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CONGRESS AND THE WAR.

We can see signs in Congress of a desire to retain all its power. It is only human to keep what one has. Congress has the power to block the plans and desires of the President. There are secret and underground influences at work on Congress which are very powerful and sinister. Take for instance the fight on Hoover. The longer food control is delayed the more money for the food speculators, for the cold storage men. So it is with the fight on the National Council of Defense. That is a covert way of attacking the President. Be it known that the National Council of Defense was appointed by the President to assist the Cabinet in the tremendous and weighty problems of the war. Naturally he picked the biggest and best business men in the country. Some of them closed up their desks, moved bag and baggage to Washington, and began the service of their country without pay. The nasty, little sneering resolution passed by the Senate forbids members of the National Council of Defense or their agents from selling any goods to the National government. While on the face of this, it appears reasonable, it will be seen that there is underhanded politics in it, when it is realized that it will force the members to retire from the services of the country. When gigantic orders for supplies were placed by the government, it has been the custom of the Defense Council to call in all of the manufacturers of the particular article desired and the biggest men in the industry have figured out the price to the government on a cost basis and have divided the order in proportion to the capacity of their factories. There has been little thought of profit, more thought of patriotism in the work of the National Council of Defense. If they had been excluded, the orders could not have been filled. The resolution of the Senate is a cheap, little nasty sneer. But this is what men get when they attempt to serve their country. They must grin and bear it. But do not forget that when they sneer at these public spirited men, they are sneering at the President, who called men of honor and honesty to his side. Congress is delaying the food control bill—evidently at the request of the food speculators. They do not want Hoover because they still want to heap up burdens upon the poor consumer. It strikes us that a good way to help win the war would be to lighten, if possible, the burdens that have been heaped upon the common people.

APPOINT DR. GRAHAM.

The movement to petition the governor and the adju-

tant general to appoint a La Grande physician to head the La Grande Hospital Unit is right and proper. La Grande parents are entitled to have in charge of their boys a man whom they know and in whom they have confidence. The Observer joins in this public petition to have Dr. J. P. Graham appointed Major to succeed Dr. Holt, who has tendered his resignation. Dr. Graham's appointment would reflect honor upon the state administration and upon La Grande.

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 senior form in that publication, Feb. 24 to April 21, 1917. A copy may be had by addressing the Union Pacific System.)

Corn an Important Factor in Successful Farming.

Corn growing in Washington was, until recently, regarded as an impossibility by most farmers. "The nights are too cold," was the most common objection voiced. Due largely to the efforts of C. L. "Farmer" Smith, agriculturist of O.-W. R. R. & N., the corn acreage of Washington has increased from 16,000 in 1912 to 66,000 in 1916. The nights, by the way, are no warmer. Chief among the reasons why we should grow corn are the following: 1. In our great wheat belt our summer fallow land represents idle capital, and one crop of wheat alternate years will not pay good interest on the present high price of wheat land. Where the rainfall exceeds 15 inches per annum, corn may take the place of the bare fallow profitably. If the soil is properly handled to conserve the moisture before the corn is planted, and the corn is properly tended, the soil will be cleaner, will be "rested" better, and will contain more moisture when the corn is removed than the ordinary summer fallow. 2. Its introduction will make it possible to keep considerable live stock, so essential to maintaining indefinitely the fertility of any region and developing a stable system of agriculture. 3. Our present available stock feeds are too rich in protein or flesh-forming material, and corn furnishes the best source for supplying the deficiency in carbohydrates or fat-forming material. 4. Corn silage is a cheap source of succulence in winter and of supplementary green feed during late summer drought. Alfalfa, peas and corn make a succession of crops that will furnish fresh feed through Spring, Summer and Fall. 5. The introduction of corn and live stock will give better distribution of labor, helping to correct a great weakness in the present system of wheat farming. 6. With proper attention to conserving moisture the growth of corn will not reduce the yield of the wheat crop following. 7. The preparation of the land for corn and the proper care of the crop makes an ideal preparation for wheat, hence the cost of preparation is practically eliminated from the cost of wheat production and the net returns from the wheat crop increased by that much. 8. The dairy farms of western Washington need a cultivated crop to clean and ventilate the soil, also a crop rich in carbohydrates to balance their rations. 9. Stock farms in the irrigated sections need corn to balance alfalfa in feeding.

American Airmen Will Fight For Pershing

BY W. S. FORREST (United Press Staff Correspondent) Paris, July 19.—Within a fortnight the Lafayette squadron of fighting American airmen now attached to the French army will be formally transferred to the American army.

An American army officer will have direct charge of the eyes of Pershing's army. As an organization and individually, the American flyers in this unit have been repeatedly cited for courage, daring and fighting ability no less than their splendid scouting work. The personnel, to date, of this great flying unit, is as follows: Captain Thénault, of the French army, commanding. Lieut. Maison de Rouge, of the French army, second in command. Lieut. William Thaw, of Pittsburgh. Lieut. Raoul Lufberry, of New York City. Adjutant Didier Masson, of New York and Texas.

- Personnel: Balsey, Corporal H. Clyde, San Antonio, Texas. (Wounded April 28, 1917; now in hospital.) Bigelow, Corporal Stephen, Boston, Mass. Bridgmann, Corporal Roy Claffin, Lake Forest, Ills. Chadwick, Corporal Oliver M., Lowell, Mass. Chatkoff, Corporal Lincoln Herman, New York. (Injured in fall, June 20, 1917; now in hospital.) Cowden, Sergeant Elliott, New York. (On leave, attached to instruction duty with American Officers Reserve Corps, Plattsburg, N. Y. Decorated with Military Medal and French War Cross with Palms.) Dolan, Corporal Charles H., Boston, Mass. (On leave in United States owing to illness of family.) Drexel, Corporal John Armstrong, Philadelphia, Pa. Dugan, Corporal William E., South Orange, N. J. (Decorated with War Cross, April 1, 1916.) Hall, Corporal James Norman, Coal-fax, Iowa. (Wounded June 28 in fight with 7 enemy aviators; now in hospital. Decorated with Military Medal and War Cross.) Haviland, Sergeant Willis, Minneapolis, Minn. Hewitt, Corporal Thomas M., New York. Hill, Corporal Dudley L., Peekskill, N. Y. (On sick leave beginning May 1, 1917.) Hinkle, Corporal Edward Foote, Cincinnati, O. Johnson, Corporal Archibald, Pittsburgh, Pa. Johnson, Sergeant Charles C., St. Louis, Mo.

Lovell, Corporal Walter, Concord, Mass. (Decorated with War Cross while in American Ambulance Service, 1916.) Lufberry, Lieut. Raoul, New York. (One of the two "aces" in the squadron; officially credited with bringing down 10 enemy planes; decorated with War Cross, Military Medal, British Military Cross; French Aero Club plaque, other numerous honors. Is the premier flyer of the escadrille.) McMonigle, Corporal Douglas, San Francisco, Calif. Marr, Corporal Kenneth, Alaska. (The man who introduced Alaskan sledge dogs to the French army in the Vosges.) Masson, Adjutant Didier, New York and Texas. (Formerly Carranza's chief airman, before that well known exhibition aviator in the United States.) Parsons, Sergeant Edwin C., Springfield, Mass. Peterson, Corporal David M., Honesdale, Pa. Prince, Corporal Frederick, Beverly Farms, Mass. (On leave in U. S. as instructor to Officers Reserve Corps, Plattsburg, N. Y. Brother to Aviator Norman Prince, killed in action 1916.) Rockwell, Corporal Robert L., Cincinnati, Ohio. Rumsey, Corporal Lawrence, Buffalo, N. Y. (Released because of illness, May, 1917.) Soubrain, Sergeant Robert, New York. Thaw, Lieut. William, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Second "ace" in the Escadrille; officially credited with downing seven enemy planes; decorated with War Cross; other medals.) Willis, Corporal Harold, Boston, Mass.

Union County Boy Escapes. Salem, July 19.—(United Press)—Henry Walling and Curtis Tucker, each eighteen years old, escaped from the State Training School. They were working in the fields when they left. Tucker is from Union county.

NORTH POWDER NEWS. (Continued from Page 2.) will have a fair yield in spite of dry weather. The farmers in the dry belt can learn one thing from the present dry weather and that is to put in fall grain and you are sure of a crop. The past winter was so cold that some of the wheat was frozen out but there are kinds of wheat that will stand any amount of cold and that is the kind the farmer wants to get. This is the plan followed by the large wheat growers in Washington and it can be successfully followed here. Ivan White has accepted a position with the P. F. E. and has returned to make his home here. Mr. White formerly lived at Weiser. F. O. Bradshaw has accepted a po-

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sition in the bank and is now at work at his new duties. Mr. Bradshaw was at one time principal in the Union schools and comes highly recommended.

James Gilkinson has been selling some of his fine strawberries around town. Mr. Gilkinson raises the finest strawberries that can be grown in any country. They are very large and of the finest flavor.

Sylvan Cool came home from the mines sick recently. His case was diagnosed as typhoid fever and he was sent to Hot Lake for treatment.

It is reported that E. S. Forsstrom was arrested for fraud and taken to Portland last Monday. He gave a draft on a Walla Walla bank for \$300 and he had no funds in the bank.

The Hess Lumber Co. are moving in their mill machinery to the Peach timber tract and men are now building a road so that they can get the machinery in place. They expect to get everything ready for work by Aug. 1.

A number of people are already going out to the mountains to camp and others will soon be following their example if the hot weather continues.

Mrs. May McGregor has been very sick for some time but is better now and will soon be able to be out again.

Max Bull was seriously hurt while alighting from a train in La Grande the other day. He fell and hurt his shoulder and he had to have the arm amputated. Fred Bull went down to be with his brother during the operation.

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