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OREGON WEATHER

Fair; gentle northerly winds.

FREE SPEECH

One evening last week Eugene V. Debs, condemned to 10 years' imprisonment for violating the espionage act, addressed a mass-meeting of brother Socialists in Cleveland. He reiterated his charge that the government was persecuting the socialist party. He praised the Russian Bolsheviks. He assailed the motives with which the United States entered the war and the spirit in which it is now making peace.

A socialist editor, from the same platform, made a speech of similar tenor, holding the Bolsheviks up as inspiring examples, and condemning the "tyranny" of the United States government. He also had much to say about "silencing free speech."

The socialist audience then raised their hands and swore that "either Gene Debs would get out of jail, or they would get in."

This meeting was held two or three days after the supreme court of the United States had upheld the Debs sentence. Debs was still out on bail, and was not molested. Not a man of that crowd was arrested. Not a policeman's club was swung to interfere with their false, mischievous and seditious utterances.

And they complain that "speech is not free in America."

SCHOOL GARDENS ARE POPULAR

Evidence of the rapid development of the school garden work in Chicago is found in the fact that two years ago there were 23,000 such gardens. Last year there were 87,000. This year the garden extension department expects the number to reach 100,000.

In Maine it is proposed to make gardening an integral part of the school work of every child, so important is it considered.

School gardens have proved a source of profit and enjoyment to the youthful gardeners in every section where the work has been seriously undertaken. The children love working with the earth, planting seeds and cultivating flowers and vegetables. The school garden makes it possible for many a youngster with no back yard to have just as much fun and pride in a garden all his very own as the happier child who cultivates his little patch in a corner of dad's larger garden.

Here's wishing long life and success to the school garden idea and to the children who have learned little lessons of patience and perseverance, of the results of honest effort, of the pride of achievement, and who have found health and happiness in their garden work.

NEW DATES

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FILMS IMPROVING

"Movie art is improving," says Charlie Chaplin, confidentially. "I haven't thrown a pie for a year."

If the ingubrious and acrobatic Charlie means to intimate that he has turned over a new leaf, that last pie may become historic. It seems to deserve a certain fame, anyhow, from the fact that it hit a king in the face, and that the film had a big success in—where do you suppose? In Japan?

Throwing custard pies never was considered very high art. The operation is unquestionably funny, but it palls at last on grown-ups. It is better to eat pies and throw something else. Or maybe it is better to throw nothing at all, but to depend on histrionic methods of a more subtle sort. The movies are plainly moving in that direction, to the relief of discriminating patrons.

It is strange, somehow, that the very movie star who by common consent is pronounced "the greatest artist in the films" should so long have subdued his artistry to the crudest of slap-stick work. We shall hope for better things henceforth, from him and his fellow-millionaires.

SOLDIERS' INSURANCE

Fifty per cent of the discharged soldiers are not keeping up their monthly insurance payments. Many of them intend to keep them up no doubt, and fail to do so simply because they do not know how to handle the premium payments, but whatever the reason, the result is unfortunate. Continued neglect of this matter will result in the forfeiting of the policies, leaving the ex-soldiers without their insurance protection, and making it necessary for them to pay much higher rates if they undertake later to buy policies from private companies.

The government intends to continue its insurance department, changing the system of payments so as to make it simpler for the men concerned. The rates will be based on those charged by the private life insurance companies, but inasmuch as the government will pay all the costs of administration, the ex-soldier will have to pay only 80 per cent as much as he would pay a private company. The new plans will offer six different kinds of policies, from which each man insured can take his choice—endowment policies, straight life, limited pay life, etc.

For the present, every man hold-

ing one of the army policies should see that his payments are kept up. The money due should be sent to the war risk bureau, premium section, Washington, D. C. Policyholders may pay for several months at a time if they prefer.

A long banner floats over a Paris street, bearing the words, "Wilson le Juste."

Democratic comment: "Wilson the Just—how appropriate!"

Republican comment: "Just Wilson—how appropriate!"

"It's a wise town that is preparing free camping grounds for the season's tourists," says the Oregonian.

AT THE MOVIES

There are just three people who know how and why D. W. Griffith named the hoydenish little street singer in his latest triumph, "Hearts of the World," which will be shown at the Joy theater beginning tonight, "the little disturber." Some might have guessed it, but only these three, Lillian Gish, D. W. Griffith and Mrs. Gish actually knew that it was Dorothy's own personality which accounted for that altogether fitting monicker in the biggest war and love play that the screen has ever seen.

Dorothy in real life is "the little disturber" she has been "it" ever since she awoke one day in June, 1898. She has had her fingers in all the family pies and wherever she could all these years and when Mr. Griffith cast her for the part in his new play, he knew that she would make a minor role a creation that would draw the applause of millions. She "bitted in" as per usual, in fact, she put her fingers in the celluloid pie that D. W. Griffith worked on for two years and drew forth a plum that has earned her as much glory in a few weeks as that little Horner person came by in 75 years. Some people even give her the credit for the best impersonation in a play that is significant for its realism and the human quality of its character.

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Robert Harron and Lillian Gish in a scene from D. W. Griffith's "Hearts of the World" coming to the Joy theatre tonight and Saturday, March 21 and 22.

COWBOYS DISGUSTED WITH BULL FIGHTS

El Paso, Tex., Mar. 21.—American cowboys here recently attending a livestock convention expressed preference for boxing matches over bull fights. They went to a boxing program in Liberty hall one evening and a bullfight in the Juarez bullring across the border the following afternoon.

The boxing contests were between evenly matched young soldiers from the military district here and the cattlemen cheered the winners.

These same cattlemen express great disgust over the bull fight. Much blood was spilled, many women left the ring and the cowboys yelled their disapproval of the affair.

"Shoot him—put him out of his misery," cried the Americans after the toradors made three unsuccessful tries at dispatching one bull. Most of the crowd left in disgust after the second bull was finally stabbed to death.

FIRST CONCRETE SHIP HAS MADE 30,000 MILES

San Francisco, Mar. 21.—The concrete ship has come to stay; it is to be a real and active competitor of the steel ship, according to R. J. Wig, head of the concrete division of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. Wig has just completed an inspection tour of the five yards where the United States government is turning out concrete ships.

Just a year ago the first concrete ship of commercial size was launched here and was christened the "Faith." Shipping men and particularly structural engineers say that perhaps no ship ever was the subject of so many skeptical forecasts while being built and previous to operation than this. Yet these men declare the name was a happy and that the faith of her builders had been justified.

The Faith, according to last reports had traveled more than 30,000 miles, and no defects of construction have manifested themselves other than her performance has shown how better concrete ships can be built.

59,454 YANK TROOPERS ARRIVE IN ONE WEEK

Washington, Mar. 21.—Troops returning from France during the week ended March 14 numbered 59,454 the largest total for any week since the armistice was signed.

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Advertisement for fire-proof warehouse: 'Largest Fire-Proof Warehouse in Town Storage rates very low Grants Pass Hardware Company'

Advertisement for Ford cars: 'Just received car load Ford Touring Cars and Ford Worm Gear Trucks C. L. HOBART CO.'

Advertisement for garden plants: 'Plant Your Garden Now also plant a little money in the Josephine County Bank You will enjoy seeing them both grow'

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