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A TIME FOR PATRIOTISM.

The governors of the Pacific Northwest did well to advocate conciliation at the present time. This is a duty that rests equally upon labor and capital. To a sane person there is much cause for worry in the present situation; industrial disputes are cropping out everywhere. Anarchy, sedition and treason are abroad. It seems too bad that at this time labor and capital could not pull together and that the whole country could not present a united front to the enemy.

THE BOYS ARE GOING TO FRANCE.

News was received by The Observer today that the La Grande Hospital Unit is going to France as a part of the "Rainbow Division", composed of the flower of the Oregon National Guard. This is a fine tribute to the personnel of our local organization.

Supporting the Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the United States Government, and many are doing so by depositing their money in the Federal Reserve System.



La Grande National Bank

Hospital Unit Notes

Sgt. Roy Rice has received his new uniform and wore it to Pendleton Saturday night. He has the honor of being the first of the non-commissioned officers to be able to show off his uniform. He had it made to order at his own expense.

Lecturer Shows

Method Of Canning

It is the patriotic duty of every family in the United States to preserve enough food for their own use, was the point made by Mrs. G. M. Curtis who held a demonstration of the canning of fruit and vegetables at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon at two o'clock.

"The canneries will have all they can do preserving food for the army and navy," Mrs. Curtis went on to say, "and the least we can do is to raise and can enough for our own individual use."

Mrs. Curtis showed models of fruit dryers and canned corn and beans to demonstrate the "Cold Pack" method of preserving.

Over fifty people were present at the meeting.

Stormy Session Expected

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 14—With a stormy, but probably brief, session forecasted, the British Columbia parliament opened here today. The government expects the session to end in a week, while the opposition is said to be prepared for a session of two weeks or a month.

The opposition will introduce as early as possible in the session, according to persistent reports, a want of confidence motion.

Oregon City—Rivers and harbors bill passed by congress carries \$80,000 for locks here.

Gresham has two good banks and is growing fast. Pendleton—\$60,000 being expended on Round-up, Sept. 21-23.

THE USE OF ENGLISH.

Some newspapers with the weight of the traditions of years worry a good deal about the fate of the English language. Just now they are worrying about the effect that the war is going to have. No doubt there will be many words introduced into the language such as "barange", a very picturesque word used to describe the curtain of shrapnel shells sent ahead of the infantry by their own artillery when it is charging over No Man's land.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Peace Talk Seditions.

Both the German and Austrian (better called German-Austrian) chancellors having showed an inclination to talk peace, there is a demand, by the peace-at-all-prices element and a small but villainous part of the American press, that President Wilson make some movement for peace discussion.

A fellow who would probably go out and put a mad dog on the head and say "Good dog!" "Good dog!" would be rightly set down as idiotic. That's just what President Wilson would be doing by assuming anything like a peaceful attitude toward the German autocracy.

The Newspapers' "War Profits".

When it is frequently remarked that the war "is a fine thing for the newspapers," there seems to be a current impression that the press is making a lot of money out of the war. There is even a thinly veiled suspicion that the newspapers would like to see the war continue indefinitely on account of the profits they are getting out of it.

Anyone familiar with the newspaper business knows the absurdity of this idea. If there are any newspapers in the United States that are making bigger profits out of

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printing war news than they would make from printing the news in normal times they must be an invisible minority.

In the first place it costs more to handle war news than it does any other kind of news. There is probably not a paper in the United States that gives the public a good war news service whose expenses for news and features has not been increased many fold.

In addition to this the cost of materials used in producing newspapers have risen enormously. Paper, ink, type, machinery and labor have all gone up.

Admitting that the circulation of a newspaper may have increased and the selling price remains the same, which it has done, there is no additional profit from this source in the newspaper business. In fact in many instances a greatly increased circulation under the higher cost of production has been an actual loss to many newspaper publishers. The loss on circulation may or may not be wiped out by increased advertising rates if the publisher is fortunate enough to get them, but temporarily there is a sacrifice in selling more papers.

As for "war advertising" we don't happen to know any publishers who are getting fat on it. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has announced that the newspapers own the Liberty Loan \$500,000 worth of free advertising and Red Cross officials have said the same. There is no doubt that the newspapers did this and they are still giving free advertising every day to every important phase of the war. And it is a genuine gift, for it costs the newspaper publishers real money. Furthermore it is the only business in the country that is actually giving its wares away to promote and sustain the country in the war and war preparation.

This is how the newspapers are "profiting" from the war.—Baker Herald.

The Oregon System All Right.

Every once in a while some paper breaks out with a new argument against the Oregon system, usually calling attention to something terrible that might happen under it. But at the end of several years of use, the initiative, referendum and kindred laws do not appear to have brought any pestilence upon the country that adopted it.

Criticism of the system is wasted space. It takes years to get the best out of any good idea that is such a radical change as this was a few years ago, but the system has proved to stay and can not be changed by all of the old fashioned politicians left in Oregon. The common voter is not going to let go of any such authority once placed in his hands. And a sorrowful fate would certainly meet a legislature put on the ballot providing for a return to the old convention system.—Prairie City Journal.

Call To the Women.

The call now is to the women at home. A hundred articles of comfort to the boys in the camps, with the fleet and on the battle line, are needed. Fashion, society, ease, luxury must be abandoned. Every man, every needle, every hour is needed now. Is there one woman who is slacking? If so, remember that the boys in blue in Belgium, in Poland, in Armenia.—Evening Tribune, Pendleton.