



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

UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

Patrick Henry said the only safe method of judging the future is by the past. If this be true—and it undoubtedly is—this war will not be the last. The hope that it may be founded on the false assumption that the map of the world, after the Allies have won the war, will be permanent, and that political power in the allied countries will be unchangably fixed. This history of the world even for the last 50 years proves that such a condition is well-nigh impossible. Within the life-time of men still living the most momentous political changes have occurred, most of them through war. Among those changes may be mentioned:

- The rise of the Japanese Empire.
- The federation of the German Empire.
- The obliteration of Spanish power in America.
- The federation of the Italian States.
- The colonization of Africa by European powers.
- The development of the Dominion of Canada.
- The rise of the Australian Commonwealth.
- The abolition of slavery in America.
- The downfall of the mighty Russian Empire.

There being no certainty that similar or greater changes will not take place during the succeeding generations, there can be no assurance that this is the last war of even the present generation. Hence it is tremendously important that the nation be not again led astray by pacifist delusions into a state of unpreparedness. The future can be made secure only in two ways—first, by winning the present war, and second, by training and maintaining a force of citizen soldiers pursuing peaceful pursuits under ordinary conditions, but thoroughly trained and equipped to meet instantly any war or threat of war in any emergency that may arise. This has but one meaning—universal military training for the future.

Thirty-six out of 48 states have ousted the study of German from their official courses of study. By the time school opens in September, German will be practically absent from our public schools. In many other educational institutions, German is an elective subject, and will be dropped because students fail to elect its study. It is being superseded by French and Spanish in the cultural domain, and by Russian and the Oriental languages in the realm of utility. The ousting of German is not due to the animosities of the hour alone. All America now comprehends more or less clearly that the spread of Germanism through the introduction of German into our schools, and through the institution of a purely German press, schools, churches and societies, was a deliberate attempt to denationize us. Now that we know the truth, it will be fatal to ignore it by playing into the hands of the Hun propagandists any longer. The following passage in the official quarterly publication of the "League for Germanism in Foreign Lands" is sufficient proof of the intent and desires of these propagandists:

"Work rendered in the interest of the German school is a noble service rendered to the German nation, for the most effective means of perpetuating Germanism in foreign lands is the school. Within its sacred walls the strange land is transformed for children and teachers and parents into a fatherland."

The Salem Statesman complains there was no enthusiasm Friday night at the "Victory" meeting there and that Salem seems unable to do things spontaneously. While about every other city in the country was celebrating, Salem heard the news with less enthusiasm than is usually shown at a ball game. What's the matter with Salem anyway?

With the governor of Iowa forbidding the use of German in the churches and the South Dakota Council of Defense forbidding its use in telephone conversations, and also in public or private in any conversation in which more than three persons are engaged, it appears that language restrictions are tightening up considerably.

If the estimable president of the Salem Sedgwick Woman's Relief Corps, who protests against the use of the American flag "as a decoration for the backs and radiators of automobiles," is looking for more worlds to conquer, the Observer suggests that she and her organization investigate the desecration of the flag by "Judge" D'Arcy at Champoege on Founder's Day.

Oregon fox glove (digitals) amounting to 1350 pounds, dried, has been gathered by Oregon school children and given to the government. This was sufficient to produce 800,000 doses of the tincture of digitalis, which is used to increase the fullness of the pulse and increase arterial pressure. It is also almost a specific for the many cases of heart trouble and shock so common in warfare.

The State Highway Commission's latest announcement concerning the paving of the Salem-Aurora highway is so ambiguous that it is very unsatisfactory to the general public. While the commission disclaims any intention of diverting the funds from Marion county, the indefiniteness of its other statements leave the public in doubt as to policy and intentions of the commission, as to which perhaps, the commission is also in doubt!

No one can be a citizen of two countries, nor even pretend to be—successfully. The man who does not love his country is a worthless creature, deserving only the contempt of loyal citizens. Claiming loyalty and attachment to two countries necessarily stamps a man as a traitor to one. He who claims loyalty to both Germany and America, or tries to be loyal to both, is a traitor to America, and, in the words of Theodore Roosevelt, "no man can be a good American now unless he is an enemy of Germany and her allies, and a staunch supporter of America and America's Allies." But it must also be remembered that the man who swears allegiance to the United States without any reservation or mental evasion whatsoever, and gives up wholly another country for this one, and becomes a loyal American citizen—it must be remembered that these citizens, actually and legally and socially and spiritually are entitled to the same rights that other Americans are proud to possess. And, finally, they must perform the same duties that is demanded from every citizen.

THE FATE OF SERBIA.
Serbia is a ruined nation. According to a Geneva newspaper, one-quarter of the population of 3,000,000 which it had in 1914 is dead, either killed in the war or victims of disease or privation. The survivors are permanently weakened. There is no way for the allied or neutral nations to send into Serbia enough food to sustain the people, and the Germans do not care what becomes of them. For Serbia, with her Slavic opposition to Teuton control, has stood in the way of the Pan-German plan for many years. It was on the cards that the country must be abolished, so that Germany would have an easy path to Constantinople and beyond. There seems but one remedy for this situation, one plan by which the Slavs of the Balkan district can be saved from Teuton domination and intrigue—the establishment, under the protection of the allies, of a Slavic state in accordance with plans already outlined by Serb statesmen; a state that will include Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Slavonia and part of Istria, with a population of about 10,000,000, able to hold its own against Bulgaria, or Austria, or any single country that might try to break it up, says Detroit News. The Slavs of southeastern Europe seem to understand the necessity for union and to be ready for it. Unless they can combine they are at the mercy of the Prussian program.

We have fed the sea for a "thousand years," but never as we are forced to feed it today; it has become in the last 38 months a place of quiet sepulture for tens of thousands of our fellow countrymen, their graves unmarked except by the flowers of memory. Where is the romance of the sea which lured our seamen, as boys or youths, away from the comfort and security of home? The great adventure has become the great tragedy of maritime history, says London Daily Telegraph. Romance has been overlaid by realities of crime and cruelty, which are, happily, fresh in human experience. The naval bluejacket thought to fight in the open an honorable foe, both sides using legitimate weapons of war, in accordance with the immemorial restraints; instead he is confronted by men who have forgotten the meaning of honor in word and deed, and take pride in striking felon's blows. "Humanity after action," was Nelson's motto; inhumanity before, during and after action is the cry of the Germans.

If a soldier or sailor is injured in such a way that he cannot resume the occupation or trade in which he was engaged before he entered the service, the government of the United States, at its own expense, will re-educate that man to some form of occupation for which he will be capable and which will enable him to spend the remainder of his life in useful work, helpful to himself and contributing to his own happiness. If the government re-educates a disabled man to a new occupation, and he earns money, no matter how much, because of his new occupation and because of his own effort, the government will continue to pay him the full amount he is entitled to for his disability. All that he earns belongs to him in addition to what the government pays him.

E. M. HURST
Always in the market for old Copper, Lead, Zinc, Iron, Brass, Old Newspapers and Magazines (neatly folded), second hand sacks, and junk of all kinds.
AURORA OREGON

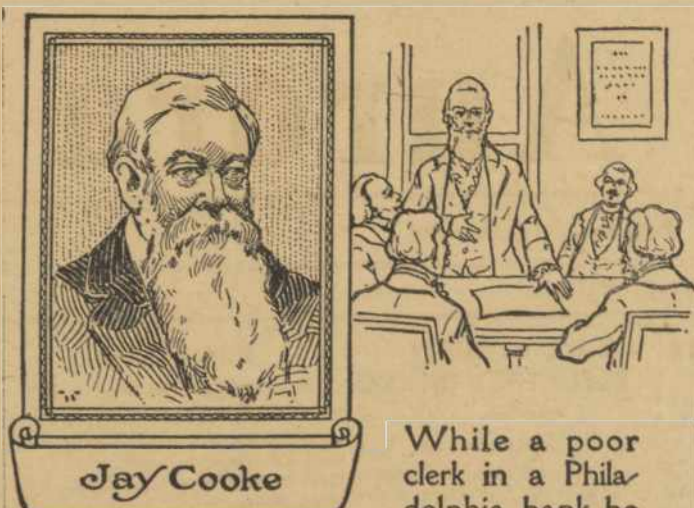
Wants, For Sale, Etc

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FOR SALE—Ice made from pure water. Hubbard Creamery Co., Hubbard, Oregon. to8-15
FOR SALE—Black horse 8 years old, weight 1400, work single or double, Hong Kee, Route 3, (near Boone's Ferry.) (8-15)
FOR SALE—A seventy-five dollar Rotary Edison Mimeograph, practically new, for sale or trade for anything from War Stamps to junk. What have you? Write the Observer Office, Aurora, Oregon.
FOR SALE—New double barrel Steven's shot gun, 12 guage, weight 7 1/2 pounds, top-lever. Cost \$27.50, will sell for \$20. War stamps same as cash. Inquire at Observer Office, Aurora, Oregon.
FOR SALE—Sweet and sour cherries, 2c a lb. Black driving mare, 8 years old, weight about 1000 lbs. H. W. Watkins, R. 2, also Duroc Jersey Sow, 1 year old, (due to farrow July 20.) 16
TEAM FOR SALE—One light span mares, light wagon, set of harness, one single buggy and harness. On the old Prah Place. S. H. Southard, Aurora, R. 3. (19-41)
STRAYED—To my place July 10, 1918, black sow and three pigs, which were taken up from my wheat field. Owner can have same by paying damages and feed bill. Victor Berg, Aurora, Oregon.

Gummed fruit labels (with blanks for kind of fruit and the year canned) at the Observer Office, in little tablets (perforated booklets) at 10 cents per tablet.

PEACHES FOR CANNING
I will have a fair crop of canning peaches this season—Hales Early, Early Crawford, Late Crawfords and Elbertas. Watch this paper for the time they are ready for use. Hollyheim Orchards, Chas. Eilers, Route 3, Aurora.



Jay Cooke
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Multiply your money in our care.
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A man may get tired of ordinary tobacco—but never of Real Gravely Chewing Plug, with its pure, clean taste and lasting quality.

Peyton Brand Real Gravely Chewing Plug
10c a pouch—and worth it
Gravely lasts so much longer it costs no more to chew than ordinary plug
P. B. Gravely Tobacco Company
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The regular price of the Daily Oregonian is \$6.00 per year; the Daily and Sunday combined is \$8.00 per year, and of the Observer \$1.25 per year, but until further notice these papers will be clubbed at the following prices:
The Daily Oregonian and The Observer Boh One Year \$6.25
The Daily and Sunday Oregonian and The Observer, Both one Year \$8.00
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AURORA, OREGON

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Holstein Friesian bulls ready for service. Also a few calves from good producing dams. Buy them while they are young and have them grow into money.—Ernest Werner, Rt. 2.
WANTED—About a ton of hop wire, sizes 6, 8, or 9, in good condition. Write the Aurora Observer, or call at Office, Aurora, Oregon. (17)
Fine Sweet Cherries for Sale—Louis Racette, Route 3, Aurora, (Aurora Mutual Telephone.) 15-11
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