

THE OBSERVER

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INDIVIDUAL PREPAREDNESS.

That intense individualism which should actuate every subscriber to the theory of fundamental democracy prompts the able-bodied man to leap to the defense of the border when the integrity of the nation is assailed by a foreign foe.

That an American could subscribe to the paternalistic habit of airing another to perform deeds of patriotism for him, just as he might hire another to admire the sunset, or to experience emotions for him, or to vote for him, is quite unthinkable. Such a surrender of individuality is not compatible with the theory of self-government.

Willingness to purchase immunity from defense duty, willingness to have the city taxes or the state bounty spent or one's personal fund used for the purchase of immunity from individual service by the substitution of others is a surrender of one's status as an individual. Provided, always, that one is of military fitness.

The right of possession is the first right upon which society is founded, and with the right of possession goes the right to defend the possession. Property is individualistic and the right to personally defend property is an intensification of the first.

To loan, farm, or hire out one's right to self-defense is to subscribe to theories of paternalism that are not tenable under democracy.

The theory of universal service is written into our constitutions. But the principle is sadly distorted by the accompanying provision in a number of constitutions that those who have \$300 or upwards are exempt from service.

LOSS AND GAIN.

New York has completely outdistanced London in the contest for supremacy as a port. In part as a result of the war New York has acquired a great deal of world trade while London has lost.

On the surface this would seem as

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.

Table listing suit prices: Reg. \$15.00 Suits, now at \$12.00; Reg. \$17.50 Suits, now at \$14.00; Reg. \$20.00 Suits, now at \$16.00; Reg. \$22.50 Suits, now at \$18.00; Reg. \$25.00 Suits, now at \$20.00; 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

if London's loss was our gain. But this is not so. As a matter of fact we have gained very little of the trade that Britain was doing with the world at large through the port of London. We have simply developed a new line of trade, delivering munition and extra food supplies.

It is simply impossible for one nation to take over the trade of another. Each nation must develop its own foreign trade. It must produce and it must find foreign consumers. It cannot today decide to manu-

facture Birmingham's cutlery, tomorrow take over Nottingham's lace industry, and next day take over the Brussels carpet industry.

No country's loss is our gain. Such a thing is economically impossible, excepting in a very superficial sense. If Britain has lost trade, she has lost it because of a slump in her industries. If she has experienced a slump in her industries she will have fewer commodities to exchange with us. And Britain's loss will inevitably be our loss in large part before we get through with it.

We cannot lift ourselves up by our bootstraps nor produce something from nothing. If we desire to build up a trade in lace to exchange with Brazil for lumber, we will have to develop lace makers and Brazil will have to develop lumbermen. These are slow processes, but well worth trying.

HAIL, THE MULE!

Gasoline is as much an essential of modern warfare as gunpowder, and for the tremendous task of keeping an army in motion and keeping it supplied with necessities, the motor truck is in large demand.

When first the practicability of the automobile was demonstrated, it was believed that another nail was driven into the coffin of romance, because the army mule, or its ancestors, the donkey, since the Crusades and before, has been a part of the background of every military picture.

America is the home of the real mule, the tough hybrid who makes good the adage, "handsome is that handsome does," the blatant, sure-footed, stubborn, die-hard, and the United States army mule is an institution.

Once we said farewell to the army mule. His bray was to be supplanted by the blast of an auto horn; the delays he temperamentally occasioned were to be reduced to infrequent mechanical derangements.

It was a premature good-bye. The mule is coming back, the army calls him. Advertisements for bids are being sent to all stock shipping centers.

In sand and sun, up hill and down and over the desert spaces where there are no roads, there is only one means of conveyance which can be relied upon--the mule.

For the main line of march, the trucks will do their work, but a truck cannot perform the impossible, and the impossible is easy for a mule.

Statistics lately compiled show that the sum spent for candy every

year in the United States would build and equip 35 dreadnoughts. Imagine a craft named after this fashion: The good ship Gumdrop and the cruiser Lozenger.

Constipation and Indigestion.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for

indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Chamberlain's Tablets are mild and gentle in their action. Give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased

with the agreeable laxative effect which they produce. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Our Want Ads bring results.

COAL STORAGE SEASON IS HERE

During June and July will be the time to lay in your winter supply of coal. You get a better price and you're sure of having your coal when you need it. Profit by the experience of last winter and be prepared. King Coal is especially adapted to storage—it does not slack.

CALL MAIN 700

La Grande Fuel Co.

106 Fir St.

Opposite Thorne & Wilcox Grocery

Carpet Cleaning DONE RIGHT

Our new machinery has been installed and is in operation.

First-class work at a reasonable price.

CHERRY'S NEW LAUNDRY Inc.

PHONE MAIN 56

Guarantee

Nagle ReBlade Knives are guaranteed to be perfect in every detail of workmanship; to be made throughout of the finest materials obtainable; and to be equal or superior to old style pocket knives in strength, durability and appearance. In the event that a knife is found to be defective, either in workmanship or material, it will be replaced free of charge.

We carry a full line of Sporting Goods and can issue your license.

B. W. Hughes

Sporting Goods Store

Careful Men conduct our National Bank



MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM OF BANKS

OUR NATIONAL BANK IS A MEMBER OF THE "FEDERAL RESERVE" SYSTEM OF BANKS.

THIS MEANS THAT OUR BANK IS ONE OF A "VAST ARMY" OF BANKS WHICH STANDS TOGETHER TO PROTECT EACH OTHER AND THEIR DEPOSITORS.

WE CAN TAKE VALID SECURITIES TO OUR DISTRICT "FEDERAL RESERVE" BANK WHENEVER WE WANT TO AND "GET MONEY."

YOUR MONEY IS SAFE IN OUR BANK AND YOU CAN GET IN WHEN YOU WANT IT.

COME IN AND "TALK BUSINESS" WITH US.

BANK WITH US

WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST

6 1/2 % Money for Improved Farm Loans

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON

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