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Whatever your part in this Great Cause remember your own personal responsibility. Remember Electricity. Make the best use of this greatest of all helps.

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Food Production and A Few Other Things

Less than a year ago we were paying the highest prices for potatoes, onions and some other well known foodstuffs, that had ever been paid for those articles. We all rebelled, some openly, others sullenly. The government urged us as one form of solution to plant the so called war garden. This we did, but we needed other weapons to use against the profiteer. The government forged them for us in the person of food, fuel, etc., controllers. The wisdom of the government in that move is too manifest to need discussion. Prices did drop. The war gardens did help. So many potatoes were raised that now we have a large surplus of that form of food. One month ago railroad figures will show that we were moving in the entire United States barely one hundred carloads of potatoes daily. That is less than one tenth the usual number of cars of potatoes moving in the same time the year before. Wise heads say that the war garden is responsible for the difference. We learned thru one years experience that not all war gardens pay for themselves. We have no means of knowing how much might have been added by way of production had not the dry weather affected the south and northwest. But we do know this, A number of lots that had not felt the itch of the plow for years, received a good scratching last year. Previous experience leads us to believe that these same lots will respond more readily to the same treatment this year than they did last. Now it is up to us, are we going to reap the benefits of last years work in the 1918 war garden or will we say it is too much trouble. With Russia out of the conflict, success no longer depends upon the Fourth of July oration, it is more than ever up to consistent and intelligent effort on the part of every one of us to back up our lines with an ever increasing supply of food. And why so broad a statement. This is the reason, an ever increasing number of young men and women are "joining up" either in military service or in munitions production. Each one who leaves the small village or farming community for the large city or military service, subtracts one from the producers and adds one to the consumers. Just this week two young men from Monmouth left school for the shipyards of Portland Last year both worked in the Eastern Oregon harvest fields. Who will take their places this year? Get the point. It is not a question any longer of saying I have enough for myself, let the others take care of themselves. You and I rise or fall with the fortunes of our United States. That same United States tells us to be thrifty and help increase production. Will we blindly turn our backs or shall we fall in? I do not care what may be said concerning the statement I am about to make, I know it is correct. The Phosphorous and Potash content of our soils is so low that it is a grave question whether we can hold up present production let alone increase it. With all our effort last years corn crop tho large was soft.

Why? In all probability due to lack of Phosphorus in the ground.

Look this fact squarely in the face and then think seriously as to a solution.

I am no seer, nor do I pose as having the gift of forethought, but somehow this seems to offer a 10 per cent solution of the problem if we make a sincere use of the suggestion following. What better response to our country's urgent plea for thrift among the young than this—make it our business to see that so far as we are concerned our children shall spend part of their time working upon a home garden or some kindred project instead of spending all their time playing. Oh yes, you say you are amply able to rear your children without any outside advice.

I agree and have no intention of advising, but on the other hand I am just as able to handle my business without outside suggestion; under present conditions I feel able to decide for myself whether my place is with my family or at the front. Yet I have quietly accepted volumes of advice on that subject during the past month.

Why friends, the state has decided that question for me. I am glad it did and does. It should. Likewise if we parents hide the talent given us, do not be surprised if the government sometime in the future exercises the same authority with regard to the hours of play and work of the growing generation.

To train children in habits of thrift, successful parents will tell you, begin early. If you wish to breed idleness rest on your oar and say "it is too much trouble", This is no sermon from the mount, it is simply my way of putting across what I consider of vital importance especially in view of the thrift campaign. The bankers of Polk county have offered their assistance to children who wish a start but lack funds. Why not accept their offer?

If your son or daughter be ten years or over and wishes to raise a pig, why not give him a chance and allow him to "bother" you. I am a parent and I feel I know a bit as to what a "bother" children may be. I have chosen this philosophy, however, to be bothered while they are young in the hope that they may be too thrifty in years to come to cause me more than the average amount of trouble.

The government asks us to allow the children to bother us with the raising of pigs, chickens, corn, potatoes, gardens, or with canning, baking or sewing. The government requests this, it does not order it.

When it needs to issue orders it will. God grant it may never be necessary. The government does not want your child to attempt this work unless between ten and eighteen, nor does it want the average child to attempt more than one project. It is not the schools place to do the work of the home. Nor is it the place of the school to thrust anything upon the home. Consequently if your son or daughter signifies his desire to indulge in this form of activity, feel assured no backing will be given from the school until the parent has been consulted and has given consent.

And further it is the parents right to handle work of this type without any connection to the school. In addition thrift is taught in many ways in the home other than these mentioned above.

In closing, this article is meant to bring a situation to the attention of the public in as pointed a manner as possible, and does not hit at any parent in particular or even all in general. If however, any person takes exception to my remarks or wishes further light, I stand ready to explain myself as best I can.

L. P. Gilmore.

MADE-IN-GERMANY LIES CIRCULATED IN CANADA

Canada is also having trouble with Made-in-Germany lies calculated to hinder Canadian food conservation according to an official statement received from the Canadian food controller by the United States food administration.

The stories bothering Canada are of the same general character as those the United States food administrator recently denounced in this country, such as the ridiculous salt and blueing famine fakes and the report that the government would seize housewives' stocks of home canned goods.

The Canadian food controller estimates that when the people listen to and pass on such stories, each one has the power of destruction that lies in a battalion of soldiers.

"Stories without even a vestige of foundation have been scattered broadcast," said the Canadian statement. "Nor have they come to life casually. They have started simultaneously in different parts of the country and in each instance have been calculated to arouse public indignation.

"They are insidious, subtle, persistent. Bit by bit they dissipate public trust, the great essential in the work of food control.

"It lies with every individual to forbear from criticism; to refrain from passing on the vagrant and harmful story, and thus the more effectively to co-operate in work which is going to mean more than the majority of people yet realize."

There is no royal road to food conservation. We can only accomplish this by the voluntary action of our whole people, each element in proportion to its means. It is a matter of equality of burden; a matter of minute saving and substitution at every point in the 20,000,000 kitchens, on the 20,000,000 dinner tables, and in the 2,000,000 manufacturing, wholesale and retail establishments of the country.

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' Airlie 8.30, a m and 3:45, p m. Arrives Monmouth 9:05 a m and 4:13 p m
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The Farmer who Needs New Machinery

Manufacturers are allowed only enough steel with which to supply orders. No machinery can be built and stored. Added to this the delays incident to congested freight traffic and it will be realized that the farmer who gets new machinery this spring, must order at once.

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