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LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

We hope that our readers are following as they appear the "letters from the front" which The Observer is running, with the kind assistance of its friends and of the young men at the front. To us they are intensely interesting. All of them breathe a spirit of manliness that is refreshing. All of them are written by young men of the highest form of patriotism. Here and there is a quaint note of boyish humor, here and there a note of serious purpose, of ambitious resolve. One cannot read these letters without being proud of our young men. One cannot but help realize that we have sent to the front young men—and in many cases young boys—who for sturdiness of resolve, for patriotic devotion, and for genuine Americanism never have been surpassed in the history of the Republic.

PROTECTING THE CROPS

Some of us frequently do not realize that the railroads are our partners in lots of our enterprises. Vice-President J. P. O'Brien, who is a good example of a constructive railroad man, forcibly called to our attention the other day the partnership existing between the railroad and the farmer in protecting the crops from fire during the growing and the harvesting season. He points out that a burned field is of no value to the farmer, of no value to the railroad, but a great economic loss, not only to the owner, but to the community, to the railroad, and to the public. The O.-W. R. R. & N. railroad is taking great precautions this year to prevent fires along its right of way. The farmers will help in this, too, by clearing up stubble, by placing stacks of hay as far away from the right of way as possible, and by co-operating with the section crews whose duty it is to clear away fire traps adjacent to the right of way. They should be given freely right to enter on the farms when necessary in order to guard against fires. A little study, a little care and above all the willingness to co-operate with all agencies working to prevent fires, will avoid heavy loss. It is the old story of the stitch in time.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Recognize Eastern Oregon.

For the entertainment of the state editorial convention Pendleton is planning events that will recognize other portions of eastern Oregon aside from Umatilla county;

FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

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it is right this city has long been receiving patronage from all over eastern Oregon, Wallowa county included.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Make Germany Pay.

Whatever other indemnities may be dispensed with, the allies, if victorious, should compel Germany to pay full price and full war price at that, for every vessel and cargo destroyed by her submarines, and for the wanton destruction of property such as has occurred, when her troops were forced to abandon positions of French territory.—Salem Capitol Journal.

The Lady From Montana.

This from the Oakley Graphic should have been said a long time ago, but no one seemed to have the courage to say it. "There is a lot of slush about Congresswoman Rankin. As a matter of fact Miss Rankin isn't a drop in the bucket. The rest of the congressmen are courteous, gentlemanly and polite when it won't hurt anything to let Miss Rankin have her little fling. The gush about her being a 'great force' in Congress is piffle."—Atchison Globe.

Cove Is Patriotic.

In dollars and cents there has been raised for patriotic purposes in Cove since war was declared against Germany, a sum amounting to about \$2500. Besides, and far more important than this, about 24 of our best young men have enlisted under the colors and we are naturally proud of our record in this line. If there are any who are not glad that we have done so much for our country and who still claim the protection of our flag, we would say that now is a good time to turn a new leaf.—Cove Sentinel.

Palmer Valley

Palmer Valley, July 9.—(Special) John Dar has had a gang of 15 men at work on the country road at Shady Creek the past two weeks. The road is in fairly good condition and he expects to move further up the creek the first part of next week. The Sunday School of the Valley gave a picnic on the Fourth. There were about 75 people present and all enjoyed a genuine old basket feed with the eats spread on a long table to be chosen as the appetites demanded. A dance was given in the evening which lasted till early morning. A party of five cars and three wagons from La Grande passed through last week on their way to the Upper Looking Glass to spend the Fourth. There was a celebration at the Junction on the Fourth, at which there were about 25 people present. Paul Spillman, the county agriculturist, and W. A. Ward, biological assistant, were doing some work in the valley last week. Mr. Birchett has traded his ranch of 120 acres to a Mr. Brown, of Idaho. Mr. Birchett will leave soon to take charge of his business. Mr. Kilenbock and Mr. Hohn will start hauling wood this week. Using two teams they expect to get out 200 cords of wood by the first of September.

LIVESTOCK REPORT.

Portland, July 10.—(Special)—Receipts in the North Portland yards for the beginning of the week were rather more liberal than last week, there being 1150 cattle, 1200 hogs;

and 500 sheep.

Cattle.

The cattle pens displayed a good average run of material which might well be classed as high grade commons. There was no really first class beef stuff which was quoted at a shade lower, perhaps 25 cents, but the best beef sold was about 50 cents lower than the same grade last week's opening, going at \$9.50 to \$9.75. Cows were off about 75 cents, some good cows brought \$6.50 to \$7.50 and canners sold as high as \$4.00. Bulls and feeders continue steady. One of the most interesting features of the cattle yards was a splendid display of choice feeders, which went at steady prices bringing around \$7.00.

Hogs.

The hog market continued strong, and the bulge that was sprung in the closing of last week was continued today by the addition of another 15 to 25 cents. Some good hogs went early at last week's closing figure of \$15.85, but as soon as buying was well underway the price went to \$16.00 at which figure the bulk of the sales were made. One load of fancy hogs weighing 257 pounds brought \$16.15. Pigs are getting \$12.00 to \$13.50.

Sheep.

The receipts in the sheep yards were somewhat heavier than for some time, and the tendency was to discourage the already declining market price, the market is 25c lower than last week but trade was sluggish; spring lambs \$11.25 to \$12.75, yearlings \$9 to \$9.50 and ewes \$4 to \$8.

Against Race Suicide.

Spokane, Wash., July 9.—(Special)—Mrs. Frank Robinson living three miles south of Oakesdale, Wash., is

still proving herself in hearty sympathy with Colonel Roosevelt's propaganda against race suicide.

Mrs. Robinson is a mother for the seventh time, giving birth to a baby girl last week. The mother is only 38 years old. These statements would not be so unusual but for the fact that Mrs. Robinson has given birth to 12 children. Triplets were born twice and twins once. She made her big record ten years ago by bringing seven children into the world within 20 months.

And she is a young woman yet.

Movies of the Northwest.

Spokane, Wash., July 10.—(Special) Exploitation of the beauties of the Inland Empire and the whole Pacific Northwest Pictures Corporation which has opened its studio and offices in Spokane.

It is the confident belief of the promoters that with its great variety of scenery and its long photographic day that this region can compete in the moving picture business with California.

Philip Harding, manager of the company in announcing its purposes says:

"The greater northwest has until now been neglected by the motion picture camera," said Mr. Harding. "In the northwest we can outdo the woods of Maine, dwarf the Palisades of the Hudson and eclipse the Airondacks and Ozarks. We have our mountain types that will rival the Alpine scenery of Switzerland.

"The wonderful Glacier park, with

its perpetual snow and ice is at our door. The Yellowstone National park, in its infinite charm and beauty, is within a half day's distance. The Cascades, the Canadian Rockies and the Coeur d'Alenes, with their wonderful scenic opportunities, are easily accessible to us.

"We shall produce regularly a periodical showing important happenings and vital subjects peculiar to the northwest."

Admiralty Is Attacked.

Copenhagen, July 10.—A Berlin dispatch to the Fremdenblatt, of Hamburg, says the entire Clerical party in the Reichstag, with the exception of three members, voted Saturday night to support the stand taken by Mathias Erzberger, who made a sensational speech in the secret session of the main committee, attacking the Admiralty and Pan-Germans as the great obstacles to peace and advocating peace without annexations or indemnities and the introduction of a Parliamentary form of government.

This action was taken, the dispatch says, under the presumption that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg would retire.

The Weather.

Portland, July 10.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair and warmer."

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WHY--

The Business Man and The Banker should encourage and The Farmer should practice Diversified Farming

(By Kenneth Gilbert. These articles are reprinted from the "Business Chronicle" of Seattle, Wash., by permission of the publisher. They appeared in serial form in that publication, Feb. 24 to April 21, 1917. A copy may be had by addressing the Union Pacific System.)

More and Better Crops, More Wealth, More Contentment—Diversified Farming Will Do It.

Some 15 years ago the railway wanted to find out why 100 miles of its line in the Willamette Valley region in Oregon originated less freight in one month than did 100 miles of railway in a certain district in Minnesota. It did not take the railroad long to decide that the Minnesota farmers were given to diversified farming, while that practice had not penetrated to the Willamette Valley. So the railroad sent its agriculturist to prevail on the Willamette Valley farmers to not only take up diversified farming, but to improve their methods.

Bridging the years down to date we find that conditions have changed vastly in the Willamette Valley. They raise more and better crops; they are more contented; their per capita wealth has greatly increased. Diversified farming has done it.

If what was done in the Willamette Valley is indicative of what may be done elsewhere, it would seem logical to argue that every country or city business man whose affairs keep him directly or indirectly in touch with the farmer should take an interest in the methods pursued by farmers in his section of the country.

Briefly, diversified farming is to be recommended because it provides: More economic and profitable division of labor throughout the year.

- Rotation of crops. More certain and continuous income. More livestock. Smaller farms. More people on the land. Better roads, better schools and better social conditions. More intensive and profitable cultivation of the soil. Increasing productive capacity of the land. More and better farm homes.

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