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### A PUBLIC SERVANT.

In these days of dictators and autocrats, let us not spread the autocratic principle into our daily life. Let us remember that a municipality depends upon its citizens for support; let us remember that those who draw salaries and wages from the city are servants of the citizens. The chief of police is one of them. The City Commission owes it to the body of citizens to see that its employes are civil, decent and courteous. The chief of police has been charged with incivility, profane and abusive language towards citizens and assaults upon two citizens.

The Observer believes that the City Commission owes it to the public to hold a public hearing and to investigate the charges against the chief of police. No doubt there are other citizens, who would make complaints, if assured by the Commission of protection from future persecution.

### SOME POLITICAL ECONOMY.

The argument has been advanced that the wealth and resources of the United States are impaired to the extent of all the money spent by the Government for war purposes. The argument is very unsound. There is a sharp contrast between cost to the Government and cost to the people of the country.

The United States has sold two billion dollars worth of liberty loan bonds to the people of the United States and therefore owes two billion dollars more than it did a few months ago. When the money for the bonds has been collected in full and been expended in full the matter will stand in this shape—

The people of the United States will have loaned to their Government two billion dollars in return for which they will have received two billion dollars worth of liberty loan bonds which is as valuable security as the world affords. Moreover they will have in their pockets or their banks the two billion dollars which they loaned their Government. The Government will have expended part of this money itself and those European nations engaged in war with Germany, whose obligations our Government has purchased with part of the money realized from the sale of liberty loan bonds, will have expended the other part, and all of it will have been spent in America for American products and in payment of American wages.

The resources of the Nation, its capital stock so to speak, will not have been impaired at all. Our farms, our mines, our factories, in fact all of our fixed property and industries will remain intact. Our people will simply have sold some of the annual products of the country, the products

of its farms, the products of its mines and products of its factories.

Thus the Government will have value received for the money it borrowed from the people and the people will have value received for the money they loaned the Government and the products they sold their Government and the European nations engaged in war with Germany. As Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has expressed it—"all of this financing is largely merely a matter of shifting credits. All of the money will remain in this country and will not involve any loss of gold or any loss of values."

Of course the United States is going to pay these bonds at maturity and is going to pay interest on them in the meanwhile. It is going to pay part with the money it will later collect from our debtor European governments engaged in war with Germany; it is going to pay part with money raised by taxation. It is not going to pay them out of the capital of the United States or out of the capital of the people of the United States. The money is to come from the annual income and production of the country which now amount to fifty billion. The yearly agricultural production of the United States is more than ten billion dollars and the mineral production three billion. The profits of converting raw material into finished products amount annually to ten billion dollars. These are just some of our main resources of annual income.

The raising of money by the sale of bonds and the expenditure of that money for purposes of war are not going to injure or destroy the productive capacity of our fields, factories, or mines. There is waste in war, and a great deal of waste, but war is not all waste. The actual waste in this war may be more than made up by the speeding up of our industries under the stimulus of the war.

There is going to be loss by reason of this war—wealth shot away in battle and wealth sunk at sea. And there is going to be loss of some of America's bravest sons. But the price is one that America is willing to pay, that her fighting men and her people are willing to pay for the maintenance of our rights and of our National honor, the cause of democracy, the preservation of liberty and civilization and humanity. The loss caused by war will be small, indeed, compared to the worth of these things, to America and to the world.

### Governor Issues Proclamation at Request of Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

Whereas, the women of America, as well as the men who are giving themselves to our Nation's cause, can now perform a great and timely public service; and

Whereas, The Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense is organizing local councils in every community in this state with the purpose of systematizing and making effective women's patriotic services; and

Whereas, the Oregon division of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense desires that Saturday, September 15, 1917, be set aside as the day for the registration of women in this state for service;

Now therefore, in view of the foregoing premises and by virtue of the authority in me vested, I, James Withycombe, Governor of the state of Oregon, do hereby proclaim Saturday, September 15, 1917, as Women's Registration Day, and I do earnestly ask that all patriotic women on that day register for patriotic service.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the state of Oregon to be hereunto affixed this first day of September, A. D. 1917.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE,  
Governor.

### LIBRARIES AND THE WAR.

The American soldiers need good reading matter during the war and they are going to get it. Notice on the corner of a magazine that after a postage stamp is placed in the corner, the Postal Department will transmit it to the Army. This is easy and simple. Every one is mailing letters and printed matter daily. Send the magazines to the soldiers. The local library will also receive books to be sent to the soldiers' libraries or money, if one wishes to give it to the fund. Send good books, not the old ones you do not want. Every one should be able to spare one book for the soldiers.

### LEGALLY AMERICA HAS NO NATIONAL ANTHEM.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—The surprising news was forthcoming from Adjutant-General H. P. McCain today that America has no national anthem, hymn or air by the provisions of any Federal law. Army and Navy regulations constitute the only authority for proclaiming "The Star-Spangled Banner" the National air. No Federal court of law need recognize it as such.

Army and Navy regulations are binding only upon the personnel of the Army and Navy. "However," said General McCain, "the custom of rising and remaining standing and uncovered while the 'Star-Spangled Banner' is being played is growing in favor among civilians."

"Among Army and Navy men it is obligatory. Whenever the National air is played at any place where persons belonging to the military or naval service are present, all officers and enlisted men not in formation are required to stand at attention, facing toward the music, excepting when the flag is being lowered at sunset, on which occasion they are required to face toward the flag."

"If in civilian dress and uncovered, they are required to stand and salute at the first note of the air, retaining their position of salute until the last note of the air is played."

"If in civilian dress and covered, they are required to stand and uncover at the first note of the air, holding the



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### TURN YOUR BACK ON SUBSTITUTES FOR ALL WOOL

There's a lot of talk going around about the bad conditions of the Clothing market; poorly made goods, cotton mixed fabrics

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head dress opposite the left shoulder until the last note is played, except in inclement weather, when the head dress may be held slightly raised."

## Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

### The Fault Hunter.



The most unfortunate of men is he who hunts for something wrong, who strains his ear, again, again, to hear the false note in a song. 'Tis he who marks with gloomy eye the bridal couple as they pass, and says, "Their joy will soon pass by, and they'll grow old; all flesh is grass." 'Tis he who

who stops the flow of mirth by preaching preaching trouble and despair, who says that everything on earth is but a pitfall and a snare. He sees the ring around the moon, when other men the moon behold, and says a storm will come full soon, with hail and sleet and bitter cold. He sees the sundogs standing guard, when other men behold the sun, and says we'll all be frozen hard before the current week is done. Oh, gloom and trouble are his pets, with them he eats and drinks and sleeps; he's only happy when he frets, he's only joyous when he weeps. It would be no concern of mine, if he would nurse his grouch alone; but publicly he weeps his brine, and heaves his deep heart rending groan. And in these crucial times we need no added weight to loads of care, no sighs that make our bosoms bleed, no threats or omens by despair.

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## 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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