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THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 1917.

Uncle Sam will sift the wheat from the chaff in making his selections and the young fellows who finally land can feel proud of the distinction.

Resignations from the socialist party are becoming general since representatives of the organization became so disloyal as to fight the selective service act.

GOUGING THE PUBLIC.

There are ever so many things in the United States which make this country better than any other on earth. None of us would exchange positions with any nation in the world.

We, as the American public, are continually the victims of the gougers-the men who control necessities of life, and who prey upon the public by exacting unreasonable prices for their wares.

They demand these prices because they are in a secret agreement of some sort-they act in perfect accord, at least, and if there is no agreement among them they have the ability to read each other's minds and are guided by the same impulses.

They know the people must have the goods and they go extortion to the limit.

foodstuff has gone skyward. There is ne justification for this enormous advance in the materials to sustain life, and it is not having a good of ground at Riddle and is preparing effect on the patriotism of the to erect a prace warehouse. United States. The people do not! take this gouging with as much grace as some might think. While every citizen has his shoulder to freight train and severely injured. the wheel to help the United States at the same time be has his face grimaced at the slow action of the government in protecting his rights against these gougers.

Now it is with regard to the proper punishment of these unscrupulous dealers in necessities that this country is behind other countries of the world. Other another term. countries simply would not stand for any such gouging of the public. They would yank these gougers into jail and keep them there until they repented.

In China they would take them their heads off. That is a very severe treatment, but one seldom if ever, finds any of that kind of business going on in China. The operators, or other dealers in staples, know that it is an unprofitable business to gouge the unprotected public in China.

Indictments in our courts have been had against these unscrupulous manipulators of foodstuffs and necessities, but the prices keep on soaring. Too much red tape, too shows a 20 per cent decrease in nummuch dilly daliying in the courts ber from those in the county last year. is one of the great drawbacks to the United States in times like the present when quick and drastic action is the only sure cure.

Some day there will be a law under which the gougers of the seining grounds have ceased operapublic can be reached quickly and tions. effectively. When that day comes the United States will be ideal,

NOTES NEWS

Brief Items of Interest from Various Towns in Oregon.

River this week.

Oregon's official war service registration totaled 62,800.

Azalea Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Riddle, will buy a \$100 "Liberty" bond.

The Oregon State Bankers' association convened at Marshfield last week. Pendleton was the first city in the \$10.00 state that met its Liberty Bond quota. Approximately 19,000 young men of

The fund for the Woman's memor-

al building at the University has passed \$15,000. The Dallas commercial club has decided to hold an old-fashioned cele-

bration on July 4. The Oregon Osteopathic association will hold its mid-year meeting in Sa-

lem, June 15 and 16. Charles L. McNary, appointed to succeed the late Senator Lane, was

sworn in last Friday. J. Stultz, a carpenter of Corvallis, committed suicide by shooting him-

self through the head. The Lebanon mohair pool of 5300 fleeces or about 20,000 pounds was sold

at 61% cents a pound. The dentists of the state of Oregon will hold their annual convention in

Portland June 14, 15 and 16. Excavation for the first unit of the

Wittenberg-King evaporating plant at Salem has already been started. Irvine P. Gardner, of Riddle, has a

hen, R. 0744, that has just completed a record of 111 eggs in as many days. Returns from all the counties in the state give a majority of 16,759 in favor of the \$5,000,000 state road bond

Federal authorities are investigating reports that Torged registration cards for the selective draft are being sold in Portland to protect some who failed to register.

to posts of the Department of Oregon.

ment commander. Several wage increases were granted by the state board of control to em- lated to bounties on seals. One pro-The prices for all kinds of the request of the superintendents of other the whole hide must be present-

> quarters at Salem and with a branch office at Roselurg, has leased a tract | the last act passed is controlling.

While on guard duty at one of the tunnels between Mosier and The Sloan, a wealthy stockman of Uma-Dalles, Private M. N. Miller, of Com-tilla. It is understood that the deal pany K. was struck by a passing

R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension service at the Oregon agricultur- and 700 head of cattle and horses al college, has been offered the presidency of the New Hampshire agricultural college and has the offer under consideration.

F. T. Toeze, city superintendent of schools of Oregon City, has rejected flattering offers from Roseburg and will remain in charge of local schools, be equipped to cut the longest timhaving recently been elected to serve bers of any mill on the Pacific Coast.

Oregon's largest Liberty loan subscription to date was made Saturday when Max H. Houser, grain exporter, authorized the purchaise, through three Portland banks, of \$250,000 worth of bonds.

Delegates from California, Washingdown on the ocean shore and clip ton and British Columbia ports assembled at Portland 3 fonday for the annual district meeting of the Coast Maritime association, continued in session during the week.

> Out of the 104 students who graduated from the Corvallis high school only 70 were able to be present, the rest having either enlisted in the army or navy or been released to boost along the food preparedness campaign.

The bean crop of Linn county in 1917 will be 1700 per cent greater than that of 1916. The pork failed to keep pace with the beg as, however, for hogs

The salrjon run in the Columbia river continues extremely light and the catch at present is small. Many of the Fillpetters have placed their gear on the racks and practica'ly all the

Governor Withycombe has named the the county stock inspectors for 30 of

Straberry picking began at Hood the counties of Oregon on the recommendation of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of the state. No recommendations were made for five

Frank H. Lathrop, of South Carolina, has been appointed research assistant in entomology at the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station. Mr. Lathrop will work toward a more effective control of aphis in Multnomah county registered for war Oregon orchards,

The state convention of the Oregon The fourth older girls' conference of | Girls' Honor Guard was held in Porteastern Oregon convened in La Grande land on the second day of the Rose

> The treasury department has issued a federal charter to the Farmers and Stockgrowers National Bank of Hepper, capitalized at \$50,000,

> Elia Flagg Young, known in educational circles everywhere as an authority, will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given by the Oregon Civic League in Portland July 7. Miss Young was formerly superintendent of schools at Chicago.

> Mayor Albee will leave to Mayorelect Baker the job of issuing proclamations announcing the vote on the measures decided at the Portland city election. This means that the laws as passed will not become effective until some time after July 1.

Four fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission last week. The fatalities were Peter Christ, Mill City, logging; Tony Arnac, Kerry, logging; Benjamin Rock well, Mill City, logging. 335 accidents were reported.

It was announced at a meeting of the state land board that \$200,000 more rural credit bonds had been taken. This brings the total up to \$450,-000. It was decided to limit to each county the sum of \$6000 in bonds and to each person the maximum of \$2000.

If the state land board will grant a lease of the kelp beds off the mouth of the Yaquina river to E. M. and E. A circular has been issued and sent | Vr Sherlock of Portland, a survey of the beds will be made at once to de-G. A. R., announcing the sudden death termine wether or not there is kelp on June 3 of H. S. Fargo, ex-depart in sufficient quantity to establish a reduction plants

Two laws of the last legislature reployes at various state institutions at | vides that only the scalp and the The H. S. Gile Company with head- torney-General Brown holds that the whole hide must be brought in, as

> One of the biggest and oldest ranches in central Oregon, belonging to George Millican, was sold to James involves approximately \$50,000 and concerns about 360 acres of tillable land, about 1700 acres of range land

> Organization of the Oregon Ship Timber Mills, perfected in Portland, provides for the establishment at Portland of an exclusive sawmill for turning out long lengths and dimension material for wooden ship construction, and in that respect it will

W. J. Conrad and A. E. Adeslperger, timber dealers of Marshfield, announce that they have closed the deeds for the sale of timber in Coos county aggregating 500,000,000 feet. Most of the purchasers were eastern capitalists and in some cases the purchase of timber will ultimately be followed by lumbering operations on the part of the purchasers.

The car shortage, which for many months has wrought industrial havoc in many parts of the northwest is over. Reports issued by the public cervice commission show that the Ore-Aon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company has a surplus of 743 cars and the Oregon Trunk a surplus of 114. The Southern Pacific now has a shortage of only 39 cars. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle was short 129 cars. The Oregon Electric had 24 unfilled car orders and the United Rail-

A call has been issued by the Oregon public service commission for a meeting to be held in Portland for the purpose of arranging standards of grain, hay and other agricultural products. The meeting will be held on June 18. Invitations have been issued to leading grain growers, grain dealers and others interested in the matter. The

fix standards, but to formulate rules for weighting and handling the commodities specified in the grain inspection law passed by the last legisla-

At a joint session of the state board of control and the state highway commission at Salem, it was virtually decided to carry to the supreme court, in a friendly suit, the question of whether the state can issue the entire \$1,800,000 worth of bonds to meet the Shackleford federal road money as provided for in the Bean-Barrett bonding bill of the last legislature, or whether the state can issue only a sufficient amount of such bonds to cover any deficiency that might exist, after the highway millage tax has been applied to meet the federal road fund.

Oregon has registered a total of 62. 840 under the war census. With this figure, although under the war de; partment estimate, the state has give en its quota based on the computation

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CHAS. I. CLOUGH,

purpose is not only to describe and of 10 per cent of the 1910 census. The census estimate would have provided 68,428, but attention is called by the adjutant general's office to the fact that more than 5000 men have answered the call to the national guard and the regular army and navy services, and that these men under such service did not register. On this showing the state has come up to the requirements of the census registration.

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