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HERE'S TO THE MARINES.

Here's to the boys who are quick on the trigger, the boys who are always first ashore, who make up the landing parties under cover of the big guns of the battleships, which they also help man, the web-footed, two-fisted fighting men of the United States Marine Corps.

It is the Marines who are always doing the fighting for the United States in far corners of the globe. This minute they are guarding American Legations in China and Nicaragua, keeping the peace in Santo Domingo and Haiti, garrisoning Guam, Hawaii, the Philippines and Virgin Islands.

Theirs is a "two-in-one" service. They help to man every Capital ship of the fleet and they know how to fight ashore as infantry, as artillery, and as aviators. They form the gun crews of the torpedo defense batteries and anti-aircraft guns of warships, they plant land and submarine mines, erect and operate telegraph and telephone lines, and work the wireless.

They are the handy men of our sea and land armed forces. Wherever there is trouble you will find the marines first on the spot. Unless you want plenty of quick action and adventure don't enlist in the marines. Unless a young chap is fond of being constantly on the move, leading the way into strange "furrin parts" getting into the thick of things from the start, the marine corps is no place for him.

But—the United States is at war with Germany and the marine corps needs men instantly to bring it up to full fighting strength. They need men of almost every trade as their members are called upon to do almost everything. Muscular, clean-cut, clear eyed young men with a strain of patriotism and adventure in their fibre who yearn for swift action, changing scenes and connection with a service of honorable tradition running back a century or more ought to call at the marine corps recruiting station at La Grande, Oregon.

It isn't known generally now just what sort of a war the United States is planning to prosecute, but if any blows are struck the marines will have first hand in the action. Whenever Uncle Sam has felt suddenly that it would be convenient to have a few fighting men in some quarter of the globe he has sent the marines, and they've always performed the errand with neatness and dispatch.

Now is the time of opportunity for red-blooded men to answer, to respond to the soul-urge that finds expression in that passion of patriotism that puts country first of all. Why not "Tell it to the Marines!"

For Women's Convenience

Some women are just a trifle timid about going to a bank to transact business. Why? Simply because they are not familiar with the rules of banking.

This bank is calculated to be of special convenience to women; a place where they can come and feel at home. We aim to make every transaction so clear and so plain, that dealing with our bank soon becomes to them an easy habit.

We appreciate the patronage of women. Their business with us is already large and steadily increasing.

If you are not already a patron, then please consider this an invitation to become one.

La Grande National Bank

New Members of Red Cross Society

- Below is a list of the new members of the Red Cross society: Mrs. M. O. Coddington, Mrs. M. M. Herr, A. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Birnie, Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Clark, Mrs. S. D. Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. VanValkenburg, Mrs. Frank Parsons, F. Jensen, R. R. Rice, D. A. McAllister, Mrs. Estella Martin, Mrs. Alma Henderson, Mrs. Anna Roesch, Mrs. Essie Winn, Mrs. Sadie Miller, Mrs. Susan Burnett, Mrs. Jessie Nelson, Mrs. Mary Horstman, Mrs. Sosie Williamson, Mrs. Lenora Beaudette, Mrs. Ella Sion, Mrs. M. E. Bradshaw, Mrs. Della Harndon.

Some Good Advice.

Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them. This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.—Adv.

Library Open to Convention.

The La Grande Public Library, Fourth and Pennsylvania, will be open during the convention from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. and visitors are invited to use the building as a waiting or rest room. Come in and examine the special collection of standard books on cattle, horses and sheep, on exhibit during the convention. Free sample copies of several stockgrowers' periodicals have been received. Government bulletins of especial interest in the collection are: Meat Situation in the U. S., Home-made Silos, Breeds of Beef Cattle, Breeds of Draft Horses, Field Pea as a Forage Crop, Co-operative Livestock Shipping Associations, Rabies, Dehorning of Cattle, and Re-seeding of Depleted Grazing Lands. Bulletins published by the Oregon Agricultural college are "Horse Management," "Sheep Raising in Oregon," and "Beef Cattle."

BIG INTERESTS OPPOSE.

Within the last few days it has developed that some of the largest interests of Oregon are opposing the road bonding act.

Their fear is that construction of highways will withdraw from the labor market men who will be needed for other occupations incident to war-time operations.

Without questioning either the patriotism or the wisdom of their attitude, there is no doubt but that it will have a big influence in reducing the vote of the road bonds.

It is therefore squarely up to the progressive citizens of Oregon who want roads improved to use every atom of their energy to bring out the vote at the special election June 4.

No one can predict with confidence how Portland will vote on the road bonds. Under normal conditions, Portland would yield a big majority for the bonds. But with powerful forces at work against the bond issue, and with many other doubtful measure on the ballot at the same election, it is doubtful whether Portland will return any large majority in favor of the bond issue. It is possible that Portland will vote against the road bonds by a considerable majority.

More and more it is evident that if the bond issue carries, it must be because the people out in the state want it to carry and will work hard to bring out a favorable vote. The proposition is squarely up to the people of the state.

U-BOATS PUT THE SEA GULLS ON WAR RATIONS

London, April 10.—(United Press)—(By Mail)—Hardships of the new relentless submarine warfare haven't been confined to the terrestrial population of the earth. Even the seagulls today showed signs of the strain.

The sea-gull's meal ticket is, of course, the maritime traffic of the globe. The more exclusive gulls follow the ocean liners, while the bourgeoisie take their table d'hote from any old vessel at all.

Curtailed of ocean traffic has put the voracious fowl on strict war rations. As a result, many of them are invading the western front and trying to share the seoff and "plum n apple" of the Tommies.

Thousands of sea-gulls are hovering over the Somme region, squaking about the mess-camps and driving the French chefs to despair. Any food left unguarded for any length of time is at once snatched away. As a result of this unwelcome aerial "straffing", a new sport is in progress. "Gull-hunting" with plenty of targets, furnishes amusement for the Tommies. In the rear, however, where great piles of refuse and empty cans accumulate, the gulls perform valuable services in cleaning up the debris. At "licking the the platter clean" neither the small American boy nor Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sprat have anything on a sea-gull.

Hospital Relief Ship Is Submerged.

Yeuiden, Holland, April 23.—(United Press)—Nine-

Fashion Has Struck The Spring Note Full, And Strong This Season When It Comes To Hats



Perhaps not everyone can tell from the hats in the window what is different about the Gordons and Stetsons—but when you get the hat on your head it seems to be another story. What a difference a touch of style can make. Come in and look over our new hats—try on what you please \$3.00 and \$4.00



You Can Always Use a Cap

In your motor, on the tennis court, going to and from your work, or class rooms, a cap is the only comfortable and convenient head piece. Roll it up, cram it in your pocket, or stuff it under the seat, it always comes out shapely and smart.

Are You Prepared

For these hot days that are coming your UNDERWEAR is an important matter to be considered in trying to keep cool when the thermometer is soaring around the century mark. A complete line of summer underwear on display in our window now. Prices \$1.00 to \$5.00



teen Americans and fifteen other nationalities composing the crew of the Norwegian windjammer Kongsli, A Belgian hospital relief ship, landed here. The crew reported the ship was submarined or hit a mine.

FRENCH OFFICER SACRIFICES HIS LIFE FOR GERMAN PRISONERS

Paris, April 23.—(United Press)—The written testimony of two German prisoners of war is on record here today to show the heroism of a French under-officer who saved them from certain death. The latter is dead.

The two prisoners—Alfred Wendt, of Berlin, former officer of the German steamer Kailo, and Edmond Engles, Frankfurt, marine mechanic—were aboard the French steamer "Athos", en route for France when the latter was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, on February 17. They were locked in a cabin on the lower deck. When they had given themselves up for lost, the door of their cabin opened suddenly and the under-officer, who had made his way to their prison with the greatest difficulty, guided them to the safety of the upper deck. They were put into a boat and escaped. The under-officer remained on board the sinking ship helping save the others and was lost.

It was on the "Athos" that Robert A. Haddon an American missionary, returning home from Foochow, China, was lost.

Arrive for Convention.

Several visitors have already arrived for the Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention. Among them are Dave Logan, J. T. Logan and wife from Brogan. L. E. Thorpe, from Daveville and E. L. Potter of Cor-

vallis.

A fine herd of Shorthorns is expected from Union this evening belonging to W. J. Townley, G. W. Delay and Green Bros. of that community. It is reported that sixty horses from all over the country will be in today.

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GREAT PUBLIC SALE

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Terms will be one-third cash, balance 6 months time; approved security. Two percent discount for cash.

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If you are a member of a company and want an extra good stallion, get together; come to sale; you will find him.

If you want a good rugged colt, he will be here, and if you want a ranch stallion with or without a pedigree, broken to work, I will have him.