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## EGG CROP IS IN DANGER

The food administration tells us，and correctly，that it would be a calamity if the production of eggs is curtailed At the same time this is being done．The keeping o small flocks of poultry by city dwellers is gradually being
done away with，and while this is in a sense but a small portion of the source of egg supply，it still is an important one．It represents a much larger proportion to the total egg production than do the war gardens to the vegetable
yild．Conditions are causing this source of supply to be almost entirely eliminated．The principal reason for this in fact about the only one，is scarcity and high price of
all materials used for chicken feed．Wheat is no longer all materials used for chicken feed．Wheat is no longer
evailable，and corn at four cents a pound is practically prohibitive．Yet without grain of some kind the city flock of biddies must go，or at least be reduced to such an extent that the table waste will measure the number of hens that can be successfully kept．As waste of this kind is reduced to a minimum，and is only a fraction of what
used to be in ante－bellum days，the one－time flock of used to be in ante－bellum days，the one－time flock of
dozen or two wiil be reduced to a hen or two．These a： scarcely worth bothering with to the average person an yet，even the lone hen should be kept，since it saves th much waste，and adds that much to the food supply．
It may be possible some scheme can be evolved
It may be possible some scheme can be evolved that
will to some extent overcome this handicap．Corn is will to some extent overcome this handicap．Corn is
selling in Chicago at around $\$ 1.45$ a bushel，and of course selling in Chicago at around $\$ 1.45$ a bushel，and of course
at considerably less in the areas of production．Nebraska＇s at considerably less in the areas of production．Nebraska＇s
cern sells for a sum about as much less than the prices corn sells for a sum about as much less than the prices
quoted in Chicago as the freight from that section to the quoted in Chicago as the freight from that section to the
market．This should give a price of somewhere between market．This should give a price of somewhere between ing down of corn at coast points at a price not to exceed $\$ 1.70$ a bushel，or three cents a pound．Even at this price \＄1．70 a bushel，or three cents a pound．Even at this price
it leaves little profit to the poulterer，but it will permit the it eaves little profit to the pouiterer，but it will permit the
city dweller to maintain the small flock which adds so materially to the total production．Unless some way of reducing the price of the feed can be found it is only a question of time until the city flocks must go．Tose own ing smail flocks have resorted to all kinds of substitutes and the biddy as welr as her owner finds that her＂wa
bread＂contains a large per centage of potatoes．At the bread＂contains a large per centage of potatoes．At the
same time there apparently must be a portion of grain sadded to get results in eggs，and it is along the line of supplying this portion，that maintenance or reduction o the egg supply depends．

Mrs．Story，once president of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a nationally prominent club worker，has been arrested charged with misappropriating funds subscribed for war charity work．Coupled with this news comes the report of the federal grand jury
which states that fake war workers have multched the people of New York of at least two million dollars，an equesting that all war funds be taken under federal jurisdiction．The idea is a good one and timely；our peo ple are responding liberally to the various calls for assist ance for the soldiers in France and they are entitled to full protection．They should be assured that their money is used for the purpose for which they contributed an no other．The government has its hands pretty full it true，but we sh
subscriptions．

There is no insistent demand on the part of the people of Oregon that the state be presented with a brand new form of government，and if the pesent governor does not
ike his job under the state＇s present form he can easily sidestep it．However，if it requires a real expert to pick out a form of government for us the cost of $\$ 200$ a month cannot be considered unreasonable for the work．The governo

A socialist member of the relchstag recently declared Austria was to blame for starting the war．By slow de grees the German mind is approaching the truth．In time
it will learn the kaiser started

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## WESTERN FRONT SITUATION

Only on one sector of the long wéstern front are the lied forces exposed to the surprise attack threatened Hindenburg－the Rheims－Ver lun front．To guaran－ ee this portion of the line against such attack，General Foch，as the war experts tell us，weuld have to move his reserves into that sector．But if this were done the de－ nse of Paris and the channel ports would be weakened．
Von Hindenburg might then try again for the Von Hindenburg might then try again for the channel or Paris with General Foch＇s reserves far away on the east－ rn side of the Marne salient．It is not probable that General Foch will risk being caught in such a trap．For hait for Von Hindenburg．The American sector theting he Lorraine front is nearby．Von Hindenburg may rea on that General Foch would have Hindenburg may rea－ Americans to defend the Rheims－Verdun front upon the erfering with the allies plan to reserve General Persh ng＇s army as far as possible for its forthcoming major ensive．
But，Ge
But，General Foch has demonstrated that he is capable xtend his front east of Rheims in exchange for a further well give his approval to the plan．Genal Foch may Rheims would still further exhaust Von＇Hindenbr rg＇ reserves without in any way bringing Paris or the channe ports nearer German possession．
The Oregonian is worried because the democrats aaintain their party organization and are preparing to ight for the republicans to turn their attention to the citical game and the getting of a majority in both houses gon the State administration is doing nothing but playing politics．There is not an appointment made in any de partment of the state from the lowest up，but that the rst requirement is that the appointee to be a republican he state police，or whatever it may be called，is officered rom the top down by republicans，the employes at the tate institutions are the same；in fact every branch of he state government is filled with republicans．We are net finding fault with this，but we do object to republican newspapers and those who are conducting the state＇s usiness on strictly political lines，finding fault with the emocrts for taking any interest in polites．As a matter of fact there are thousands of republicans given appoint－ ment，and filling high places under the democratic ad－
ministration．If the Oregonian will give a list of the emocrats holding positions in this state under the ad inistration of Governor Withycombe it will confer avor on the people of the state by doing so
It is announced that Italy will celebrate the Fourth July this year as a recognition of the United States enter－ ng the war，and as an expression of appreciation of her abitants．This being the case，why should not the United States，reciprocate and as an evidence of appreciation of
taly＇s great work in defeating the Huns and crippling the power of Prussia hoist the Italian flag under old glory on every flag pole？No higher compliment could be paid
he Italians than this，and they are surely entitled to some he Italians than this，and they are surely entitled to son
xpression of America＇s thanks for splendid work．
It is 299 years since the first families of Virginia ved in that state．A shipload of women reached
inia in 1619 and these were sold to the Virginians f wives，the price being so many pounds of tobacco．It is
laimed by the ribald unbelievers in American aristocracy hat the difference between the first and subsequent fam ies of Virginia was that the first shipload brought the lies of Virginia was that the first shipload brought the
highest price，that is the largest quantity of tobacco．

## Rippling Rhymes

## by Walt Mason

 IN THE FIELD While others bear the sword and shield， where mighty armies meet，I＇m busy in the harvest field，and shocking sheaveswheat．I＇m shedding sweat instead blood，it flows in endless tide，and as I wipe I know I have my bosom swells with pride． I know I have not lived in vain，whatever you may say，since I can help to save the grain，and earn three bones a day．The sun beats down upon my back，it＇s hot，and hot－ ter yet，and all along my labored track，the
ground is damp with sweat．The work is hard，I must admit，these burning days of now and then I swoon．But when this I have a fit，and now and then I swoon．But when this weary war is done， and you size up the gents who did their best to make the gladly meet，although I＇ve splashed no gore；I shocked ten giadiy meet，although I ve splashed no gore；I shocked ten
million sheaves of wheat，and then ten millions more．He slso serves，you doubtless know，who does the work at hand；who，barred from shooting up the foe，goes forth to till the land．I feel I am the one best bet，the guy that＇s though there＇d been a rain．


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