

# THE OBSERVER

BRUCE DENNIS, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at La Grande, Oregon, as second class matter.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Daily, single copy ..... 5c  
 Daily, per week ..... 15c  
 Daily, per month ..... 65c  
 Daily, per six months in advance \$3.50  
 Daily, per year in advance ..... \$7.00  
 Daily, by mail per year, in advance ..... \$4.00  
 Weekly Observer-Star, per year in advance ..... \$1.50

Advertising rates on application. All copy for display advertising must reach the office the day before the ad appears.

Address all communications to THE OBSERVER, 1710 Sixth Street.

### FEMININE GENIUS

A novel is being written to further the cause of equal suffrage by half a dozen or more writers, including several men.

Gertrude Atherton says that she is the only author in this country whose style is not tainted by the influence of cheap magazines.

Molly Elliott Seawell says that "women are entirely lacking in the creative faculty and if everything done by woman in art and literature were destroyed, the world would not lose a single masterpiece."

It is the hopeful prediction of Mary Ridpath-Mann that woman possesses the creative faculty in full measure and that, while she is now passing through a reformative process, her renaissance is certain to come. A few hundred years may elapse, but eventually women will take her place as man's peer on the highest planes of endeavor.

It has been said that every great man who was an artist was gifted to some extent with feminine characteristics; without being effeminate it was necessary for him to have a portion of sensitiveness and sympathy not vouchsafed to the average male. It has also been remarked that many talented women were temperamentally masculine.

Perhaps out of the welter of unrest and strife, of searching and experimentation, will emerge the discovery that there is a peculiar and distinctive field for men and women respectively; that while men can create, women are needed to inspire; that while men can invent, without women inventions would be sterile devices, that genius, if more frequently bestowed upon men, is because women are in demand for maintaining life's equilibrium.

### WAR INFLUENCE ON MEDICINE.

It is doubtful if any business of standing has been as completely revolutionized in recent years as has the drug business. People still consume drugs, but in most cases they are either entirely new drugs or new extracts from old drugs. Just how much of this consumption is beneficial and how much is detrimental nobody knows. The ablest statisticians who

take a look at this problem back away from it, for they discover that the indispensable drugs and specifics of each generation become the laughing stock of the succeeding generation and that people get sick, take drugs and either get well or die in each generation as they have always done since the dawn of time.

Another revolutionary process has been brought about by the war. Interrupted trade with Germany has put an awful crimp in the drug business because Germany, taking note of the human practice of taking drugs in season and out of season, for self-improvement and self-demoralization, plunged on drug production. They changed the styles in medicine as often as modistes change the styles in feminine apparel. The range of specifics extends from headache cures to tablets for the relief of the pain from in-growing toe-nails. Between these extremities the German chemists managed to pick up a big trade in coal tar products and other complex synthetic compounds having names of 47 syllables and weird and wonderfully orthography.

When the war cut off the supply of aspirin, for example, the very bottom appeared to have been cut from beneath the medical profession. Aspirin is the modern sine qua non in medicine, although the family doctor never spells it that way in his prescriptions. The prescription agent up to corner druggist discovered his dispensing aspirin jar to be empty. He appealed to the wholesaler and the wholesaler gave the old answer "just out." He appealed in turn to the jobbers and manufacturers.

There is an old saying to the effect that "Love will find a way." Usually he does, but he has nothing on the drug producers. When it devolves upon the drug producer to furnish something which he has not got and furnish it in large quantities, he rises nobly to the emergency and fills the bill with "something just as good"—if one has faith to believe. The things that are being sold as aspirin—phenolphthalein, para-asethene tidine and other drugs, which are more formidable in name and no worse in taste—would hardly pass inspection by an analytical chemist, but what is to be done? Millions yearn for them and think they would die without them, so it becomes an act of humanity to deceive. The old country doctor who found a patient suffering from those old-fashioned ailments known as the "hypos" or the "vapors" or the "Megrims" which existed principally in the patient's imaginations, used to invent placebos in the form of bread pills and thus effect wonderful cures.

A large shipment labeled "Asperin" has been held up at Archangel, Russia, because the Russian chemists have discovered that it consists principally of sugar of milk and no aspirin at all. Sugar of milk is a perfectly harmless medicant. If a patient takes it in prescribed doses under the impression that it is aspirin, and experiences relief from his pain or believes his rheumatic and other toxins have been thereby eliminated, he is quite as well off as if he had taken the approved specific. The

longer the war continues, the more we shall discover the dispensability of our indispensable medicines. If it should continue long enough we might all revert to the common garden simples like catnip tea, sassafras, comfrey root, elecampane and other home remedies of our grandmother's time.

In the midst of all this prosperity a big chair making concern in Wisconsin has failed. Are people so much on the go, and so busy they haven't time to sit down any more?

The discovery of a circus menagerie boss that perfume subdues lions and makes them content will not surprise women, who found long ago that it has the same effect on a man.

The mother of John Jacob Astor, aged four, complains to the court that \$76.00 a day is not enough for the boy to live on. Can it be possible that one as young buys gasoline?

Well, we bought a new lid. The clerk says the effect couldn't be improved upon. Rather unusual, you know, for a clerk to commit himself like that.

William H. Taft says providence watches over the United States, and providence during the last year or two has been kept busy.

Pennsylvania has had its last legal execution by hanging. Civilization is gaining a foothold in spots.

Observation compels the opinion that one of the best talking points out our way is the back yard fence.

The fellow who is prepared for trouble has it half beaten before it comes.

## SACKS BANNED

Spokane, Wash., May 10.—Three hundred Inland Empire farmers who met in Spokane last Saturday decided almost unanimously in favor of discarding sacks for the bulk handling of grain.

Farmers and warehousemen who have been awaiting the decision of this convention will be making changes in their farm storage facilities and warehouses in the next 60 days.

The essence of the meeting was the reaching of the conclusion that bulk handling effects a net saving of 2 1-4 cents per bushel. The total cost per bushel of handling wheat in sacks was found to be 26 3-4 cents, in bulk 21 1-2 cents per bushel. Subtracting three cents for return of sacks the net saving is found to be 2 1-4 cents.

An executive committee representing the various counties that sent delegates to the meeting made the following report:

"We believe that a successful system of handling grain in bulk depends upon the individual farmer providing his own storage on the farm; either by bins, granaries or farm elevators, where grain may be held until sold. It has been fully demonstrated that the present flat warehouses can be successfully adapted, at comparatively small expense, to handling grain in bulk. Full assurance has been given by the railway officials and terminal warehouses that they will meet farmers and interior warehousemen in arranging for the full handling of grain in bulk.

"In answer to the argument that grain must be sacked for exporting from the Pacific Coast, authentic reports show that less than 25 per cent of the grain from the Northwest is exported annually, and the Panama canal has removed the necessity of sacking the greater part of the small percentage of the crop that is exported. The grain prices in the world's market are quoted on a bulk basis, therefore there will be no difference in the price of bulk grain or sacked grain when the bulk system prevails throughout this territory.

"Since it is practically the unanimous opinion of the 300 grain growers at this convention that a change should be made in the Inland Empire from sacked grain to bulk grain, we urge the necessity of immediate action by the individual farmer and the interior warehouse companies, to provide the necessary equipment to handle the 1916 crop in bulk. United action on the part of the farmers is essential to the success of bulk handling of grain."

The report was signed by Almer McCurtain, Davenport, chairman; Harold Hooker, Spokane, secretary and by the following county representatives: Whitman county, M. E. Stansell, La Crosse and A. C. Whisler, Garfield; Spokane county, J. P. Hill, Rockford, and Joe Hueter, Cheney; Franklin county, John Howton, Kahlotus and John Steele, Kahlotus; Grant county, G. J. Egbert, Krupp, and Louis Delivuk, Quincy; Lincoln county, Almer McCurtain, Davenport, and Edgar Williams, Mahler; Adams county, J. M. Griffith, Marcellus, J. M. Robbie, Lind; Douglas county, G. A. Lanphere, Withrow, and J. M. Friel, Waterville; Walla Walla county, W. S. Clark, Walla Walla and E. M. McCaw, Prescott, Idaho; D. S. Wallace, Lewiston; J. E. Grow, Gifford; Chas. H. Moag, Worley, Riley Rice, Cottonwood and H. T. Lewis, Moscow.

### THE SPICE OF LIFE.

Mrs. Henry Ford—'d rather give up my own life than send my son in to battle to seek the life of another mother's boy.

The new rules, while elaborate and technical, make for brevity, simplifi-

## Before Any Man Opens His Pocket-book to Buy Clothes---

Let him first see what this old reliable clothing store has to show him in fine, all-wool, beautifully fashioned and skillfully tailored suits.

at \$15.00 to \$27.50

In a choice of models that cannot disappoint any man, young, old or middle aged. English or conservative styles—all sizes for stout, short, tall or regular built men.

# N. N. West & Co.

THE QUALITY STORE



tion, speed and efficiency.—Thos. Ewing, Commissioner of Patents.

Fricky Hancock took his bass fiddle to the Gander Creek bottoms yesterday and played several selections under hickory trees but had little success, as the hickory nuts are nearly all gone.—George Brigham.

Were it not for the discovery of processes whereby it is now possible, with the aid of electric energy, to ob-

tain supplies of fixed nitrogen from the atmosphere, the perpetuation of the human race would be endangered.

—Henry J. Pierce.

I wrote my "The Terrible Meek" by direct inspiration from Heaven.—Charles Rann Kennedy.

All hostile assaults will break to pieces upon the power of a clean conscience.—Emperor William.

The Infanta Eulalia—King Haakon

is the only ruler in Europe at present who is secure in the affections of his people.

Woodrow Wilson—I don't know anything about what is going to happen after the war is over and neither do you.

Premier Okuma—There will be no more free space left on the earth after about 300 years for human beings to settle.

## SOME TIME AGO, We Told You--

All about Coffee milled in our New Blower. Buy your Coffee processed in these machines wherever you get your coffee—its th right way. We take pride in telling you about Good Flour. Snow White is a High Patent \$1.40. None better. Take 4 bags and get a 20c rebate. Think of this we will save you, if you come our way.

The rent on our store fell due today and naturally it put vim in us for more business.

We still have Apples cornered—look us up. Bring us Eggs and Cord Wood; can use some Parsnips. We are trying to make home markets for these goods. 200 sacks more Spuds dumped on us yesterday. Make a rush on us for these—we know where to get more. Yours for a Store that's all Store.

## Mammoth Grocery

W. S. Allinson, Proprietor.

THE BIG, CLEAN MIDDLE STORE, MIDDLE BLOCK

THE BLIND CAN FIND US

## DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER WITHOUT EM

I'VE JUST BEEN READING THE REVISED EDITION OF ROBINSON CRUSOE.

IT SAYS THE REASON CRUSOE DIDN'T WANT TO STAY SHIPWRECKED ON THE ISLAND WAS BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ONLY PLACE WHERE HE COULDN'T GET A



The Careful Man knows that if he Banks his money he will have a Happy Old Age



Why don't you Start a Bank Account?

Bank Account

YOU SEE THIS PICTURE?

THIS IS NO FANCY, IT'S A FACT. YOU CAN'T GROW A TREE WITHOUT A ROOT; YOU CAN'T BUILD A HOUSE WITHOUT A FOUNDATION; YOU CAN'T BUILD A FORTUNE WITHOUT PUTTING MONEY INTO THE BANK TO GROW.

AND IT IS MIGHTY COMFORTABLE TO HAVE A FORTUNE WHEN YOU ARE OLD.

START ONE NOW.

BRNK SOME OF YOUR EARNINGS.

BANK WITH US.

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST

### La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON

Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00  
Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Pennington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers.

### DIRECTORS

Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. C. Pennington, H. S. Brewerton, F. L. Meyers, A. Blokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.