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RAILROADS NEED HELP, TOO.

The way for shippers to help the railroads is heavier loading of cars and prompter unloading. The fuller utilization of our present facilities will help the railroads and also help the shippers themselves in the long run.

Along these lines the Railway Age Gazette says: "Shippers must co-operate with the railways, first, by assisting to move every possible item of traffic during the summer months when normal necessary traffic ordinarily is lightest; and second, by assisting in the utilization of every facility in the most effective manner. This means foregoing some of the rights recognized as established under normal conditions of transportation service, for the present condition is not a normal one, and it means that every car ought to be loaded to its rated capacity where this is physically practicable and that the 10 per cent average overload allowed should be used wherever possible. Regulating bodies have imposed upon the railroads obligations of special importance. The least they can do is to throw no hindrances in the way of the railways while endeavoring to perform their part. They can assist in various ways by relieving the onerousness of restrictions which they may, perhaps, be able to justify at other times. Any other course than that which will tend to relieve the present unprecedented condition by helping the railways to carry their present burden and strengthening them for the bearing of the greatest burden soon to be thrust upon them must be recognized as a detriment to the welfare of the country.

"Finally, every citizen must act in a spirit of co-operation with the interest of what has been named the third arm of the nation's defensive service. It is no time for complaint of service for deficiencies that might reasonably be objected to under normal conditions. The nation is at war. Every citizen is vitally interested in the war's successful outcome. The railways are on the first line of defense."

POOR OLD CHINA.

The trouble with China is that it is infested with graft. The Chinese Minister of Communications has been exposed as renting 200 freight cars for \$4 per car per day for 15 years. He is accused of being paid \$500,000 for letting this contract. This was on a railroad owned by the Chinese government running from Peking to Shanghai. China evidently cannot govern itself. Its people are patient and long suffering but are despoiled by the governing class. Such a weak, incompetent, dishonest gov-

ernment cannot last. The penalty China will pay for its own lack of governmental ability will be to fall a prey to Japan. This seems inevitable. If the United States goes too far in its endeavors to save China, it will mean another international crisis. China cannot save itself. The question is, is China worth saving?

A BIG JOB.

The American Railway Commission to Russia is undertaking a big job in the reconstruction of the Russian railroad system. It also means much to the United States in the way of commerce. The Americans will be given a free hand. Russia last year ordered 600 locomotives and this year 500 more. The Russians want 3000 more as soon as they can get them. They have already ordered 20,000 freight cars and want at least 50,000 more in a hurry. They have already ordered 150,000 tons of rails. They want 350,000 tons more. All this means business—good, clean business for the American manufacturer. The chances are that the work of the American Railway Commission will steadily expand. When the Americans make good on handling Russia's railroad problems and bring prosperity to Russia, they will probably be entrusted with other duties. When Russia's railroads are made efficient, its military power will be correspondingly increased.

IN GOOD HANDS.

The La Grande Hospital unit will be in good hands under Drs. Holt, Hall and Graham, when they get to the front. It is a good thing to have them under officers whom we know and trust. All three men are making great personal sacrifices to answer their country's call, just as the boys are who will serve under them in France. It would be well to give them their vaccination treatment here before they leave. If they become sick, they will have better care at home.

THE AUTOMOBILE PROMOTES TRAVEL.

Here is a typical case of how the automobile promotes travel:

John Day, June 16.—Jesse Jacobi and mother, accompanied by a friend arrived in John Day Thursday morning making the trip from Salem in an automobile in four and a half days. They were former residents of the John Day valley and will visit a short time with friends and relatives before returning home.—Baker Herald.

If it hadn't been for the automobile, the chances are this trip never would have been taken.

MOVE THE MEN AWAY.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has discovered that moral conditions at Newport, Rhode Island, a fashionable watering place, are not what they should be. Immoral resorts flourish there and liquor is sold illegally to sailors. Secretary Daniels should send the men elsewhere. That is one way of bringing Newport to time.

PORTLAND'S NEW MAYOR.

George L. Baker, the new mayor of Portland, will make good. He rose from the ranks, starting in life as a stage hand. He has a genuine sympathy for the common people, acquired by doing hard, manual labor himself. He will be a friend of the common people.

JUDGE BRADSHAW.

The judiciary lost an able jurist in the death of Judge W. L. Bradshaw of The Dalles. A sturdy, able, honorable man, he had been elected and re-elected until at his death he was serving his 26th year on the bench.

We are proud of Union, Cove, Elgin, Imbler and Summerville for their work for the Red Cross. The cities and towns of both Union and Wallowa County have all made a splendid showing in this great work. Enterprise, Joseph, Wallowa and Lostine have done better than their share.

BOY SCOUTS DO GOOD WORK.

The Boy Scouts sold \$15,480,350 worth of Liberty Bonds. This is good work and men's work. The Boy Scouts have demonstrated their worth to the nation.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Get Aboard the Good Roads Wagon.

Every county in the state is busy now figuring how to best get aboard the good roads wagon. The ones who fought the bond measure take their defeat very gracefully, and are now planning how to get some of the money to be raised by the measure they thought would have such a bad influence on the state.—Prairie City Journal.

NOTABLE NEWSPAPER WORK.

With due modesty, may not the newspapers of this land indulge in a bit of self-praise for their work in the national defense during the past six weeks? First, take the military registration. It becomes necessary to educate the people away from American tradition running back more than a hundred years, and accomplish in a few weeks by argument what it took two years of bitter experience for England to accomplish.

Ten million men had to be notified that they must register. The government had no means for notifying them. It called on the newspapers to perform this task, and so thoroughly did they do the work that probably less than fifty men in the entire country failed to receive notification. It is very noteworthy that the government, from the legal point of view, held that newspaper publicity had the same binding effect on the citizen as personal notice served by a duly constituted officer.

In the case of the liberty loan, every newspaper opened itself wide, without limit as to space or position. The propaganda held the right of way for weeks on the front page, in the editorials, in news dispatches, on the financial page and in the display advertisements—all without the cost



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of a single dollar to the government. Education was necessary also in the matter of bonds, for it was the first time in the history of this nation that the plain people were appealed to for financial assistance.

Have the newspapers been half-hearted in the Red Cross campaign or have they been energized to full 100 per cent effectiveness? Of course, the \$100,000,000 is going to be raised, but suppose it should fall short, or that it had failed by, say one-half. A fresh campaign would be on next week, and every newspaper would come through with every resource at its command.

While the newspapers may take credit to themselves for effective publicity, they may also pride themselves upon respecting the absolute confidence of the government reposed in them to keep secrets. The newspapers refrained from publicity. They said not a word about the departure of General Joffre, Ambassador Balfour, Elihu Root and General Pershing until these men arrived abroad. The Telegram violates no confidence when it says that other events, to be announced in due time are kept secret by the newspapers now.

Surely the American press without exception has made good ever since we entered the war, and what it has done is merely a guarantee of what it will continue to do whenever occasion requires.—Portland Telegram.

Society and Personal

ANNOUNCEMENT. Social and club news for this department should be given to the Observer by phone or otherwise, during the forenoon. Such news turned in after 12 o'clock, noon, will frequently have to be held for publication the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Montgomery, of 170 St. Clair street, have as their house guests Mrs. Montgomery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Funk, formerly of Portland, but now living in Enterprise, Or. Mr. Funk will return to Enterprise Sunday, but Mrs. Funk will remain during the summer to visit with relatives and old friends. Several affairs have been given for the visitors since their arrival, before the Rose Festival. Last Thursday Mrs. A. B. Moore entertained with a dinner party at her apartments at the May. Covers were laid for nine. Wednesday Mrs. Harry L. Shaw complimented Mrs. Funk with a luncheon at her home in Piedmont. Around the table, which was adorned with a beautiful centerpiece of Ophelia roses and forget-me-nots, were seated the honor guests, Miss Irene Connell, Mrs. W. J. Stipe, Mrs. W. G. Montgomery, Master Donald Shaw and the hostess.—Portland Telegram.

Miss Della Jackson, of La Grande, will have charge of the piano at the Baker theater at Baker during the absence of Miss Gladys Heath, who is visiting in Portland.

Mrs. L. E. Trill and daughter Bethel returned last night from Illinois and Michigan where they have been visiting a month with relatives and friends.

Miss Lenore Anthony, of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest this week of Dr. and Mrs. Ray S. Murphy. Miss Anthony is with the Ellis-White Chautauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rudolph arrived in the city Sunday morning, returning to Portland the same evening. Mr. Rudolph, who was formerly employed at the local office of the O-W. now has a position with the same company in Portland.

Ukiah, June 23.—(Special)—Ward Emigh, proprietor of the Ukiah Creamery and his brother, James Emigh, of La Grande, came to Ukiah on business Wednesday and will remain here for a few days.

Mark Phy of Hot Lake, and Adrain Good Breed of Union, are in Baker as guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Romig, at 1345 Fourth street. Miss Margaret Romig, who had been visiting at Union, returned with the visitors to Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gardinier have returned from a 1200 mile auto trip to Ellensburg, Wash., going by way of Pendleton and Yakima. The roads were good except over the mountains. They were accompanied on the return trip by Miss Harriet Gardinier, their niece, of Ellensburg.

Harold Mason gave a motor party to Haines yesterday. All report a good time.

Bruce Dennis arrived in La Grande Saturday after a visit to Pendleton and Baker.

Mrs. Frank Rogers, of Enterprise, was registered at the St. George Hotel in Pendleton Friday.

Miss Lorraine Staley was operated on Saturday for appendicitis. She was reported today to be resting easily.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Phy of Hot Lake, were in the city Saturday evening. "It is customary to seal a proposal with a kiss, is it not?" "It used to be, but nowadays it is considered best to have a witness."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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