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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

Send plenty of fats to the allies to grease the skids under the Kaiser and the German Autocracy.

Mr. Farmer, your farm machinery is the artillery of agriculture. Better get your "field pieces" into condition for the "spring drive". February is only a month away.

Only a pro-German or a misinformed American will scoff at our efforts to save wheat, meat and fats. Even the scoffers will prefer sending supplies to the allies than an indemnity to Germany.

It is rumored that the food administration may publish the names of all dealers in food not complying voluntarily with its regulations, together with the names of all who refused to sign the food pledge.

Even the Apache Indians of Arizona are joining the Red Cross. Last week 111 of them at Globe took out \$2 memberships in a body. Too bad we cannot bring the Kaiser and the Crown Prince under the civilizing influence of the Apaches.

The German Lutheran pastors and teachers of that church in Nebraska do not consider instruction in the German language necessary and have recommended its discontinuance in all Lutheran parochial schools during the period of the war, as a practical and visible evidence of loyalty to the United States.

Charles Swanson, a janitor at the Multnomah court house, who remarked that the "Red Cross is a graft and crooked," now wishes he had not. The county commissioners and the Federal district attorney's office want to know what he meant, and Swanson has been unable to explain, or to offer any reason why he should continue in the public service.

Aliens of draft age (not enemies) are not subject to draft and are placed in Class V. They must, however, answer the Questionnaire, and return it just as a citizen must do. An alien of draft age who has taken out his first papers is subject to the draft. It makes no difference how long or how short a time ago he took out his first papers. Aliens may if they wish waive exemption and enter the army.

Judge Bushey told O. M. Plummer at the Portland meeting of the county judges and commissioners that the United States would get a square deal from the county court on its request for the employment of a county agent. But when some radical person at the county budget meeting made the bold and unwarranted assertion that the government was trying to force the county court to appropriate \$4400 for a county agent, neither member of the court rebuked the speaker for that false statement. That is the kind of a square deal that mossbackism may always be expected to give its country.

The Turk should be made to answer for his treatment of the Armenians on the basis of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". The sufferings of these ancient people is the most appalling picture of shameless torture on a gigantic scale that has ever shocked the civilized world. Armenia is a splendid nation undergoing deliberate and ruthless annihilation at the hands of its half savage conquerors. Millions of Armenians are starving, 400,000 of them being orphaned children—made so by the deliberate massacre of their parents. During the last two years more than a million men, women and children have lost their lives in Asia minor through massacre, deportation, starvation and disease—all Turkish atrocities. The survivors are starving, and America has started a movement to raise \$30,000,000 to supply food to this ancient people—the first race to adopt Christianity as a nation. Marion county is asked to contribute \$15,000; and a committee at Salem, consisting of Jos. H. Albert, Ben W. Olcott, S. B. Elliott, W. I. Jenks, T. R. Buck, R. A. Harris and Robert Gill are endeavoring to raise it.

## TO MEASURE THE MOON.

Here is a Simple Method, and it is Accurate and Instructive.

Any boy or girl can measure the size of the moon by carrying out a simple experiment and using the fact found in any geography book—that the mean distance of the moon from the earth is 238,840 miles.

We do not need to know a great deal nor to be very observant to realize that the farther away any object is from us the smaller it seems. If we stand, say, 100 feet from a wall, it appears to be a certain height, but if we go 200 feet away the apparent height dwindles to half, and at 400 feet this is a quarter, and so on. The apparent size of an object therefore varies in a regular proportion, according to the distance, and it is this knowledge, properly used, that enables us to measure the size of the moon.

Let us cut out a cardboard disk the size of a silver dollar and stick this with a dab of gum or paste to the window pane when the moon is at the full. We then stand in such a position that the disk is between us and the moon, and we step back until the little round card exactly covers the outline of the moon, no more and no less. Now measure the distance from where we are standing to the window, and it will be found that this is 165 1-3 inches.

Our geography book tells us that the moon is 238,840 miles from the earth and at that distance it appears exactly the same size as the disk at 165 1-3 inches from our eye. By reducing the distance of the moon to inches and dividing the result by 165 1-3 we find that the moon is 92,500,000 times bigger than the disk. To get the diameter of the moon therefore we measure the diameter of the disk and multiply that by 92,500,000. The result is 2,160 1/2 miles, which is within a mile of the actual diameter of the moon, as measured elaborately—namely, 2,159 1/2 miles.

Having found the diameter, we can get the circumference by multiplying the diameter by 3.1416. As the moon is an almost perfect sphere, we get the area of its surface by multiplying the circumference by the diameter, and to get the cubic contents we multiply the area of the surface by one-third of the radius—that is, a sixth of the diameter.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Windsor Castle.

Windsor castle is near the town of Windsor, in Berkshire, England, twenty-three miles from London. Windsor is one of the ancient towns of England, dating from the early middle ages. The castle was erected by William the Conqueror. It was originally the site of a Roman settlement and has figured in English history in many important picturesque and tragic ways. Many of the kings of England are buried there, beneath the royal chapel, including King Edward VII., who was buried there in May, 1910. The castle, surrounded by magnificent grounds, has been the chief residence of English sovereigns for many centuries.

### His Opportunity.

"Harry, I've been reading up on parliamentary usage. I've got to preside at a meeting of our girls' club. But there's one thing I don't quite understand—what is the 'previous question?'"

"It's the question I've been trying to ask you for a whole year, Mabel, but you never would listen to me. You'll let me ask now, won't you?"

"I—I suppose so, Harry, if you are sure it's parliamentary."—Chicago Tribune.

### Naming a Book.

It is not generally known how Kipling chose the title "The Light That Failed" for the book that helped to make him famous. He had almost decided to call the novel "The Failure," although he was somewhat dissatisfied with this rather prosaic title. One evening as he was sitting in his study reading by lamplight the light went down suddenly, when Kipling exclaimed:

"By Jove, I've got it! 'The Light That Failed!'"

### The White Headed Boy.

The phrase "his mother's white headed boy" is as old as the hills in Ireland. It appears in many of the Irish fairy stories of the last century. Irish mothers who knew good fairies always kept the secret for the "white headed boy" of the family. Gerald Griffin in one of his best short stories years ago used the phrase as one he had borrowed from an old Celtic book.

### War.

Fell slaughter, one of the most authentic products of the pit you would say, once given its customs, becomes war, with laws of war, and is customary and moral enough, and red individuals carry the tools of it girl round their haunches, not without an air of pride—which do thou nowise blame.—Carlyle.

## Wants, For Sale, Etc

### LOCAL AD RATE.

A uniform and invariable charge of 5 cents per line is made for all advertising notices of every description in the news columns of this newspaper. This rate applies to for sale, for rent, lost, found, card of thanks, "want ads," and to all kinds of similar notices as well as to all notices of entertainments, fairs, socials, shows, etc. No reductions or discounts.

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WANTED—Goats. Call or write W. E. Frazier, Aurora, Oregon. (Aurora Mutual Phone.)

Pigs for Sale.—Louis Racette, Route 3, Aurora. (Aurora Mutual Telephone.) (tf.)

White Leghorn Cockerels for Sale—\$1.50 each. W. A. Rogers, Route 3, Aurora, Oregon. (43-2tp)

Hogs for Sale—Big and little, Poland Chinas. Call up the Observer office.

Baled clover hay and baled oat straw for sale—W. C. Grim, Hubbard. (tf.)

Horse for Sale—Cheap if taken soon. Inquire at T. McRae's place, west of Schwader's Bridge on the Aurora-Douglas road. 44-2t

### STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Aurora State Bank will be held in the Bank Building at Aurora, Oregon, on Thursday January 10, 1918 at the hour of 1 P. M. At this meeting there will be chosen from the stockholders seven (7) directors, who will serve for the ensuing year. Such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the annual stockholder's meeting.

Guy N. Hickok,  
Secretary.

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## Teach the Children to Save

The inculcation of Thrift in the minds of the young is one of the important duties of those responsible for the education and training of children and youth. Youth is the critical period of life for the child. Today is a critical period in our national life. Youth needs training in habits of thrift and economy. The nation needs (as a loan) all that thrift and saving of the people can provide to carry it through its time of peril.

As a beginning, the Observer will provide a Thrift Card and 25-cent Thrift Stamp for the boy or girl of the family, as outlined below:

### THRIFT STAMPS FREE

With each yearly subscription to the Observer is given a 25-cent United States Thrift Stamp free! Send us your check for \$1.25 for a year's subscription to the Observer and by return mail you will receive a receipt for a full year's subscription, together with a 25-cent Thrift Stamp and Card. Pay for 2 years and get your receipt for two full years, and a Thrift card with two 25-cent stamps. A stamp will be given with each year's subscription—one, two, three, no matter how many—whether it be payment for arrearages, renewals, or new subscriptions.

Now is the time to "square up," renew, or pay in advance as long as you like, getting the full worth of your money in one of the best local papers published in the Valley and at the same time get a 25-cent Thrift Stamp to start a Thrift Card for the boy or girl. We are willing to do our bit. What about you?

This offer is good only until 5 p. m. Saturday, January 26, 1918. Why not send us your remittance today?

No greater benefit can come from a small beginning than to make your boy or girl a creditor of the United States Government and at the same time impress upon their minds by repeated admonitions the importance of thrift and saving—both to the child and the country it should be taught to love and assist.

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