

FEEDING WORLD THIS YEAR IS NATIONAL DUTY

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(Written Specially for the Outlook.)

During the period since we entered the war, the farmers of the nation have responded magnificently to the appeals for increased production and all the people have complied with the urgent requests for fuller conservation.

During this past fall season, our farmers planted an increased wheat acreage and a large acreage in rye.

It is too early now to make detailed suggestions for the spring planting season. We do not know how the fall grains will come through the winter and we are not now able to forecast the demands and the conditions which will prevail after the first of the year.

This department, the agricultural colleges, and other organizations will



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continue to give definite thought to all the problems, and, at the proper time, will lay the situation before you.

The Two Big Jobs of the Hour.

Two things seem to be clear:

One is that, for a considerable period, the world will have need particularly of a larger supply than normal of live stock, and especially of fats. We should not fail, therefore, to adopt every feasible means of economically increasing our live stock products.

As a part of our program, we should give due thought to the securing of an adequate supply of feed-stuffs and to the eradication and control of all forms of animal disease.

The other is the need of perfecting the organization of our agricultural agencies for the purpose of intelligently executing such a program as may seem wise.

We should not only have the best possible organization and co-operation of the Department of Agriculture, the agricultural colleges, the state departments of agriculture, and farmers' associations, but we should especially strengthen the local farm bureaus and other organizations which support so effectively the extension forces and assist them in their activities.

The perfecting of this organization is highly desirable not only during the continuance of the present abnormal conditions but also for the future.

Build Now for Future Strength.

The local as well as the state and federal agencies are of supreme importance to the nation in all its activities designed to make rural life more profitable, healthful and attractive, and, therefore, to secure adequate economic production, efficient distribution, and necessary conservation.

The main purpose of this appeal is to direct attention to the necessity of continuing our state of preparedness and of strengthening the foundations of our agriculture.

A loyal wife is one who knows her husband is poor because he is too bright to make money in the low kind of business his neighbor got rich in.

JOHN BURBA WELCOMED TO PLEASANT VIEW

Pleasant View welcomed back the first of her soldier boys from over the sea on Dec. 30, when Mr. Burba, our first volunteer, returned to our midst. He is looking and feeling fine and his uniform is quite becoming. He seems glad to be back and the length of time it took him to get here after getting his discharge, is proof of his desire to be here. John always liked Oregon, but not so well but that he was ready, even though above draft age and in no immediate danger of being called to the colors, to volunteer about fourteen months ago. He was first sent to Kelly Field where he was stationed with the 356th Aero Squadron. About Christmas 1917, he was put on as cook and has been feeding Sammies ever since.

In March he was sent to Garden City, New York, and sailed from New York for Liverpool May 19. His ship carried one of the richest cargoes ever sent across the Atlantic and was under special convoy. They had all of the usual pleasures of seasickness and a severe storm, besides a hair raising experience with a U-boat which their convoy put out of business. It took eleven days to make the trip and early on the morning of May 31st they steamed into Liverpool.

For three months he was stationed at Witney, a little place near the famous old college town of Oxford and only 60 miles from London. Two months were spent at Stamford and other times at Ramsey and Knotty Ash.

The 356th was a bombing squadron and they had just finished training and received orders to go to France on November 14, when the armistice was signed and on the evening of the 13th their marching orders were cancelled and since that time he has been moving toward home. All troops were to be out of England by December 21.

He reports that the finest thing he saw in his entire trip was our beautiful "Liberty" as they steamed into New York harbor early in December. She was greeted by many of the boys with smiles and cheers, straight from their joyous hearts. Down some of their faces there ran a stream of tears, tears of which they, even the trained soldiers, were unashamed.

They went back into camp at Garden City and while the other boys were having a comparatively free and easy time of it, John was kept busily on the job for two weeks cooking for a dozen officers. Just before Christmas he finally got his discharge, pay in full and his ticket to Oregon where he knew that many friends were waiting to welcome him.

SANDY BLUFF

Walter and Jay Radford have both been sick with the "flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brook.

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Widner, Mr. and Mrs. Kretz spent Sunday visiting at the homes of Mrs. Laura Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ten Eyck, Mr. and Mrs. Crose and Misses Marian and Irene Leach spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ault.

The reasons you are not contented with your lot is because nobody ever was until he became useless.

HER LIFE STORY AS MOVIE PLOT



Her life story as lived in the last five years was so dramatic that scenario writers found no place to add thrills. Aurara Mardiganian, eighteen-year-old Armenian girl is to be featured in a moving picture which will show atrocities of the Turks, and which, it is hoped, will make an appeal to all Christians for foreign missionary support. Her experiences in loss of home, mother and family read like a novel.

EX-PRESIDENT PASSES AWAY



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THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Many things are being said today concerning a great American who but yesterday passed away. Those words will be mostly in his praise, but there will be mixed with them a few criticisms of his career in respect to his action six years ago in disrupting a great political party.

But politics is adjourned again, as we pass into the valley of the shadow. The whole nation mourns the death of one of its strong, forward-looking men—Theodore Roosevelt, a former president of the United States.

There is that in the passing of this man that touches us all deeply. He goes with vision undimmed, with hope still strong, with ideals all un-realized in his latest years, but possible of attainment, with much of life's work seemingly ahead—for he was not an old man.

Yet it is not like death in the drab days of disillusionment, or even those in which the lengthening shadows have fallen upon partly realized ambitions. For his fine, clean spirit there seemed to be ahead the gradual

fruition of years of preparation for a man's greatest work in the world. And now, with terrifying suddenness it is ended.

"He is not dead, he is just away."

It was the Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley, who coined these words, by which those who are bereaved can speak of their losses. These are the lines that Riley wrote:

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

Then most prophetic were these words:
And loyal still, as he gave the blows
Of his warrior-strength to his country's foes—

Mild and gentle, as he was brave—
When the sweetest love of his life he gave

To simple things—

Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead, he is just away!

HAROLD KERN DESCRIBES FIRE-FIGHTING METHODS IN A FRENCH COUNTRY TOWN

Harold Kern, the "rich, rare and racy" writer of the Gresham contingent now with the A. E. F., in France, has written a characteristic letter to the members of the Gresham Volunteer Fire Department, describing fire fighting methods in a French village. It follows:

France, Sept. 23, 1918.
G. V. F. D., Gresham, Oregon.

Dear friends:—Well, fellows, I have been a long time getting an envelope with something in it addressed to you, but don't for a minute think that it is because I have ever for a moment forgotten the best Volunteer Fire department in the world. Not me. I just seem to be always busy or else lazy. However, I have found time to write a few lines at least and shall do the best I can.

Am going to try and tell you of a fire which I witnessed some time ago at P——. I am only sorry that I will be unable to tell you all I saw. Unusual things happened so fast that no one could remember them all, but I will endeavor to give you the main impressions.

This fire broke out in a small warehouse where acid, oil, saltpeter, and chemicals for powder manufacture were stored. When first discovered by two Yanks the fire was being worked on by two Frenchmen. They were wielding shovels and were trying to beat out the burning oil flames. Instead of accomplishing some good, they were splashing this burning oil all over the place. I have since wondered if it were not from seeing just such an incident as this that Henry Ford worked out his system of lubrication. I will say that these two Frenchmen were sure in "high" and were doing far more work and even less talking than any two of their kind that I have ever seen.

The two Yanks dashed up and endeavored to induce these two "Monsieurs" to confine their efforts to the use of dirt to keep the flames from

spreading. Nothing doing at all. The Yanks made a grab for the shovels and an argument started, which was however rather one-sided. The Frenchmen retired to a strategical position across the street and laid down a barrage of rapid fire conversation and gesticulating that was invincible. By this time all the bugles in France were blowing. Some of the buglers knew the fire call but the others just blew the "Come and Get It" or anything that was handy. Formations of soldiers appeared from everywhere, and a bunch of Jackies came running up from the docks. What was lacking in efficiency was present in confusion.

Well, to go on with the fire; it blew up right now. Some of that stuff started exploding and the exits were busy for a minute or two. Two Q. M. warehouses adjoined the one already burning and remnants of the A. E. F. got busy here emptying them. Much was saved before these two buildings caught fire for they were too close to be saved. A bunch of sacked stuff, presumably material for powder manufacture, stood against the burning warehouse. This stuff turned into a molten liquid and ran down the gutter. It was terrifically hot, so much so that it melted the rails on the street car track as it crossed them. Two small shacks standing near the burning building seemed to be in fine position to burn, and were they to catch fire, a big coke pile near them was sure to go too. It was decided to move the shacks. The fact that they were occupied as residences was quickly discovered. The boys simply walked up and turned the first one over. A wild cry came from the interior. Some Frenchman had been asleep in his bed in there. The boys clambered in a window and pried the household furnishings off of him. His entrance into the outer world via the window was greeted with enthusiastic shouts by his friends. Monsieur had been saved from a horrible death. The

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CORPORAL SCHOLES MAKES CORRECTION

Several issues ago the Outlook printed a paragraph from Troutdale stating that "Jack Hoover of the 63d Infantry, says they are demobilizing the 63d as fast as possible." He had but recently returned from Camp Meade, Maryland. This week the Outlook was in receipt of a communication from Corporal C. E. Scholes, stationed there in which he says:

We, the members of the 63d Infantry, which is composed mostly of Oregon boys, are unable to see what permitted Private Hoover to make such a statement which to his very knowledge was false. Our regiment is not in the stage of demobilization. Furthermore, we are under orders to proceed for duty elsewhere. None of us at the present time knows as to when we will be returned to civil life. All indications, however, point that our regiment will go West before it will be demobilized. It is very likely that this will not take place until late next spring or summer.

We are anxious to make this correction so that the good folks at home would not anticipate our early return to Oregon.

Let us make it clear: The 63d is not being demobilized. The only men discharged are those whose physical condition does not warrant to keep them in the army, and those whose families are in such dire need that the soldiers' presence is absolutely necessary.

TROUTDALE CITIZEN DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Newton Silvester Parsons, a prominent citizen of Troutdale, died at his home on January 4 after five days illness from pneumonia, following influenza. His sudden death was a great shock to the people of Troutdale, where Mr. Parsons has lived for the past six years and where he was employed by the O. W. R. & N. railway as train dispatcher.

Mr. Parsons was born on November 21, 1887. He is survived by his widow and two children, Faye and Dale, ten and seven years of age respectively, also by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parsons, three sisters, Mrs. Z. G. Schanck, Mrs. Dora Shute and Miss Isabel Parsons and by one brother, Clarence, all of Troutdale. His wife and children were all sick with influenza at the time of his sickness and death.

Brief funeral services were held at the house this afternoon and the body was laid to rest in Rose City cemetery, Portland.

MOTOR CAR SERVICE PORTLAND—GRESHAM

Automobile service has been renewed between Gresham and Portland after more than a year of suspension. This time it is being put on by the United Motor Bus Company, a corporation operating about 125 cars of the Packard and Cole type from Portland to other towns, including Vancouver, Linnton, Newberg and now Gresham.

The trips will be about an hour apart until the company is better known out here and people get the habit of riding in autos again. After awhile the service will be increased. At present but two cars are being operated—a Packard and a Cole, roomy, warm and comfortable. The fare each way is 30 cents and calls will be made for passengers at a reasonable distance in Gresham, also on the Base Line and Powell Valley roads.

Money to Loan.

Six hundred dollars to loan on improved property. Phone 79x3. tf

ANOTHER JOLT FOR MAN'S VANITY.



Ethel Peyser of the national Y. W. C. A. was evidently destined to check the vanities of all men big publishers. She has proved that woman can become an expert in papers, weights, qualities, printing, typesetting, dyes, book making, etc. She had to learn all this to know how to "save paper" for the Y. W. C. A. in its extensive work. She is general buyer of all paper used for Y. W. C. A. publications.

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN AGAIN BY FAIR BOARD

Yesterday afternoon the 1919 county fair board met at the Bank of Gresham and organized for the coming year by the election of officers and the appointment of the two most important committees.

H. A. Lewis was elected president; Rufus C. Holman, vice president; A. F. Miller, secretary and Theodore Brugger, treasurer, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Brugger were re-elected. Mr. Holman is one of the new members of the board, while Mr. Miller was chosen to succeed himself as acting secretary.

The board has five new members in the persons of the three county commissioners, Rufus C. Holman, A. A. Muck and Ralph Hoyt; also C. D. Minton of Portland and Gus H. Richey of Pleasant Valley. The old members of the board are H. A. Lewis, A. F. Miller, Mrs. E. T. Weathered, Fred H. Crane, John Townsend, Theodore Brugger, H. G. Mullenhoff, David McKeown, E. L. Thorpe and John M. Mann, one of the city commissioners of Portland. Thus six of the fair board are distinctly Portland people, while Mr. Lewis and Mr. Miller are more in touch with the country while also being residents of the metropolis.

An executive committee of five members was appointed, consisting of John M. Mann, C. D. Minton, Mrs. E. T. Weathered, Rufus C. Holman and H. A. Lewis.

A committee charged with revising the premium list was named, consisting of six members. Their work, while pertaining to every division, was divided so as to embrace the six most important. Mr. Minton was named to revise the poultry list; Mrs. Weathered to look after the women's departments; Mr. Richey the horticultural exhibits; Mr. Brugger, the stock; Mr. Townsend, agriculture and Mr. Miller the grange and other departments.

President Lewis was elected to attend the session of the North Pacific Fair association, the Multnomah county fair becoming a member of it, at yesterday's meeting by unanimous vote. The session this year will be held at Tacoma on February 1st.

Horse racing was discussed, the sentiment being to turn the sport over to the racing circuit of which the fair is also a member. Fair dates for this year were discussed but no action was taken. The dates will probably not be fixed until after Mr. Lewis' return from the session of the association at Tacoma, as all falls in the federation will have their dates fixed at that time so as to avoid any conflict.

A morning session of the old board was held at which reports were read concerning the past year. It then adjourned without day.

PLEASANT VALLEY

All who are looking for an enjoyable and profitable time are invited to attend the Pleasant Valley church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The sermon topic will be "Betrayed Through Selfishness."

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Berke have received a telegram from their son, Corporal Leslie J. Berke, announcing his arrival in New York from France on Sunday night. He is on his way home and will reach here the latter part of this week. He is a member of the U. S. Marines and took part in some of the stiffest fighting of the war and was wounded.

Alaskan Society.

A meeting of all former Alaskans now in Portland will be held at the Imperial hotel tonight for organization of the Alaskan Society of Oregon. All who ever lived in Alaska, men or women, are invited to attend.

Gresham Time Table.

Effective January 9, 2 a. m.

Trains for Portland.	
12:28 AM	Dly. to Golf June, except Sun.
5:40 AM	Dly. except Sunday.
6:10 AM	Dly.
7:24 AM	Dly.
8:22 AM	Dly. from Mt. Hood Depot.
9:34 AM	Dly.
10:40 AM	Dly.
11:30 AM	Dly. from Mt. Hood Depot.
12:40 PM	Dly.
1:24 PM	Dly.
2:40 PM	Dly.
3:30 PM	Dly. from Mt. Hood Depot.
4:40 PM	Dly.
5:24 PM	Dly.
6:30 PM	Sun. only, from Mt. Hood Depot.
6:40 PM	Dly.
6:52 PM	Dly. except Sunday.
7:40 PM	Dly.
8:40 PM	Dly.
10:40 PM	Dly.
Trains for Canadero.	
6:00 AM	Sundays only.
7:45 AM	Mail and Express.
11:45 AM	Dly.
3:45 PM	Mail and Express.
5:45 PM	To Estacada only.
Trains for Bull Run.	
6:59 AM	Sundays only.
9:50 AM	Dly.
1:50 PM	Dly.
4:50 PM	Dly.