

# The Forest Grove Express

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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

The Express was two years old last Thursday and today starts on its third year. Who said it couldn't be done?

An exchange tells "how to use honey in place of sugar." Yes, but how in Sam Hill are we going to get the honey?

What business have American pugilists fighting each other when there are so many Huns to mangle? Send them all to France.

Eastern paper says Teddy Roosevelt cuts down trees and works them into stove-wood for exercise. Maybe that's the only way he can keep from talking too much.

Fruit men are fearful that if this warm weather lasts another week fruit trees will bud out and fall victim to the first frost, thus ruining the prospects of a fruit crop this year.

It is estimated that there are in Nebraska between 6,000 and 7,000 Germans and Austrians who have been for years voting on the strength of their first citizenship papers who now claim to be alien enemies, in order to escape the draft. If they insist on being enemies, put them in the detention camps, where they can do no harm and pass a law that full citizenship is required of a voter. Let's be done with this mealy-mouthed talk of the fight being against the Hohenzollern beast only. People are either with us or against us; there is no middle ground.

Why are war profiteers caricatured always as big, fat men? War profiteers are schemers, and Shakespeare, speaking through Caesar, saw a schemer in every slender man. Our imagination pictures Uriah Heep as a bony sort of citizen. A corpulent Shylock would have been only Falstaff, who gained everything but profit from war. The cartoonist's answer to this sort of argument probably would be that he knows some profiteers personally, and that they are big fat men. In which case, he would be asked to name some names, and then we might get somewhere in cutting down war profits.

### DO IT NOW!

The Masons of Oregon are looking around for a location for a "Home," to be built next year and the Express sees no reason why Forest Grove hasn't as good a chance to capture the institution as any other town, especially as Loyal M. Graham, president of the Forest Grove Commercial club, is a member of the committee to find a location. Let every citizen who wants to see this city prosper go to Mr. Graham and promise him support in his efforts to bring the home here. It will be a good thing for the town where it is located and many towns will compete for the prize. Next to keeping Pacific Univer-

sity, which isn't a cinch, unless we stir ourselves, this is the most important work our "boosers" can take up this spring. And it is not too early to start right now.

### IF THEY CAN DO IT, SO CAN WE AMERICANS

The president of the Deutsche Bank of Berlin said recently that the people in Germany are now saving three billion dollars annually of what they used to spend in beers and liquors. There are about 70,000,000 people in the German Empire.

President Wilson has asked American men, women and children to save 2 billion dollars in one year to lend to our government at four per cent to help win the war.

There are 100,000,000 of us.

Can we do it?

We can.

Will we do it?

We will.

How? Simply by "cutting out" the little extravagances to our daily lives that add nothing to our strength of character, nor to our health or happiness; by cutting down on our candy and gum expenditures; by going to the "movies" less frequently; by smoking less; by drinking water instead of fancy colored concoctions, and by practicing a hundred and one little economies that will save a penny here and there.

When the pennies have been saved Uncle Sam has provided simple machinery with which to take care of them. Twenty-five cents buys a Thrift Stamp. Sixteen Thrift Stamps pasted on a card given you when you buy the stamp, with 12 cents additional will buy a War Savings Certificate, given with your first War Savings Stamp, becomes virtually a government bond, for which the government will pay you \$100 in five years.

A War Savings Stamp is just as safe as your country. And the more Stamps sold right now, the safer your country will be.

### LOOKING AHEAD

We do not need to concern ourselves about the past only enough to see what mistakes we've made that may be avoided in the future. The future is ahead, and for that we should plan.

The successful farmer does not wait until Spring before he buys his seed, his needed machinery, or plan where such and such crops shall be grown. He doesn't wait until the "fields are ripe unto the harvest" before he plans for extra help, gets his graneries in repair or plans for new barns in which to store the surplus.

The great successes in every calling have come largely through forethought and faith. The success of every farmer next year will depend upon these two things. Have faith in the future, then plan for years to come. When you build, build for the future; when you put in your crops, plan for the future, so that fertility will not be wasted. When

you buy stock buy for the future improvement of the herds and flocks. Look ahead.—Western Farmer.

### SAVE DOMESTIC FOOD ANIMALS

Millions of dollars worth of live stock is destroyed by careless owners who allow it to wander on railroad tracks.

With food supplies growing scarcer all over the world, and a nation-wide campaign for food conservation, carelessness with live stock cost \$3,680,000 last year by owners letting them wander on railroad right of way.

Reports show that in one state 1862 animals some of them fine dairy cows, were killed the past year on railroad tracks.

Animals so killed are not generally used for food, although if they are dressed immediately there is no reason for this waste.

With characteristic fright of dumb animals, they seem unable to get out of the way of trains, thus negligence of owners makes life unsafe.

### Two Chances In War

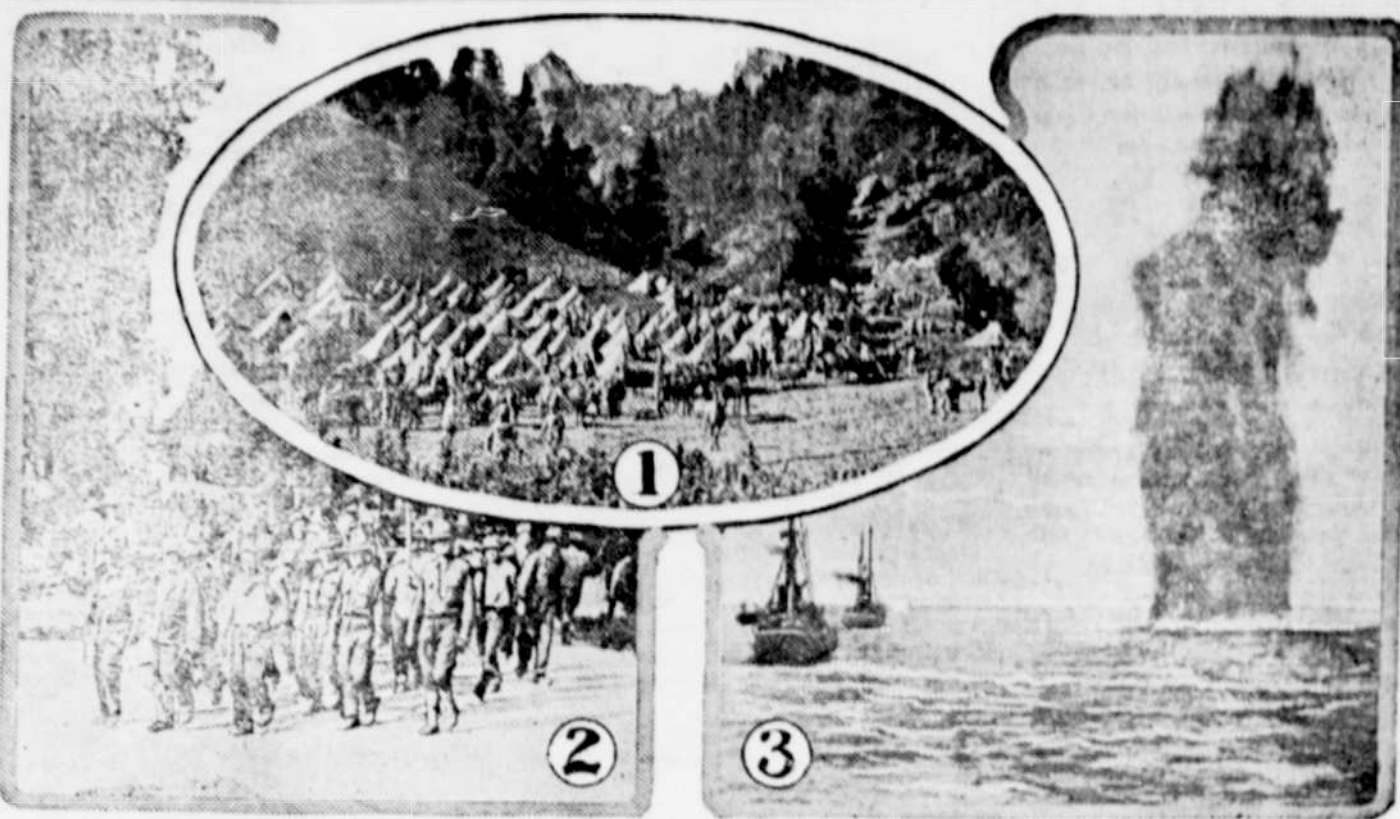
A young man, who registered in the recent draft, was asked what he thought about it. He replied: "I should worry. You see I always have two chances. I will either be drawn or not be drawn. If I am not drawn I need not worry, and if I am drawn, I still have two chances. I will take the examinations and will either be rejected or accepted. If I am rejected, well I should worry and if I am accepted, I still have two chances. I will either be called or held in reserve. If I am in reserve I need not worry, but if I am called—well, I still have two chances. I will either be put in the firing line or just behind it. If behind it I need not worry, but if on the firing line I still have two chances, I will either be hit or missed. If I am missed I should worry, but if I am hit, I still have two chances, I will either be killed or crippled. If I am killed I can't worry—and I still have two chances—and if I am crippled, the government will see that I am well cared for the rest of my life."—Unknown Exchange.

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1—Camp of the Italian Alpini in the Carnle Alps where the Austro-Germans were held in check for a day. 2—American army engineers, some of whom have been taking part in the battle of Cambrai, leaving their camp for building operations. 3—British trawlers exploding a German sea mine.

### Scouts Set Good Example

At their regular meeting last Thursday evening, Troop 1, of the Boy Scouts of America, re-organized and discussed plans for the new year. They are endeavoring to fill up their ranks to about three patrols, with good patriotic boys.

The Scouts have shown their patriotism in many ways. During the summer they were all working at one place or another to help produce food and conserve it. One or two of the boys helped in the campaign for members of the United States Food Administration; a number contributed to the Y. M. C. A.; and most of them joined the Red Cross during the Christmas drive. Now two of them, Scout Wendell Brown and Scout Ralph Lyons, have purchased a number of Thrift Stamps and will soon fill their Thrift Cards. Others will buy Thrift stamps soon. They get them of their scout master, who is an employe of Uncle Sam. This is a good investment and will increase your money as easily as any way you could invest it, as well as to help our government win this war. The Scouts urge everyone who can, to purchase War Saving Stamps or Thrift Stamps.

### A SCOUT.

Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, now has his representative in Hillsboro and he will be here from the 3rd to the 19th inclusive. You will be able to find Income Tax Agent Wiseacre at the office of Judge Reasoner, at the court house. Feel free to call upon him and make inquiries upon questions regarding the tax of which you are in doubt. The government has gone to much expense to aid you in the matter, so avail yourself of the opportunity.—Hillsboro Independent.

### HIS GIRL IN OVERALLS

Well, yes, the kid's enlisted, we expected that, you know; When he heard the call to colors of course he'd want to go, An' we're proud an' glad an' sorry, for the lad's our pride an' joy. An' his mother—well you know mothers, an' he was our only boy. An' I—well there's no denyin'—I depended on the lad. For he's always been a sight of help an' comfort to his dad; But I never fully realized how much I'd miss the little scamp. I was feelin' pretty lonesome an' somehow my eyes were dim, When I saw some one standin' there I really thought 'twas Jim; But afore I had time to speculate my little daughter calls— "Say, dad, how do you like my bran' new overalls?" She had the team all harnessed an' had hitched them to the plow, "I've tried to do it, dad," she said, "just like Jamie showed me how, I'm not needed in the house you know, for mother she has Sue, An' so I'm goin' to do my bit out in the field with you. "We've got to send our boys to war, an' feed the people too, An' it's up to Uncle Samuel's girls to show what they can do." Then she climbed up on the tractor an' drove away on that— My little gal in overalls an' Jamie's old straw hat. An' sir, you'd be surprised to see the things that girl can do, An' how she works with might an' main to help put things through. An' guess we hee'dn't worry sir, when Uncle Samuel calls; He can trust his boys in khaki an' his girls in overalls.

Harold Moore, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Moore and a graduate of the Forest Grove high school, is confined to a Portland hospital as the result of an injury received in a Portland shipyard, where he was employed. He is not dangerously injured, however.

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