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Just because you can afford to joy ride is no reason you should not help conserve the oil resources. Curtail your personal pleasures and help save the fuel for war purposes.

Each day's mail brings to this office from two to ten columns of matter pertaining to enlistments and food propaganda with the request that we publish it. Did we do so the new postal rates would bankrupt a Rockefeller in six months, as the paper would of necessity be eight or ten pages extra a week. Sorry, but we can't do it and follow the conservation rules.

According to a communication received last week by Postmaster Leneve all men who have been selected for the National Army but who have not been notified to appear before an examining board may enlist in the Volunteer Army. After these men have been notified to appear for examination they cannot be accepted in any branch of the service except the National Army.

Chas. Hall, president of the Coos County Good Roads Assn., informs us that a competent committee will be appointed soon to investigate the condition of affairs in the Roadmaster's office. The committee will be assisted by a representative of the State Highway Commission. The charges preferred by the Myrtle Point contingent will be stated to the bottom. The report of this committee will be made public through the newspapers of the county.

The true idea of conservation does not seem to have percolated through the ivory dome of the great majority of the people of the United States. As we see it, the intended conservation means to save food, but the general idea seems to be that this conservation should only be practiced by those of limited means. The people who can spend seem to think if they can pay for it they may use as much and waste as much as they can afford to pay for. A course in conservation education should be given to those of moderate and plentiful means. It would do good.

Every day the mails are cluttered with hundreds of pounds of franked matter from congressmen which have nothing more to do with the general welfare than the loss of a smoke house in Podunk, and we believe that a little conservation on their part would not only relieve the postoffice department of a great burden but might enable it to carry the essential mails considerably cheaper than planned. Someone has to pay for this deadhead stuff and it would be far better to entirely eliminate it for the term of the war, at least.

This Week's Mail.

While proposing to increase newspaper postage, the mails continue to be loaded down by the congressional franking privilege, and the press bureaus of all the departments.

Here is the morning mail with press matter in twelve large envelopes, all without postage, most of them stamped "letter mail," and all asking space of the newspapers to boost what?

Another Treasury department bond issue, the bureau of Entomology (bugology), department of Agriculture on cold storage of potatoes (the game of the middlemen), and one boosting the national parks.

Department of Commerce sends us ten sheets on exports to Russia; Geological Survey boosts oil production while the legal department prosecutes drilling for oil, while another tells how high coal may go.

Then one bulletin tells how to hold cotton for the highest price and another tells how we must exterminate the pink boll worm to win the European war—all information to help cotton speculators get wiser.

The Bureau of Markets is given \$2,000,000 merely for a starter, the emergency extension is given \$2,522,000 for the home demonstration system, we are swamped with information and expenses soar and soar.

The publisher's principal business is opening deadhead mail that is sent out from an army of publicity officials which no one prints and no one reads, and the business man and private citizen pay the bill.

And the end is not yet.

East Fork Items.

Geo. Matheson is logging on Sec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Leatherman went out Friday for their home at Harrisburg.

Mr. Houston who lives ten miles west of Eugene and has been working for Perham since the middle of May went out Thursday with his team bound for home. He has got all he wants of it. One of his neighbors who came in with him quit the job some time ago and went back by the way of the beach.

Mr. Lindsay and son, of Josephine county, came in Friday with a good four horse outfit. He says if he gets a job he wants he will work, if he don't he don't have to and will go home via Crescent City.

Three two-horse outfits came in Friday.

The misty rain Friday morning and the real sprinkley rain Friday night gave fragrance to the earth and a needed drink to the crops. The earth was refreshed and became more beautiful.

Dr. A. M. Mars, of San Francisco, an escaped prisoner from Germany, gives evidence of German hellishness.

Not the "Unspeakable Turk" but the German barbarian is the stench of the earth. The stench spot will be wiped out and fumigated. It is about time for Uncle Sam to give spi medicine that works a permanent cure in each individual case.

SMALL STYLE.

A Thin Frock For Wee Girls Is on Your List.

White lawn made over a pale blue silk slip to bring out the tucking and



A DRESSY FIGURE.

hand embroidery makes a fascinating five-year-old size. Flat collar, cuffs and belt have scalloped edges, and surely the rosebud ruche of a hat is most ultra.

Brewing Tea.

Tea improperly made is capable of doing so much harm to the digestive and nervous systems that emphasis must be laid on the necessity of proper making this infusion. The water should be freshly boiled and the tea pot heated so that the water will be maintained at the boiling point. The tea is measured out, put in the teapot and the requisite amount of boiling water poured over it. It should then be allowed to stand on the table, not the range, for two or three minutes after which it should be strained into another teapot for the table and served. Unless the tea leaves are striking off the infusion is apt to contain for some time, thus extracting the tannic acid and the bitter principles. In addition, prolonged infusion dissipates the volatile oil to which much of the fragrance of a good cup of tea is due.

Cause of Despondency.

Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. These tablets strengthen the digestion and move the bowels.

Some fine second hand baby carts at Quick's.

Sinaloa Safe in Port.

The Norwegian steamer Sinaloa, which went ashore near Cape Blanco a few days ago, was floated Thursday night and was towed to Port Orford for temporary repairs before being towed to San Francisco, where she will discharge her cargo of nitrates, preparatory to permanent repairs being made.

A Press Gang Story

By PAULINE D. EDWARDS

It was during the war of 1812 with England that the British government claimed the right to impress seamen into its naval service.

During this period there was a Connecticut farmer named John Clough living on the shores bordering on Long Island sound. His wife, Katherine, dearly loved her husband, and their union was blessed with ten children.

One evening when Katherine had prepared John's supper and was waiting for him to come home and eat it a small boy with eyes a-stare came running to the house crying:

"Mistress Clough, your man's carried off!"

"What d'ye mean?" asked the frightened woman.

"Some men came along while he was a-seedin' and took him by the arms and run him down to a boat. They put him in and are rowin' him out to a warship."

"Oh, my gracious—the press gang!"

She ran out of the house and on to an eminence in time to see the boat pulling for a ship at anchor bearing the British ensign from her peak.

John Clough had been pressed into the British service. Katherine was so fond of him that she could not bear the idea of waiting for him to come home after a long term of service and resolved to join him if possible. The ship remained at anchor that night, and the next morning, leaving her children in the care of her sister, Mrs. Clough cut off her hair, put on a suit of John's and, taking a boat, rowed out to the man-of-war. There she offered herself for enlistment. She was gladly accepted without a physical examination and donned a sailor's uniform. She was soon recognized by her husband, but she gave him a look of warning, and he did not betray her.

The Britisher sailed about for some time in American waters, her captain here and there impressing a man into his service, desiring to fill up his crew, which was incomplete.

As soon as possible John and Katherine concerted to make their escape. Katherine's plan was to assist John to get away, after which she might declare her sex and get discharged. But they both knew that so long as the ship remained on the American coast a very sharp watch would be kept on those Americans that had been impressed, so this task would not be easy of accomplishment. And if they made an attempt and failed one or both would be put in irons.

They kept a sharp watch for an opportunity, but so strict was the watch that none occurred. Finally preparations making for a voyage warned them that the ship would soon sail away and if they were to put any scheme into execution they must do so without further delay.

One day Katherine left the collar of her sailor jacket open just low enough to betray her sex. A petty officer was the first to discover the fact and reported it to the officer of the deck. Katherine was summoned before the commander and acknowledged her deception. The officer would have put her ashore at once, but she begged to be allowed to remain, for a time at least, as cook. Her request was granted, and she was transferred to the galley. But as there was not a woman's garment of any kind aboard she must needs retain her sailor togs.

One evening when the ship was at anchor off New London John told his wife that he could swim ashore if he could only get away from the ship. But that was impossible, for marines were on watch, and any one jumping overboard would be shot. If he were not shot a boat would be lowered, and he would be captured before he had swum a hundred yards. The sailors had got wind of the intention of the captain to sail the next morning for England, and the Englishmen of the crew were much delighted at the prospect of going home.

Though the night was not dark, the Cloughs determined to make an attempt. About eight bells a great flare of light appeared in the galley, and Katherine, who had secretly collected so much inflammable stuff as she could conceal and had touched a burning brand to it, raised the cry of "Fire!"

A fire on shipboard, especially on a wooden man-of-war, where there are a magazine and more or less ammunition always ready for use, is a danger needing paramount attention. All hands were called either to the galley or to the pumps, and all hands except John Clough obeyed. He was on the forecastle at the time watching the marine nearest him. The man was too good a soldier to leave his post, but was too much interested in the fire that might cost him his life to think of anything else. John Clough scuttled to the bowsprit, got down on to the chains, dropped noiselessly into the water and swam for the shore.

The fire in the galley was soon extinguished, and unfortunately as it at first appeared for Katherine there were evidences that she had been an incendiary. Had she been a man she would have probably been hanged to the yardarm. Even had the ship been in an English port she would have been turned over to the civil authorities. As it was, she was considered a fit person to get rid of and was sent ashore.

Meanwhile John had landed safely without even having been shot at. The next evening the pair met at their farm, embraced, hugged their children and enjoyed a good supper.

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