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THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER
Probably fair except probable showers in the extreme southwest portion. Gentle winds, mostly westerly.

MEN WHO LAUGH
Stories from the front in these big days testify that our soldiers are fighting "like demons," and laughing demons at that.

"The front," writes a correspondent, "is probably the most cheerful place on earth. Where shells fly and life isn't worth a nickel, nothing matters to anybody."

Other nations, generally speaking, fight grimly. Even Tommy, the most exuberant of our allies, is somewhat sobered now. But the American, who has always what Kipling calls "the cynic devil in his blood," and what most of us call simply a keen sense of humor, grows merry where others grow gloomy.

"I have heard more funny stories and more laughter among our men in the line in one night," says a veteran correspondent, "that I have heard in all the rest of the time I have been in Europe."

It is not flippancy, as our Sammie's heroic record attests. It is the "light touch" of strong, confident men, who know exactly what they are doing and how they are going to do it. Their apparent frivolousness is the foam that covers a strong deep current. It is a by-product of tremendous energies in action.

Beware of fighters who laugh. Our boys' laughter is the death knell of Prussianism.

BIGGER AND BETTER TAXES

Now congress has settled down to serious consideration of the taxation problem, there is reason to hope that we shall have tax legislation worthy of the time and occasion. The present intention is to rewrite the present revenue act, doing away with its confusions and inequalities. There will be a single comprehensive and let us hope, intelligible law, instead of one crude law superimposed on another to the perplexity and despair of taxpayer and tax collector alike.

This simplification in itself will be a great gain if the work is well done. Still more important is the elimination of oversights and injustices inherent in the present system. Nobody apparently is to be taxed

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more lightly, but those who have heretofore escaped their due obligation will be taxed more heavily. The 8 per cent surtax on certain of earned incomes will remain, and the rate on other incomes will be leveled up with it.

"Profiteering" in general will be handled without gloves; congress may tax war profits nearly as high as England, which collects 80 per cent. As much as 80 or 90 per cent of our largest personal incomes may be taken.

Congress has an unusual opportunity to do a big, statesmanlike job. Its progress will be watched with interest by a nation which is willing to pay any number of billions to win the war, provided the taxes are apportioned wisely and equitably.

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF WEATHER AND CROPS

Portland, June 20.—Need of rain still is the keynote of the crop situation, according to the weekly summary of weather and crop conditions issued by the weather bureau here. Beneficial showers fell in a few scattered localities, mostly east of the Cascade mountains, but drought continued generally throughout the state and a majority of the staple crops, where not irrigated, were suffering from lack of rain, says the report.

Some injury to winter wheat in Umatilla county resulted from the hot winds of the early part of the week and this crop was also beginning to fire in other districts on account of the drought. Rye was poor to good, in some places having been cut for hay, while in others it received some benefit from local showers and was in better condition. Spring wheat also was much in need

of rain, was heading short and some fields were drying out and others soon will burn. Barley and oats were in fair shape on irrigated lands but very poor on dry farms.

The first crop of alfalfa is practically all cut in Morrow and Umatilla counties, cutting has begun in Malheur county and haying will probably be general during the coming week, with poor to fair yields expected. Non-irrigated pastures and ranges are drying up and livestock are beginning to show the effects of drought, although still doing fairly well.

The strawberry season is nearly over in the lower Hood River valley; early cherries are ripening in many localities and picking is under way in Wasco county, with some orchards showing fair crops. The outlook is favorable for an excellent crop of loganberries, and pickers are urgently needed to assist in harvesting this crop.

Under the favorable temperature conditions corn made rapid advancement, but now needs rain; potatoes are still promising but still need moisture to insure satisfactory results. Many gardens are infested with aphid and this insect pest has worked great injury to peas and other truck crops.

GREAT IDEA FAILED TO WORK

Might Have Been All Right But for Unfortunate Happening Inventor Could Not Foresee.

The poets and others, mainly others, have sung of the virtues and blessings of sleep. No class of men guards sleep as carefully as the doctors. Some one, with all the wise theories of advertising, decided to mail his little call for business to the medical men of Indianapolis. He spent a large sum getting up some real snappy stuff. He figured out all the psychology and personal appeal, with all of the big "I" stuff he could, and then some. He laid plans to reap a harvest. He did not.

His good money went to the printer. More went to Uncle Sam for stamps. This wise ad writer put a special delivery stamp on each of his letters.

Result: The doctors of Indianapolis were awakened about 1 a. m. to sign for a bunch of printed matter. Every doctor seen says he tore up the booklet and with curses deposited the unread pieces in the waste paper basket or elsewhere.

With groans and harsh words the medical men went back to bed. It was a great idea.—Indianapolis News.

Tractor Vs. Mule. Ten mules can haul about two tons of material and their work is limited to ten hours, but the tractor hauls 25 tons and covers a distance of 20 miles at the same time.

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LOGANBERRY PICKERS ARE MUCH NEEDED

The Country Club orchards near Merlin, have 25 acres of Loganberries from which a good crop will begin to ripen during the early part of July and at least 100 pickers will be needed. Women and young folks find loganberry picking profitable and pleasant work.

The berry vines are trellised on wires, so there is no need of much stooping as in picking strawberries. The berry field is kept as clean as a garden and everything is to be done to contribute to the comfort and pleasure of those who aid in the picking. Many of the pickers are arranging to camp along the creek which skirts one side of the berry-field. Others will live in the several houses which the company has thrown open and provided with cook-stoves, tables, wood, water and other conveniences.

Several parties are arranging to club together and go out and return in an automobile to be furnished by one of the party, but the expense to be borne by all. A truck has been engaged to carry those who must return to their homes in the city each evening. A very small charge is to be asked for this truck transportation, to be deducted from the earnings of the several pickers.

This is said to be the largest loganberry field in southern Oregon, and the women and young folks are much needed to insure the saving of the berry crop. Those who can arrange to spend two or three weeks in the berry field should phone or write to J. F. Ferry at once addressing him at Merlin, or phoning him over 600-F-2.

Those who volunteer for this work will not only be assured a fair payment for their services, but will enjoy a pleasant outing, and can feel that they are playing a very useful and patriotic part in saving the berry crop, which is so much needed to whet the appetite of the soldiers

Pleasure.

Of course we are entitled to it. And we should take great pains to secure the fullest measure of it. So much may be taken for granted; the important question is, when and where shall we find pleasure? Sir Walter Bagehot gave his opinion that business is much more amusing than pleasure. I suppose he meant that a man who is in love with his work will get more real "fun" out of it than was ever gathered in so-called "places of amusement." Many of our pleasures do little more for us than kill time. They do not kill care, for it comes back again the next morning. He is a wise man who more and more learns to get his amusement out of the serious work he is doing. Then if he takes an occasional hour or day, for sport or the "pasting show," he will come back to his real task in life to find his real entertainment. What finer art than that of having a good time in the thing which one has to do? Immensely wiser and more profoundly philosophical than the practice of planning for the good time afterward.—George Clarke Peck.

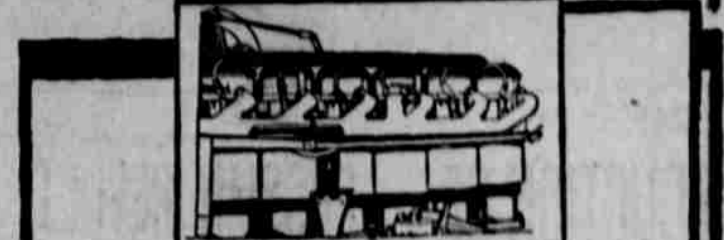
WHILE AT WAR WOMEN SUFFER AT HOME

ROOSE, OREGON.—"I certainly owe a great deal to Dr. Pierce's Remedies; three different times they have saved my life. One time I had trouble with my lungs and the doctor said that I could not get well. I took Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it cured me. During another illness the doctors said there was no chance for my recovery. I took two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and got well. Again doctors said that the only thing to save my life was an operation, and at once, too. I again took the 'Favorite Prescription' and the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and they brought me through just fine—well, and without an operation, so I cannot speak too highly of these wonderful remedies."—Mrs. ALMA JARVIS, 422 W. 3d St.

ROSEBURG, OREGON.—"During expectancy I was so poorly I could not keep a thing on my stomach and my head and back ached terribly all the time and I was so nervous. A friend told me about Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took three bottles and never had any trouble afterward. The first dose helped me. My baby was a nice, healthy child. I think the 'Prescription' is simply great. I am glad to recommend it."—Mrs. C. A. FRIEND, 851 Mosher Street.

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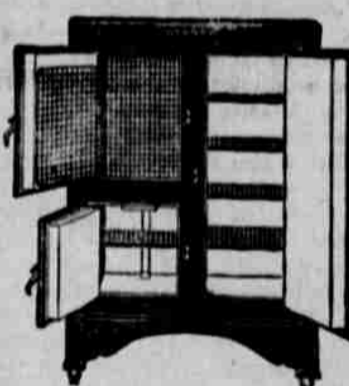
A letter from John White to Rev. Dr. Cotton Mather describes graphically the severest winter and deepest snow ever recorded in America: "It held the north half of the continent in its grip. In the Illinois country in this winter of 1716 and 1717 the snow fell to a depth of six feet on the prairies and bided so long that all wild animal life, such as the large game—buffalo, elk, deer and antelope—died. The buffalo and antelope never crossed the Mississippi river, and these two species (peculiarly plains and prairie ruminants) never came back, but elk and deer and other large game did."



TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Josephine county, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at Grants Pass in the county court house, as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 26, 1918, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, June 29, 1918, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

- Wednesday Forenoon: U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship), Music, Drawing.
Wednesday Afternoon: Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.
Thursday Forenoon: Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.
Thursday Afternoon: Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.
Friday Forenoon: Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Physical Culture.
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