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THE OBSERVER EXTENDS TO ITS ENTIRE LIST OF PATEONS AND LOYAL PRIENDS ITS BEST WISH-ES FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

MILITARY TRAINING.

That military training and indos-trial efficiency go together is the testi-mony of General Wille, commanderin-chief of the Swiss army, who is a careful observer of conditions connected with the European war and draws conclusions therefrom that are of considerable interest to the people of this country. General Wille believes that the secret of Germany's endous commercial expansion and industrial development in recent years lies very largely in the effect of military discipline and military precision, which he believes have contributed in a very large degree to Germany's industrial efficiency. His theory is that the manhood of Germany has learned things in its military training which have operated to the development of greater efficiency in industry and commerce than could have been achieved without the disciplinary effect of this military training.

Of course, this is the idea of a miltary man, and yet it is a plausible ry and it is quite conceivable that his claim for the value of military measure of industrial efficiency may have some basis in fact. In support of his theory, he cites the less ient Englishman, who has not had the same disciplinary training and whose industrial and commercial methods are less precise, accurate, and effic-

The theory thus advanced by General Wille, moreover, appears to be supported by the testimony of a well-known English writer, Mr. Sidney Brooks, who contributes an article to the current number of The North American Review, which carries a very frank exposition of some of the faults and shortcoming of the British as a nation. In this article Mr. Brooks undertakes to show what the war has done for England in the way of breaking down the caste system, destroying the felse notions of rank and station and eradicating contempt for work. He says that "England's deadliest and most enduring enemy is ignorance, mental inertia, slipshod ways of thinking and acting, a depressed average of intelligence, a pre-ference for easual improvisations and

rule-of-thumb- methods over scientific forethought and organization." The e things Mr. Brooks confesses as menmeing England's welfare prior to the war, but he pictures a "new" Eng-land, aroused by the war to a condition in striking contrast with the past.

If it be true, as these German and English precedents seem to argue, It must be determined by test which that commercial and industrial effleiency are promoted to a consider- are not, and the unprofitable ones able degree by military precision and must be sold to the butcher. The discipline, the commercial interests dairymen of the upper Willamette discipline, the commercial interests dairymen of the upper Willamette of their country may develop a larger valley are rapidly learning this fact, and the number of high grade cows is buzzes frequently in the office of City printed in Portland papers. He charsympathy for the policy of national defense. For "efficiency" is the new watchword of the business world everywhere, and it will be more than change for the better on the entire erywhere, and it will be more than the name of the sympathy for the policy of national and the number of high grade cows is buzzes trequently in the once of the acterizes Kemp as a degenerate of the acterizes Kemp as a degenerate of the entire continues it will have a marked the next president, according to a recent prediction at one of these meetings. which is expected to follow the present great war.

defenses than to some other branches ing section second to none. one most important particular. report just made by the war department, have cost the nation not less than 175,000,000 during recent years, but the same authority declares they considerable amount of merit, is the These coast defenses, according to a

room for dispute. With immense ed to write a letter. The goal of the stretches of ocean front to defend upon both coasts, certainly the least we ists in 1916, which, it is asserted, will bear "with all my woridly goes I there endow." than to hear that ominot only machinery for defense, but Oregon's commercial capital.

There is nothing smacking of militarone can well afford to take part.

Some women would much rather bear "with all my woridly goes I there endow." than to hear that ominous word "obey."

Senator Cart. Hawley, who sold Mrs. H. P. Shriver and daughter,
Karbyyn Jennings.

when we provide merely he necesscommercial centers on both coasts may not be destroyed.

work without training. march a regiment of farmers or factory men down to the coast and operate this machinery to any purpose tion, for the number of Oregon people without months and months of train- who have relatives and friends in preparedness special training is nec- Newcomers are numerous, and those for service of that kind.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

olete appreciation of the worth of a at the earliest opportunity. friend, an institution or a condition by reflecting upon what would happrocess of imagination we can more tinet, and the big daily can no more fill the needs of the different localiply a need for local stores.

The country newspaper, under the management of a broad-minded, publie-spirited man, is the best friend a ommunity can hope to have.

The influence of a paper reaches all classes. It is a personal friend to the individual, be he laborer, artisan, merchant, business man or farmer. It is also the friend of organizations

In a business way it is decidedly the most efficient help to the patron. making it possible for him in a short time to accomplish some business transaction which otherwise might not be possible.

It is a friend who, when he is married, with genuine interest and good wishes, describes the happy wedding. It announces the birth of the first wonderful child, and when death visits the home, with the sympathy of a friend, writes the obituary. the local paper finds its field of labor, and perhaps, more than any other business enterprise, touches life at . its vital points.

A GROWING INDUSTRY.

Dairying in the Willamette valley. like all new industries, has not moved forward without a single hitch. The disorganiging effects of a tariff law that removed all protection from the dairyman has had an unfavorable influence on the price of butterfat, and there have been other difficulties for the owners of cows to surmount.

One of the greatest of these diffisulties has been poor stock. There have been too many cows in the country that could not under any circumstances be money makers for the reason that their productive capacity was below their cost of keep. The mer-chant cannot make a success if he sells his goods for less than he pays for them, and for the same reason the dairyman cannot hope to make money if his cows are costing him

more than they return to him. The remedy for this condition is obvious-better stock must be kept. cows are paying their way and which

The Willamette valley cannot hope to spring full-fledged into a dairy out of defeat and pain gountry of the first importance, but Joy always comes again! ecountry of the first importance. Due to the first importance of climate with its splendid resources of climate. Than joy that follows a defeat throughout the northwest with most of the peace officers and policement of the peace officers and policement in the country scarching diligently for the peace officers and policement in the country scarching diligently for the peace officers and policement in the country scarching diligently for the peace officers and policement in the country scarching diligently for the peace officers and policement in the country scarching diligently for the first importance. NEGLECTED COAST DEFENSES. with its splendid resources of climate more attention to its system of coast of a comparatively short time a dairy. of its military establishment, it neve this is accomplished the question of ertheless has seriously neglected them permanent prosperity will be settled. -Engene Register.

are woefully undermanned. There is an estimated shortage of at least 20,000 men to make these coast defenses really effective, and in case of actual attack there would be absolutely resources, advantages and scenic beauty no trained men for some of these defenses, which therefore would be of little use and would provide an invader with easy opportunity to land on our shores.

On this particular point of preparedness there seems to be little period every person in Oregon is ask-treated for dispute. With immense at the second of t

ism about this-no occasion for slarm Writing a letter, or a dozen letters, ent county treasurer ever smoked, that we are drifting into militarism a letter is a personal bond that draws distant friends more closely together. Must ary harbor defenses that our great No letter can be more welcome than one that deals with an interesting subject, and certainly no subject can By constructing these defenses we be more interesting than the many have admitted their necessity. All and varied wonders of Oregon. No more indefensible, therefore, citizen of the state need be at a loss would be the neglect to make them for something to say, for he has only effective. But men can not do this to look about him to find a wealth of We can't interesting material.

A campaign of this character is peculiarly suited to Oregon's populaing. For this part of the program of other states is exceptionally large. ssary, and when it is needed there who have spent most of their lives will be no time to educate greenhorns here have, in nearly every instance, relatives and friends in other parts of the United States who would interested in receiving a personal in-We oftentimes come to a more com- vitation to visit the great northwest

Henry Ford has awakened from his pen were they to be taken from us, dream of peace, and is homeward says an exchange. Thus by a short bound, leaving his trusted lieutenants in command of the propaganda. process of imagination we can more ants in command of the propaganda. Particularly see the need of a country As was predicted by the more sober was predicted by the more sober with the propaganda. Particularly was predicted by the more sober by Walter St. Pierre left Wednesday. newspaper. In these days of efficiency along all lines and in all departmost dismal failure, and although ments of life, commercial, social and there is still hope in the hearts of otherwise, what would we do without those remaining on foreign shores that the newspaper? This enterprise has good will yet come from the under-Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lake. Mrs. become a necessity, and the field of taking, it is quite beyond the complete country paper can never be satisfactorily filled by the city dailies. The thing could be. Multi-millionaire need for each is separate and disformed f Ford has expended large sums of mon-ey in his peace propaganda that at R. M. Risser and wife spent Christiand, Mr. the outset practically any school boy ties than can a mail order house sup in the land might have known would result in failure. The absurdity of the venture is now apparent.

> Turkey made into stews, hash, sal-the ads, broths and soups has kept the will ads, broths and soups has kept the memory of Christmas green in the minds of most of us during the past week. The scent of the turkey lasts almost as long as it taken. almost as long as it takes us to pay our holiday bill.

> Listen to this, and then improve upon the character of your language.
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> Dr. Doney of Willamette university says "the use of slang is convincing proof of mental deficiency."
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> week's visit with relatives in Benom and Lane counties on Monday.
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> James Short went to Corvallis on business Monday.
>
> The school children are enjoying a week's vacation.

Francisco Villa is without the confines of Mexico, but has he been en-tirely eliminated?

The boys are still in the trenches, and New Year is almost here.

OTHER THINGS

A Rare and Curious Collection of Fact and Fancy.

Roses.

Once, walking down a shady street, Sweet Cecily I chanced to meet. A knot of crimson roses pressed Just where the lace crossed on he

breast. charming hat she wore, a-tilt, With other roses on it spilt.

Red roses, tell me true, I prayed,
Does she love me, this little maid?
Mutely they dropped, nor seemed to

quite sick in Idaho.

hear; When Cupid whispered in my ear. And shyly pointed to her cheek, And there I found a rose speak! — Se! -Selected.

Glen Holman believes that a groom is a very necessary adjunct to a wed-ding, but figures that in future he doesn't cut much ice.

however, on 7200 quarts.

Out of Defeat.

was in town yesterday. Fred says that eigar made him most awful sick. Must 'a been one of Curt's campaign stogies.

The water-wagon resolution will be a favorite this New Year in Dallas.

One of the lectures listed for Farmweek at the O. A. C. is: coli, Peppermint and Garlie," by Prof. A. G. B. Bouquet. Incidentally it occurs to us that Broccoli, Pepper-mint and Garlie would be some bou-

teach school

mas with relatives in Portland. Risser returned home Sunday. Mrs. Risser expects to visit until Friday. Miss Bell, who has taught the primary grades in the West Salem school

past four years, resigned, attend the Monmouth No.

SUNNY SLOPE.

A. J. Shipley returned from a week's visit with relatives in Benton

The dance at Robert Rake's was well attended.

J. D. Howsman of Independence is

visiting at R. M. Bosley's. Len Fishback is home on tion.
George Swearingen writes from Nebraska that the cold is too severe for

J. P. Walker has been dragging the

roads during the past week.
W. M. Fishback is still confined in

the hospital at Salem.

Lee Egleston is working for Paul

Riley. Mr. Welch has been sick the past

Mrs. A. J. Shipley and Kenneth

Mrs. A. J. Suppey and Triends in Falls City Wednesday.

John and Dave Dove ate Christmas dinner with R. M. Bosley and family.

Miss Ruby Rasmussen is spending her vacation with her parents at Cor-

CRIMINAL WAS JAILED HERE.

Evan B. Kemp, Degenerate, Wanted for Piendish Crime.

Evan B. Kemp, for whom a reward is offered by Portland authorities as a result of a dastardly crime he is al-leged to have committed there early this week, was an inmate of the Polk county jail here about four years ago. Dallas will be temporarily immune from the terrible famine that will cast its fearful shadow over the state at midnight tonight. We should be in southern Oregon, where he had able to swim along a little while, to Dallas to answer the charge, but being youthful, was sent to the state man a morantee to the appearance of criminal tendencies in his early youth, and tells how he was swayed by strange extremes of passion. An exciting man-hunt is on throughout the mertinest with most K. N. Wood admits that he is not the man. Kemp is charged with a flendish attack on Mrs. Mabel Myers does not deny that he is very good looking.

NEW HIGHWAY PROJECT

AIR LINE ROUTE BETWEEN IN DEPENDENCE AND BENTON.

Surveys Partially Completed for Roa That Will Eliminate Many Crooks and Turns.

What will probably prove to be one of the most important road development projects started in Polk county in several years is that by which a new happy and prosperous New Year.

POLK COUNTY

PUTMAN HILL.

Frank Pennington, wife and daughter spens Christmas with Mrs. Pennington's mother of Amity.

Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. D. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. Branson of Salem is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. New. Mrs. R. W for Southern Oregon, where he will low Cottage Grove, and this has been an influence to hurry the plans for the straight line highway. The proline, are spending the winter with posed road leads directly out on Third
r. and Mrs. Clifford Lake. Mrs. street of Independence and cuts through several farms, where the owners have been so anxious to see it come that they have donated great are tracts of their lands that its progress might not be delayed. The remainristing distance between the end of the present survey at Parker and the Benton county line will be surveyed as soon as the necessary details can be arranged, and the entire matter will be laid before the county court for its appropriate the county court

anuary meeting.

The Independence people behind the movement for the new road, which is to have a maximum grade of 2 per cent, throughout its length, circulated a petition among the farmers last week and secured enough signatures and land donation to assure the roadand land donation to assure the roadway. Among the farms which the road will cut in its "crowfly" course from Independence to the southern houndary of the county, are those owned by Ernest Zelisch, Mr. King, Piercy Dickinson, George Dickinson, S. H. McElmurray, Messrs, Bowers, Osborn, Stapleton and Hill. As an instance of the spirit of the land owners Mr. McElmurray donated a strip through his property that comprises practically seven acres, and George Swearingen writes from Ne-braska that the cold is too severe for him and he expects to return home the state will furnish the material. At that place the only existing grade on the entire route of the new road

for its approval and support at the

that must be cut down. The new highway will be a part of the West Side highway, and will be a state road in place of a county road. A committee of sponsors for the pro-ject waited upon the governor and the highway commissioner some days are and received from that group.

the highway commissioner some days ago and received from that group very favorable encouragement.

The present road between Independence and the southern county boundary is one of many grades and alops. It is never in good repair and is one of many twists and turns. The proposed road will relieve the situation in every way. It will make a shorter more level route and will be properly built to begin with. By joining the new road with the West Side highway as both ends the poorest piece of

The Dallas basketball team, through its manager, Fred Gooch, has schei

uled a match game with the University of California team which wi stop off here, en route for Seattle, m January 13. The local players an tackling big game, but are confiden that they can produce a winning con-Quit Bar Ahead of Time,

The Moose lodge of Independence ceased to operate its saloon Wedneday night, the supply of liquor being exhausted. After the first of the year soft drinks, lunches and eight only will be served. The lodge in the control of the cont over 250 members. A Substantial Gift, James J. Hill made Albany cells a Christmas present of \$50,000 was

YOUR ATTENTION

of securities, already well inve-and drawing good interest.

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THE GOOD JUDGE CALLS ON A PRIEND WITH THE DOCTOR. OLD RASCAL, ALL RIGHT. HE MAS A BAD TOOTHACHE, BUT ATASTE FOR 600P SAY JUDGE, I HAD A GOOD TIME WITH THE BOYS LAST NIGHT AND THE ONLY THING THAT TASTES GOOD TODAY IS W-B CUT--THAT REAL TOBACCO CHEW

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