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JUST A PLAIN GRAFT.

A good example of patriotism in Congress is shown by the patriotic gentlemen who unloaded the Jamestown Exposition site on Uncle Sam for several million dollars by slipping a clause to buy it in the urgent deficiency bill. This is a plain graft and the men who put it through knew it.

GREECE HAS A NEW KING.

German intrigue has lost again. It endeavored to corrupt King Constantine of Greece. Now he has fallen. So go monarchs who try to sell their nation's birth right for a mess of pottage. How could Greece ally herself on the side of Turkey and Bulgaria, her ancient enemies? Alexander, the new king, is acceptable to the Allies. If Greece will lend her aid to the Allies, it will do much to strengthen their cause and to put steam into the Salonika campaign which has been botched from start to finish. The Allies owe a duty to go to the aid of Serbia and Roumania. It's about time they were doing it.

SOLDIERS OF THE COMMON GOOD.

Charles Edward Russell coined a phrase a few years ago, "Soldiers of the Common Good." It strikes us that it is pretty pat just now. "Soldiers of the Common Good," their name is legion. The bankers who worked faithfully and usefully to promote the sale of the Liberty Bonds; the men and women who are doing Red Cross work; the men, women and children who subscribed for Liberty Bonds; who subscribed for the army and navy Y. M. C. A. work; the boys who have gone to the front; the women who sew; the Boy Scouts; the food conservation workers; the Honor Guard; the men, women and children who are producing food; the workers in the industries who are doing their bit and undergoing the hardships of the high cost of living; the G. A. R., W. R. C. and other patriotic societies who are the bulwark of our country. All these and more too are soldiers of the common good. May they carry our banner to victory.

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Come In and Talk It Over

La Grande National Bank

WAR MEASURES FOR LIVE-STOCK BREEDERS.

War measures can be adopted by breeders of livestock as well as by military and naval authorities, is the opinion of Professor Wm. Hislop, Animal Husbandman, Washington State Experiment Station, Pullman, Wash. As the iron shackles of war begin to weigh more heavily, the adoption of such policies will be more general, and will come to be regarded in the light of patriotic obligations.

In the first place, breeders can render supreme service by weeding out all the culls, misfits and nondescripts from their flocks and herds. The robber cow, the broken-mouthed ewe with the spoiled udder, the sow with the small litter of runty, pot-bellied, squealing pigs, the impotent stallion, bull or ram, and the light fleeced sheep, have no place on our farms or ranges and no justification for consuming high priced feeds. A careful study of the flock or herd should be made with the definite aim of sending to the shambles all "star boarders." The national value of a flock that lambs out 125 per cent and shears ten pounds of fleece; the sow that farrows eight lustrous pigs and saves 100 per cent; the cow that returns a tangible profit over labor, feed cost and interest on the investment, is inestimable. Indirectly they increase the effectiveness of the man in the trench.

It is quite clear from the preceding paragraphs that constructive breeders of livestock are of immense nationwide value. Others who merely run so many head of stock must change their ideas if they would be considered as contributing their share in these critical times. This is the day of the outstanding sire, whose progeny have inherited the power to produce profitably. The colt must not be regarded merely as a colt but as a being to be moulded into an effective machine to aid in efficient crop production. (When feed is as scarce as it is today it is idle to raise the scrub calf, the kind that will weigh 1100 lbs. at three years of age, when, with proper breeding, care and management, the same weight is possible at 18 or 20 months of age. It costs less by far to raise an animal whose inherited qualifications are high class than one whose ancestry is inde-

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O.-W. R. & N. employes have done nobly, and have set an example for the employes of all institutions to follow. Before this war is over every man, woman and child, who has the means, should be a partner of Uncle Sam in financing this war.

THE STOCK SHOW A SUCCESS.

Union has been a fine host this week and the livestock show has been well worth visiting. It will put new impetus into our fine industry. Union is to be congratulated for the clever way the show was handled and the care shown for the comfort of visitors.

THE SCHOOL ELECTION.

In the midst of hurry and worry, let us not forget to vote next Monday at the school election. Two school directors are to be selected. Every man and woman voter is eligible to vote. You do not have to own property. The property qualification for voters in school elections has been repealed.

THE NEWSPAPER AS A SALESMAN.

Every day The Observer brings buyer and seller together, recovers lost articles, finds positions for persons out of employment, sells goods, rents vacant houses, recovers lost and strayed livestock, sells household furniture and does a hundred and one other things. Few people realize how many people read The Observer, how it goes into every nook and cranny of its territory and even outside its territory. Reading the advertisements is a good habit. You can't tell when they will spell opportunity.

The aeroplane is coming into its own as a war factor. Its chief use is to carry scouts who report the movements and location of the enemy. The aviators are the eyes of the generals. They direct the artillery fire. It won't be long before American aviators in great numbers are doing deeds of daring on the western front.

No school director or school district can put in free text books in the public schools. No power short of the state legislature or the vote of the people of the whole state can grant free text books. This is merely a statement of fact, which anyone can verify.

It is probable that the President and Federal government will have to seize the paper mills in order to protect the newspapers in their struggle for existence. There seems to be no other way to prevent the rapacity of this trust.

The Portland Rose Festival is a blaze of patriotism. It is a wonderful event. It appeals to the eye, the children with their flag drills touch the heart. The festival is a part of our state life. It should be continued.

Woodburn postpones putting in a sewer system until after the war. This is not the way to do. All public improvements that are needed should be carried on.

Every time a submarine is sunk or rammed some American cuts a notch in his gun.



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