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SENATOR McNARY.

The Observer extends its congratulations to Senator McNary. The editor of this newspaper is gratified at seeing an old schoolmate honored. Senator McNary has a clean record. He worked his way through college. He has sympathy for the people. He announces that he will stand for Republican principles but will not harass and annoy the President. He will advocate equal suffrage and national prohibition, upon which the people of Oregon have spoken in no uncertain voice. He also announces that he will cooperate in any movement to suppress gambling and speculation in the necessities of life. The people of Oregon will watch Senator McNary's career with interest.

COMMUNITY SUBSCRIPTION TO LOAN.

Riverton, a small community in New Jersey, will do its bit in a manner which every town in the country could well imitate. Riverton, by a unanimous vote in town meeting, has resolved to borrow \$10,000 from a local bank and to invest the money in the bonds of the new Liberty Loan. The bank will receive four and a half per cent on its money, the town will get three and a half per cent from its bonds. The one per cent difference will be a charge upon the town treasury. It will amount to \$100 a year, a small sum when allotted to all the people of Riverton, but each will have the satisfaction of knowing that he is having a share in carrying on the war. There will be individual subscriptions to the bonds from Riverton, in addition; but the plan of a community subscription is an appealing one and many a small place where private investors do not abound can adopt it without material discomfort—while the aggregate of bonds thus taken would be enormous.

WORK HARDER, DO BETTER WORK.

"Work at your daily task harder and do it better than ever before." Such is the advice of Robert E. Strahorn, railroad builder and millionaire of Spokane, Wash., who celebrated his sixty-fifth anniversary this week. "Hammer away at the thing you are doing and do it as you have never done it before," said Mr. Strahorn. "Do the things that are reasonable, but do them with a might, and so well, that they will stand out as your contribution in this time of stress and strain. "Believing that a man of 65 can render no greater service to the country than to conservatively persist in any reasonable development program he adopted before we

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sacrifices were made. Comparing the past with the present he said the same demands will be made on the American people.

On his talk R. J. Green referred to our country eighty years prior to the Civil war. He pointed out the growth of two dominant and opposing parties and also the issues which finally caused the great conflict. These issues he declared to be secession and slavery, recognizing secession as the crisis on which the war finally started.

Rev. H. L. Ford spoke briefly on the spiritual aspect of the present conflict. Looking deep into the present situation he says the present situation is bringing men closer to God and that after the war there will be an awakening. He says the minds of men first promote an idea and that idea, as it becomes more firmly established, will finally take form in action. This action he hopes will be everlasting peace as prophesied by Isaiah.

GERMANS DRIVEN TO FIGHT

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man prisoners. On the other side of the picture one sees the British and the French doggedly determined to fight to a knockout if it takes another twelve months or any number of months.

So the war promises to be long unless the German people suddenly see the light. And the United States must hold her part of the line. By summer of 1918 the American army should have taken over a third of the French front.

An automatic electric lighting outfit which requires no attention other than filling with gasoline and oiling, starts itself when electric light is wanted, and stops automatically when the lights are turned off.

entered the war, I am celebrating my anniversary by pushing my new railway project, designed to open for production many millions of acres of rich lands in central Oregon and northern California and Nevada.

"We will build only so much of the system as was arranged for before war conditions became so acute, but this will encourage production and afford an outlet for large quantities of grain and other provisions and lumber which otherwise would not be produced."

Few persons on seeing Mr. Strahorn would believe him a man of 65 years. His figure is straight, his hair is coal-black, and his eyes are undimmed. His life has been spent in the west, where he is known for his untiring zeal in development work. He attracted nation-wide attention a few years ago, when he built the North Coast Railroad, "under cover". This line extending 367 miles from Spokane, Wash., to Portland, Oregon, along the north bank of the Columbia River was projected, financed and neared completion as the "Strahorn Road," before the fact that its real backer was the Oregon-Washington & Navigation company, was allowed to become public. Mr. Strahorn successfully resisted every effort to make him reveal what corporation was actually behind the project.

During the three years and more of promotion and construction, Mr. Strahorn was dubbed "Railroad Sphinx." He knows a thing or two. His advice is worth heeding.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

The Bum a Bum Farm Hand.

A strong second to the plea not to enlist farm boys and men for the fighting forces, comes from F. E. Strahan, president of the Northeast Nebraska Breeders' association. In an urgent letter to the federal Department of Agriculture, he says:

"Leave the farm hands in the country to man the plows and harvesters, and put no handicap on the farmer and stockraiser if you want bread for the Nation and support for the army. To send the riff-raff from city pool halls and saloons to the country, would leave us worse off. They could not earn their high-priced board. They do not know whether alfalfa grows on trees or is dug out of the ground like potatoes. In hitching up a horse they would not know which end to put next to the wagon. Put these fellows in the army. It will take a great deal longer to drill them for farm work than for army service."

Isn't this rock-bottom commonsense?—Exchange.

America Is Asked To Send Her Best.

Despite the fact that we sort of had a hankering to see Teddy go to the trenches at the head of volunteers we cannot help feeling that General Pershing and a force of picked regulars are far more appropriate for the occasion. America is asked to send her best. In his decision refusing the Roosevelt offer, President Wilson was backed by our leading army officers.—Elgin Recorder.

Canyon Doctor Called.

Canyon City, May 31.—Dr. Leo W. Chilton has received a call to Kansas City, to take his place in the medical reserve corps. He left this morning. His family will go to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to spend the summer with Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Chilton's mother. The friends of Dr. and Mrs. Chilton

keenly regret their departure from Canyon.

Pendleton Troop Accepted.

Pendleton, May 31.—(Special)—Pendleton's troop of cavalry became a part of the Oregon National Guard last evening when Captain Kenyon Joyce of the regular army inspected and formally received it. The inspection took place at Happy Canyon.

Have you seen our new line of bathing suits? If not, now is the time, before yours is gone.



Ladies' Cotton Hosiery in colors, grey, white, pink, etc. Pair . . . 50c

Just Received These new Sweaters in popular colors

The new creations in Sweaters are in our window see them

Ladies Silk Sweaters

These new Silk Knit Sweaters are, the newest arrivals at our store. If you have not seen them, you have missed a beautiful display.

They are in green, purple, blue, yellow, rose and white; also in combinations of these colors.

All have belts, some in plain contrasting colors; others with stripes.

We have a limited number of these Silk Sweaters so it would be wise for you to choose now.

PRICE \$12.50



READ OVER THE BALLOT.

The Observer prints in this issue a facsimile of the ballot that the voters will be called upon to mark next Monday. Oregon has the initiative and referendum, under which the people pass laws and amend their constitution at will. This is an important privilege. Those who have it should seriously and soberly prepare to exercise their functions as lawmakers next Monday. Both men and women have the right to vote in this election. Let us show the world that we cherish and exercise our rights under the Oregon system.

IF LIBERTY LOAN BONDS ARE SO DESIRABLE, WHY IS IT NECESSARY TO ADVERTISE THEM EXTENSIVELY

It is not necessary to advertise these bonds to sell the whole issue, but it is earnestly desired that this loan shall be a popular loan, a loan by and from the people at large of the United States, and not alone from banks, trust companies, and financiers. To that end bonds are to be issued of small denominations, and subscribers for small amounts are to be supplied before the subscribers for large amounts are granted their full subscription.

WHAT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN EUROPEAN WAR RELIEF.

A Statement to the Public.

From August 6, 1914, to September 30, 1916, the American Red Cross received contributions for European War Relief amounting to \$2,144,968.17, and disbursed \$2,007,584.62, leaving a balance on September 30, of \$137,383.55. Since that time additional amounts have been received and other expenditures made.

Of the money received, \$412,635.04 was designated for certain purposes and scrupulously used therefor. The estimated value of supplies during this period is \$978,309.54.

Beyond these bare figures is a background of devoted and self-sacrificing work by over 400 doctors, nurses, sanitarians, and other representatives sent into the war zone. They have cheerfully borne hardships, illness, and danger to bring to those in need the relief made possible by the combination of their skill with these great gifts.

In accordance with the policy announced at the outbreak of the War, there have been no deductions from the above donations to meet the administrative expenses of the Washington Office of the American Red Cross. This has been a severe drain on the general funds of the Society, and hereafter a deduction which is authorized by the Society of not exceeding 5 per cent, will be made to cover unusual administrative expenses incurred on account of the European Work.

Hospital Units.

During the first months of the War, the Red Cross devoted itself entirely to military relief. Its greatest work involved the sending of hospital units, each consisting of three surgeons and twelve nurses, to Austria-Hungary, Belgium, England, France, Germany, Russia, and Serbia. For the first terrible year of the War, while the resources of the belligerent nations were being taxed far beyond capacity, these doctors and nurses worked among the wounded, operating military hospitals of over three hundred beds each. The military authorities of each country utilized these units to their fullest extent, and, often in emergency, far beyond their normal capacities. The approximate cost of these sixteen expeditions was \$352,000.

This does not include the constant stream of hospital supplies sent for their use.

WM. HOWARD TAFT, Chairman. ELIOT WADSWORTH, Acting Chairman.

Support The Government!

At this critical period in our history our manufacturers are offering their mills, and our young men are offering their services to the United States Government.

Do your bit by subscribing to the Liberty Loan. This bank can furnish Bonds in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1000. You can pay for bonds in installments.

Come In and Talk It Over

La Grande National Bank