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What the Editors Say

Some fellow has predicted that the high cost of living will continue until the liberty bonds are all paid. It would seem under the circumstances, that it would pay to make the government a present of the bonds.—Polk County Observer.

A Portland shipyard went into the hands of a receiver last week, the explanation being the lack of orders. And this, too, when the world is suffering from a shortage of ships which the firm was not permitted by the government to build. Seven months of marking time while Paris was the capital of the United States is beginning to have its effect.—Independent.

The mail of every publication in the country is still loaded with circular matter from the government printing office urging thrift upon our citizens, which leads the Dairy Review to remark: "No thinking person will deny but that more thrifty habits are a great need among American citizens, but the thrifty and thrifless will unite in agreeing that this same kind of advice would also be good medicine for Uncle Sam."—Sheridan Sun.

British leaders are protesting against American interference in the Irish question. Let's put the shoe on the other foot. Suppose the South was again asking its "freedom" and Great Britain sent a mission here to help get it. What would you, as a royal American think of it? Also if southern sympathizers should have sent Jeff Davis over to England and he was received with loud acclamations and resolutions in parliament—would you have felt especially friendly toward England.—Gazette Times.

Rural school buildings should be kept up during vacation so that the grounds will be inviting when the fall term begins. During the summer while the house is not daily occupied is the proper time to make needed repairs and improvements. Paint is a great protection to buildings and school houses are no exception to the rule. Framed buildings should be painted and outhouses made sanitary and attractive. "What is everybody's business is nobody's business," is a trite but true saying particularly applicable to the repair of school buildings and grounds.—Telephone Register.

One of the things that had not dawned upon the people of Yamhill county until the recent sale of registered Jersey Cattle at the Ed Cary farm, near Lafayette, was that Yamhill county is at the foremost among the counties that breed registered stock. The awards recently won by Delmar Perkins and Mr. Cary give another indication of the excellent milk producing animals which are to be found in Yamhill county farms. At Carlton Frank Brown, is breeding Shorthorn cattle and he too produces animals that have sold at high prices. The Foothills farm is now specializing in Shorthorn cattle of milk strain. Other instances of county farmers having fine dairy cattle might be mentioned. Each year at state and interstate exhibits, Yamhill county cattle men have carried off prizes and brought home the ribbons. The McGee herd is among these. All the farmers who are raising purebred types of cattle are assisting in putting Yamhill county on the map.—News-Reporter.

The United States, department of agriculture's July estimate forecasts a wheat harvest of 1,151,000,000 bushels—829,000,000 winter wheat and 322,000,000 spring. While this is a falling off of 75,000,000 bushels from the department's June estimate the forecasted yield, if realized, will be a bumper crop. Even with this cut of 75,000,000 bushels the surplus will severely tax the carrying capacity of the available shipping. Some authorities believe that ships cannot be found in sufficient number to take our surplus wheat and rye to Europe, and beyond that problem Mr. Hoover is deeply concerned over the burden that will be put upon the damaged and broken down railroads of Europe to distribute this grain even if it can be conveyed to European harbors. Ways will probably be found, though, to overcome these limitations. Hunger is a powerful spur to ingenuity and industry, and when nations fall to with a will stupendous wreckage can be cleared away in a few months. At all events the United States is doing its part. The rest will be up to Europe.—Spokesman Review.

The day of the billionaire has arrived. John D. Rockefeller was 89 years old recently and the news was given out that he was the world's first billionaire. His wealth is estimated at \$1,200,000,000 and his annual income at \$60,000,000. Last year he paid an income tax of \$34,500,000. During his life he has given to charitable institutions, schools, churches, missions and other works over \$200,000,000. He was a broken down old man at 60 years of age. Through proper exercise, diet and careful living he is a younger man at 80 than he was at 60. He has been a much cursed, discussed, adored and praised man. He has made paupers of many and he has made millionaires of many. He has crushed competition and brought ruin to

those who opposed his corporations, and he has created industries that have given employment to numberless thousands, that built numberless happy homes and made numberless families happy and contented who otherwise have known nothing but want. Rockefeller had hard sledding when a young man. He had a good business head and he succeeded; got started making money and finally reached the point where he couldn't help making millions upon millions of dollars. We may have our own opinions about Rockefeller, but we doubt if, because of his associations with corporations of great magnitude the general public really does justice to him in its opinion of him as a real man of big heart and charitable inclinations.—Itemizer.

Menace to Farmer and Consuming Public.

The national department of agriculture states that the prices of meat to the consumer are so high that he denies meat to himself, and yet the prices to producers of live stock, lambs and beef cattle in particular, have dropped to a point to where, with rising prices of feed, they lose money. The department of war, according to General March, has \$97,500,000 worth of bacon, corned beef and roast beef on hand. The federal board of trade charges that the packers of meats are responsible for the high prices of meats to consumers and the low prices to producers. Every way round it is an anomalous situation. The public censures the government and charges the packers with profiteering.

The people are urged by the department of agriculture to realize that the war-time necessity for conservation of meats no longer exists and to purchase meat freely. The packers and the live stock interests profess that they must commence a campaign of education to bring about greater use of mutton and beef. But the department of agriculture acknowledges that "excessive retail prices prevail, not justified by the wholesale quotations." It adds that "while the live cattle and wholesale dressed beef markets have gone down 25 per cent, the price of retail beef cuts to the consumer has been at a standstill in many cities and in some has increased 20 per cent."

In such circumstances as these how can the consumer paying retail prices afford to buy more meat? It seems as if these prices must be materially reduced before the public can do what the department of agriculture urges and the packers suggest.—Spokesman Review.

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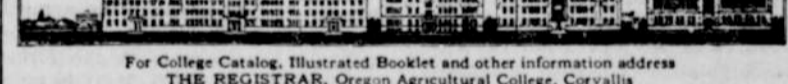


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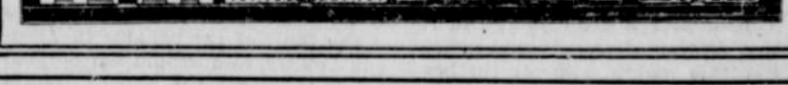
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