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Union County exhibits and livestock are making them sit up and take notice at the State Fair.

The lumber industry is one of our most important industries. We must see that it is not crippled. The ship building industry is another that needs protection.

La Grande has a good Library. Are you using it? Not merely for fiction but for your own educational and technical advancement?

The La Grande Hospital Unit boys are seeing New York. The metropolis impresses them with its bigness but they still like their own home town best.

The Federal rural credit system is getting under way. Over seven million dollars has already been loaned the farmers. This will increase as the farm loan bonds are sold. It is probable that the war loan bonds may interfere with the rapidity with which the farm loan bonds will sell. Money has already been loaned in Union and Wallowa Counties under the new system.

**Letters From
The Front**

The following letter was received by Conrad Niederer from his son, Victor, who is with the 3rd Oregon in North Carolina:

Charlotte N. Carolina,
Sept. 19, 1917.

Dear Father: I am terribly sorry that I could not come home for a few days before coming so far away. But the regulations governing furlough was pretty strict and besides I was expecting to go to Palo Alto, Cal., until it was too late to get a leave of absence. The trip here was certainly enjoyable and of all the fine country I have ever seen the best was in Illinois and Iowa where there was cornfield upon cornfield. Farther south and here cotton seems to be the chief crop. There is also quite a bit of timber here, some pine, but mostly hardwoods. There is quite a bit of cane raised too, and the negroes

are simply swarming the country. The people all speak with that soft southern drawl and it is music to hear them. It seems the breeding place of minstrel shows, too. I will see a good one this afternoon. We get a holiday Wednesday and Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday and can go up town after retreat. There will be about 38,000 soldiers in this camp when it is all filled up. Just think of it over a \$1,000,000 pay day each month just for this camp and there are many larger. It costs the government about \$80,000 for just car fare for our regiment to come here from Montana. War sure is expensive. But one does not realize how rich the country is until he travels through it. Have had my picture taken again and will send the photo to you that you may have the latest. Are you still holding down the postoffice job, and without too much hard effort on your part? We will probably soon be going across the water to France and then train some more there. The easterners think we are a

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**British Soldiers Don't
Like To Wear "Tin Hats"**

(United Press)
London, Sept. 1.—(By Mail.)—English, Canadian, Australian—still refuses to gird himself with armor, although several inventors have perfected shields capable of deflecting bullets, shrapnel and small shell fragments. It is the story over again of the tin-hat which the soldiers first sneered at as a bonnet made for cowards.

Secretly, thousands of men want body armor, protective visors for their eyes and every other sort of safeguard that inventive ingenuity can devise. A soldier of unquestioned bravery will admit confidentially that the only reason he refuses to buy the stuff for himself is that he would be ashamed to wear armor while other fellows can't afford to buy it. Some officers of great value to the army have the courage to wear shields not to spare themselves suffering, out to safe-guard their services to the forces.

Armor has its faults. It is heavy and expensive and its manufacture in great quantities would divert the energies of a great number of skilled workmen now making other war materials. But the severest tests have shown that many lives could be saved and many hospital cases averted by protective plates.

The case of the tin hat showed how gratefully the army takes to every innovation of practical value in saving lives. The helmet by now has prevented head wounds by the thousand, many of which would have been fatal. For good measure the curved brim has warded off many shoulder or body wounds by deflecting shrapnel peets and shell fragments. Dozens of battered helmets, pierced by bullets and chunks of metal, may be seen rusting in the shell holes after an advance but the inventors never claimed the hat would stop everything.

If the Army Council ever decides to adopt armor for the men there is no question that the men will wear it, though reluctantly at first, Dr. C. W. Saleeby, inventor of the helmet, may again become the Tommy's friend if the council takes this step. He recently submitted a shrapnel roof jacket which has passed several tests.

Another inventor got around the weight difficulty by making a fibre shield. This is something like a wartime sea-passenger's life-belt, stuffed with light flexible material. A machine-gun bullet may pierce the side of the jacket and raise a painful welt on the wearer's chest but tests show that the bullet gets stuck in the fibre and does not go through.

The designers recognize the impor-

**APPEARS IN BALLET TO
BRIGHTEN TRENCH LIFE**



LADY LOUGHBOROUGH

Lady Loughborough, wife of a wounded Dardanelles hero, as she faces the audience in the Swinburne ballet organized by Miss Lena Ashwell to raise funds to provide amusements at the front for soldiers.

**A Trip Around
The Store**

WITH A NOTEBOOK

You will find listed below some of the many offerings for Saturday — these will be on display at our store together with many others for Saturday

**ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF FALL SILKS
JUST IN**

These new Fall Silks are just in—the newest patterns and shades, in stripes and plaids. Prices \$1.75 to \$2.25

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FOR FALL**

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**FALL
MILLINERY**

The New Fall Millinery is more charming than ever. If you have not visited our Millinery Department as yet, pay us a visit tomorrow. We have many new modes to show you—every shape—height, width that is correct for Fall is represented here.

LADIES' WOOL SWEATERS

We have just received a new shipment of Ladies' Wool Sweaters. New ideas predominate this fall—belts all around, color combinations that are new and distinct.

Hockey caps, toques, and caps and scarf sets in all colors—plain and combined, wool, silk and wool and silk knit.

See our display of sweaters and caps tomorrow.

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A splendid assortment of Furs are on Display here, Red Fox, Mink, Opossum, Hudson Seal, Cnet Cat and many others. Your inspection invited tomorrow.

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Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Motoring



I chug along from burg to grad good gasoline a-burning, where roads are good, where roads are bad, on highways straight and turning. "Oh, motoring," I sigh, "is bliss, my good old car's a treasure; what outdoor pastime equals this, for pure and lasting pleasure?" And as I gambol through the dust, with other autos racing, my threadbare tires begin to bust, and spoil both tube and casing, and ere the weary work is done I drink from sorrow's chalice. For changing tires will break the heart of any portly mortal, upset his mental apple-cart, and kill his smile and chorle. At last new tires are on the wheels, and I resume my spinning; my laughter rings in merry peals, my smile is sweet and winning. Then something breaks about the torque; no more my car is speeded; I'll have to send to far New York, to get the part that's needed. When fixed, some other parts will break, some bearings, pins or collars, and when repairs the workmen make, they'll charge me ninety dollars. And so I'm walking near and far, on highways broad and narrow; I think I'll dump the motor car, and get myself a barrow.

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