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ALL AMERICANS.

America has been super-humanly patient. Our people have realized the desperate nature of the European conflagration. With starvation blockades and starvation war zones each belligerent is driven to a trying necessity. But as desperate as conditions are with the battling hosts there are certain things they cannot do to neutrals and hope to preserve their peace. The ruthless destruction of American lives and American ships has put us as a people where we cannot avoid arming for the defense of those rights, which if we longer ignore would stamp us as the feeblest nation of modern times.

But the black shadow of armed conflict is slowly but surely enveloping us, as have its compensating effects. It has shown to the world that when the enemy threatens, no matter who the citizen may be, that partisan differences are forgotten, that geographical lines vanish, that love of native land no matter how vivid, becomes swallowed up in that higher patriotism, which recognizes no allegiance to any but the stars and stripes of Uncle Sam.

We have no unholy purpose in the stand we take. We are inspired by no lust of power. We seek no nation's enmity. We are strong for the preservation not only of our own sacred rights but those of all humanity and in the issue at hand we look to the unalloyed patriotic support of all Americans.

YOUR PRESIDENT'S APPEAL.

Read your President's appeal on page one of The Observer today.

Realize that, as Mayor Mitchell of New York City told some gallery non-patriots the other evening, there are but two classes in the United States today, Americans and traitors.

Read your President's appeal. Then, do your duty, young man.

The Observer is just confident enough to be certain that the manhood of America, the quiet, resolved, determined manhood of America, will respond.

Eastern Oregon will find that it has a friend in W. L. Thompson, state highway commissioner. For the first time since the state highway commission has been established has Eastern Oregon been given an appropriation for road work. The highway between Pendleton and La Grande is to receive both federal and state aid. The forest road from Enterprise to Flora is also to be considered. The work of the Union County court in asking for funds and manifesting a desire to cooperate is commencing to bear fruit. If we will continue to work in harmony with

Police Change Students' Fete Plans

"Not More Than Two Motorcycle Riders at One Time on Gymnasium Speedway," Is Edict.

Police of this city have interfered with the plans made by the boys of La Grande high school in staging a motordome deathwhirl at the high school gymnasium. Manager Murphy had secured several well known motorcycle riders to come here and take part in this event and intended to award prizes for the races. He had planned to have more than two riders on this speed whirl at the same time. But he reckoned without the police, who would not consent to having more than two riders at once on the track. So Manager Murphy and the boys will have to go ahead with their work, but only having two riders at each race riding against time. The corners of the room are being rounded off with steep inclines to keep the riders on the track. Another attraction to be held at the coming carnival is the N. K. Watts vaudeville troupe, world renowned for their physical strength. Besides this, several rounds of boxing will take place and a wrestling match between Dr. Graham and "Tubby" Niles has been scheduled. Many other minor attractions are listed and this carnival will be a clean entertainment for both ladies and gentlemen.

The present is the living sum total of the whole past.—Carlyle

the state highway commission, the benefite that will accrue to Union and Wallowa counties will be considerable.

There is one thing sure, La Grande is proud of its champion wrestler, Jack O'Neill. He not only has the ability as a wrestler but he is a good clean sportsman.

The Neighborhood Club is to be commended and cordially assisted in its work for the library which is taking the form of a benefit Tuesday night.

This is Patriotic Week. Let us all celebrate by talking patriotism, by standing firmly behind the President, by being temperate and moderate in speech, and by showing our colors as true, honest, law-abiding Americans.

Sheriff T. D. Taylor of Umatilla captured one of the Hermiston safe robbers after a pistol duel. Sheriff Taylor is a real sheriff and an honor to the county he represents.

Captain George A. White is making a good record as adjutant general of the state. His office is now open day and night getting ready for the war. Now is the time some of the partisan press and underhanded military politicians will assail him, as they have in the past.

GOVERNOR CALLS FOR PATRIOTIC WEEK.

Governor Withycombe has called for a patriotic week beginning March 25 in the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, loyalty and patriotism are virtues which every true American is proud to possess and glad to express, and

WHEREAS, it is plainly evident that the existing military resources of our government are totally inadequate for the proper protection of the Country, and

WHEREAS, we, as a Nation, are opposed to the maintenance of a large standing army and infinitely prefer voluntary military service to compulsory organization, and

WHEREAS, our best opportunity for voluntary patriotic service is offered by the National Guard which today stands in sore need of upbuilding if it is adequately to meet the requirements which may be placed upon it, and

WHEREAS, I believe that a spirit of patriotism not surpassed in fervor or intensity at any time in our National history, lives in the hearts of the people of this great State of Oregon, which only awaits the call for an expression.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Withycombe, as Governor of the State of Oregon, suggest that the need of the National Guard for recruits offers worthy opportunity for the display of practical patriotism, and I urge young men to fulfill the obligations of our national citizenship by rallying to the flag, thus setting an example worthy of our best traditions and indicative of their certain continuance.

AND I FURTHER PROCLAIM the week beginning March 25, 1917, as "Patriotic Week" for the State, to be devoted to the sober consideration of present day patriotism and urge that all officers of the Oregon National Guard make special effort to recruit their companies to full capacity by the end of that time;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this 21 st day of March, 1917.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

Loyal citizens everywhere will heed the proclamation of the Governor and give him their hearty support.

Union News Notes

High School Students Invite County's High School to Send Teams to Track Meet the Week Before the Pendleton Meet.

Union Oregon, March 23, (Special)—Dr. C. H. Law, of North Powder, was a professional visitor in the city

the first of the week. Mrs. James Conlon and little daughter left for Enterprise Monday where they will make their future home. Mrs. Stella McGrath and little son were Monday visitors in La Grande. Mrs. H. E. Cullison was hostess at a Thursday evening dinner given to the cabinet officers of the Union Epworth league. Those present were:



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In the Arena of Sports

New Heavyweight Aspirant

By virtue of his recent easy defeats of Tom Cowler and Charley Weinert, Fred Fulton of Minnesota looms up as the logical contender for the heavyweight title. Fulton is six feet and a half in height and weighs in ring costume about 222 pounds. In his recent fights Fulton has shown a great left



Photo by American Press Association. FRED FULTON.

hand, and he also possesses a right that is just as good. In action he is a good two handed fighter, and he can uppercut with either right or left. Fred also puts great power behind his blows, and many fist experts believe that he will prove Jess Willard's most formidable opponent.

Ray Sets a New Mark.

Joie Ray, the Illinois runner, seems to have acquired the habit of smashing a long standing mark every time he starts. Ray added to his string of notable feats at the recent games of the New York Athletic club when he broke the two mile indoor record made by George Bonhag in 1910. Ray set a new mark of 9 minutes 11.25 seconds for the distance.

International Soccer Postponed.

Postponement until fall of the international soccer matches between the United States and Canada, which were to have been played this spring, has been announced. The action was taken at the request of the Dominion Football association.

Golfers Select Date.

The Professional Golfers' association will hold its annual championship Oct. 9-13. This was decided at a meeting of the association, but no club was selected.

Why Don't They?

"The majority of husbands complain that their hands are always in their pockets." "They do, do they? Then why don't they find there the letters they have forgotten to mail for their wives?"—Baltimore American.

Get A Gold Medal

There is a contest on at this Bank whereby you can earn a Gold Medal that is worth twenty dollars. All can enter. It isn't necessary to be a hero to enter this contest, but it is necessary to have the "backbone" of a hero, and "stick-to-it-iveness," for it takes nerve to quit spending—and save.

WE GUARANTEE YOU A GOLD MEDAL

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La Grande National Bank