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"KEEP BUSINESS GOING."

We hope that everyone read John Wanamaker's patriotic address to the American people which was printed in Tuesday Evening's Observer.

"Our country prosperous can pay our war costs," he said, "as they come and have enough left over to aid our Allies.

"Our country unprosperous, with business halting, money hoarded, through fear or false economy, will be hard pressed to keep food on the table and clothing on the back.

"Keep business going is a patriotic slogan. Keep money in circulation. Keep employment for everybody. Keep wages good. Keep on making money that we may have money to spend for war sacrifices.

"The one thing that might halt business now is an unpatriotic psychological feeling of panic and a false idea of patriotic economy.

"Patriotic economy means the elimination of waste and extravagance. It means the conservation of our food products, our natural wealth, our health, our energies, our labor, our very lives. It means putting more efficiency in everything we do so that each unit of money, energy and intelligence may accomplish the utmost.

"Patriotic economy does not mean lowering of America's standard of living, which would make us less efficient physically and mentally, nationally and individually, and would kill the spirit and the will to do the truly self-sacrificing things to be done.

"Cities and communities must go on with their civic improvements. Road building and public works must proceed. Railroads must renew their equipment. Factories must be kept going to their full capacity. Labor must be employed. Homes must be kept up. Merchandise must be produced, distributed and used.

"War duties and war expenditures must be in addition to peace duties and peace expenditures. The more we do the more we can do. The more money we spend the more we will have in our pockets to spend. Money creates money.

"In a word: THE NATURAL SANE LIFE OF THE COUNTRY MUST PROCEED AS THOUGH WE WERE NOT AT WAR, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY HAVE THE NECESSARY PROSPERITY TO PROMOTE THE WAR TO A QUICK AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION."

We run these remarks as an editorial. They are the best we have seen on the subject. The Observer is in accord with all patriotic movements but we have no sympathy with those who develop miserly instincts in war

CROP ESTIMATES PLACED AT FIFTY PER CENT

As a result of the meetings of agricultural defense day held last Saturday an estimate on the live stock and crop conditions in Union County were gathered. Because of the high water the previous estimate of approximately two-thirds of a normal crop was lowered to fifty per cent.

Because of the loss of so much alfalfa and the expectation that prices for hay will prevail next winter, many of the prominent stockmen of the county are figuring on reducing their herds. The labor situation was found at present to be good. Most of the farmers of this community have help enough to put their crops in. But they look for a scarcity during harvest time. The neighbors, wherever possible, are cooperating and planning to assist each other this season in putting up their hay.

Paul H. Spillman, county agriculturist, says that a greater acreage of potatoes and spring wheat is being put in this season and that the fall wheat is considerable short.

Hobo Is Losing Out.

San Francisco, May 18.—(United Press)—The hobo is becoming a stationary character, or a pedestrian, at last. Western railroads report that militiamen who challenge all suspicious characters at every bridge, railroad yard and tunnel have made "riding the rods" or traveling blind baggage almost impossible.

Hominy grits and coarse hominy, (sometimes called samp) may be boiled and used like macaroni or other wheat pastes to serve as side dishes with meat.

times. The American people will not lower their standards of living. Their buying power will be increased not reduced. Wages will be increased. Why should any one fear that prosperity will not continue?

BOOST THE MOTOR CAR.

There is an intimation that the motor car service from La Grande to Elgin is not paying. The time for the supporters and boosters of this motor car service to get busy is now while there is still a chance to boost its falling revenues. The motor car service to Elgin is a great convenience. We hope that the people of La Grande will support it. Take your friends and visitors from out of town out on a ride, see the scenery, and enjoy a pleasant trip. Show our visitors the beautiful country we are proud of.

AT THE HOTELS

- Savoy. Thomas Towle, John D. Bolton, Twin Falls, Ida.; W. Leo, Jr., W. W. Mark, Walla Walla; W. B. Workman, Elgin; F. W. Smith, A. B. Conoway, Enterprise; Joe Hillacher, Jack J. Schmit, Sparta; R. D. Carter, Baker; W. D. McLaren, Portland; H. E. Blevins, Cove; Mrs. H. M. Toppliff, Pendleton; J. R. Warnstaff, Mrs. H. C. Taylor, Joseph; A. W. Fish, Salem; J. C. Dairo, Boise; B. Sacks, Baker; M. E. Stoop, Elgin; D. A. Conklin, Roy Parker, Imbler; R. J. Kitchen, Union; T. L. Young; J. J. Harron, Wayside; Coy Herridon; Ralph Jones, Portland; O. E. Smith, Regena; E. J. Mann, D. Dunn, Pocatello.

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CONFERENCE ADOPTS REPORT TO INCREASE SOLDIERS' PAY Washington, May 18.—The conference report on the war army bill was adopted by the house without a record vote late Monday after Representative Dent had announced that the senate conferees had agreed to the house provision increasing the pay of enlisted men.

The amendment for a graduated increase in the pay for privates during the war, beginning June 1, was adopted.

The effect of the action was to direct an increase of the pay of the private soldier from the present \$15 to \$21, up to \$30 to \$36. The existing law provides an addition of 20 per cent increase of pay for soldiers in foreign service.

Time For Straws Now

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Columbia University Adds Course In Warfare

New York, May 18.—(United Press)—Registration for instruction in Columbia university's "war school" closed with scores of embryo generals learning the modern art of battle.

In the military division, under Prof. Vickers and Capt. Van Liew, students are being instructed in dealing with noxious gases and liquid fire, trench fighting, rifle bullet penetration through different metals, how to take cover, "digging in," light and portable trench tools, the use of the sand bag, working under fire, barbed wire methods of erection, mining and counter mining, the periscope and its uses,

trench attacks and bombing raids. The naval division under Prof. Slichter, is devoted principally to the electrical work on Uncle Sam's fighting ships, including search light operation, turret control and gun-fire.

Tuition is free. Sham battles, in which every element of a European fight will be introduced in theory, are to conclude the course of study next month. The whole program will probably be repeated in the summer school session.

One pat or serving of butter is a little thing—there are about 64 of them in a pound. In many households the butter left on the plates probably would equal one pat or 1-4 an ounce daily—scraped off into the garbage pail or washed off in the dish pan.

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Report of the Condition Of

La Grande National Bank AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 1, 1917

Table with columns for Resources, Liabilities, Cash Assets, and Deposits. Includes financial figures for loans, bonds, capital stock, and deposits.