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A BIG BIT.

A. L. Mills, president of the First National Bank, of Portland, certainly did his bit when he bought \$1,000,000 worth of Liberty Loan Bonds. Mr. Mills deserves public applause for this patriotic act. He has done a big thing.

A STRANGE DECISION.

The Public Service Commission decides the Portland Railway, Light & Power employes are entitled to more pay and denies the company the right to charge 6 cent fares. Perhaps the commission will hand down another decision and tell the company how to get the money to pay higher wages. Its decision is a great deal like a Scotch verdict.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN TRAINING.

Certain signs point to peace. Germany is showing signs of a collapse. The Germans may soon put out another peace offer. When Germany sees that her cause is hopeless, her peace terms may be reasonable. A report comes from Washington that already the Administration is grooming two distinguished Americans to sit at the peace table, Justice Louis D. Brandeis, of the United States Supreme Court, and Colonel E. M. House, the man of mystery and the President's handy man. According to this report Justice Brandeis has begun equipping a library to which has been transferred all the books, maps, statistical, sociological and political data available on the Balkans; Austria, Prussia, Poland, Finland and Russia. In other words the eastern section of the war map has been assigned to Justice Brandeis as a subject on which to make himself an expert. The western section has been assigned to Colonel House. The selection of these two experts does not necessarily mean that the Administration considers peace imminent. War may go on for two years. But the war must end some day and before it ends America must have delegates competent to sit at the international peace table. Few Americans know anything about the complicated race problems involved in the present European military, political and religious war. Few have the patience to study these problems. But it is obvious that to sit in at the peace conference will require an exhaustive knowledge of European history as well as a knowledge of the events of the last five years. The Balkan question, putting the lid

on the "powder magazine of Europe," the future of Turkey, the future of Poland and Finland, the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine, the rehabilitation of Belgium and Serbia, the question of indemnity, the future of Hungary, the freedom of the sea, the military armaments, the proposed international court of arbitration—all these are momentous questions which will confront the peace conference. Justice Brandeis we know as a skilful negotiator, a man with a genuine love for democracy, with sympathy with the common people. Colonel House has been called the "Eyes and Ears" of the Administration. As a statesman he has yet to win his spurs. Colonel Roosevelt is probably as well equipped as any man to sit at the peace council. George Gray and Richard Olney have passed away. We still have Taft, Taft and Roosevelt, big Americans, who would ably uphold America's ideals and stand for just principles of world democracy.

A COMMUNITY BUILDER.

The Observer is about to start an extensive and important campaign for the benefit of our community. After long and careful consideration we felt that in justice to our neighbors it is our duty to develop and encourage a home interest. Starting in the near future we will devote an entire page weekly for a whole year to the interest of every resident taxpayer in our community. We will state facts therein why a dollar spent in our own community means a saving to both. In starting and encouraging a community plan The Observer hopes to be of value as an arbitrator, developing a thought in our readers' minds. We are confident if we are able to make our readers think over the matter that we will succeed in our efforts. The stores in our community although not the largest, are capable of handling your trade to perfection giving you service, quality and quantity. The great importance of fostering and encouraging home industries is in itself one of the biggest problems before us. We hope our readers will be just enough to read our editorials and give them thought. If they do not appear convinced of certain arguments point them out to us. We will gladly do all in our power to make this a united and prosperous community. Watch for our community page. It will be of interest to you.

NOT SLACKERS.

Nine sons of cabinet officers are serving their country in the Army and Navy. William G. McAdoo, Jr., son of the Secretary of the Treasury, is under training in the Aviation Section in the Naval Reserve, and a second son, Robert H., has also enlisted in the Naval Reserve. Josephus Daniels, Jr., son of the Secretary of the Navy, is a private in the United States Marine Corps. Franklin K. Lane, Jr., son of the Secretary of the Interior, is a first lieutenant in the Signal Corps, under training to become an aviator. David Franklin Houston, Jr., son of the Secretary of Agriculture, is an ensign in the Navy. Humphrey F. Redfield, son of the Secretary of Commerce, is an ensign in the Navy. William B. Wilson, Jr., son of the Secretary of Labor, is attending one of the officers' training camps. Another son, Joseph B., is a second lieutenant in the National Army, and a third son, James H., is a corporal of Field Artillery. These are young men to be proud of. And there are many more like them in the U. S. A.

WOMEN OF AMERICA!

Women of America: Help your country; help the hungry women and children across the seas. Wake to the need of your efforts to save the food which is so mighty a factor in the war. A little thought, a little self-denial and you have proved your patriotism. You have helped to gladden the heart of some woman in a foreign land whose child is pinched and wan from hunger. When a general determines on a great victory he does not ask his army to go out individually and kill a few of the enemy from time to time. He masses his armies and plans his campaign. That is what the United States Food Administration has done. Have you enrolled as a soldier? In other words, have you signed the pledge card of the United States Food Administration? Do your part. Sign at once. Keep your pledge. Food will win the war. U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

Observations: Men have heads for the same reason pins have—to keep them from going too far. Many of the patriots want to prove it by serving their country in light employment. Loyalty is appreciated because there isn't so much of it as there really ought to be. To be acquainted with all phases of warfare a soldier should be married. Our want ads bring results. LEGAL NOTICES: NOTICE OF IMPOUNDED ANIMAL: Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the Chief of Police of The

City of La Grande, Oregon, has taken up, running at large within said City and unattended and placed in the City Pound, one "flee bitten grey" gelding about 12 years old, weighing about 1400 pounds and having no brands visible and the owner being unknown, and that said animal may be reclaimed by the owner or person entitled thereto, paying to said Chief of Police within ten days from the date of this notice the fees and charges for taking up, posting and keeping said animal. Unless said animal is so redeemed within ten days from the date of this notice the same will be advertised and sold at public sale as required by the ordinance of said City. Dated at La Grande, this 2nd day of October, 1917. L. RAYBURN, Chief of Police. 10-2-10t.

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Rippling Rhymes By WALT MASON The Day of Peace. The war will end some blessed day, some day the strife will cease; the kings will put their guns away, and boost the boon of peace. The captains then will drop the tools which made the world forlorn, and drive their teams of sorrel mules along the rows of corn. While still the tide of battle rolls, while still we hear the din, it seems to countless weary souls that war has always been. Three years, they say, the strife has raged, across the mourning seas, but it would seem that war's been waged for three eternities. The days that reek of blood and tears pass slowly o'er the stage; to weary hearts three gory years become an endless age. We're looking forward to the day when peace with honor comes, when kings will put their swords away, and soak their battle drums. I long to see the colonels drop their shining snickersnees, and buckle down to raise a crop of beans and early peas. I long to see field marshalls hang their batons from a nail, and then get busy with the gang, to earn some bloodless cash. (Copyright 1917 by George Matthew Adams.)

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