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What our Allies say:—"We are fighting Germany, Austria and Drink, and, as far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is Drink."—David Lloyd George, Premier of Great Britain.

"Give me a teetotal army and I will lead it anywhere."—Lord Roberts.

"Drink is as much your enemy as Germany." — Raymond Poincare, President of Republic of France.

What our Enemies say:—"Beer is a far more dangerous enemy to Germany than all the armies of France."—Von Moltke.

"The next war, the next naval encounter, will demand of you sound nerves. These are undermined by alcohol, endangered from youth up, by its use;—the nation which drinks the least alcohol, will be the winner."—Kaiser Wilhelm, 1910.

It is a small matter to the brewers that they are responsible for a coal shortage in the country. Their idea is, "You can all go to hell to get warm."

It is possible to make a little meat go a long way. Meat pies and meat stews offer a variation for every day in the month. Stretch a small piece of meat to flavor a big dish of "filling" food and conserve the difference for our boys at the front. Vegetables, rice, macaroni and spaghetti may be used in this way in appetizing variety.

Estimates show the Government printing office will use 100,000,000 pounds of paper, costing about \$4,000,000, this year.

Read the Want ads.

ROAD FUND IS FIXED AT HALF A MILLION

When the hearing was held before the board of county commissioners last week upon the coming tax levy for Multnomah county, there was some dissension as to the sum to be appropriated for county road work. The budget committee recommended the sum of \$500,000, but this estimate was opposed by Commissioner Holman who was in favor of only \$400,000. Mr. Holman voted on the motion to adopt in accordance with his own recommendation.

Commissioner Holman stated he would like to see set aside from the general fund and obligate the Board now for the sum of \$12,000 for building, equipping and conducting an industrial school for wards of the juvenile court on the site of the old County Poor Farm and as recommended by George Taxwell, county and juvenile judge. He further proposed that the said sum of \$12,000 be charged against the sum of \$16,000 which he included in his road budget and program of road construction on December 4, 1917, for underground railway on the St. Helens road, which construction can be deferred according to information which he had received from the Public Service Commission of Oregon and the railroad company.

Commissioner Muck expressed himself as being in favor of appropriating \$12,000 from the general fund for the construction of the Industrial school and it was so ordered.

It was ordered, further, that the sum of \$1500 be appropriated from the general fund to reimburse the board of school directors of Portland for funds advanced for the National Educational Association convention held in 1917.

Housekeepers ought to appreciate more the food value of beans, which should be a popular meat substitute. Beans and peas are "heartly" foods and they should appear in combination with starchy vegetables and fresh salads. Try beans and baked potatoes, with cold slaw on the side next meatless day.

Bargains in the Want Ads.

GRESHAM LOCALS

N. O. Fuller is assisting in the Walrad Mercantile company's store. Miss Esther Elford spent New Year's day in Portland at the home of her brother.

Mrs. Frank Wostell and children, Harry and Helen have returned from Portland, where they visited for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Roberts of Welches are here visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts.

Mrs. Clark, of Fairview, has moved to Gresham and has leased the D. C. Ross rooming house on Third street.

Captain and Mrs. C. O. Branson entertained on New Year's day Chas. Tallman and family of the Melrose neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie, Mrs. A. Hevel and daughter Vivian spent New Year's in Portland the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Leslie, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rusher entertained on New Year's day, Mrs. S. R. Bradfield, of Gresham, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lansdowne, of Cottrell.

A petition asking the county to gravel Cleveland avenue north of the Section Line road is being circulated and largely signed by the local property owners.

Dr. C. E. Cline, of Portland, will preach at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday morning, January 6. Dr. Cline will be the guest while here of his daughter, Mrs. K. A. Miller.

Will Hessel is able to take charge of his business again, after being incapacitated by an accident several days ago. He is being assisted by Roy Wonacott.

Dr. Emily F. Bolcom has been obliged to give up her practice temporarily in order to go away for treatment for rheumatism. She is expected home in a short time.

Judge G. W. Wonacott is looking after business in R. R. Carlson's store during the illness of J. E. Metzger, who is laid up with rheumatism. The latter is expected to be able to resume his work soon.

Mrs. Clara Kane returned home last week from Portland, where she had spent a month with her daughter, Mrs. May Landon. Mrs. Kane has been sick during her stay in Portland, but is now improved.

E. E. Chipman's auto painting shop is coming to the front as a new and distinctive Gresham enterprise. He has a machine in the shop for W. W. Cotton and has several more promised. Chipman always gets there.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Blackburn, of Cottrell, entertained the following on New Year's day, Mrs. L. T. Lusted and daughter, Miss Inez Lusted, Mr. and Mrs. Hary Lusted and son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Newell and daughters of Portland.

Mrs. J. Montclair Brown has received word that two brothers, who are first and second lieutenants in an Illinois battery of field artillery, sailed for France several weeks ago. It is expected that they are safely there by this time.

At a fire drill at Union High School No. 2 yesterday afternoon the building was cleared in thirty-one seconds. This stands as a remarkable record in view of the fact that about 180 pupils and teachers were in the building when the alarm sounded.

Mrs. W. A. Hensley received a letter this week from her son, Corporal W. A. Hensley, whose picture appeared in the holiday Outlook. Hensley wrote on ship board from somewhere near the coast of France. The date of his letter had been deleted by the censor. He is a member of Co. C., 116th Eng., 41st Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell K. Akin moved this week to Portland, where Mr. Akin will become chief clerk in the office of the Pacific States Telephone company, a position which he has held in the past. The family address is 720 East 44th street North. Mr. and Mrs. Akin will be missed by their many friends in this community, who wish them all success in their new field.

DEPENDENTS' CHECKS NEED EXTRA CLERKS

Distribution of allowance and allotment checks to dependents of enlisted men of the United States has required an extra night shift of clerks and typists in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. The first checks represent allotments made by enlisted men from their November pay, together with stipulated Government allowances.

Every enlisted man in the military and naval forces of the United States who has a wife and children dependent on him is required to allot for their support at least \$15 a month, but not more than half his pay. To this the Government adds monthly allowances.

Commissioned officers are not required to make allotments, and the Government does not provide allowances for their dependents.

REASONS GIVEN WHY WHEAT MUST BE SAVED

"News of the utmost importance to the farmers and stockraisers, and to the whole people of the Northwest," said Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer, was the recent announcement that the manufacture of mill feeds had come under government control through the Federal licensing system, and that the price of bran had been fixed at \$39 a ton, with shorts at \$32 and middlings at \$39. These prices are substantially lower than have prevailed, and the supply will be materially increased by the milling of all wheat possible here in the northwest, instead of shipping the whole wheat away to be milled elsewhere. This makes the outlook much brighter for those who have been struggling to keep their herds and flocks together in the face of great difficulties and uncertainty.

"The new prices are already effective, and will even be made on unfilled contracts. At the recent conference of leading millers of the northwest with the United States Milling commissioner, the millers very generously volunteered to adopt the new prices for all unfilled contracts, although some of these contracts were for delivery at prices upward of 20 per cent more than the new figure. This splendid action of the millers made the new basis operative at once for all shipments.

"Now that the uncertainty of feed prices has been eliminated and the largest possible supply assured, the farmers and stockraisers can feel secure in making their plans, and I earnestly urge that these plans be made for the largest possible production of food animals. The market for beef, pork, mutton and poultry, because of the world shortage, will inevitably be strong and steady for a long time to come, and the raising of food animals under the new conditions, cannot fail to prove a sound and profitable business investment, as well as an important patriotic service."

OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS PARCELS COMING BACK

The Post Office Department issues the following:

Office of Second Ass't. P. M. Gen., Washington, Dec. 22, 1917.

This office has been informed that wooden Christmas boxes, addressed "care of the Commanding General, Port of Embarkation," are still being received. Notice is therefore given that on the 6th of December, last, the War Department ceased to accept Christmas boxes for dispatch to the American expeditionary forces. As announced by this office under date of October 27, 1917, such boxes were to reach the port on or before the 5th of December.

All wooden boxes reaching the port of embarkation after the 5th of December will be returned to the senders, if they transmit the proper amount of return postage to the superintendent, Railway Mail Service, New York, N. Y.

In this connection, attention is invited to the fact that, as stated in the notice of this office under date of October 23, the weight of parcels for American expeditionary forces is limited to seven pounds. Such parcels need not be packed in wooden boxes unless absolutely required by the nature of the contents.

Postmasters and other postal officials will please take due notice of the foregoing, and give the widest possible publicity thereto.

CORDIAL RELATIONS URGED IN ARMY

The following paragraph of Army Regulations is the only rule now existing regarding the relationship between officers and enlisted men:

"Superiors are forbidden to injure those under their authority by tyrannical or capricious conduct or by abusive language. While maintaining discipline and the thorough and prompt performance of military duty, all officers, in dealing with enlisted men, will bear in mind the absolute necessity of so treating them as to preserve their self-respect. Officers will keep in as close touch as possible with the men under their command, will strive to build up such relations of confidence and sympathy as will insure the free approach of their men to them for council and assistance. This relationship may be gained and maintained without relaxation of the bonds of discipline and with great benefit to the service as a whole."

TEST PLAN TO DELIVER ARMY TRUCKS TO PORTS

Army trucks for use in France are being delivered to the Atlantic seaboard from interior storage depots under their own power.

If the plan is successful, the delivery of the 30,000 war trucks under construction under their own power will release 15,000 freight cars which would be required to transport them by rail. It will also provide adequate opportunity for the training of an effective corps of transport drivers and officers, who will reach France with a minimum of training to be required. Wear and tear on the trucks will be slight compared with the benefits derived from their use.

REPORT SHOWS RESULTS OF UNFAVORABLE YEAR

By F. L. Kent, Field Agent, 1917 Crop Summary.

Generally speaking, the season of 1917 was one of the most unfavorable the state has experienced in many years. Beginning with the fall of 1916, the lack of moisture greatly retarded fall plowing and seeding. Summer fallowed land in the wheat belt did not have sufficient moisture for proper seeding until too late in the season, hence the usual fall seeding was, for the most part, done "in the dust" or postponed until spring. With a poor start the fall sown wheat was not in condition to withstand the unfavorable winter conditions, and about 20 per cent of the acreage seeded in the fall was re-sown in the spring, either to wheat or other grains. In a normal season this winter killing of fall sown grain is almost negligible.

The 1916-17 winter conditions were also very unfavorable for the production of livestock. The lack of early fall rains prevented the normal growth of pastures and ranges, which, combined with early snows, necessitated the feeding of hay to range stock about a month earlier than usual. Deep snows and continued cold weather throughout the winter, in the principal stock sections, still further added to the increase in normal feed requirements. As a result the hay supply was entirely exhausted in most sections, and hay and grain had to be shipped in and sometimes hauled long distances. These unfavorable conditions were intensified by reason of the spring season being three or four weeks later than normal.

Spring and summer conditions were likewise way below normal. The weather continued wet and cold until late in the spring, and the summer was very short of rainfall. In some sections there was absolutely no rain after the middle of May and many fields of corn, potatoes and beans did not get a drop of rain from seed time to harvest. Hot winds in July also added to the general unfavorable conditions. All things considered, there has probably never been a less favorable season for crop and livestock production in Oregon than that of 1917. But fortunately there has never been a better harvest season. Even with the shortage of labor it was possible to harvest all crops, even including hay, fruit and hops, with practically no loss due to weather conditions. And the good prices prevailing, gave a total value to the aggregate 1917 crop considerably in excess of the value of the bumper crop of 1916, for which very good prices also were obtained.

Winter Wheat.—The unfavorable conditions in the fall of 1916 reduced the acreage sown to an area considerably below that of any season for many years past. Winter killing was greater than for many years past also. A dry, hot summer added to the unfavorable conditions, with the result that both yield per acre and total production of winter wheat was far below normal. The per acre yield is estimated at 20 bushels, and the total production at 8,400,000 of bushels compared with a yield in 1916 of 23 bushels per acre, and a total production of 13,340,000 bushels.

United States crop for 1917, 418,070,000 bushels. Average yield per acre, 15.2 bushels; 1916 crop, 480,000,000 bushels.

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