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SUGGESTS REFORMS.

A correspondent writes the following letter to the Editor of The Observer:
Editor Evening Observer:

"I have heard many people complimenting you on writing that editorial about the water situation in this city and wish you would not stop at that.

"Why may we not have a decent driveway to the cemeteries, instead of a muddy, country road, in which the cars get stalled.

"Why may we not have safe sidewalks all over the city? Why may we not be able to buy pure lard and not pay 85c for a 2 1/2-lb. pail of compound when the bill says 3-lbs. pure lard?

"Why are all the small boys (and also men) allowed to ride bicycles without lights or bells?

"Why does the city not use the 'filth' that comes through the water pipes and sprinkle the streets? And so on."

There is no doubt that the roads to the cemeteries should be improved and the work done at once before the fall rain set in. This is a matter for co-operation between city and county, in order to prevent the disgraceful incident of a funeral procession getting stalled in the mud that happened last year.

The sidewalks in many parts of the city are in disgraceful condition. The city of Vale, Oregon, is now facing a \$15,000 damage suit on account of the injury received by a lady on account of falling through a defective sidewalk.

The streets of the city should be kept clean. The appearance of the city is a valuable asset.

The Observer does not want to pose as a captious critic. It wants to arouse the civic spirit of La Grande. It wants to arouse the public officials so that they will solve some of the big problems, such as the water problem, and solve them permanently and well, so that future troubles, expense and annoyance will be prevented.

THOSE NOT FOR US ARE AGAINST US

By B. F. Harris

(Vice Chairman, Illinois State Council of Defense.)

The time has come for a roll-call of simon-pure Americans. There is now no middle ground; he who is not with us the U. S. and for the U. S., is against the U. S.

Luke-warm patriotism does not go; it must be of the real true blue, through and through fiery kind that characterizes the battle front.

We have had our doors open wide to the world, and have

Observations

When a girl throws herself at a man she is also the one who wants to do the catching.

Marriage may be a lottery, but a whole lot of people seem to be satisfied with less than capital prizes.

You never can tell. We'd have bet money that the fellow who first decided that women would wear those oyster shell earrings was dead wrong.

There's little real candor in this world. If this weren't so every candidate would know before election day whether or not he was going to win.

BUYS SANDRIDGE LAND.

John Wells, a prominent and successful farmer, has closed a deal for the purchase of 220 acres of Sandridge land from Dr. Temple, of Pendleton, and his brother I. U. Temple. The place has been known as the Temple farm and was formerly the Lige Oliver holding. This will make Mr. Wells the owner of 470 acres of fine farm land.

Undergoes Operation—Mrs. Lulu Carlton underwent a serious operation yesterday morning at the Grande Ronde Hospital. She is reported as getting along fine today.

Returns to Fort Stevens—Roger Kay, of Fort Stevens, who has been visiting here with his sister Mrs. H. L. Browning, returned to the fort this morning.

said "Welcome;" and all the world has come and enjoyed privileges that a citizen or resident of no other country can enjoy. That's why they came, and stayed, and have waxed fat—though not always patriotic.

Because ours is the land of the free, we have not discriminated, as we should, between the man with an honest protest and the man with a treasonable propaganda.

That day is passed; war is grim business, and the roll call of patriots is sounding.

Any act that means loss, suffering and death to American soldiers is war on us. Every breath or voice that lacks in fervor, patriotism and support of our boys and the flag to the limit, is unpardonable, criminal—TREASON.

If punishment, swift, sure and rigorous is imposed on those who oppose the draft, upon those who oppose or interfere with the conduct of war preparations, upon those who speak and work against the flag, belittle our allies and justify Germany, they cannot complain.

We must announce and prove our patriotism; we must denounce and drive out the traitor.

We should be a united people, fighting our enemies at the front in France—not divided among ourselves at home.

We have drawn the sword in defense of liberty and justice, and no petty peace appeals shall sheath it until victory is complete, with autocrats and dynasties destroyed.

Every community must make it plain that treasonable talk and acts will not be tolerated, and those who fail to respond when the roll is called for the friends of the flag—can go to the country they support.

Personal And Society

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Heathcote, September 18, a boy.

Ensign Pogue went to Joseph this morning for a few days on business.

J. P. Rusk went to Enterprise this morning on a few days' business trip.

Mrs. Roy Ward went to Pendleton Sunday night to visit with friends until after the Round-Up.

Jim Rogers, of the Roger Brothers' garage, at Enterprise, returned home this morning from Pullman, Wash.

W. P. Mehr, of the Grande Ronde Meat Company, went to Portland last night to be gone a few days on business.

Mrs. W. C. Kempton returned to Minam this morning after a two weeks' visit here with Mrs. S. D. Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Price are guests in the A. T. Hill home. Mr. Price is assistant to the president of the Northwestern National Bank, of Portland.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Monroe avenue, left Tuesday night to visit her son E. E. Crossen, at Curlew, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Scott, of North Powder, are in the city today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Price returned to their home in Portland last night, having attended the Hill-Watkins wedding. Mr. Price is a brother of Mrs. A. T. Hill and a prominent lawyer of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watkins left on No. 5 Monday evening for Fort Stevens, where they will temporarily be located. Mr. Watkins is sergeant in the Quartermaster's Department of the Coast Artillery.

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Age Limit of Airmen.

Brigadier General George O. Squier, chief of the signal corps, U. S. A., in his recent call for volunteers to serve in the great air fleet that is building stated, "The preferable age for all applicants is from twenty-five to thirty-five." Wishing to know the age limits fixed for men serving in the British and French flying corps, the New York World wired its correspondent in London. He answered:

The minimum age in the British flying corps is eighteen. The average age is about twenty-three. There is no maximum age, but in practice a man more than thirty years old is not taken in the flying corps unless he is exceptionally qualified for that service. Many officers are still in the corps who joined when it was formed in 1912, and it contains civil and professional aviators over thirty who joined after the war began. But the average age of the officers now actually flying is twenty-three.

The age limit of the French aviation service is from eighteen to thirty.

New Airplane Plant.

The Standard Aero corporation announces that it has bought the John Stephenson plant at Elizabeth, N. J., and shortly will be able to turn out sixty airplanes a week. The new works will employ 6,000 persons, of whom 1,200 will be women.

Read the Observer classified ads.

J. D. McKennon on The Water Problem

"To my mind the condition of our water is due to the neglect of those in charge," said J. D. McKennon, in a statement to The Observer today. "If the trash in the lake had been cleaned out while it was floating on the surface, I do not believe we would have the trouble we are having now. I strongly advocated the removal of the debris at that time, but it was not done and consequently became water-soaked and sank to the bottom where it has decayed and produced the existing condition of the water."

Mr. McKennon stated that he believed the only solution would be to wash the muck and decayed matter out by pressure and thus clean the lake. In all probability this would prevent further trouble, he said.

"It will be very difficult, if not impossible, to clean the reservoir by any other method than sluicing it out," said Mr. McKennon. "If this is done thoroughly, I do not believe we will ever be troubled again."

Mr. McKennon is City Commissioner.

Our want ads bring results.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON



The Miracle

The prairie states, where corn is grown, were parched and wilted by the heat; across the fields hot winds had blown, week after week, and then repeat. The sky was like a shield of brass, the sun was sizzling night and day; I heard the farmers cry, "Alas! This year we'll have no corn or hay."

The crop was given up for keeps, there was no hope for any yield; the farmer shed his bitter weeps, while gazing on his shriveled field. And then, when things were at their worst, some dark blue clouds lined up on high; they fooled around a while, then burst, and soaked the cornfields baked and dry. "It is too late," the farmers said, rain was pelting at the door; "though water falls till we are dead, the corn is gone, for evermore." Rain followed rain, day after day, it seemed that it would never stop; and now we hear the farmers say, "We'll have at least a half a crop." It is a miracle as great as Nature's laws have ever allowed; it is as though some planted skate got up and gambled in his shroud. We needed all that we could grow to keep the struggling world supplied; and so the marvel seems to show the God of battle's on our side.

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