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## LOOKING AHEAD

The Illinois valley, while a very small, infinitesimal part of the United States, nevertheless has potential possibilities of being of tremendous value to the nation with its large store-house of precious metals and strategic minerals necessary for the national defense.

The only reason these minerals have not been mined before is the lack of transportation and mills and factories on the West coast that use the products in the hills. The times, however, are such that make it necessary for the nation to have the products nature has stored in our hills and rugged mountains.

But man power is becoming a factor in our midst. Many of the younger generation are migrating to more lucrative fields of endeavor where work is plentiful and wages higher. It is becoming a serious problem in the valley to find man power sufficient to do the work necessary to be done. Many of those who are capable of doing a good, hard days work have left or are thinking of leaving, and no one blames them for helping themselves. But nevertheless it makes us look ahead with some seriousness to what is in store for us when the word comes to start getting out the minerals needed for the defense program.

Wages are going to be higher than normal, and labor is going to be scarcer and scarcer. When the crops are ready for harvest, we are going to have to do some tall scrambling to help each other to the utmost to harvest the crops. The times are becoming serious, and they will be more serious as the work of preparing the nation for any eventuality progresses. We haven't seen anything yet. So it behooves us all to look to the future and try to figure out what we are going to do when its time to do it.

We remember when we were boys, we used to get all the neighbors together and start on a certain field and completed the harvest, and then move on to the next one, until all the crops were harvested. We had to help each other. This may be necessary this year, and it might be just as well for the Grange to start organizing some kind of program that will fill the bill when the time comes for harvest. The crops are going to be just as necessary as the minerals, only more so, for without the crops the minerals would be worthless.

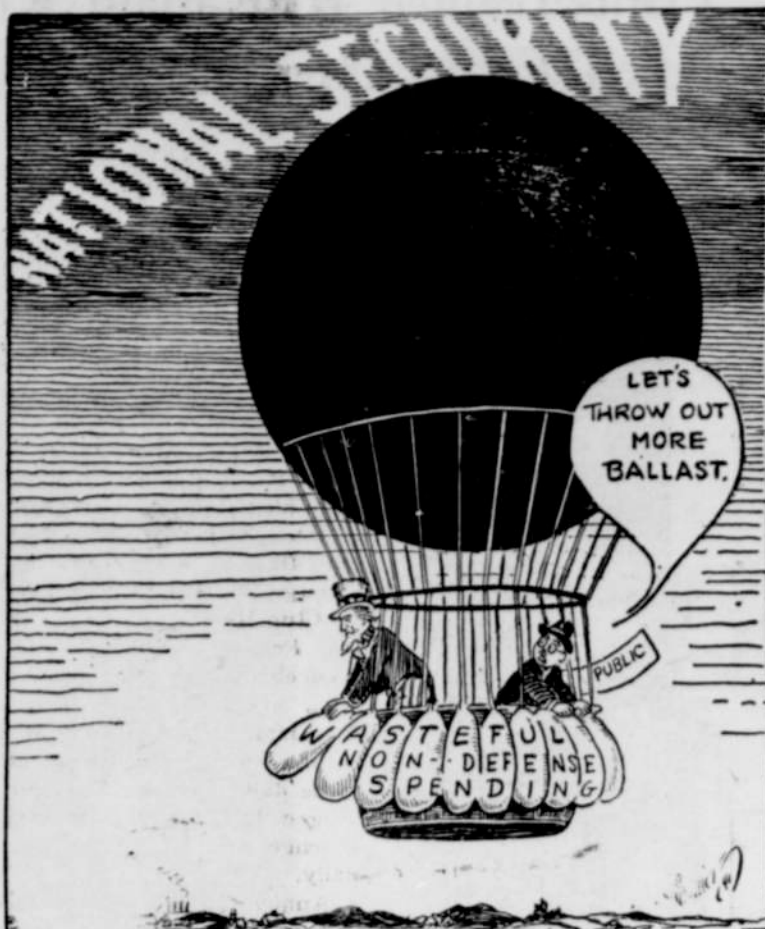
## FOR AMERICA, I WILL!

This is my Country!  
Here I have received my education and training.  
Here I have built my home.  
Here I have reared my family.  
Here I have earned my livelihood.  
Here I have invested my money.  
Here I have made my friends.  
Here I—and those I love—will live and work and play and die.

Because this is my country, I mean to stand by it. I mean to support it in thought, in word, and in deed. I mean to give it the best that is in me. Its strength



## HOW TO RISE IN THE WORLD



is my strength, its prosperity is my prosperity, its future is my future.

My Country and I are one. Our interests are inseparable. We rise and fall together. Therefore, this is my pledge:

I will be loyal to America and to American institutions.

I will uphold its Constitution and its Government.

I will be proud of its traditions and its ideals.

I will defend its flag—wherever it may fly.

I will conduct my business honestly and fairly.

I will respect the rights of other men.

I will be patriotic, courageous, optimistic.

FOR AMERICA, I WILL!

—Author unknown.

## OFF IN A CORNER WITH PHIL SNORT

Dear Ed:

In these letters of early happenings of the first years I spent in this valley, I am picking out June, 1918, for this one. It was in that month that I had decided to spend several months in the Eastern States, and it was that same month that Josephine county sent her contingent of troops to participate in the World war. It was my good luck to go with these boys from Grants Pass to Camp Lewis, near Tacoma. Among the boys from the Illinois valley were Bert Wood-

bury, Allan White, Robert Boswell and Charley Sowell. There were others from here but I do not recall their names at the present; but these names stand clearly in my memory, as well as Paul Lorenz, of Grants Pass, Bob Boswell was in charge of the Josephine county contingent.

We entrained at Grants Pass and I, being 51 years old and the only one of the crowd representing home and friends to the enlisted boys, they crowded around me and sang, joked and laughter made the trip one of the most pleasant I ever took. Charley Sowell sang all the way to Camp Lewis, and boy, but he could sing!

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## THE POCKETBOOK of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS



Paul Lorenz was the cut up of the crowd. He would get off the train every time it stopped and kiss every girl he could grab and their mothers, also. Bert Woodbury and Allen White made themselves conspicuous with small talk and hilarious laughter.

At Roseburg we picked up and from there we continued to pick up more enlisted men all along the route. In every town where we stopped great crowds would gather, mostly women and girls, and there was much shouting, waving of hands and flags; then was when Paul Lorenz would stage his kissing stunt and the ladies seemed to like it. No one could guess by the mood and actions of every one of these enlisted boys that a serious war confronted them. I was mighty proud of this batch of American boys, going forth bravely, eagerly and happily at their country's call, yet I deplore war and all causes of war.

There were many incidents of that trip I would like to chronicle but space forbids. I think the trip I made with the boys was on June 19 — I am not sure, but I know it was the last Sunday in July that I picked up a Seattle paper on a bench, in Oak Park, Washington, D. C. In that paper there was a list of Camp Lewis boys who had gone over to France and the names of these boys I have mentioned, except Bert Woodbury, were in the list. They could not have had more than a month's training. Paul Lorenz and Allan White were killed in action, in France; Robert Boswell died in England; Charley Sowell was the only one who came back and he brought a wound or wounds that caused his recent death, I believe. Josephine county gave much to that war.

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