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WHAT WE FIGHT.

"The war was begun by the military masters of Germany, who proved to be also the masters of Austria-Hungary. These men have never regarded nations as peoples, men, women and children of like blood and frame as themselves, for whom governments existed and in whom governments had their life. They have regarded them merely as serviceable organizations which they could by force or intrigue bend or corrupt to their own purpose. They have regarded the smaller states, in particular, and the peoples who could be overwhelmed by force, as their natural tools and instruments of domination. Their purpose has long been avowed.

"If they succeed they are safe, and Germany and the world are undone; if they fail, Germany is saved and the world will be at peace. If they succeed, America will fall within the menace. We and all the rest of the world must remain armed, as they will remain, and must make ready for the next step in their aggression; if they fail, the world may unite for peace, and Germany may be of the union." —Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

INVESTING IN BONDS.

No better provision could be made for the future than an investment in liberty loan bonds. They are absolutely safe and no possible condition can destroy their value; exempt from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes the income from them cannot be lessened; with a market every where in the United States and, as competent financial authorities assert, a market in every commercial center in the world when peace comes, they will be readily convertible into cash. They possess all of the elements that would attract a sound investing mind.

More than that an American citizen investing in liberty loan bonds is investing in victory, for the proceeds of the liberty loan bonds are to win the war and bring peace in Europe and peace and safety to the rest of the world.

IT PAYS.

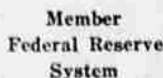
Mr. A. R. Badley, of Milton, Or., is an interesting man. He evidently is progressive and up-to-date and he uses modern methods in his fruit and vegetable raising business. He put an advertisement in The Observer recently advertising tomatoes for sale. Today he wrote in "Stop the adv., I am swamped," and he put in another advertisement calling attention to his canning peaches, which he will have ready for the market in two weeks. It pays to advertise; Mr. Badley evidently has found it out.

Supporting the Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the United States Government and many are doing so at considerable cost or sacrifice to themselves.

We have joined the Federal Reserve Banking System established by the Government to give greater financial stability and strength to the member banks and protection to their depositors.

You can give your support to this great Government enterprise and also obtain its protection for your money by becoming one of our depositors.



La Grande National Bank

Observations

The real philosopher is the man who buckles in and tries to work out of his difficulties.

It doesn't make any difference how much chili sauce and jelly and jam a woman puts up, she's always pessimist enough to be sure it won't last through the winter.

One reason the men usually beat the women at cards, is that the men play cards only while the women also have to discuss the new hats and the latest fashion in opera cloaks.

When a young fellow wails that he has never had a chance what he really means is that he has never accepted a chance.

Save your pennies. You may be a police commissioner some day.

DON'T STOP.

- When someone stops advertising. Someone stops buying. When someone stops selling. When someone stops making. When someone stops earning. When everyone stops earning. Everybody stops earning. Everybody stops buying. Keep Going.—Ex.

Picked Up By The Stroller

I'd like to stroll down to Clackamas.

Some folks have a habit of strolling in where they are not wanted.

Every time the fire bell rings I jump about a foot; there is no sound more terrifying to me than the clang of the big bell and the clatter of the fire department gongs. Fortunately the fire department usually arrives in time to put out the flames before they do much damage.

The Observer has been asked if I meant O'Connell's as the place where the soldiers were sold a pie for 50 cents. I do not or I don't know who sold the pie, and besides I know O'Connell's and other respectable places don't do business that way. Who sold it and where, I don't know; I do know the officer raised an awful fuss about it.

How'd you like it if you were a soldier boy and belonged to Company M and had a sweetheart at La Grande and they got you up early one morning and started you off to "somewhere in America," and you got on the train and you thought that you were going to La Grande, and when you got to The Dalles they said, Company M, all off, and let Company L stay on and choo-choo to the home of your lady love?

LA GRANDE WANTS HIM.

If the wishes of La Grande are consulted, Rev. Charles A. Edwards will be returned to the La Grande Methodist Church for the ensuing year. The decision will be made in a few days by Bishop Franklin Hamilton at the Methodist Conference at Emmett, Idaho.

Dr. Edwards occupies a splendid position in the community. He does his church work well; he is a fine public speaker; his influence radiates out beyond the church into the community, and from there throughout the neighboring counties. He takes part cheerfully in all public movements; his work is constructive, not destructive. He does not busy himself in bearing down other religious denominations; somehow or other we believe that he believes in freedom of religion, freedom of conscience, freedom of worship. He does busy himself with quickening the moral and patriotic pulse of the city.

There are so many things in community life that tend to narrowness, provincialism, distrust. These are the things that we all have to fight. The Observer is thankful that Dr. Edwards is here to preach, to live, to act, to set an example for kindness, liberality, broadness, constructiveness. Dr. Edwards is a good neighbor; we do not want to lose him; we need him here.

SELF-CONTROL.

To a pioneer of the fibre of Dunham Wright, a "little thing" like a fire will be taken just as one of the ordinary events in the battle of life. Within a few days it will be 50 years since Mr. Wright took up his homestead on which he built the famous health resort, the main building of which burned Monday afternoon. Fifty years of a useful, well-ordered life brings philosophy to a man, and a well-stored mind, accustomed to ponder over the affairs of everyday life, does not get over heated or excited. What priceless things self-control, serenity, self-mastery are?

THE SECOND LIBERTY LOAN.

"The Second Liberty Loan of 1917" will be the official name of the second issue of the liberty loan.



XTRAGOOD Clothes for Boys

HAVE BOY READY WHEN THE SCHOOL BELL RINGS

HARD PLAY RUINS A BOY'S CLOTHES

But to save his clothes you would not have your boy stop playing. Games sharpen the boys' wits; they make him bright and keen, and lay the foundation for a successful, hardy manhood.

The scarcity of wool this Fall will compel many manufacturers to substitute cotton for wool. You know that a cotton suit will not stand the wear that the ordinary school boy will give it.

Buy an all wool suit—it will be a great saving in the end.

BOYS' SHOES

The last article to be considered in the boy's school outfit is Shoes—and Shoes that are going to give him service and satisfaction are the kind he will want. Something he can run and play in and always have them looking like shoes ought to look.

We have them at moderate prices and we know they wear—we guarantee them.

Let us prove it.



BOYS' CAPS

The boy always wants a cap for school wear—something he can roll up and cram in his pocket or stuff in a corner and always have come out shapely and smart.

—That's a boy's ideal headpiece.

N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has issued a public statement warning the public against recurring unreliable reports regarding the next liberty loan purporting to give information as to the date, amount, and other details relative to the issue. He states these reports are merely speculative and the public should not be misled by them; that these matters have not been determined upon, and as soon as they are settled official announcement will be made; in the meantime unofficial reports should be regarded as unfounded.

MANY CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED FOR N.Y.

New York, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Fear of German sea and air raids which promised last Spring to keep many out-of-town visitors away from New York while the war lasted, has evidently not injured this town's supremacy as the "Convention City" of the country. The number and variety of conventions booked for the near future seems larger than ever. The Merchants' Association announced last week that in July the bureau had obtained the following conventions for New York City: National Sheet Music Dealers' Association, June, 1918; New York State Chiropractic Society, July, 1918; Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association, August, 1917; American Rose Society, August, 1917; American Carnation Society, August, 1917; National Association of Clothing Designers, January, 1918; and New York and New England Association of Railway Surgeons, October, 1917. Also, through the efforts of the bureau, the Military Order of Foreign Wars will hold a big convention here in May, 1920, and this is the booking record of only one local organization for only one month.

Joseph News Items

Joseph, Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Cooler weather prevails with fewer hot days than usual.

Mayor A. W. Schaupp returned last week from his 8000-mile journey in the East accompanied by his wife and two children. They started on June 20, arriving at their destination in thirteen and one-half days or about 200 miles a day. The most easterly point reached was Dayton, O. The trip was made on the Lincoln Highway by way of Salt Lake City and Omaha. All in the party report a fine time with very few troubles with the car. Professor and Mrs. Merrill expect to leave soon for a new field of labor after having put on two or three shows in Joseph one of which was "The Follies of '17" and which was one of the best home talent shows ever put on here. The Merrills have been in the show business for many years and came to Joseph to camp and enjoy a good rest.

On Friday, the 24th, Mrs. Louisa E. Scott sold to Samuel C. Poague and wife, lot No. 3, and part of lot No. 4, in the Jennings addition. The consideration being \$650.

Kenneth, the 14-year-old son of W. P. Trumbull, arrived home on Friday, the 24th, after spending his vacation

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