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TO CRUSH DISLOYALTY.

The American Alliance for Labor and Democracy has been formed to stamp out disloyalty and treason which have been raising their snake heads in the ranks of labor, represented by paid agitators and foreign spies, who have been fomenting strikes and labor troubles everywhere with a view of crippling the Government and the Nation in its war work. No fair-minded citizen should have a doubt that labor will deliver the goods and prove by deeds not words that the workingman and workingwoman are loyal to our flag.

GETTING OUT OF DEBT.

The city of Toledo, Or., sells \$12,000 in water bonds and \$15,000 in bonds to refund debts. That is probably good business. It is probably better than having a big floating debt with no fixed period of maturity. One trouble with bonds is that some municipalities never pay them off. The best way to do is to refund existing debts by a serial bond issue, paying interest and a part of the principal every year. In that way a city can be put on a cash basis and eventually get out of debt.

DRAINAGE A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Drainage is a state problem as well as a local problem. Oregon has 4,273,000 acres of improved farm lands. There are at least 3,000,000 acres of land that can be reclaimed or improved by drainage. Fifty thousand acres of overflowed land can be improved in Union County at very small expense in proportion to the value of the land. We believe that right now, when the need of food is so great is the time to increase the productive area of Union County farm lands. Let the Commercial Club, the Agricultural Council, the County Commissioners, the County Agriculturalist, the farmers, the landowners get back of the proposed drainage district. It is easy to fly the American flag; here is a chance to show patriotism by real constructive work. We have confidence that Union County will do its duty, reclaim its lands, increase its production, raise bigger crops and make a good investment. Draining land is not pouring money down a rat hole.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERNS ADVERTISE.

Big, prosperous, successful business concerns like Allen & Lewis, Portland Flouring Mills, Wadhams & Co., Oregon Life Insurance Co., Tru Blue Biscuit Co., Golden Rod Mill-

Is Your Money Supporting the Government?

At this critical period in our history our manufacturers are offering their mills, and our young men are offering their services to the United States Government.

Would you like to do your share and help by putting your money where it will support the new Federal Reserve Banking System, which the Government has established to stand back of our commerce, industry and agriculture?

You can do this by opening an account with us, as part of every dollar so deposited goes directly into the new system, where it will always be ready for you when wanted.

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COATS WITH CHARACTER

Coats that speak individuality. They are here for your selection in an extensive variety, embodying the last word of fashion as to style and fabric. Tailored in the inimitable way which means perfect workmanship.

Every stitch a Silk Stitch.

The one that will become you best is here waiting for you to try on. You are invited to visit our ready-to-wear Department.

Some of the Leading Fall Styles are Described Here

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Fashioned of rich Burella Cloth and lined throughout with figured poplin of attractive design. The side pockets are large and useful. The broad belt, large, convertible collar, patch breast pockets, box plaited back—these all contribute to enhance the smart appearance of this model. Colors green and burgundy.

Ask to See No. 513.

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Cloth is a fine all wool velour, lined to waist with Sol Satin. The large convertible collar is ornamented with an inlay of new lamb fabric, which also embellishes the pockets. The back is shirred both above and below the waist line. A coat suitable for all occasions. Color brown.

Ask to See No. 512.

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The material is Suede Velour, a rich, soft, all wool fabric greatly favored for garments of superior quality. The collar is of Kerami Mole. The belt is broken on each side by unusually decorative pockets, which are shirred at top, emphasizing the correct high waist line. Color grass green.

Ask to See No. 520.

Ask to See Any of These—Also Variations of These

SEE THESE IN OUR WINDOW

N. West & Co.
THE QUALITY STORE

ing Co., Blumauer-Frank Drug Co., advertise in The Observer. They advertise because they want business and get business because they do advertise. And they choose The Observer as a medium because it has the circulation and gets results. Merchants who do not advertise are hiding their lights under a bushel basket. Statistics show that a great per cent of merchants and business concerns who do not advertise persistently and intelligently fail.

THE FLOW OF GOLD.

No one need worry because the President has put an embargo on the flow of gold out of the country. The explanation is very simple. We are buying more goods from certain countries than we are selling them. For instance, Spain and Japan. Therefore we have an unfavorable trade balance. Besides we are lending the allies huge sums of money or credit. They are not spending all of this money in this country. They are spending some of it in Japan for goods and munitions, they are paying Japan for the use of her ships in transporting cargoes.

Japan is a very thrifty country and is getting very rich as the result of the war. Naturally if we owe her a lot of money and she demands gold we will have to pay it or send her goods in the place. Japan would very gladly accept in place of gold, steel for her navy and is proposing to the President that we sell her steel, which would soon even up our trading account; or we could send her army supplies, rifles, or warships built for our own use. An unfavorable trade balance can only be settled in goods or gold; an embargo on gold will not settle a debt.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY.

"Men give me credit for some genius. All the genius I have lies in this. When I have a subject in hand, I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. Then the effort which I have made is what people are pleased to call the fruit of genius. It is the fruit of labor and thought."—Alexander Hamilton.

REST STATIONS FOR AMERICANS ON THE FIRING LINE

(By the United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—To hearten Uncle Sam's boys in France, and give their French comrades a real token of American cooperation, the American Red Cross is establishing canteens and rest stations back of the firing line.

Shower baths and laundries will remove the accumulated filth of the trenches. Quiet rest rooms will be provided with plenty of books and magazines, writing materials and games. In many of the stations there will be lunch rooms and dormitories.

Nowadays when the French soldiers come from the trenches, they are sent to the nearest railway junction, where they wait, dirty, tired and restless, for the trains that take them back home.

It is to meet the needs of these men, as well as the American soldiers that the stations are to be established by means of a \$708,000 fund set aside by the Red Cross War Council.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Self Praise.



WALT MASON

I may be loaded down with merit, but I am foolish to declare it. If I go forth, my worth expounding, and boasting it in tones resounding, my friends will mutter, soon or later, "He is a fourth rate selling plater. His dome of thought is stuffed with sawdust; the worth while man is always modest." I often catch myself beginning to boost myself in language winning; I tell of big things I'm achieving, of how competitors I'm leaving away back yonder in the distance; I tell how I, without assistance, climbed upward from the slum and gutter to heights too wonderful to utter. I throw myself all kinds of lilies, then find my hearers have the willies. They look as though they'd like to take me to some secluded spot and shake me. Then, mortified, I fade away, and while I'm going I wonder why I do such blowing. The most of us have sins besetting; the most of us are oft forgetting that it is foolish to unfold them, and flaunt them where all men behold them.

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