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OREGON WEATHER

Partly cloudy, light north-easterly winds.

"STALLING" ON PUBLIC WORK

Collier's publishes a letter from a man who has been working in a San Francisco shipyard, and here are some of the things the workman claims to have seen:

Seventy-five per cent of the men doing 50 per cent of a day's work, thus making our country pay at least \$3,000 extra on one single ship.

He said he has heard foremen tell their men: "Now, take it easy and hang onto this."

"You may wonder how I know all these things," says the workman. "It is because I am one of the chief offenders. I am working, or rather stalling, in one of the big shipyards. The last time I asked a foreman what to do next, he said: 'For sake can't you find a place to hide?' I found a place."

This slacker workman, with his foreman, should have been stood up against a wall, or else have been sent to the front. The astonishing feature of this incident is that such blood-sucking can be practiced with impunity. The same management applied to any private business would wreck it in a month.

HOW OUR GREAT MERCHANT MARINE IS GROWING

More than 3,000,000 tons of shipping have been built in U. S. shipyards as part of our answer to Germany's plan to wipe out merchant marine of her enemies, according to reports of the Emergency Fleet Corporation for business to August 31st.

On August 1st, there were 171 shipyards at work, of which 76 were steel, 85 wood, 2 composite and 7 concrete.

A total of 5,819,081 tons is now afloat under the control of the shipping board.

The fleet corporation program calls for a merchant marine of 2,651 ships, of a total deadweight tonnage of 16,003,504. There remains to be built, exclusive of what has been launched in September, 10,184,423 tons. The fleet corporation also is building a "mosquito fleet" of tugs, lighters and barges totalling 50,000 tons.

Don't talk about an inconclusive peace. Remember "In Flanders Fields," by Lieut. John McRae, who died fighting in Flanders last January:

"Take up the quarrel with the foe! To you, from falling hands, we throw the torch! Be yours to hold it high, if ye break faith with us who die, We shall not sleep though poppies grow In Flanders Fields."

The Gravity District Improvement company is making good headway in

Oregon Cranberries

CELERY
LETTUCE
SWEET POTATOES

KINNEY & TRUAX GROCERY

QUALITY FIRST

their irrigation project. On November 5th don't fail to cast your vote in favor of granting them a right of way through the city for their irrigation ditch.

Gold Hill claims to have her lime plant in full operation "in spite of the knockers." The best way to cure a knocker is to never repeat what he says; to repeat his raps is advertising his propaganda.

According to some of the local dealers who are shipping vegetables and fruit, there is not nearly enough of these products this year to satisfy the demand. Another argument for irrigation.

Give the fighters three weeks more of good weather and the chances are there will not be a Hun left on French or Belgian soil.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts says "If we agree to an armistice now the war is lost; we must have unconditional surrender."

It will take a long time to get your Christmas presents to the boys in France. Better do your shopping early.

The best way to make the world safe from Hun brutality, lust and treachery is to demand unconditional surrender.

Dancing teachers have put the ban on the closed position, or "grizzily bear hug." Rib-crackers take notice.

ON BASIS OF COMPROMISE

Couple's Religious Differences, Which Caused Trouble Once a Year, Settled in Peculiar Manner.

Compromise where political and religious antagonisms are concerned is evidently possible in Belfast, according to the testimony of a recent visitor to that town. One day she had occasion to call at a house where a woman of the Roman Catholic faith had married a Protestant husband. On one side of the mantelshelf was a bust of the pope, on the other a bust of William of Orange. "I suppose you find it very difficult to agree at times," inquired the visitor. "No," was the ready reply; "we only differ once a year, on the Boyne anniversary, when my husband comes home drunk and smashes my bust of the pope." "Then I suppose you return the compliment by smashing his William of Orange?" "Not at all—I put it in pawn and buy another bust of the pope with the money," was the unexpected answer.—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

Change While You Look. By moving a single lever a new automobile body is converted into an open car or a two-seated vehicle.

WAS ELEGANT SCHEME, BUT—

Great Detective Had Overlooked One Possible Happening, and the Witness Had Not.

There were just 18 guests at Mrs. Hyphen Ramrod's party. She thought it would prove unlucky and when she missed her \$8,000 tungsten ring she knew it was. She telephoned Sheerluck Bones, the great detective, immediately after the discovery and a few minutes later he arrived.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he announced in his cold, clear tones, "a tungsten ring worth \$8,000 has been stolen and one of you is the thief, not to use a harsher word. Mrs. Hyphen Ramrod wishes me to spare the culprit's feelings, inasmuch as he is her guest. Very well. If you will kindly assemble about the dining table I will cause the lights to be extinguished and slowly count fifty. That will give the guilty party ample time to lay the ring on the table, under cover of the darkness. Otherwise I shall be obliged to search you all. But I should like a witness to be present. Mrs. Ramrod, kindly procure a witness."

Mrs. Ramrod left and returned with a passer-by, a tall man with side whiskers and a vacant stare. The great detective waved his hand, the room was plunged in darkness, and slowly he counted fifty. At "forty-eight" the unmistakable tinkle of tungsten against wood was heard as the stolen ring was tossed on the table. Immediately afterward there was a violent crash, as of breaking glass. The great detective turned on the lights. The ring was not there. Neither was the witness.—Detroit Free Press.

DO SOMETHING WORTH WHILE

Much Benefit Will Come From Determination to Make Each Day Record of Accomplishment.

The one who starts out in the morning with a determination to do something during the day that will amount to something, that will be distinctive, that will have individuality, that will give him satisfaction at night, is a great deal more likely not to waste his day in frivolous, unproductive work than the one who starts out with no plan.

Begin every day, therefore, with a program and determine that, let what will come, you will carry it out as closely as possible. Follow it up persistently, day after day, and you will be surprised at the result.

Make up your mind at the very outset of the day that you will accomplish something that will amount to something; that you will not allow callers to fritter away your time, and that you will not permit the little annoyances of your business to spoil your day's work. Make up your mind that you will be larger than the trifles which cripple and cramp mediocre lives, and that you will rise above petty annoyances and interruptions and carry out your plans in a large and commanding way.

Make every day of your life count for something; make it tell in the grand results, not merely as an added day, but as an added day with something worthy achieved.

All kinds of legal blanks at the Courier.

SELECTION OF SEED CORN IS IMPORTANT

Prepare for Bigger Yields by Preserving Supply.

Proper Way is to Choose From Standing Stalks Before First Hard Freeze—Avoid Large Ears on Stalks.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Selection of seed corn now from the standing stalks is one way, and a very easy one, to increase the yields next year. Shortage of good seed corn in many parts of the northern states last spring emphasizes the importance of being prepared next year. Preparation



Field of Corn Showing Good Method of Selecting Seed—The Men Are Searching for Plants That Have Produced Heavily Under Average Conditions and in Close Competition With Less Productive Plants in the Same and Adjacent Hills.

should begin now, for the only proper way to select seed corn is from the standing stalks as soon as the corn matures and before the first hard freeze. Select plenty of seed—enough for your own needs, for replanting if necessary and to supply your less thrifty neighbors who may wait until spring to take their chances of getting good seed from the crib. Well-chosen, home-grown seed of varieties of proven worth in the community, properly dried immediately after it has been gathered and carefully preserved until planting time, produces the best yields.

As soon as the crop ripens, go through the field with seed-picking bags, and husk the ears from the stalks that have produced the best corn without having had special advantages such as space, moisture, or fertility. Avoid the large ears on stalks standing singly with an unusual amount of space around them. Preference should be given the plants that have produced most heavily in competition with a full stand of less productive plants. Late-maturing plants with ears which are heavy because of an excessive amount of sap should be ignored. Sapiness greatly increases the weight and is likely to destroy the quality.

In the central and southern states, all other things being equal, short, thick stalks are preferable. Short stalks are not so easily blown down and permit thicker planting. Thick stalks are not so easily broken down, and in general are more productive than slender ones. The tendency for corn to produce suckers is hereditary. Other things being equal, seed should be taken from stalks that have no suckers.

Immediately after the seed corn is gathered the husked ears should be put in a dry place where there is free circulation of air and placed in such a manner that the ears do not touch each other. This is the only safe procedure. Good seed is repeatedly ruined because it is thought to be already dry enough when gathered. Many farmers believe that their autumn ears are so dry that such care is unnecessary. Seed corn in every locality gathered at ripening time will be benefited by drying as suggested. If left in the husk long after ripening it may sprout or mildew during warm, wet weather or become infested with weevils. The vitality of seed is often reduced by leaving it in a sack or in a pile for even a day after gathering. During warm weather, with some moisture in the cobs and kernels, the ears heat or mildew in a remarkably short time.

The best possible treatment immediately after gathering is to string the ears. Ordinarily the best place to hang strings of ears is in an open shed or loft. Wire racks are more convenient and in the end cheaper than binder twine. Such racks may be made from electrically welded lawn fencing. The cutting of the fencing into seed-corn racks is done without any waste.

Only during unusually damp weather at seed-gathering time will fire be necessary to dry the seed. If heat is employed in a poorly-ventilated room it will do the seed ears more injury than good. If used, the fire should be slow, long continued, and below the seed

ears, with good ventilation above them. After hanging in the shed or lying on the racks for two months the seed ears should be as dry as a bone and contain less than 1 per cent of moisture. They can remain where they dried or be stored in mouse-proof barrels, boxes or crates during the winter, but in either case they must not be exposed to a damp atmosphere, for they will absorb moisture and be injured. Some farmers place the thoroughly dried seed ears in the center of a wheat bin and fill the bin with loose, dry wheat.

Food Attracts Ants.

The surest way to keep a house free from ants is to leave no food lying about on shelves or in open places where they can reach it. Ants go where they find food, and if the food supplies of the household are kept in ant-proof metal containers or in ice-boxes, and if all food that may happen to be scattered by children or others is cleaned up promptly, the ant nuisance will be slight. Cake, bread, sugar, meat, and like substances are especially attractive to the ants and should be kept from them.

Ronches will not frequent rooms unless they find some available food material, and if such materials can be kept from living rooms and offices or scrupulous care exercised to see that no such material is placed in drawers where it can leave an attractive odor or fragments of food, the roach nuisance can be largely restricted to places where food necessarily must be kept.

True Art.

"Wombat is what I call a real artist."

"Eh?"

"He can get a fair likeness and yet make the portrait 40 per cent better looking than the original."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Not a Tight Fit.

Equipment was being issued to the recruits. On the previous day they had received shoes and as the men came up the officer asked each how his shoes fitted. One man said: "Why, sir, I can do a right about face without moving my shoes."

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FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR



HEAR THIS CALL from OUR HOME-TOWN BOYS OVER THERE

LETTERS from our boys in the trenches and from the women in canteen and other war work, all bring to us the same message—SEND US NEWS FROM HOME.

World news is all right, but OUR BOYS want NEWS OF THIS TOWN. They want the home newspaper. Publishers are prevented from sending their papers free to anyone, even boys in the service. Consequently a national movement has been started by Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York, who is acting as President of the Home Paper Service of America to give the boys what they are calling for. Every community is joining the movement. Let us see that our boys are not forgotten.

Send to the publisher of this newspaper whatever amount of money you can—5 cents or \$50.00. We will publish a list each week of those contributing, and the amounts contributed.

Every cent received will be used to send this paper to our boys at the front. If at the end of the war, there is any surplus, it will be turned over to the local Red Cross Committee.

There is no profit in this to the publisher—even in normal times, subscriptions are not sold at a profit. With war prices prevailing, and the high rate of postage on papers sent to France, our cost will scarcely be covered by our full subscription price.

Remember that over in France, some brave soldier or sailor from this town—perhaps even some splendid woman working within sound of the guns—is depending on you to "KEEP THE HOME LOVE KINDLED."

They are calling to YOU from "Over There" GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

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