ever before. Judges already named are: Carlos W. Hall, Denver, to judge Holsteins, Red Polls, Brown Swiss and Dairy Shorthorn cattle; T. A. Saunders, Manilla, Iowa, beef cattle; Harry Jenkins, Downers Grove, Ill., Jerseys and Guernseys; Thomas Brunk, Salem, swine; Oscar Nelson, Coeur d'Alene, poultry, and Mrs. Alice Weister, Portland, on exhibits.

Following a confreence at Salem between Governor Withycombe, Adjutant General White and State Fire Marshal Wells as to the menacing I. W. W. situation in Eastern Oregon, the adjutant general made the important announcement that there is in process of formation a battalion of soldiers, to be made up of experienced military training, to be stationed permanently in Oregon for home defense against just such situations as the I. W. W. danger.

Fires burning in the brush above Mabel, near a rich timber region, have been causng some concern. A great cloud of smoke was visible from Eugene. A telephne message from Wendling stated that the situation was not considered dangerous.

Jay H. Upton was in Salem recently from Prineville to request the Bonding Board, which includes Attorney General Brown, State Engineer Lewis and Bank Superintendent Sargent, to certify to $900,000 worth of a $1,100,000 bond issue on the Ochoco irrigation project near Prineville.

FEW NEED BE CALLED

Only 717 Men to Be Drafted to Colors in Oregon; 7296 in Washington and 2287 from Idaho.

Washington, D. C. — Because Oregon, in proportion to population, furnished more volunteers for the National guard and regular army than any other state in the Union, its quota, under the selective draft, is the smallest assigned any of the 48 states.

The fact only 717 out of the 62,618 young men of Oregon who registered June 5 will be drafted for the American army is, on its face, the highest official testimonial that can be paid the manhood and patriotism of the sons of Webfoot state.

On the basis of her population, Oregon was required, under the law, to contribute .64 of 1 per cent of the total army of more than a million men. The gross quota of the state was computed to be 7387 men, but on April 1 Oregon had in her National guard 2423 men, between April 1 and June 30 she recruited 2259 more for her National guard and in that same time 1974 Oregon men enlisted in the regular army. The total number of men Oregon contributed to the army since April 1, therefore, is 6657, and this number is deducted from the gross quota of the state in determining the number of men to be drafted.

In the adjustment, however, Oregon is credited with 13 additional men and this number, added to the total number of volunteers deducted from the gross quota, leaves but 717 men subject to draft.

The state of Washington, with a larger population, was asked to raise 1.1 per cent of the total army, or a gross quota of 12,768.

Washington had in her National guard, April 1, 2240, and from April 1 to June 30, recruited 1764 additional, and also recruited 1446 men for the regular army, a total of 5450. Washington got, on adjustment, 22 more, leaving 7296 to be drafted out of 108,330 who registered June 5.

Out of 41,150 men who registered in Idaho, 2287 will be drafted. Idaho had a National guard of 962, recruited 865 more, and recruited 711 men for the regular army, a total of 2538 to be deducted from her quota, along with an adjustment of eight. Idaho's gross quota was 4833.

Following are the net and gross totals for the Western states:

State—	Net.	Gross
Alaska	696	710
California	23,060	34,846
Idaho	2,287	4,833
Montana	7,872	10,423
Nevada	1,061	1,435
North Dakota	5,606	7,737
Oregon	717	7,387
South Dakota	2,717	6,854
Utah	2,370	4,945
Washington	7,296	12,763
Wyoming	810	2,683

GREECE ENTERS WAR ON SIDE OF ALLIES

Washington, D. C.—Uncertainty as to Greece's status in the world war was cleared away Tuesday with the receipt of official information that the Greek government not only has severed relations with all four of the central powers, but is actually in a state of war with them.

Information has reached the State department that the Greek minister in Paris has notified the French government Greece considers herself a full belligerent and will act accordingly.

He said it was not only necessary to issue a formal declaration of war, as the government feels itself bound by the declarations previously issued at Saloniki by Premier Venzelos, who took with him to Athens all the responsibilities and commitments of the temporary Saloniki government.

As a belligerent Greece is expected to lose no time mobilizing her war resources and joining effectively in the allies' operations in the Balkans.

The strength of the Venizelos army is placed at about 60,000 men, and the remnants of the former regular army, while not over 30,000 now, has at times been mobilized to a total of 200,000 men, and is capable of reaching 300,000 if munitions are provided.

The regulars practically were demobilized by the allies when former King Constantine held the organization as a threat to the allies' rear, but can quickly be called to the colors again.

Commissioner Jonnart, whom the allies entrusted with enforcing Constantine's abdication, has reported that a Greek army of 250,000 will be raised to add to the 700,000 allied soldiers already in the Balkans.

Bride in Khaki Sent Home.

An Atlantic Port — Somewhere in France is a sergeant in the American army who was married just before he left the United States and ventured to take his bride with him on the transport which carried his regiment overseas. She went with him as a soldier dressed in regulation khaki and with her hair cut short. Tuesday the young woman returned from France, her effort to pose as a "Sammy" having failed. Her husband, it was said aboard the ship, was a member of a regiment stationed in Arizona.

Police Chiefs Suspended.

East St. Louis, Ill. — The board of fire and police commissioners, after a meeting Sunday night, announced that Chief of Police Ranson Payne and Night Chief Con Hickey had been suspended pending investigation of the police department. According to W. G. Watkins, chairman of the board, the suspension of the two officials is due to the recent race riots, and is the first step in an investigation that is expected to shake up the entire department.

WAR PRICES GO HIGH

Pre-War Period of Five Years Shows Enormous Climb Has Been Made in Nearly All Staple Foods.

Figures compiled by the department of Labor are accepted by the temporary food administration unquestionably as representing the most accurate information on price conditions the country over of any that are available from official sources. From that department comes a detailed statement of the difference in the retail prices of nine staple food commodities for a pre-war period of five years, 1909 to 1913, inclusive, except in the matter of eggs, where information was obtainable for the year 1913, as compared with averages for the first three and four months of the present year, as nearly a war period as can be reduced to dependable figures.

Flour for the pre-war period averaged $6.712 per barrel, as compared with $11.56 for the first four months of 1917; lard raised from 15.06 to 23.40 cents, and butter from 36.3 to 47.3 cents.

Cornmeal increased from $2.74 per 100 pounds to $4.07; ham from 24.1 to 32.1 cents; bacon from 25.2 to 31.2 cents; milk from 8.7 to 10 cents; eggs from 33.8 to 46.7 cents, and dressed poultry from 19.9 to 26.6 cents per pound. These comparisons of pre-war prices are with those for the first three months of the present year.

CORN SUPPLY LOWEST EVER

Decrease of 24 Per Cent in Nine Years Preceding War.

Supplies of corn in the Central West have reached the lowest point ever known, according to a statement of conditions for June 1, 1917, obtained from official sources.

The five corn-producing states of Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska had on hand at that date but 357,000,000 bushels, as compared with an average of 467,000,000 bushels for the nine preceding years, or a decrease in the reserve for these five states of 24 per cent. This is the smallest reserve by 15,000,000 bushels during that period, the smallest crop being in 1914, when it fell to 372,000,000 bushels. The largest crop was in 1913, when it reached 621,000,000 bushels.

Iowa's corn reserve for 1917 has decreased 15 per cent from the nine-year average.

Illinois' reserve shows a decrease of 37 per cent, and is the smallest reserve in the entire ten years by 11,000,000 buhsels.

Ohio's reserve is a decrease of 45 per cent from the nine-year average, and is 29 per cent less than the previous low record for that period.

Indiana's reserve is a decrease of 23 per cent from the nine-year average and only in one year, 1909, was the reserve less, and then only by a million bushels.

Nebraska alone shows an increase, and that of only 4 per cent.

Spring Grain Crop is Poor.

Spangle, Wash.—From reports and interviews with reliable farmers who own a section or more of land in this vicinity, the spring grain is a failure, will not be cut at all, if rain does not come within a few days. With rain, the crop at its best will be 25 per cent of a normal yield.

Winter grain will make between 65 and 75 per cent of an average crop. Winter grain that was frozen and replanted with wheat for which $3 per bushel was paid for the seed will not be cut at all.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, $2:08 per bushel; fortyfold, $2.05; club, $2.10; red Russian, $2.00.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, $32.00 per ton; shorts, $35.00; middlings, $42.00; rolled barley, $48.00; rolled oats, $50.

Hay—Producers' prices: Timothy, Eastern Oregon, $26.00 per ton; alfalfa, $18.00; valley grain hay, $16.00.

Vegetables — Artichokes, 80c per dozen; tomatoes, $1.50 @ 1.85 per crate; cabbage, 1@2c per pound; lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; cucumbers, 40@90c per dozen; peppers, 30@40c per pound; rhubarb, 2@2½c; peas, 3½@5c; spinach, 6½c; beans, 3@7c.

Green Fruits — Strawberries, $2@2.50 per crate; cherries, 8@12c per pound; apricots, $1.50@1.75 per crate; cantaloupes, $1@3.25; peaches, 75c@$1.25 per box; watermelons, 2@3½c per pound; apples, $2@2.50; plums, $1.60@2; currants, $1.25@1.50; raspberries, $1.75@2; plums, $2.00.

Butter — Cubes, extras, 37c per pound; prime firsts, 36½c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 38c.

Eggs—Ranch, current receipts, 33½@34c per dozen; ranch, candled, 36c.

Poultry—Hens, 16@17c per pound; broilers, 20@21c; turkeys, 20c; ducks, old, 15c; young, 20@22c; geese, 10@12c.

Veal—Fancy, 15½@16c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 19½@20c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, fine, 58@61c per pound; coarse, 58@61c; valley, 72½@75c; mohair, 60@65c.

Cattle—Steers, prime, $8.50@10.00; good, $8.00@8.25; medium, $7.50@7.75; cows, choice, $7.00@7.75; medium to good, $6.00@7.00; ordinary to fair, $5.00@ 6.00; heifers, $5.00@8.00; bulls, $5.00@7.00; calves, $7.50@9.50.

Hogs — Light and heavy packing, $15.00@15.50; pigs and skips, $12.50@13.50; stock hogs, $12.00@13.00; rough heavies, $14.00@14.50.

Sheep—Lambs, $6.00@12.75; yearlings, $8.50@10.00; wethers, $8.00@9.00; ewes, $4.00@8.00.

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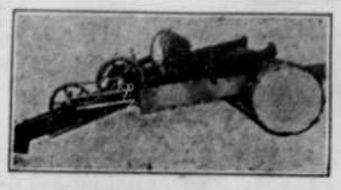

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Widespread Use of English.

Of all the letters that pass through the post offices of the world two-thirds are written by and sent to people who speak English.

Just in His Line.

"My sculptor friend can't do anything at all with his backyard vegetables"

"That's odd. A sculpter, of all men, ought to be able to carve out success from a model garden." — Ex.

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Francis Bacon, who was born in London January 22, 1560, had an aversion for dueling, a practice prevalent in England in his day, observes a writer in the Washington Post. He lived from 1560 to 1626. The great essayist made an address against dueling, in star chamber session in proceedings against two men—one for writing and sending a challenge, the other for delivering it. Bacon was then king's attorney general.

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"I declare it is simply outrageous all they demand of women."

"What's the matter now?"

"On one hand, they are calling on women to come to the front, and the next minute they want them to work hard in their back yard."

Education.

"Your boy Josh continues to interest himself in football."

"Yes," replied Farmer Corntassel. "When he gets to explainin' philosophy an' mathematics I have to quit. But when he talks football, I can understand every word he says."—Washington Star.

Just for a Change.

Crawford—The janitor of our flat is going to give an entertainment.

Crabshaw—For your sake, I hope it will be a housewarming.—Judge.

Not Being Done.

He—What did you think of the play?

She—It wasn't true to life.

He—How so?

She—Well, the wife continually asks for money, and gets it.—The Lamb.

Misleading Influence.

"Do you think a sensation reformer does any harm?"

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "But he is liable to cause a number of individuals disappointment by making them think it doesn't require any special gifts to charm a crowd."

Don't Rock the Boat.

"They say there's a great wave of prosperity sweeping over the country."

"Guess that's right! I know it takes all I can earn to keep from being swamped."—Boston Transcript.

Sympathetic.

"I haven't had a bite for two days," whined the tramp.

"Neither have I," responded the summer boarder.

"Rotten fishing around here."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Doesn't Have to Buy Grain.

Teacher—Thirty-three eggs at 35 cents a dozen is what?

Pupil—Outrageous, pa says.—Ex.

Sense of Neatness.

"Dosen't it annoy you to be obliged to get under your automobile and try to adjust the mechanism?"

"No," replied Mr. Chuggins, "I don't mind that part of it. But I don't think it's right for my wife to make me stay there in hiding till dark so that people can't see how mussed up I am."—Washington Star.

The Lack.

"There does not seem to be so much enthusiasm about baseball this year. How is it?"

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