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AMERICAN SHIPS

Europe and Asia are in confusion and it looks quite probable that before the innumerable causes for this disturbance are removed several of the leading maritime nations will be at war with each other. Should this occur the inhabitants of Union county will be more than curious spectators. We will be then concerned as to how we are going to get our exports to market over the oceans. Pacific and Atlantic that separates us from the consumers of our wheat, flour, wool, fruits, lumber and other things we send to Europe and Asia.

We as a nation have a very large foreign trade, but have to very largely depend on foreign owned vessels to carry our imports and exports. In 1903 the American owned vessels that entered the American ports had an aggregate tonnage capacity of 3,881,036 tons. For the same year the foreign owned ships that entered our sea ports had an aggregate tonnage capacity of 20,816,666 showing that only about one fifth of our foreign trade was carried in American ships. Of the 43 ocean going steam ships that left Portland with cargoes for Asia but one was under our flag, the others were the English and German flag in about equal proportion should war break out with England and Germany all ships sailing the ocean under their respective flags will be subject to the hazard of being captured and as a result insurance on cargoes will be at war rates, or about double what it is now. This will make it much more expensive to take our products to market, if we do succeed in running the gauntlet of the privateer from each nation and get a cargo safe in the port of destination.

The prosperity of the farmers in this valley will be materially curtailed by a war in Europe between any of the leading nations there. If we had enough ships of our own to carry on our foreign trade with we could feel independent of the quarrels of European states, but as it is the humiliating fact is that we are not independent nation until we have enough ocean going ships to handle our foreign trade.

Congress is now considering ways and means to restore the American marine by encouraging ship building in the United States by what is generally called the ship subsidy bill.

"KILL THE HOG"

Every time a citizen does an unselfish act in behalf of the community in which he lives, he "kills the hog" of human greed and proves himself a loyal member of the populace. The only evil that outspoken public spirit has to contend with, is the inherent selfishness and jealousy of the man who can see no virtue in an improvement that does not materially and directly benefit him and his property. This is the death-blow of many a fine deal whereby the general public might have taken on fixed and gratifying advancement, and it is the one thing always to be forefront of concerted effort to push a community ahead.

Several weeks ago not a few politicians in the state, were in hopes that the legislature might not consider the voice of the people, but would elect if at all in the good old Oregon fashion, provided some old money bags could be found who would swing a sufficient purse to make

the game interesting. But the people are beginning to speak out and demand that they be permitted to name Senator Gearin's successor.

If La Grande could only be thoroughly consecrated to the Hood River spirit. We do need a revival along this line. If every citizen in La Grande and Grande Ronde valley was as enthusiastic and as loyal to this country as the Hood River citizens this valley would increase in population by at least 5000 during this very year. Hood River is everlasting at it in season and out of season. They are regular perennials. We admire their spirit. It is the spirit that builds homes and industries. If Hood River with their spirit had such a country to back it as Grande Ronde valley there is no telling what they might do. We take our hats off to Hood River and admire their pluck and activity and trust that our citizens will soon take the same disease.

At the Eugene city election held Tuesday, 1000 votes were cast. The issue was whether or not to vote bonds for the municipal ownership of water and electric light plants. The water bonds carried by 8 majority and the light bonds were defeated by 51 votes.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given, to whom it may concern, that I will not pay any bills or debts hereafter contracted by my wife Ida S. Alden, as she has abandoned me without cause and sued for divorce. Dated, Dec. 28th, 1905.

J. F. ALDEN

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