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The chief business of the state is to make good citizens and when she does not, as has well been said, she is scheduled for the greased chute and its destination is Oblivion. Every child in the State should not only have a common school education but he should have a

Enlarge the University Campus

couple of years in some institution which will equip him with some profession by which he can add to the joy of living and make his time count. All State universities are endeavoring to couple up with the plain people by a system of correspondence. The idea seemed to have started with the International Correspondence School which made it work and was adopted by the State as a matter of self-defense. This is right, beautiful and in the line of common sense. If the individual can't go to the University, then the University should go to him.

This is what is being done in the State of Oregon. It is possible now to take most any course that you may desire by mail. Everything has its excuse for existing and the fact that this department of the University has prospered seems to prove its right for existence. Not long ago we were told that a prominent lawyer down in the county seat of Wasco county got his start reading law while herding sheep, and strange tales are told of how people passing by could hear his lofty and impassioned pleas to the pensive sheep. Think of how much easier it would have been for this man to have gotten in communication with the State University and had the hard kinks in the profession straightened by helpful minds.

The course by mail can never grow old or obsolete for the continual tramp of feet march on, the youth of the land. The mass of humanity increases and life becomes more complex. The struggle for existence becomes keener and we need all the equipment that we can get. The University is supplying this as never before. Those people who work in the open air, dig in the ground and build in the air, then buckle down to half an hour at their lessons are bound to be winners. To slide, drift, loll and dawdle, with no definite point in view is to arrive at the point of Nowhere and drift on the shoals of Uncertainty. To all men desirous of getting up in the league standing, better get into communication with the Extension Department of the University, you will be on the road to better things.

The cry a few years ago was "Back to the Farm." Whether it resulted in anyone going back is largely conjectural. Going back to the farm is pictured as an easy thing but like many theoretical things, one has to acquire the technique. The thing to do is to stay on the farm, and so says Dr. Withycombe, the Republican nominee for Governor. A short time ago it was our pleasure to talk with Mr. Withycombe and he seems well pleased with the Stay on the Farm attitude which he finds all over the state. It is a well known fact that those cities which have attracted world-wide attention in the days which have passed always kept on chummy terms with the farmers. When farming became unpopular and the agrarians grew sick and despondent, the rule of the city lagged and dissolution and death followed. Always and forever those cities prospered which kept a sympathetic eye on the farmer.

Helping Our Farm Friends.

No city is carefully seeking its future good when it does not continually seek to better conditions on the farms. This city can spend no money which brings in bigger returns than that which it spends in improving rural conditions. Every large corporation has entered the work and from self-defense we should do likewise.

There are several indications which looked favorable to Dr. Withycombe when he was in Morrow County the last time. One was the number of automobiles. Automobiles annihilate space and make distant farms suburban homes. They make it possible for the farmers' wives to come to town and as you might know, insanity is greater among the farmers' wives. The next improvement he noted was the number of modern homes. These show that the people are satisfied with the land intend to make it their permanent home. We are creatures of our surroundings and no man is quite so bad who eats good food and lives in a modern home. Another change is manifested in the diversity of products. Nearly every farmer raises most of what he eats, which was not the rule a few years ago. This renders him less dependent upon others and to be independent is the great desideratum. Short Courses, Rural Mail Routes, Telephones and Fairs, all can be boosted and bettered by towns

and cities to the profit of all concerned, especially the farmer. If you would be seeking your greatest good, remember the "Stay on the Farm" movement needs your interest and support.

Some of our good Democratic friends have been re-arranging some of their doctrines about States Rights, in view of some of the practices just indulged in by the present administration. The Government Insurance on International freight, the several new Tax schemes all show that it is the logical place of the Federal government to meet extraordinary events in the transaction of business. What is at one time the extraordinary tends to become the ordinary and so we find that the government assumes many of the practices which times of stress bring forth. This is no more discredit to the Democrats than it was when Thomas Jefferson bought an addition to the country when he was a champion of States Rights.

A few more things which the government is doing.

The government lately went into a partnership agreement with the people in the banking business and it would not be a surprise to the many to see them make an arrangement whereby they would go into the telephone and telegraph business, saying nothing of taking over the entire express business and having an eye on the entire railroad traffic.

The \$50,000,000 a day they are burning up in Europe, to say nothing of the ruins they leave behind, as in Belgium where the whole country has been devastated, would feed a great many hungry mouths and build a great many sanitary cottages for European peasants who still live in huts and hovels. Of course, this view of the matter may be called namby and pamby by the war lords, but some time it will be enforced and forced down the throats of the war lords. And when the people get sense enough to realize this they will kick their war lords into the deep oceans, to drown like rats.

Villa and Carranza are going to arbitrate their troubles. Civilized Foreign nations take notice. The trouble in Mexico will blow over, according to dispatches. No Mexican likes to venture out much in cold weather.

The fact that all the nations are now trying to put the blame on the other, shows that they are ashamed of the dirty war which they are fighting.

Some of these politicians would make good soldiers," an old citizen remarked to Joe Wilkins lately. "How's that?" asks Joe. "Because, they are always dodging," was the response.

We haven't heard much about those 80,000 Russians who were sent to France via England. It must have been a Russian Bear story. The Germans have been falling back for "strategic reasons."

Siam is mobilizing her troops. All of its trained elephants have been recalled which it is reported will play great havoc with some of the large circuses.

We understand that a man came to the Egg City to work in a store and had to send his family to Portland to live. Evidently they are as bad off as we are concerning houses.

D. E. Gilman, Herb Fant and ye editors are thinking of sending in a remonstrance against the tax on gasoline. Anyone else liking to join this movement can do so now.

Everything is good in moderate quantities. Patriotism is a worthy sentiment but Patriotism gone to seed, is what we find in Europe today.

It is said that the Allies have been on the offensive. They have been offensive for some time it appears.

Some man asked us where old 348 was. Evidently he had not heard of the tax on gasoline.

A large number of people have heard of Morrow County in late days who never heard of Now is a good time for someone to build a few good houses.

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NOTICE.
My new Fall and Winter hats will be ready the first week in September. Mrs. D. B. DeLaney, Lexington, Ore.

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Strayed or stolen from Louis E. Fridley's ranch near Lexington about August 20; one small heavy-set dog, about eighteen months old but looks more like a pup. Answers to the name Dominic. Has a heavy coat of black curly hair with a small white spot under his chest. Very friendly disposition and wore a small collar when last seen. Address the Owner, John E. Renny, Sunset, Idaho.

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