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The total distance covered by oil-burning engines in 1917 was 146,997,144 miles, and the average distance covered per barrel of fuel consumed was 3.2 miles. Oil-burning locomotives were operated in 1917 over 32,431 miles of track in 21 states.

THE DIVINE RIGHT OF THE POLITICIAN

SOME anti administration newspapers are already acting on the theory that the airplane program is a failure, that it is permeated with graft, etc., etc. They are stupid and by their course do not help in winning the war. It should be remembered that these same identical critics were saying the same thing about the navy a year ago. Later they were roasting the war department, particularly Secretary Baker, with equal vehemence. Yet facts have shown that the critics were wrong. The navy is efficient and its efficiency has been Daniels' vindication. The silly attacks upon Daniels were unfair and did not help the country. The attacks upon Baker have fallen down. The war department is making good and always has been making good. The chief trouble has been with the slanderers, not with the department.

It would be well to suspend judgment on the airplane division until the full facts in the case become apparent. Most of those who are raising their voices to the skies in criticism know no more about the subject than does Adam's off ox. Such critics do not strengthen the country's morale but that of course is not of importance to them when an election is just ahead. The outs must exercise their divine right to censure those who are in.

Borglum is a sorry figure for the airplane critics to line up with.

Bottling up a harbor with a ship is an American trick; Hobson started it.

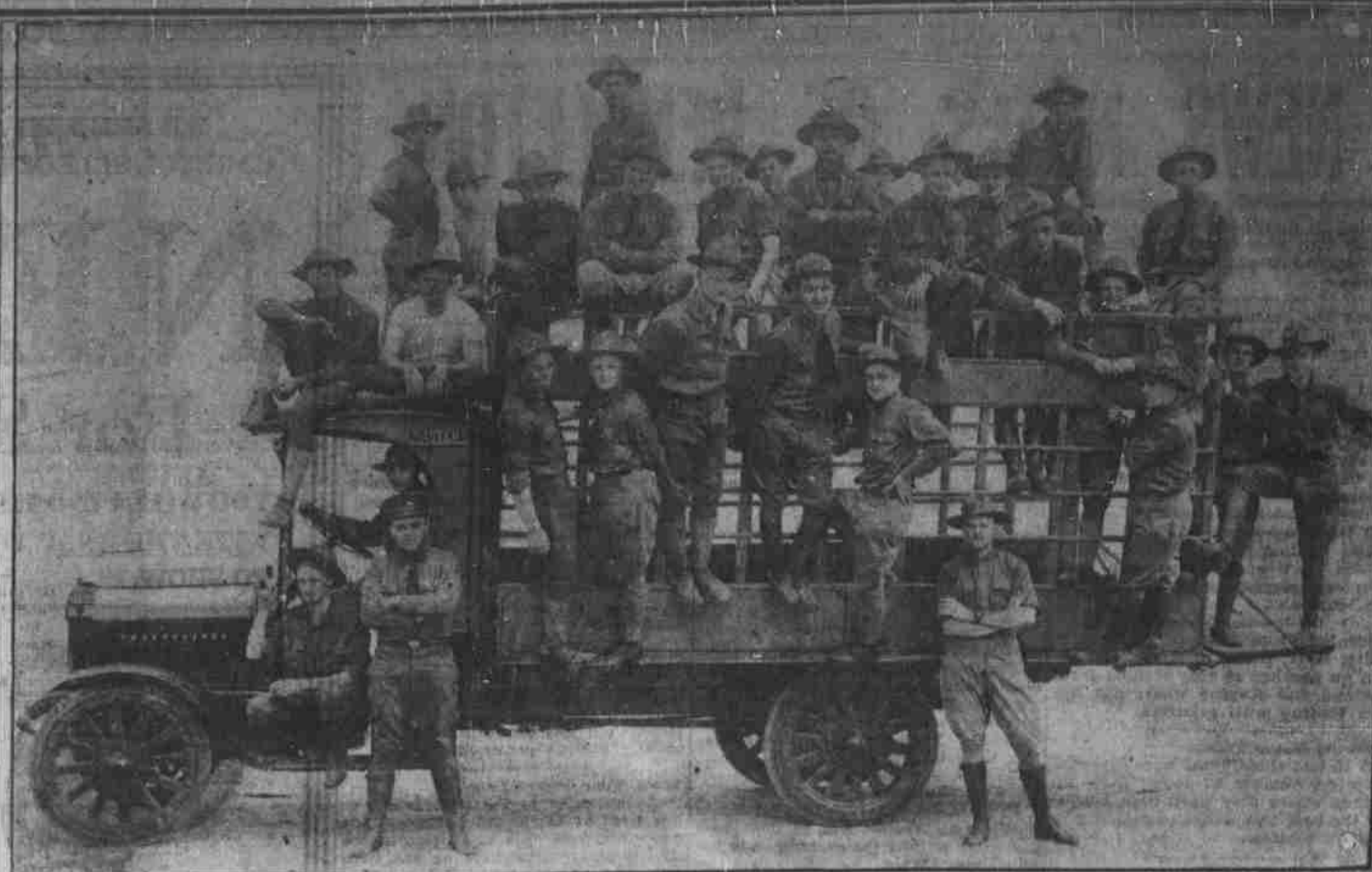
The war will make internationalists of us all, but not the I. W. W. sort of internationalists.

Some very smart people have little sense.

Lloyd George is some snake driver himself.

40 Years Ago Today

(From the East Oregonian for May 11, 1875.)
 Our old friend J. C. Franklin, of Butter Creek, inventor of the patent mail bag-fastener, has added another very ingenious invention to his list. It is no less than an auger that bores a square hole by rotary motion. Mr. Franklin has, by this invention, perpetuated his name and placed it on the



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That's why it is that neither the Kaiser nor the German people see anything laughable in the statement that God's hand has visibly prevailed, though mutilated and outraged women weep in Belgium and France, and harmless homes of England mourn mothers and children dead from aerial bombs. Poor, thick-headed, stupid, humorless Germany.

IT WOULD BE A LOGICAL STEP

THE idea of a union depot for Pendleton is perfectly logical from every standpoint. It will not only mean economy of operation but it will mean improved service for the public. Baggage transferring can be avoided, freight may be transferred from one road to the other in a manner that is now impossible and other conveniences will result.

The Northern Pacific has its passenger depot in the East Oregonian building. Therefore should the depots be combined this publishing company will lose a tenant. However, private interests should not conflict with a move for the public benefit and the rule applies in this case as well as in any other.

HEAVY USE OF OIL BY RAILROADS

THE immense increase in railroad traffic due to the active participation of the United States in the war increased correspondingly the quantity of petroleum and of petroleum distillates consumed as locomotive fuel in 1917, despite their mounting cost and growing scarcity.

Statistics compiled under the supervision of J. D. Northrop, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, from reports submitted by all railroad companies that operated oil-burning locomotives in the United States show that the quantity of fuel oil consumed by them in 1917 was 45,707,082 barrels, a gain of 3,580,665 barrels, or 8.5 per cent over 1916 and a larger consumption than in any other year.

MOTHER

Out in life's garden, where sympathy grew,
 God planted a soul—'twas the soul of you.
 Life's wonderful garden, love, seeking, went through,
 Till he found a heart—'twas the heart of you.
 I have sought through life's garden of roses and rue
 And I find one sweet blossom, all jeweled with dew.
 Love, sympathy, faith—all unchanging and true—
 Are the heart of my flower, dear Mother, 'tis you.

A HUMORLESS PEOPLE

(By Kenneth L. Roberts.)
 "God's hand has visibly prevailed."—The Kaiser.

THIS is a horrible example of what can happen to a nation or to an individual that has been deprived of all humor.

The Kaiser is a thick, conceited egomaniac who would froth at the mouth and fall in a fit if anyone dared to laugh at him. A thick, conceited person is without a sense of humor. If he had one, he would realize the absurdity of his own thickness and conceit.

Similarly, the German people are thick and conceited. They have stuffed themselves with rich foods and self-adulation for so many years that they are slow-witted—fat-headed. They are furious when they are laughed at. They never laugh at themselves. Whatever they say is sound; whatever they do is right. So far as they are able to discover, there is nothing about themselves to provoke mirth.

roll of the greatest inventors of the age.

Mr. Lang raised his brewery building this week, across the bridge and in a short time it will be in running order.

Mr. Giesler took a spin last Sunday to Pilot Rock, accompanied by his wife. Just before arriving at their destination, Billy dropped the lines and the team concluded to spin in earnest, and away they went at 240 speed. Mr. Giesler was thrown from the wagon, but Mrs. Giesler clung to the ship and escaped unhurt.

George W. Webb, our enterprising linemith, is having a "condition" added to his tinshop. Fraker is the carpenter.

The foundation for the addition to the Pendleton Flouring Mills is fast nearing its end. This will, when completed, be one of the largest in the state.

128 AMERICAN TROOPS RETURN FROM FRANCE

AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 11.—One hundred and twenty-eight American officers and men of the American expeditionary forces in France, wounded in action or ill, have arrived here en route to their homes. All are in fine spirits and say they enjoy the American way of living over for a crack at the Germans.

Every time an American boy goes down the war spirit of American goes up.

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