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YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG.

Your flag and my flag: And oh, how much it holds—
Your land and my land—secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart beats quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed, red and blue—and white,
The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—
Glorified all else beside—the red, white and blue.

Your flag and my flag! And how it flies today
In your land and my land, and half a world away!
Rose-red and blood-red the stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white—the good forefathers' dream;
Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars to gleam aright—
The glorious guidon of the day, a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag! To every star and stripe
The drums beat as hearts beat and fifers shrilly pipe.
Your flag and my flag—a blessing in the sky;
Your hope and my hope—it never hid a lie;
Home-land and far-land and half the world around,
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound.

—Willbur D. Nesbit.

If there were 150 hooks in the wardrobe the husband would still have to hang his clothes on nails behind the door.

This is Patriotic Week in Cottage Grove and our editorial page is in keeping with such an occasion.

WE CAN'T LET GEORGE DO IT.

WHO has read of Bunker Hill and the crossing of the Delaware without feeling a patriotic pride in a country with such incidents in its history?

Who has read of the deeds of valor of the men who served under Grant and Sherman and Sheridan and other great leaders of the Civil war, without having the cockles of his heart stirred to think that he is a descendant of such men and a citizen of a country which produced such men?

Who has ever looked upon the remnants of the Grand Army of the Republic without bowing in homage to the men who offered their lives and their life's blood that a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal should not perish from the earth?

Who is there who was alive at the time does not remember how a nation checked the deeds of the men who climbed San Juan hill, and of the men who served with Dewey at the capture of Manila bay?

Who has ever looked upon that emblem of liberty, Old Glory, upon patriotic occasions, without a stirring of the soul and a welling breast?

Yet there are at this time those who have felt such patriotism, those whose souls have been thus thrilled, whose patriotism gets cold feet and whose souls shrink within them when it is suggested to them that there is opportunity for them to make sacrifices similar to those made by the men whose names and memories they revere, and whose sacrifices made possible the liberties which we enjoy.

There are those who say that it is not for them to do these things; that such things are for those who love to fight, who have nothing else to do. There are those whose hearts have thrilled at the sacrifices made by others, who thank God that they live under a flag which stands for human liberty and human

justice—parents who thank God that their government is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, where the opportunities for their sons are the same as the opportunities for the sons of other parents—and who yet say that it is not for them nor their sons to take part in maintaining the things for which that flag stands; that it is not for them nor their sons to take part in keeping such a government from being destroyed by a foreign invader; that it is not for them nor their sons to make the sacrifices which it was necessary for other parents of other times to make that there might be such a flag and such a government.

We wonder if such folks realize that there would be no United States of America if the citizens of other generations had placed such an estimate upon the responsibilities of their citizenship in this great land of the free and home of the brave.

We have enjoyed for years the fruits of the sacrifices of others. It is for us to now make such sacrifices as may be necessary that the sacrifices made by our forefathers may not have been in vain, that future generations may enjoy the same liberties and that we may leave to future generations the same priceless heritage that was left to us.

But it is not fair that some young men should make the sacrifices suggested while others loll on easy couches at home. It is not fair that some parents should encourage their sons to enter their country's service while other parents selfishly cling to their sons. It is only right and fair that all young men should be required to make the same sacrifices and that all parents should be required to make equal sacrifices. It is not fair that one man should endanger the comfort of his family while the family of another, who is not equally patriotic, enjoys comforts made possible by the sacrifices of the first. It is not fair that one man should commit business suicide by leaving that business in order to serve the colors while another more cautious reaps the benefits of the patriotism of the other.

It is not fair that those willing to "let George do it" should make no sacrifices and yet enjoy the fruits of the efforts of, and sacrifices made by, those who do not shirk a duty.

That sacrifices may be upon an equality, universal military training seems to us to be necessary. That seems to be the only way of overcoming these unequal sacrifices. Four years ago we would have ridiculed such an idea. But also four years ago we would have ridiculed the idea of a world war. Now we are convinced that until peace is restored in Europe safety for us lies only in having millions of trained men and in having arms and equipment ready for their use. To bring this about equal sacrifices must be made, and equal sacrifices can only be accomplished through universal military training.

We'll never get anywhere by "letting George do it."

THIS is Patriotic Week in Cottage Grove. An effort is being made to recruit Sixth company to the necessary enlisted strength. Only young men are wanted. While there is no likelihood that those who join will see active service, yet there is opportunity for young men to show whether or not they are appreciative of the sacrifices made by young men of other years who joined the colors at a time when actual service was certain and who freely offered their lives that their children might enjoy the liberties guaranteed by our constitution. Here is the opportunity for the young men of today to show their appreciation, to demonstrate that they are worthy descendants of those who have made this country's history what it is and who have preserved its institutions for the present growing generation.

This is the time for the young man who is growing up to a noble manhood under institutions for which other noble young men offered life, to say, "It is me they need now." In case of actual hostilities he would be drafted and have to go. The greater patriotism is exemplified in offering service.

While there seems not the least probability that their boys will ever get further than gun practice at the forts, and that they will be fairly well paid for their time, now is the opportunity for parents to show that they are willing to make sacrifices equal with the sacrifices made by other parents of other generations.

We do not blame any parent for wishing to see his sons honorably kept from such things. We trust that such parent

may not have to make the sacrifices that have been necessarily made by parents of other epochs in our history, but we cannot see how they can expect their sons to become noble citizens of a great country if in their character-forming years they are encouraged into shifting to others the responsibilities which are theirs and the duties which they themselves should perform, if they are to have suggested to them that by shirking their duty they may without danger to themselves enjoy the fruits of the efforts of the sons of other parents who are not discouraged from going to the aid of their country in time of need.

There is no immediate prospect that our army will be called into service as a result of the trouble with Germany. There is every reason to believe that the war will be ended long before we could train and equip an army that would be effective against a foe that has been on the battle field for several years. But there is a probability that members of the militia may see camp duty and may spend months in practicing the maneuvers that they would be called upon to go through in case of invasion. Business men and men of families should not be asked to leave their families and their businesses to suffer for such purposes, so that this form of duty is strictly up to the young men. In fact, the government will not accept men with dependents. But young business men and young married men would not be exempt from military duty in case of war, and a form of military training should be provided for them that will not take them from their families and their business, but which will prepare them for active and immediate service in case of war.

Only universal military training will accomplish these things.

WHO WANTS WAR?

IT IS passing strange that no one can make a suggestion that it is necessary for us to be prepared to defend our fair country without a lot of white-livered pacifists squealing that those who wish to preserve our liberties by force if necessary, are trying to force this country into war. Such chatter is ridiculous. We doubt if a single person can be found throughout the length and breadth of the land who wants war, but there are millions who realize that our liberties are at this time safer if we are prepared to defend ourselves against any who may attempt to rob us of such liberties, and there are millions ready to fight before they will submit to the yoke of an invading foe. We do not think we are in any great danger of such invasion, but this war has demonstrated how powerless are the unprepared against the prepared. America unprepared might be too great a temptation to be resisted by a foe whose victorious armies are returning from the battlefield, but America prepared need fear no foe and need have little fear that any foe will seriously cast covetous eyes this way. Preparation for a defensive warfare is our best assurance that we will have no war. The real pacifist is the one who would make war improbable. We again repeat that we believe no one in the whole country desires war. If there is such he is as great a fool as the one who would avoid trouble by being unable to withstand the trouble-maker. Yes, more than that, such a one is not true to his country, nor to the flag which stands for human rights and for human liberty, nor to the traditions of a great people.

It seems a shame to put so much money into battleships that we never use—but then there is nothing to be gained by using them.

THE EXTREME IN SILLINESS.

ABOUT the most silly thing it has been our displeasure to hear is a statement, credited to several young men, to the effect that they dislike the militia because the officers order the men around.

How do such persons think an army can be run? We suppose their idea is that when men are needed to defend this country against an invading foe, each volunteer will pick his own place to fight, will choose his own weapon, will report for duty at his own pleasure, fight when the mood suits him, make his own arrangements for commissary supplies, and clothing, and ammunition, and all accouterments of war. A person with such ideas as that would probably get just far enough toward the front to be able to lead the inevitable retreat.

The person who makes such a statement forgets that those who command first learned to obey a command and have advanced to their present positions because they proved most efficient in carrying out commands.

The statement credited to these young men sounds like the raving of some white-livered peace-at-any-price propagandist.

LOYAL AMERICANS NOW.

THOSE in Germany who count on a serious German uprising in this country in case of actual warfare between the two countries have little idea of the effect of American liberties and the American form of government upon those who have once been citizens of another country or who are children of parents who were born under another flag. They now owe allegiance to the Red, White and Blue, and are, with mighty few exceptions, as loyal as those who were born under it. If they themselves have lived under other flags they appreciate even to a greater extent than those born here what Old Glory means to those living under its protecting folds. As between Germany and some other country, it would be surpris-

ing were not the sympathies of former citizens with the fatherland, but as between America and Germany the feeling is entirely different and those former Germans who are not loyal to their adopted flag are no more numerous than those few born under the flag who speak seditious language—and of the two the latter are the greater traitors.

STRANGE REASONING, INDEED.

THE government will fix the price of print paper. It could fix the price of other things with great profit to the pocketbook of the ultimate consumer. Let the good work go on.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Elbert, you surprise me. Don't you know this is the horrid socialism you have been opposing, lo, these many years?—Corvallis Courier.

Because we may enjoy one or two pieces of candy it does not necessarily follow that we wish all the candy in the store. Because we may enjoy one or two cigars, that is no sign that a boxful would be good for us. A teaspoonful of whisky might do us some real good, but a barrelful would do us great injury. We believe in moderation in everything.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

This is written by a bright Oregon newspaper man, Elbert Bede. But somewhere back in the ape days was a standpoint ancestor who believed that facts would always be necessary to hang from limbs on, and the idea has been propagated down to Bede's coming—and he stays with it.

Sometimes his reason gets the best of inherited instincts, and he makes a break like the first paragraph in this article. And when someone catches him up on it, he goes back to jungle days for defense.

By his own reasoning it would be just and proper for the government to fix a price of \$3.50 per ton on his paper for one month's shipment, but on the other eleven months let the trusts gorge him for \$6 per ton—as it has been doing.

It wouldn't do to have all the candy you wanted, you know.

It would be all right to have the government fix just prices on clothing, fuel and other necessities for certain periods, but not all the while, for like the candy or cigar it would not be good for us—because our African ancestors did not establish a precedent.

Bede, you are fine in that column of snappy paragraphs, but you are like a grade school kid arguing astronomy outside of it.

Just a waiting to publish your reply to this.—Corvallis Courier.

It pains us to think that an editor capable of so much better things, as Brother Brown is, should stoop to being so inately amusing. We will not so harshly judge him as to think it possible that he misunderstood our former statement, but as there is a possibility that such is the case, we will state our point in language that even a child can understand.

Our position is that government should not interfere with private business at any time when private business is satisfied with fair and reasonable profits, but when private business is not satisfied with fair and reasonable profits, then it is only fair to the consumer for the government to step in and fix a maximum price for that article, and the government should see that such price stands as long as the cost of production remains the same. It is as foolish for opponents of socialism to oppose governmental regulation of profits as it is for socialists to innately claim that under their system all vexing problems would be solved and that all would dwell together in peace, harmony and prosperity forevermore.

As we said before, we would merely cut out the ulcer and let the body live. However, we would be entirely satisfied to let the price of print paper remain at the \$6 a ton which Brown says is the price. It costs more like \$125 a ton at Cottage Grove.

As Brother Brown, after many admonitions by us, has come out as an ardent booster for the militia company of his town and for a display of patriotism by the citizens of this great land of the free and home of the brave, we have hope that we may yet bring him to a sensible view of some of our social and business problems.

The Valley Progress vs Junction City's Charlie Chaplin, even to the incongruous dress, being minus only the salary. It's a sad condition for The Progress that the Charlie Chaplin brand of vulgar humor is rapidly going out of style.

Advertising pays—in The Sentinel.

GLAD NO BRYAN STIGMA ON HIM
Dr. Oglesby Recalls He Refused to Be Democratic Elector in '06.

(From The Oregonian.)

Cottage Grove, Ore., March 31.—(To the Editor.)—If a lumberjack or an I. W. W. should mount a soap box in your city and use the seditious language used by W. J. Bryan in Miami, Fla., March 29, 1917, the I. W. W. or lumberjack would be mobbed or locked up in jail. Not only The Oregonian, but all the leading journals of the land, published the reasonable language of that traitor not only to his party, but to his president and to his country. He should be put under lock and key until our national trouble is settled.

In a democratic state convention in Portland held at the time of Bryan's first campaign for the presidency, I was unanimously elected as one of the presidential electors and am so recorded with the secretary of state, but for certain reasons I declined to make the campaign, and am glad I made that decision at that time.

Although a youth of 80 years, I feel

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COME EARLY, THERE'LL BE A CROWD

the war's begun. Sweet order banished every fear. I long to be a man. I feel the flame of liberty burning in my breast. My residence is Oregon, a native of the west.

DR. WILLIAM WILLIS OGLESBY.

AUTO PAYS THE BONDS.

THAT \$6,000,000 is a large sum to take away from the taxpayers, is an assertion being made a good deal in commenting upon the pending road bond issue.

This assertion is based upon a prevalent misunderstanding of what the act involves.

Nothing in the act requires any increase of taxation in order to get the \$6,000,000. It is the automobile which pays the money. Auto license fees have been doubled, and with a normal increase in the number of machines owned in Oregon, the fees will more than cover the interest and the sinking fund payments to retire the entire bond issue. Should there be no increase at all in the number of autos used, it would still be unnecessary to raise taxes, for the extra money needed would come from the present quarter-mile road tax. Supporters of the road bonding measure will do well to correct the misunderstanding.

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