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WITHIN THE LAW.

Those who take what is not theirs by right can be listed in three classes: Outlaws by profession, who risk the full penalty when they ply their trade, the burglar, the cracksman, the highwayman.

Accidental thieves who, through weakness or the pressure of need, abuse a trust.

The deliberate white handed, smooth-spoken, "respectable" pillar of society, who plans his operations with consummate care, and is confident that he is keeping his misdeeds under cover, his frauds within the law.

For which of these can be entertained the most sympathy, the least contempt?

The burglar goes at his business courageously, at any rate. He does not pose in his daily life, among his intimates, as anything but a burglar. He does not first attempt to win the confidence of his victims that he may despoil them.

The trusted employe who goes wrong by taking what he vainly hopes to replace deserves pity and, in the great majority of instances, pity is given him, together with an opportunity for re-establishing himself.

The man, who exploits his own high standing among his fellows to exact dishonest gains, who hides behind smug pretensions of exceptional virtue while he coaxes money from the pockets of those who can ill afford its loss—he cannot plead the lack of opportunity for goodness, the excuse of poor environment, the defense of necessity.

Of all wrongdoers, this last type of systematic, professional hypocrite inspires the minimum of humane consideration.

HEALTH IN FOOD TEMPERANCE.

Germany is demonstrating to the world the fact that every nation over eats. Part of the liberty of civilization is an unduly large consumption of food with proportionate waste. The most wasteful country in the world even on the basis of peace consumption is the United States. The only food dictator we recognize is the doctor—and with eating as with drinking, when the doctor interposes

Here's a Clothing Sale You've got to Take Your Hat off to----It's One of the Biggest and Best Things in our July Clean-Up Sale

Your Unrestricted Choice of Any Man's Suit in Our Entire Stock at 20% off



UNQUESTIONABLY THE BEST MEN'S SUIT OPPORTUNITY IN TOWN. IT REQUIRES ONLY A LOOK AT OUR LARGE STOCK TO VERIFY THIS STATEMENT.

Reg. \$15.00 Suits, now at \$12.00. Reg. \$22.50 Suits, now at \$18.00. Reg. \$17.50 Suits, now at \$14.00. Reg. \$25.00 Suits, now at \$20.00. Reg. \$20.00 Suits, now at \$16.00. Reg. \$27.50 Suits, now at \$22.50.

AS TO QUALITY

The country's most famous makes to select from. As a result you get the utmost in quality for the least possible price. And now, during this Sale, at still a smaller price. A saving of from \$3.00 to \$6.00 on every suit. A case where we must clear away our present stock and make room for the next season. This year we carried a large stock and we carried a better grade of clothing. That means you will get the lowest price in years for the values offered.

ABOUT THE FIT

From our large range of sizes you can easily be perfectly fitted. We have stout sizes, medium sizes, tall sizes and short sizes.

REGARDING THE STYLE

Every kind of cloth and pattern to select from, hard finish or soft finish goods. New English models, Conservative models and Medium Loose styles. Remember, not one suit reserved. See them. These prices only during July.

N. W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

his prohibition it is usually too late. There are many individuals, pressed to the experiment of retrenchment at the trenches for reason of health or finance, who can testify that one's food allowance can be cut down one-half, and that meat can be banished altogether, without injury—indeed, with definite benefit.

Our prosperity has had one bad effect on us—it has deprived us of a proper sense of proportion in the use of the earth's products. The pleasures of the table are not to be disregarded nor condemned; they are a contribution to the general value of life. But when they are made altogether an end in themselves, when we live almost exclusively to eat, when we interpret life in terms of an unnecessary superabundance of eatables, we are only laying up hardship for ourselves when any sort of an emergency in crop-failure, economic crisis or war shall strike us.

Germany is a healthier nation today for living nearer the bone. Disease is decreased. Mentality is clarified. The strength of the body is reserved for other purposes than the burdens laid upon it by over eating. It is too bad that a war is required to teach a nation the difference between essentials and non-essentials, and America, if she is wise, will learn her lesson out of wisdom instead of out of necessity.

Canada has her own markets, the great west and the United States, in a normal condition. A quick restoration of her own form can be readily forecasted.

Canada will "come back." Annesley Burrowes' graphic picture of war prosperity in Canada shows our neighbor to be no less benefited than ourselves from the industrial and financial inflation coincident with the European conflict.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank featuring a 'Declaration of Independence' and the slogan 'The Careful man makes his Declaration of Independence when he opens a Bank account'.

SEE THE MEN WITH THEIR CHESTS OUT AND THEIR HEADS ERECT, WITH INDEPENDENT WALK AND CONFIDENT AIR. THEY ARE INDEPENDENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS. WHILE OTHER MEN WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY THEY WERE PUTTING SOME INTO THE BANK. MAKE YOURSELF INDEPENDENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. BANK SOME MONEY NOW. WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST. 6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans. La Grande National Bank. LA GRANDE, OREGON. Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00.

But munitions and war loans tell only a part of the story. The speeding up of industrial activity has affected other lines. Canada, to be sure, is not a manufacturing nation. But insofar as it is such, there are evidences of general manufacturing activity.

It is in the fields, the forests and the mines that Canadian treasure lies and energy is being applied to these no less feverishly than to shrapnel making. Now levels of energy have been tapped. Men that hitherto did not perform productive labor are now so engaged. Women have taken hold, and the workmen in all lines have caught the faster rhythm.

Economists have explained the continuance of the war by the fact that the nations are paying as they go.

Prisoners' Families Are Cared For. Albany, N. Y., June 29.—While the Welfare League of Sing Sing is being much discussed today the Homer Honor System at the Great Meadow prison in Comstock is going on quietly accomplishing its reward in a host of redeemed men.

William J. Homer, warden at Great Meadow and his wife, known by the prisoners as "Our Lady of Comstock", are meeting with success because they know human nature and its needs.

"No man can be bettered in prison if his mind is ill at ease because he fears for his relatives outside," says Warden Homer. "Therefore, the first thing that is done when a man enters Great Meadow is to care for his family, see that

REPORT OF CONDITION OF LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK. At La Grande in the State of Oregon at the Close of Business on June 30, 1916. No. 96-43. RESOURCES: Loans and discounts \$690,813.72. U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 72,000.00. U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value) 10,000.00. U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) 5,000.00. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged 87,000.00. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank 15,000.00. Less amount unpaid 7,500.00. Value of banking house (if unencumbered) 49,000.00. Furniture and fixtures 7,340.99. Real estate owned other than banking house 3,880.00. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank 24,511.29. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis 14,800.64. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities 77,359.37. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11) 12,958.24. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank 3,655.98. Outside checks and other cash items 2,140.03. Fractional currency, nickels, and cents 484.48. Notes of other national banks 5,265.00. Federal Reserve notes 305.00. Coin and certificates 53,565.40. Legal-tender notes 850.00. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer 3,600.00. Total \$1,058,616.14. LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in 200,000.00. Surplus fund 50,000.00. Undivided profits 10,497.21. Circulating notes outstanding 72,000.00. Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30) 17,139.91. Demand Deposits: Individual deposits subject to check 391,917.36. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days 95,760.08. Certified checks 341.38. United States deposits 9,608.50. Postal savings deposits 5,000.00. Time Deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice): Certificates of deposit 206,351.70. Total \$1,058,616.14. State of Oregon, County of Union, ss: I, F. L. Meyers, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. L. MEYERS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July, 1916. H. A. ZURBRICK, Notary Public of Oregon. FRED J. HOLMES, A. T. HILL, J. G. SNODGRASS, Directors.