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Government control of railroads need not go further at the present time except to appoint a man who will handle the government traffic, and harmonize the conflicting needs of the army, navy and food departments for cars, and to aid the railroads in securing finances. The government is practically running the railroads now, under private management, through the patriotism of the railroad presidents. If the government takes over the railroads and should place incompetent politicians in the positions now held by competent railroad men, the railroads of the country would be in a bad mess.

With grain sacks at 18 to 20 cents, there is nothing for the farmers to do but to get ready to handle their grain in bulk. This means building grain bins on the farm sufficient to care for crops, and the building of bulk grain elevators. The day of the sack is gone. No farmer can afford to pay such prices for sacks.

Big stories like the Halifax disaster, the President's message, the declaration of war on Austria, the sinking of the American destroyer are read by Observer subscribers the day they happen.

Fred Lockley, a well known newspaper man, leaves today for France to engage in army Y. M. C. A. work. He will deliver the goods wherever he goes. He always has.

WHAT'S LEFT OF RUSSIA



Maybe you think that the Russians are doing nothing nowadays but revolting and counter-revolting. But there's another singular diversion—seceding from Russia. Finland, Siberia and Crimea have all declared republics. Poland has set up a kingdom; Ukraine has declared an independent nation and Caucasia has announced its intention to rule itself.

LEONARD ALLEN TAKES BRIDE

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mother to Miss Hattie De-Borde. Frank Brown lost a hog weighing 100 pounds recently.

Geo. McDannel disposed of a hog weighing 450 pounds in La Grande, which brought him \$84.68.

Mt. Fannie Grange held their annual election of officers December 1 for the ensuing year, as follows: Vorthy master, Charles Organ; over-seer, J. B. Tallent; lecturer, Mrs.

Georgiana Chadwick; steward, Clarence Carter; assistant steward, Earl Baker; lady steward, Miss Dena Land; chaplain, Mrs. Geo. Baker; treasurer, Mrs. Georgina Gassett; secretary, Mrs. J. K. Lantz; gatekeeper, Geo. Chadwick; Ceres, Miss Vera Pense; Pomonio, Miss June Chadwick; Flora, Miss Irene Pratt. Executive committee: Mesdames Organ, Chadwick and Daron. Next meeting will be December 15.

The Dorcas society will serve a chicken supper in the room over Macabee hall Friday evening between 6

Rome Street Will Be Named Wilson

By John H. Hearley
(United Press.)

ROME, Dec. 11.—One of Rome's principal streets will be named after President Wilson because of the American aid to Italy. This plan was formed at a great demonstration staged before the Ambassador.

Failed to Register.

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—"Mister" Peter Delich, Austrian by nationality and slacker by choice, is a man of fine taste.

Arrested for failure to register Delich got ahold of the papers in his case when he was not watched and wrote "Mr." before his name wherever it appeared.

"Mr." Delich was properly registered and his number placed high in the list so he can soon boast of the title of "private" instead of "Mr."

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and 8 o'clock.

Miss Nannie Braughton entertained a number of her friends Friday evening in honor of her birthday.

Mrs. Goche, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. E. Blevins, returned to her home in La Grande Tuesday.

Between twenty and thirty ladies meet at the library building every Thursday to sew for the Red Cross. There is no hand work for more. Bring your lunch and stay all day.

The Rev. H. H. Gane will have a public sale of his household goods December 15, after which he will take his family to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Boswell are reported some better at this writing.



A Most Beautiful Line of MEN'S BATH ROBES

Many selected bathrobes last Saturday from this collection and they are going fast. You should call now and see them while there are still some of each pattern. Prices\$4.00 to \$15.00

Your Inspection Invited

Jewelry

A most complete line of jewelry for Christmas gifts in both men's and ladies' departments. For men: Watch chains with knife or cigar cutter; cuff links, tie pin and cuff link sets, tie pins, etc.

We invite your inspection and comparison of prices.

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We invite you to inspect these blankets and compare the prices.

GLOVES

Always are popular for Christmas gifts. We have a most complete line in both men's and ladies'. Some of these gloves are Fowne's, made in France before the war started. They can never be duplicated now and were recognized as the best glove on market.

Let us show you some that would be most acceptable for Christmas gifts.

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Silk or Cotton

We have just received a new shipment of silk shirts, the most beautiful we have yet found. See them in our window.

Also many new cotton, fibre silk and mixed shirts in pretty patterns and colors for the holidays.

Your inspection invited. Prices from \$1.75 to \$10. All Bates street shirts.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Shifting Weather



WALT MASON

The weather switches to and fro, from one extreme to another; one day we're ankle deep in snow, the next, in heat we smother. When I retire at 9 o'clock, all tranquil is the weather; it looks as though there'd be a flock of balmy days together. "It is the finest climate built," in bed I keep repeating, and kick off coverlet and quilt, because they're overheating. So in a pleasant frame of mind I soon become a snorer, preparing for the morrow's grind with nature's sweet restorer. And when the clock is striking three, I wake from all my dozing; the snow is drifting over me, and I'm three frozen. Oh, it would bother any gent to know what traps to carry, when he goes forth to pay his rent, to gamble or to marry. His ulster or a palm leaf fan? His rubbers or his sandals? This climate is too fierce for man, and weather sharps are vandals! One day I wade around in sleet and think this life is phoney; the next day I have prickly heat, and then again pneumonia. One day the weather gives me croup, the next, sunburn and freckles; and all the time I'm in the soup, and doctors get my shakels.

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Something Very Useful

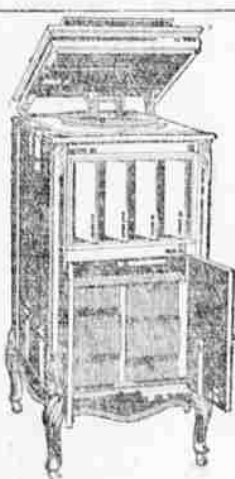
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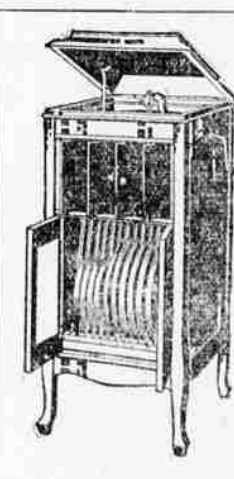
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SERGEANT FRED WELLS

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In many ways, none understandable, but with the intent very certain. One old German grew quite excited as our cart halted outside a beer garden. He had a big stein in his hand, and after saying many things he threw the beer-stein and contents at us. The beer went all over my partner, who, in delight, and between attempts to wipe some up in his hand, called, "Horray, Dutchy, do it again!"

War Draft Bulletins, Portland, Dec. 8, 1917.

To All Local and District Exemption Boards:—

The following telegrams from the Provost Marshal General under date December 8, 1917, are repeated herewith for your information and guidance:—

"Please advise all local and district boards that the supporting affidavit number 2 in the Questionnaire to be signed in support of a claim for discharge based on industrial occupation may be signed by the head of the division or plant in which the registrant is actually employed in the case of an enterprise whose business extends into more than one state."

"Information required at this office indicates local boards and other officials are discouraging offers of voluntary service from school teachers and other citizens. You are urged to correct this condition if it exists in your state and to instruct local boards that it is the spirit and intent of the President's call and of the Selective Service Regulations to accept and utilize all voluntary service wherever possible. See Sections 18 and 19."

Very truly yours,
JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Lieutenant Colonel, O.N.G.
Acting Adjutant General.

The Woman Who Pays



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