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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Rain in west; rain or snow in east portion. Warmer tonight in the east; strong, southerly winds.

SOLDIERS AND STUMPS

Many expedients have been suggested as to what is the best thing we can do to make places for the returning soldiers and sailors. Reclaiming land by clearing stumps is strongly urged by some, while irrigation and draining of swamp land is also suggested.

To face the facts squarely and acknowledge the truth, everyone knows that there are not any more available public lands to give the returning soldiers; that is, land worth attempting to farm. There are some lands in the west that would make fine homesteads were it not for the fact that they are too remote for anyone except cattlemen and sheepmen to tackle.

Reclaiming swamp land and placing other land that is reasonably close to good roads and a shipping point under irrigation, would be a fine proposition for the soldiers who have been doing the fighting, for on such lands they could "make good." But no meaner punishment—no greater injustice—could be done our returning soldiers than to encourage and persuade them to attempt to make a living out of "stump land" the arguments of some college professors and vendors of stump-pullers and dynamite to the contrary notwithstanding.

Clearing stump-land is a back-breaking, tedious process and something a poor man will do well to pass up—it is a rich man's game. Before a poor soldier could get enough stump land cleared and producing crops, he would be old and tottering. However, his great-grandchildren might appreciate his efforts. We ought to think too much of our boys to expect them to pit their energies fighting 160 acres of infernal stumps that resist everything except giant machinery and dynamite. Perish the thought. Give the boys irrigated land, or reclaimed swamp land, but don't sentence them to hard labor for life amidst a million stumps.

Allowing for the restless and unsettled frame of mind produced in many men by war, it is safe to predict that the majority of them would rather return to their old jobs. At any rate, let us give them a square deal when they return.

THE AMERICAN DEFEAT

If peace, no less than war, has her victories, she also has her defeats.

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QUALITY FIRST

One of them is the influenza epidemic that has swept this country and has not yet finished its ravages.

The victorious "Flu" is already credited with approximately 300,000 deaths in the United States, according to reports, and the list may reach almost a half-million before the invasion is ended.

It would have been humiliating, as well as saddening, to suffer so many deaths and injuries from an invasion of the enemy. It should be hardly less humiliating to suffer them, as we have done, from an invading epidemic.

It would seem that the ones most to blame for the rapid spread of the disease are the United States health officials and the war department. These departments made but a weak effort to check the disease when ships from Europe landed on our Atlantic seaboard.

There was sufficient warning; the disease carried off thousands in Europe, yet our government was caught napping and the influenza broke through the government health guard like a Foch offensive against a thin skirmish line.

That was a solar plexus blow to the Northwest when the war board yesterday cancelled wooden ship-building. The payroll brigade will diminish.

The mothers of the outraged daughters of Belgium are crying aloud that the kaiser be tried for his crimes. Let the court proceed.

The kaiser says he prefers to make no statements until his trial. So the old rascal expects to be tried! Let's not disappoint him.

ESTABLISH MODEL FARMS IN FRANCE

A model farm has been established by the American Red Cross at Courbet, for it has been found that farm work is one of the very best means of hastening the recovery of those men suffering from shell shock.

Since these farms will be worked almost entirely by the convalescent soldiers and those made unfit for active service, the expense of maintenance will be very little. But the saving of human life will be enormous.

RED CROSS SUPPLIES.

The varied character of the supplies which the American Red Cross provides for American soldiers and sailors is shown in the following list of articles furnished in one recent month to our fighting men in Great Britain: 30,000 sweaters, 30,000 toothbrushes, 50,000 pairs of socks, 32,000 pounds of soap, 300,000 boxes of matches, 500 baseball outfits, 500 mouth organs, 144,000 packages of chewing gum, 5,000,000 cigarettes.

Printing that pleased—We do it!

OLD AGE STARTS WITH YOUR KIDNEYS

Science says that old age begins with weakened kidneys and digestive organs.

This being true, it is easy to believe that by keeping the kidneys and digestive organs cleansed and in proper working order old age can be deferred and life prolonged far beyond that enjoyed by the average person.

For over 20 years GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil has been relieving the weakness and disability due to advancing years. It is a standard old-time home remedy and needs no introduction.

The oil stimulates the kidney action and enables the organs to throw off the poisons which cause premature old age. New life and strength increase as you continue the treatment.

Do not wait until old age or disease have settled down for good. Go to your druggist and get a box of GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. Money refunded if they do not help you. Three aisen. But remember to ask for the original imported GOLD MEDAL brand, in sealed packages.

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JUST PART OF DAILY GRIND

Wounds and Death Mere Incidents to American Soldiers When Duty Sounds Its Call.

There were four of them, and their mission was to transport a machine gun to a wooded hilltop commanding the enemy lines. It was not very far to look at. But they had to crawl the entire distance under fire.

This is just an ordinary episode of daily life at the front.—From a Red Cross Scrap Book.



Join the Red Cross
Wear Your Button

Books for Gifts

—A well chosen book is a direct means of making others happy. The "best sellers" in the new fiction are "The Winds of Chance," "A Daughter of the Land," "Dere Mable," "The Valley of the Giants."

—In popular copyrights at 75c the copy are "Cappy Hicks," "Son of Tarzan," "Just David," "The First Hundred Thousand," and many others for sale at

Demaray's Drug and Stationery Store

Utility Gifts for Christmas.

Grants Pass Hardware Co.

Announcement

Owing to the very unsettled conditions, the Joy Theater will be closed for a part of each week until further notice. Beginning next Sunday, December 15, the theater will be open on Sunday, Friday and Saturday only.

On Sunday we will show a regular program picture at 10c and 20c. On Friday and Saturday a big special production at 15c and 25c.

We wish to assure our patrons that the quality of our pictures will not be changed even though the quantity has. Also we wish to say that we have provided for very practical ventilation and the theater is now as well ventilated as any public building in Grants Pass.

In addition to this we are fumigating the house every day. In short we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety and comfort of our patrons.

Joy Theater

Alma P. Wolke, Mgr.