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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it IN YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Again, what are you going to place on exhibition at the Washington County Fair? Do your share to make it a success.

That Willamina railroad watchman who amused himself shooting at kids in the swimming hole should be sent to the first line trenches in France or Belgium.

Don't condemn an idea set forth by another simply because it doesn't happen to fit your case. Remember that conditions frequently alter cases. There may be a rare gem buried in that idea for you if you will but dig it out and shape it to your own conditions.

People who allow the weeds to grow along their sidewalks should be forced to build walks so wide that the weeds can't meet in the middle. Many women have spoiled their dresses walking through weeds on Forest Grove sidewalks. Yes, this is a knock—against weeds.

The world, including Germans, is beginning to notice that Bavarians, Saxons and Wurttembergians are largely doing the dying at the front for the kaiser, while the Prussian legions are being preserved to hold the Rhine line in the last analysis. Great is the Prussian autocracy!

In order to save labor and gasoline, the Portland merchants have clubbed together and decided that there shall be but one delivery per day from their stores. As no hint of cheaper goods is given, the Express is forced to believe the saving will be all for the benefit of the merchants. Tell Hoover about it.

PRUSSIAN KULTUR

Washington.—An official who has scrutinized the reports of German diplomatic representatives to their government before the declaration of war furnishes this extract: "The Americans are very rough. If you call one of them a

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liar he does not argue the matter, after the manner of a German gentleman, but brutally knocks you down. The Americans have absolutely no kultur." We give it up! The German way of thinking is hopeless. A gentleman arguing about whether he's a liar or not. If that's kultur, to hell with it!—Portland News.

A BUSINESS MAN'S PRAYER

Teach me that 60 minutes make an hour, 16 ounces one pound, and 100 cents one dollar.

Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square.

Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and the rustle of unholy skirts

Blind me to the faults of other fellows, but reveal to me mine own.

Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

Keep me young enough to laugh with my children.

And when come the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps, and the crunching of wheels out in front, make the ceremony short and the epithet simple: "Here lies a man."—Western Farmer.

HERBERT HOOVER AN OREGON BOY

Fred Lockley, a roving correspondent for the Oregon Journal, in Sunday's issue of that paper, has an interesting article on the life of Herbert Hoover, the food dictator of the United States. It seems that Bert Hoover lived for some years at Salem and Newberg, being a graduate of Pacific College, at the last-named place. He lived with his uncle, Dr. H. J. Minturn, who was at one time in charge of the Indian school in this city and went from here to Newberg, where he was the first president of Pacific Academy (now Pacific College.) Bert graduated from Stanford university in 1895. He worked for a while in the United States geological survey. During the two years following his graduation he followed his profession of mining engineering in Eastern Oregon, California, Colorado and New Mexico. In 1897 he landed a job in Australia. Two years later he returned to California. The following year, 1900, he was appointed engineering advisor of the Chinese government. He was besieged during the boxer rebellion. When the allied governments raised the siege he returned to California.

After a few months in California he returned to China as general manager of an enterprise employing 25,000 men. Part of his job was to superintend a fleet of 20 ships, with a system of canals, railways, harbors, with a group of



News Snapshots Of the Week

All previous heat records were broken during the past week in many cities of the middle western and Atlantic coast states. The intense weather lasted several days, and the number of deaths reached the hundreds in many cities. In spite of the hot weather the draft machinery moved rapidly, and thousands of young men eligible for the new army were given physical examinations. The number who passed the test was surprisingly low, and the number of exemption claims was surprisingly large. The long looked for allied offensive in Flanders was opened by the British forces under Field Marshal Haig, who, in co-operation with the French, gained ground on a twenty mile front. However, the enemy recaptured part of this territory. Secretary Daniels gave out the report of Rear Admiral Gleaves, which confirmed in part the Fourth of July announcement that enemy submarines had attacked the first American transports. Military movements continued throughout the country, several companies leaving for camps where they will get their training.

industries which included coal mines and similar works.

From this enterprise he branched out till he was a director in mining enterprises in Alaska, Mexico, India, Russia and China, as well as helping to guide the destinies of a large number of iron and steel plants, railroads, electrical plants, metallurgical companies and other enterprises in the Orient, Europe and the Western states.

As head of the commission for relief of Belgium he directed the expenditure of \$300,000,000 for imported foodstuffs and over \$200,000,000 for foodstuffs in Europe. He has never held public office and never accepted a cent for his services in Belgium.

He has taken up the arduous duties of food administrator because, to quote his own words, he believes "the solving of the food problem by international administration will develop to best advantage the potentialities of the United States as a factor in bringing this world catclysm to an end that will mean victory and future peace on earth."

"Hold On" Commandments

1. Hold onto your hand when you are about to do an unkind act.
2. Hold onto your tongue when you are just ready to speak harshly.
3. Hold onto your heart when evil persons urge you to join their ranks.
4. Hold onto your virtue—it is above all price to you in all times and places.
5. Hold onto your foot when you are on the point of leaving the path of right.
6. Hold onto the truth, for it will serve you better than anything else.
7. Hold onto your temper when you are excited or angry or others are angry with you.
8. Hold onto your good name; it is and ever will be an asset in your journey through life.
9. Hold onto your wits, so they will not be wandering when you need them most.

Some Germans Are Goods Americans

The Auburn, Neb., Republican of recent day published the following letter from one of its German-born subscribers:

"To the Editor of the Auburn Republican—I have seen several

articles in the papers about Germans trying to raise strife in this country. I am a German by birth and I am an American, heart and hand. I will tell you why I left Germany. There we were in our family and we were poor, like the most of our countrymen who come to the good old United States of America to get away from oppression and it was a hard matter to keep the wolf away from the door at times. When I landed in this country I secured work at once and received more money for one month's work than I got in Germany for 1 year's work. I sent for my folks and I am proud they are all true American citizens and will answer the president's call to arms against Germany or any other country when needed.

I don't see how my countrymen can go back on Uncle Sam. They came here without a cent and made money here; now they want to fight the country that

feeds them. The kaiser never did anything for them or for me. If he had we would be back there yet. All he did was to start this cruel war and starve all our people there, and make soldiers out of everybody and force them to work for his dirty 12 cents a day with a fourth pound of meat and a loaf of black bread. I hope to see the day when he is kicked out of Germany and a president put in his place. You don't see any Americans going over there for jobs or to any other nation. They are happy here and don't owe any allegiance to any king or kaiser. I hope Uncle Sam will win. Hurray for President Wilson.

Stop all foreign papers printed in the United States. If they can't read English let them learn and keep all foreign languages out of the schools. The English language is good enough for anybody.

JACOB CRATTS."

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