

they dared not go far enough to precipitate strikes, and the threat to strike was in the air all the time in spite of the patriotic obligation to work.

With the armistice, the weeding out of incompetent and shiftless men was started, but the job has not been done with thoroughness. Speed is still a requisite, and labor must not be goaded beyond a certain point. The feelings of labor are exceedingly tender on the subject of efficiency, and there is danger of interruption resulting from too much irritation. So while these conditions have improved considerably during the last two weeks they are even yet a disgrace to the workers.

In spite of these handicaps, the records made by Portland ship builders were marvels for speed—the finest records for efficiency in the entire United States having been awarded to Oregon several months in succession. This indicates how successful the management was as a class and that a considerable proportion of the workers really were loyal and industrious. Those workers who really were patriotic deserve great credit, even if their pay was high, but those who were deliberately shiftless deserve exposure and the censure of an outraged patriotism. These conditions were all known to the patriotic workers, and were a source of distress to them. As individuals and in groups they complained to employers, to federal authorities, to newspapers and to citizens generally. Their complaints were met with the excellent reason that publicity and exposure were the only correcting weapons, and that publicity under the circumstances would tend to disrupt the industry by creating dissatisfaction, contention and possibly strikes, all of which would retard ship production so sorely needed. So the complainers were silenced.

Now that the war is over, an improvement in spirit is noticeable, due to a desire of many former shirkers to get into the good graces of their employers in the hope of holding their jobs. There will yet have to be a vast improvement before that efficiency is developed that the government is entitled to and that will be necessary if our shipbuilding industry is to compete

permanently for business.

It is unfortunate that service flags cannot be awarded to those employees who were faithful and patriotic so as to distinguish them from the shirkers. As it is, the shipworkers' service flag does not indicate whether it represents real patriotism or a selfish desire to escape the draft, draw high pay and do as little work as possible for our country in its time of crisis.—Oregon Voter.

Local Brevities

A number of our farmers sold hogs Wednesday, delivering at Independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesebro spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Portland.

A. N. Halleck and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Poole were capitol city visitors Wednesday.

John White of American Bottom was a visitor in Monmouth Saturday.

Dean Sellars and Dell Tedrow spent Thanksgiving at the former's home in Banks.

Mr. Murton of the Miller Mercantile Company spent a few days the past week with the local store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman ate Thanksgiving turkey with Salem relatives.

The Red Cross meeting next Tuesday is a business meeting and all members are requested to attend, if only for the interval of the business session.

Mrs. A. H. Craven is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Hesse and a sister from Bandon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Arant entertained Ira C. and P. O. Powell and families at Thanksgiving dinner.

Jas. Hiltbrand of Simpson was a visitor in Monmouth on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Ground and Mrs. M. E. Percival of this city and Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Dempsey of Rickreall were visitors Sunday at H. E. Guthrie's.

C. H. Welch of Nebraska arrived here Thursday to see his brother who lives three miles west of Monmouth. The latter is seriously sick with cancer of the stomach.

The basket-ball team, under the supervision of Dr. Maurice Butler, is making rapid progress. Games scheduled for the coming week end are with Rickreall and Airlie.

Carl Pollan is working on the road hauling gravel south of Monmouth.

Guy Sacre arrived in Monmouth Wednesday from Camp Taylor on his way to Eugene to be discharged from the army and heard for the first time of his mother's death. He was in time for the funeral.

G. W. Bethers and family moved this week, going to a town near Vancouver where Mr. Bethers has a school.

R. W. Tavenner, who resigned as principal of the Monmouth High School to enter the army, and who has been stationed at Grant's Pass, was a visitor in Monmouth last Friday. He says orders have been received to disband that particular post in the near future.

A pleasant Thanksgiving party was the one held by residents of the block on which the Paces, Forces, Primes and Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Erickson live. They clubbed together for the dinner, brought their eatables along and dined together at Prime's.

Orville Butler had a letter from his son this week stating that he had arrived safely in France and was located in a brand new hospital in central France, that it was a fine place, well equipped and in spite of peace he expects to be there some time yet.

Mrs. Sarah Alphin, wife of the man who established the first store in Independence, died last week. She was born in Indiana in 1827 and was married to Thomas Burbank in 1844. They came to Oregon in 1848 and established the store in Talmage in 1850. Burbank died in 1869 and the widow was married in 1875 to Mr. Alphin of Jefferson. The latter died in 1909 and Mrs. Alphin has lived since that time with a sister, Mrs. Stewart in North Independence.

The streets of Monmouth presented quite military appearance during the Thanksgiving holidays. All of the boys from Corvallis and Eugene who are in the Student's Army Training Corps were home for the turkey dinner and the social festivities, and all were in uniform.

The indications are that the boys will be mustered out of Uncle Sam's service within a few days although doubtless many will stay at the different schools for further instruction.

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Christian Church Notes

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Evangelical Church Notes

Sunday, December 8. Morning Worship at 11. Theme: "Why was the Ascension necessary?"

At 7:30, Subject: "Stephen—the man with an angel face."

Sunday School at 10. Y. P. A. at 6:45. Subject: "Begin now."

Cottage prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Hewitt. P. Conklin, Pastor.

Wood Sawing

Because of advance in cost of labor and oil I have had to advance sawing prices, which will be as follows: Maple, Ash and Fir, twice in two, 90 cents; 3 times, \$1.00; Oak, twice in two, \$1.00; 3 times, \$1.25.

As soon as prices of labor and oil go down I will lower sawing prices. I am here to do your work if you want it done. Terms cash. Phone 4104.

S. H. Hinkle

U. S. HEALTH SERVICE ISSUES WARNING

Increase in All Respiratory Diseases After the Influenza Epidemic Probable.

Influenza Expected to Lurk for Months. How to Guard Against Pneumonia. Common Colds Highly Catching—Importance of Suitable Clothing—Could Save 100,000 Lives.

Washington, D. C.—With the subsidence of the epidemic of influenza the attention of health officers is directed to pneumonia, bronchitis and other diseases of the respiratory system which regularly cause a large number of deaths, especially during the winter season. According to Rupert Blue, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, these diseases will be especially prevalent this winter unless the people are particularly careful to obey health instructions.

"The present epidemic," said Surgeon General Blue, "has taught by bitter experience how readily a condition beginning apparently as a slight cold may go on to pneumonia and death. Although the worst of the epidemic is over, there will continue to be a large number of scattered cases, many of them mild and unrecognized, which will be danger spots to be guarded against." The Surgeon General likened the present situation to that after a great fire, saying, "No fire chief who understands his business stops playing the hose on the charred debris as soon as the flames and visible fire have disappeared. On the contrary, he continues the water for hours and even days, for he knows that there is danger of the fire rekindling from smoldering embers."

"Then you fear another outbreak of influenza?" he was asked. "Not necessarily another large epidemic," said the Surgeon General, "but unless the people learn to realize the seriousness of the danger they will be compelled to pay a heavy death toll from pneumonia and other respiratory diseases."

Common Colds Highly Catching.

"It is encouraging to observe that people are beginning to learn that ordinary coughs and colds are highly catching and are spread from person to person by means of droplets of germ laden mucus. Such droplets are sprayed into the air when careless or ignorant people cough or sneeze without covering their mouth and nose. It is also good to know that people have learned something about the value of fresh air. In summer, when people are largely out of doors, the respiratory diseases (coughs, colds, pneumonia, etc.) are infrequent; in the fall, as people begin to remain indoors, the respiratory diseases increase; in the winter, when people are prone to stay in badly ventilated, overheated rooms, the respiratory diseases become very prevalent."

Suitable Clothing Important.

"Still another factor in the production of colds, pneumonia and other respiratory diseases is carelessness or ignorance of the people regarding suitable clothing during the seasons when the weather suddenly changes, sitting in warm rooms too heavily dressed or, what is even more common, especially among women, dressing so lightly that windows are kept closed in order to be comfortably warm. This is a very injurious practice."

Could Save 100,000 Lives.

"I believe we could easily save one hundred thousand lives annually in the United States if all the people would adopt the system of fresh air

living followed, for example, in tuberculosis sanatoria. There is nothing mysterious about it—no specific medicine, no vaccine. The important thing is right living, good food and plenty of fresh air.

Droplet Infection Explained in Pictures.

"The Bureau of Public Health, Treasury Department, has just issued a striking poster drawn by Berryman, the well-known Washington cartoonist. The poster exemplifies the modern method of health education. A few years ago, under similar circumstances, the health authorities would have issued an official dry but scientifically accurate bulletin teaching the role of droplet infection in the spread of respiratory diseases. The only ones who would have understood the bulletin would have been those who already knew all about the subject. The man in the street, the plain citizen and the many millions who toil for their living would have had no time and no desire to wade through the technical phraseology."



USE THE HANDKERCHIEF AND DO YOUR BIT TO PROTECT ME! COLD, INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, AND TUBERCULOSIS ARE SPREAD THIS WAY

Copies of this poster can be obtained free of charge by writing to the Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

A Memorable Achievement of the Titanic Struggle

America saved and sent to Europe in a year of crop failure 141,000,000 bushels of wheat, which saved Europe.

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+ A GERMAN HOPE DISPROVED +
+ AND +
+ A GERMAN FEAR CONFIRMED +
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+ A statement made by a prominent German official soon after this country was declared in a state of war with Germany shows that even in the enemy country clear thinking students did not undervalue the strength of the American republic. Only in his confidence that we could not land in Europe sufficient troops to affect the final decision was this German mistaken.
+ "I do not fear the American soldiers," he told a high official of our government, "because they cannot arrive in time. What I fear is the intelligence and devotion of one hundred million original minds and people trained to a faith in individual initiative. The day that these people, now so materialistic in outward appearance, are stirred spiritually, that day is the day of Germany's doom."
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Monmouth Highways

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Written and Edited by Students of Monmouth High School

The presence of a number of the alumni at the High School assembly last Friday morning made it one of the most interesting hours of the year. A short program was given, consisting of a vocal duet by Imogene Richards and Hope McDonald, a reading by Clay Moreland, a piano solo by Miss Tomkins and two songs by the entire chorus. After this, much to the surprise of the visitors, they found that they were not to be entertained but the entertainers. However, they accepted their disillusionment with good grace, and related many wondrous and thrilling experiences. Tales of life in the S. A. T. C. at Oregon University were related by Hjalmar and Ermine Gentle, while the events at her sister, but rival institution were told by Burton Bell, Bob Hendren, Bill Harvey, Denzel Moore and Max Bowersox. Monmouth High seemed to have a strange fascination for these returned warriors, for they spent the rest of the day re-exploring their old battle fields.

Friday evening a party was held at the gymnasium to provide a general "get-together" of the students and alumni. Visiting alumni

in addition to those who were at the school during the day were Jay Butler, from Oregon, and Bruce Rogers from Bremerton. R. W. Tavenner, who was to have been principal of the High School this year was also present. Mr. Tavenner was home on a short furlough from Grant's Pass, where he is in service. Informality was the order of the evening and from eight until ten-thirty various games were enjoyed.

Miss Nell Gaylord, a student of the University of Oregon, spent Thanksgiving day and the following week end with her sister, Miss Beatrice Gaylord of the High School faculty.

Some of the High School students who spent their Thanksgiving vacation at home were Florence Lacey, Elizabeth Withee, Glenn Turner and Dean Sellars who was accompanied by Dell Tedrow.

Bessie Mae Sullivan, who has been ill for several weeks, is gradually regaining her strength and her classmates hope soon to have her with them again.

Another invalid Junior, much missed by all, is Wendell Van Loan.

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Save food

Who shares in the struggle Will share in the triumph

Out of empty granaries to draw 141,000,000 bushels for export—the will of a free people accomplished that marvel.

Do you remember when food control by voluntary action was deemed a daring adventure in democracy?

Besides such incidental benefits as the improvement in figure and health that we've reaped from our meatless, wheatless days, think of the fun we've had out of them—the new crop of jokes, jibes, topical songs and cartoons to replace the mother-in-law joke and the boost to our reputation for ready humor!

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+ for four years without lasting +
+ losses of yield. It will be years +
+ before their fields recuperate, +
+ farms are restored and herds re- +
+ stocked. Save food. +
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