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**COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER**



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag,  
 and to the Republic for which it  
 stands, one Nation indivisible, with  
 Liberty and Justice for All."

**LEST WE FORGET**

The minutes of the proceedings of  
 the city council at its meeting  
 Monday, February 19, state: "A com-  
 munication was received from the St.  
 Helens Shipbuilding Company ask-  
 ing that better landing facilities be  
 provided for the boats which daily  
 carry more than 200 men to work  
 at the yards. Councilman Ballagh  
 suggested that a permanent dock be  
 built at the foot of St. Helens street,  
 and a committee was appointed to  
 meet Wednesday morning and in-  
 vestigate the matter."

The records show that the com-  
 mittee met and it was the opinion  
 that the dock should be built. The  
 dock has never been built, though the  
 city now has a clear title to the wa-  
 ter front and abutting property. The  
 number of men employed at the ship-  
 yard is now double what it was in  
 February, 1917, and since the Colum-  
 bia City yards started, several  
 hundred more men are employed. If  
 the dock was necessary a year ago  
 it is the more necessary now, and it  
 should be built. In this matter, pro-  
 crastination will not pay.

**OVER 800 NAVAL VESSELS  
 BUILDING.**

The United States is now carrying  
 out the greatest naval building pro-  
 gram ever undertaken by any nation.  
 More than 800 vessels are under con-  
 struction, from dreadnaught and bat-  
 tle cruisers of a size never before  
 contemplated, to submarine chasers  
 designed, built and sent abroad im-  
 mediately after the declaration of  
 war. In some case a year has been  
 saved in the construction of destroy-  
 ers.

Vessels not expected for delivery  
 until late in 1918 are today in actual  
 service in European waters. Billions  
 of dollars are involved in the con-  
 tracts, yet the report says only that  
 all building facilities are being used  
 and exceptional measures to accel-  
 erate construction of certain types  
 have been taken.

Recent reports to the railroads' war  
 board from all the railroads in  
 the country show that on December  
 1 this year the excess of unfilled car  
 orders amounted to 117,152 cars, a  
 decrease of 22,880 compared to the  
 figures for November this year and  
 an increase of only 10,000 cars com-  
 pared with December 1 a year ago,  
 although the railroads are handling  
 currently at least 20 per cent more  
 passenger and freight business than  
 a year ago.

**OREGON'S FUR INDUS-  
 TRY YIELDS \$100,000**

Oregon's fur bearing animals yield  
 a net return of \$100,000 a year to  
 residents of the state, say students in  
 the school of commerce. Seventeen  
 hundred trappers devote either all  
 or part of their time to catching fur-  
 bearing animals for market.

Oregon's best furs come from the

martens, otter, beaver and mink, al-  
 though the beaver is protected by  
 law. Large quantities of coarser furs  
 are produced from the muskrat,  
 skunk and raccoon. The state pro-  
 duces nearly 2,500 mink skins a year.  
 Harney county alone yielded 10,250  
 muskrat skins last year.

**WEEKLY WAR  
 NEWS DIGEST**

**Refuse Officers' Courses When a  
 Chance for Immediate Service  
 Might Be Lost**

Soldiers at the cantonments would  
 rather see service at once on the bat-  
 tle lines as privates than go later as  
 officers. In many instances enlisted  
 men eligible for admission to officers'  
 training schools have refused to ap-  
 ply because they feared the work  
 would lessen their chances of immedi-  
 ate active service in Europe.

In one division, with 380 men to  
 be selected for training schools, only  
 40 would apply. The rumor was  
 abroad in camp that the division  
 would sail before the work at the  
 school was completed, and not until  
 the men were assured that the  
 schools would move with the divi-  
 sions were the quotas filled.

**Only 2 Per Cent of Men Called Seek  
 Nonhazardous Positions**

When men called under the select-  
 ive service law reach the canton-  
 ments they are given, so far as prac-  
 ticable, their choice of army service.  
 Infantry is most often preferred, ar-  
 tillery second, engineer divisions are  
 third in popularity, and quartermas-  
 ter's work fourth.

Investigations so far made by the  
 committee on classifications of per-  
 sonnel in the army, which has the  
 matter in charge, prove that only 2  
 per cent of the men attempt to se-  
 cure nonhazardous positions.

**Base Hospitals for Work in France  
 Take Full Equipment**

A base hospital, several of which  
 are already in operation overseas,  
 consists of the people and material  
 necessary to establish and operate a  
 hospital without asking assistance  
 except the provision of shelter. This  
 usually means a deserted hotel, an  
 empty village, a group of huts or a  
 number of large and small tents.

The personnel of one hospital  
 which is fully organized and waiting  
 to be sent to France, includes 24 phy-  
 sicians and surgeons, nearly all of  
 whom are now on active duty at can-  
 tonments or hospitals in preparation  
 for their future work. The nurses  
 number 65, all having passed rigid  
 examinations. There are six women  
 stenographers and bookkeepers. Of  
 the 153 enlisted men, 65 are orderlies  
 or male nurses, and the remaining 88  
 are clerks, bookkeepers, mechanics,  
 and skilled laborers. The base hos-  
 pital is a little world in itself and  
 must have cooks, butchers, bakers,  
 carpenters, engineers, etc.

The equipment for this one unit  
 cost \$140,000.

**2,000 Inspectors Work to Protect  
 Meat for Soldiers and Sailors**

All meats and meat products for  
 the army and navy are obtained only  
 from inspected establishments and  
 bear the government stamp "Inspected  
 and passed." This stamp means  
 that every step in the process of pre-  
 paring the meat has been under the  
 constant supervision of trained in-  
 spectors. At the camps all products  
 are reinspected and laboratory anal-  
 ysis made to show that the foods  
 have not been made injurious by  
 tampering. Throughout the country  
 there are 2,600 inspectors engaged in  
 this work.

**Feed Business Now Under Control of  
 Food Administration**

Forms of regulations necessary to  
 govern the proper marketing and  
 handling of animal and poultry feed  
 are now being prepared by the food  
 administration.

As in the case of industries deal-  
 ing in staple foods for human con-  
 sumption federal supervision of feeds  
 will take the form of a licensing sys-

tem. Information contained in re-  
 ports enable the food administration  
 to detect hoarding, excessive profits,  
 and to know the exact amount and  
 location of feeds in the country.

**Letters and Parcels for Lonesome  
 Soldiers Come in Hundreds**

The postoffice department is tell-  
 ing of a man at a cantonment re-  
 garding whom that story was cir-  
 culated that he was lonesome and  
 had never received a letter since ar-  
 rival in camp. Then came the del-  
 uge. In one mail he received 1,200  
 letters, 19 special delivery letters  
 and parcels, and 54 ordinary parcels.  
 Investigation showed he could neither  
 read nor write. He was found sur-  
 rounded by several other soldiers  
 who were helping him with his mail.

The number of men now being  
 served by American Red Cross can-  
 teens in France is more than 15,000  
 a day.

**\$500 REWARD OFFERED**

A reward of \$500 has been offered  
 by the Seattle Daily Star to anyone  
 who can prove any of the vicious  
 stories now being circulated to ham-  
 per the work of the Red Cross. Fol-  
 lowing is their announcement:

"The Star offers \$500 to nail Red  
 Cross lies circulated by pro-German  
 traitors—and in some cases by just  
 plain fools.

"You've heard the lie about the  
 logger, who was supposed to have  
 written an old lady telling her he had  
 bought the socks she made for sol-  
 diers.

"You've heard the lie about the  
 Red Cross speakers who were sup-  
 posed to be getting rich from Red  
 Cross receipts.

"You've heard the lie which tried  
 to brand every worker in the Red  
 Cross as a wa rgrafter.

"You've heard the lie that the wo-  
 men in the booths, taking member-  
 ships, got a commission.

"All these stories are lies—lies,  
 originated by traitors.

"But they are carried sometimes  
 by fools.

"Every article made by the Red  
 Cross goes to the purpose for which  
 it was intended.

"Every dollar you give to the Red  
 Cross goes into the great humanitar-  
 ian task that faces the organization.

"Stories of graft and dishonesty  
 in connection with the Red Cross are  
 lies.

"And the Star knows they are lies.

"That is why the Star today offers  
 \$500 to anyone who can prove a sin-  
 gle case of graft or dishonesty in the  
 Red Cross.

"Dozens of these stories have been  
 traced down by Red Cross officials  
 themselves.

"Every single story has proven  
 false!

"Yet there are traitors and fools  
 who carry on the Red Cross lies.

"The next time anyone tries to  
 peddle a Red Cross lie to you, just  
 tell that person to prove it to the  
 Star and get \$500."

**HOGS INCREASE FAST**

The hog requires less labor, less  
 equipment, and less capital than any  
 other farm animal.

It makes greater gains per hun-  
 dred pounds of concentrates than any  
 other meat animal.

It reproduces itself at a more  
 rapid rate than other animals, and  
 returns the money invested rapidly.

As a consumer of waste and by-  
 products the hog has no rival.

By following steers hogs may pick  
 up the major part of the feed needed  
 and increase the profit per steer \$6  
 to \$9.

The hog can be raised profitably  
 in practically all localities and on al-  
 most any type of soil.

**RULES FOR SAVING EGGS**

Poultry raisers are urged to fol-  
 low these simple rules, which cost  
 nothing but time and thought and  
 add dollars to the poultry yard re-  
 turns.

1. Keep the nests clean; provide  
 one nest for every four hens.
2. Gather the eggs twice daily.
3. Keep the eggs in a cool, dry  
 room or cellar.
4. Market the eggs at least twice  
 a week.
5. Sell, kill or confine all male  
 birds as soon as the hatching season  
 is over.

**It Was There That Morning.**

Knowledge of the rifle and all of  
 its parts is an important part of the  
 training given to United States mar-  
 ines at their League Island camp.  
 At first this proves puzzling to the  
 raw recruit. During the morning in-  
 spection, recently, one of the future  
 sea-soldiers handled his rifle poorly,  
 and was taken to task by the officer.  
 "Are you acquainted with the  
 parts of your rifle?" he asked.  
 "Yes, sir," the recruit answered.  
 "Well, where is the balance lo-  
 cated?"  
 "I don't know, sir," said the mar-  
 ine, glancing nervously at his rifle.  
 "It was all here this morning."

**459 COW-TESTING  
 ASSOCIATIONS**

That co-operative cow-testing asso-  
 ciations are successful in this coun-  
 try is shown by the fact that since  
 1906, when the first association was  
 organized in Michigan, the number  
 has increased steadily to 459 asso-  
 ciations in 40 states. On July 1,  
 1917, there were 11,720 herds, with  
 a total of 311,966 cows being tested  
 regularly in these associations. The  
 total number of milch cows in the  
 United States at that time was 23-  
 372,200, of which 31 per cent were  
 numbered in these organizations.

The first cow-testing association  
 was organized in Newaygo county,  
 Mich., January, 1906, is still in ex-  
 istence, and now has 30 herds with  
 a total of 304 cows. The following  
 year three new associations were or-  
 ganized in that state. In 1908 three  
 were organized in Maine and one in  
 New York.

Wisconsin now leads in the num-  
 ber of associations, 81 being in oper-  
 ation in that state. Other leading  
 states are Vermont, with 47, New  
 York with 43, Iowa and Ohio with  
 30 each, Minnesota with 26, and  
 Pennsylvania with 24. During the  
 year ended June 30, 1917, 95 new  
 organizations were established.

**Stomach Trouble and Constipation.**

Those who are afflicted with stom-  
 ach trouble and constipation should  
 read the following: "I have never  
 found anything so good for stomach  
 trouble and constipation as Chamber-  
 lain's Tablets. I have used them off  
 and on now for the past two years.  
 They not only regulate the action of  
 the bowels but stimulate the liver  
 and keep one's body in a healthy  
 condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin  
 Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

**CANCER  
 IS CURED**

Capt. P. F. Clark, prominent  
 resident of Polk county, whose  
 address is Route 1, Salem, Ore.,  
 tells personal experience.

To Anyone Suffering With  
 Cancer:

I was afflicted with cancer of  
 the lower lip for one and one-  
 half years, to my great discom-  
 fort and worry. I applied to  
 Dr. S. C. Stone here in Salem  
 for relief.

He applied a paste for four  
 days, then a simple ointment,  
 and in a few days the cancer  
 fell out. My lip healed up per-  
 fectly. I have no sign of cancer  
 any more. I know I am forever  
 free from the trouble.

Capt. P. F. Clark,  
 Route 1, Salem, Ore.  
 Dec. 8, 1917.

The above is but one of sev-  
 eral cases of cancer I have  
 cured in Salem recently.

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 preciate the business given us. During the coming year  
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 tinued patronage. We wish you

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 New Year**

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 my many friends for their liberal patronage  
 during the past year, and hope I have been  
 able to merit your confidence so that I may  
 continue to serve you in the future. Our  
 motto in the future, as in the past, will be

"QUALITY AND SATISFACTION."

If you have not received one of my calen-  
 dars for 1918 come in and get one.

**E. A. ROSS**  
 Bank Building, St. Helens, Ore.