

To The Public

Nearly every item of merchandise listed here, as well as all other merchandise, is constantly rising in price. The prices for all woolen materials are quoted from 50 per cent to 100 per cent higher for the coming year, and we are now offering woolen materials at the lowest possible prices. Some of this merchandise it will be impossible to ever duplicate.

You have 30 days' time to supply your needs; beyond that we cannot maintain these prices.

In view of existing market conditions, it is impossible for us to reduce the price on staple merchandise. Many staple lines which we purchased months ago could not be bought from the factory for the price we are now offering it to you.

All thrifty shoppers will supply their needs for months to come, as quality merchandise will be scarce and prices higher.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS DURING THE 23RD Annual Jan. Clearance Sale

JAN. 2ND TO JAN. 31ST



Boys' Blouses Reduced 20 per Cent

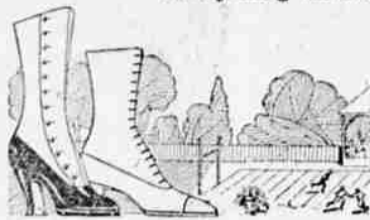
BOYS' SUITS AND OVERCOATS

The largest stock of boys suits in La Grande to select from, and every one reduced 20 per cent.

Some with belts in the fall styles, others plain. Pretty blue serges and mixtures. All wool suits.

Ladies' Shoes

Every Shoe in Stock Reduced. Nothing in the Basement—Everything on Sale



You will find dozens of bargains in our Ladies' Shoe Department. Here are some of them: Service shoes—cheaper than the so-called "cheap" shoes.

COMPARE THESE PRICES

25.00 Ute & Dunn and Pingree makes, Cuban heel, button or lace, welt soles. Price \$3.90
 A big assortment of odds and ends in colored tops and black. Lace and button. Grey top, cream, ivory buck tops. Tan Russian calf, lace, all leather.
 14 pair light grey button kid shoes; widths A to D. Regular \$11.50.
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You will save money if you can find your size.

THESE SHOES 20 PER CENT OFF
 A special lot of children's shoes, high tops, 10 per cent off.
 Party slippers, 20 per cent discount.
 These are only a few of the bargains you will find if you visit this department.

LADIES' COATS, SUITS, AND DRESSES

In the season's newest creations. Every garment an exclusive design.

LADIES' COATS, 1-3 OFF
 Every coat in our entire stock reduced.

LADIES' SUITS, 1-2 OFF
 A chance to get one of the season's style leaders at an under-cost price.

Every one reduced.
 DRESSES 20 PER CENT OFF
 Silk or wool. Every dress reduced.

Your inspection invited.



MEN'S HATS AND CAPS
 All Gordon and Stetson Hats—newest shapes. Over 2000 to select from. Every hat and cap reduced. **20 per cent**

A Few Of BARGAINS

you will find at our store. Many more await your inspection. Thrifty shoppers should take advantage of these and supply their needs for time to come.

- Handsome New Silk Petticoats... **20 per Cent Off**
- Ladies' Wool and Silk Knit Sweaters... **10 per Cent Off**
- Ladies' Waists, crepe, silk and voile; all new this season... **20 per Cent Off**
- Men's Cotton Shirts, starched and soft... **20 per Cent Off**
- Blankets—Wool, washup and cotton, 90c to \$1... **20 per Cent Off**
- Indian Blankets... **20 per Cent Off**
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- Comfords—All grades and colors to select from... **\$2.00 to \$4.50**
- Every Pillow Reduced **10 per Cent**
- Trunks and Suitcases... **10 per Cent Off**
- Bathrobes (Ladies' and Men's)... **\$3.60 to \$9.00**
- Silk and Crepe Kimonos... **10 per Cent Off**
- Men's Gloves, all kinds, for dress, work or driving, reduced **10 per Cent**
- Men's Wool Shirts, something you should take advantage of, **10 per Cent Off**
- Towels and Crashes—a good time to lay in a supply. All reduced.
- You will find real bargains if you sit this store. See them on display.
- Crettonnes, Serins, Towels, Crashes, Household Linens, Sheets, Pillow Cases, Spreads, Sheeting, Pillow Tubing, all Yard Linens, Lawns, Longcloth, India Linen, Swiss, and all White Goods.

MEN! HART SCHAFFNER & MARX SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Every suit and overcoat new this season. Some of the fabrics in these suits can never be duplicated. Every suit guaranteed and all wool suit. Blue serges, plaids and mixtures.

ALL REDUCED 20 PER CENT

Men's Wool Sweaters
 Red, Navy, Oxford, White, and Blue and White, **10 per Cent Off**

10% Off on Ties
 Pretty Christmas Patterns
 25c to \$2.00 Values

Household Linens

- 18-inch Art Linen, yard... 36c
- 36-inch Art Linen, yard... 54c, 68c, 90c, \$1.00
- 36-inch Art Linen, yard... \$1.50
- 36-inch Butcher's Linen, yard... 58c
- 18-inch All Linen Scrubbing, yard... 45c
- 70x70 All Pure Linen Tablecloths \$4 to \$5.00
- 70x88 All Pure Linen Tablecloths... \$4.50 to \$6.15
- 70x100 All Pure Linen Tablecloths \$6 to \$9.00
- 72-inch Bleached Damask, all linen. Price, per yard... \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.48
- 72-inch Mercerized Damask, yard... 80c
- 64-inch Mercerized Damask, yard... 54c
- 60-inch Loom Damask, yard... 80c



FURS

Some of the very newest sets and just at the time when they would be the most needed. You will find here Black Fox, Red Fox, Lynx, Opposum (black and natural), Raccoon, Russian Wolf, Muskrat, Marmot, Hudson Seal and novelty sets.

Also hundreds of odd pieces, both scarfs and muffs, at remarkably low prices.

ALL FURS REDUCED

Silks

- 36-inch Black Taffeta, yd. \$1.25, \$1.58, \$2
- 36-inch Taffeta, all colors, yard... \$1.58
- 36-inch Gros de Londres, all colors, \$1.80
- 46-inch Crepe de Chine, all colors, \$1.58
- 27-inch Messalines, all colors; yard... 90c
- 26-inch Messalines, all colors; yard \$1.49
- 36-inch Fancy Plaids and Stripes... \$1.69

Wood Goods

- 36-inch Storm Serges, all wool; yd. \$1.95
- 42-inch Serges, all wool; yard... \$1.42
- 36-inch Serges, all wool; yard... 95c
- 40-inch Storm Serges, all wool; yd. \$1.42
- 50-inch Storm Serge, all wool; yd. \$1.90
- 36-inch Batistes, yard... 95c
- 42-inch Poplins, all wool; yard... \$1.90
- 50-inch Epingles, all wool; ward... \$2.12

SAVES ARMY WASTE

Uncle Sam Makes Money of Refuse From Camps.

War Department Has Saved Upwards of \$2,000,000 on Waste Materials of All Kinds.

Washington.—Waste material is being conserved by the war department, and money is being made out of it. At every National Army and National Guard camp special officers have been detailed to have an eye to the penny to be saved through careful conservation of waste materials. Refuse from the mess halls are being placed in separate receptacles, fertilizer from the stables is to be sold to farmers living in the territory of the camps to save freight rates, and garbage is to be disposed of to the highest bidder among stock men raising hogs.

placed in charge of the division of conservation. He has the distinction of having called the attention of the war department to the vast saving that would result if care were exercised in disposal of refuse. Thus far the department has saved upwards of \$2,000,000 on waste materials.

The garbage from the mess of from 10 to 15 soldiers, it is estimated, will feed one hog a day. Hogs will gain on an average of one pound a day on this ration for the first 150 days, government experts have determined. The refuse from each entrenchment will be sufficient to feed 4,000 hogs a day. This means an increase of 1,400,000 pounds of pork for the country each year.

Captain Ellison has injected into camp life a certain class distinction in the disposal of garbage. At the camps the care of the garbage is a regular ceremonial. Waste material is divided into classes, and a special receptacle is provided for each class. There is a can for bones, one for rope and twine, another for rags, one for paper, one for fat and tallow, one for bottles, one for tin cans, another

for sweeping and pieces of tinware, and still another for garbage.

Practically all of the refuse is sold. Cans, bottles, bones, fats, paper and rags have a ready market, and the garbage proper is carted away for a hog's banquet. The worthless refuse is burned in order to adhere to the strict sanitary regulations of the camps.

ALBANIAN PRINCE AT WORK

William zu Wied Asks Aid of German Federal Powers to Keep Country Independent.

Rotterdam, Netherlands.—Prince William zu Wied, the former prince of Albania, has by no means given up hopes of regaining the realm which he ruled over for so short and troubled a period immediately prior to the great European conflagration. His latest step has been to send a message

to the German Federal princes, wherein he denials at length with the development of Albanian affairs and protests against the protectorate of Albania proclaimed by Italy. He argues that an independent Albania offers the securest basis for a lasting peace in the Balkans, and that it is therefore in the interests of Germany and Austria. Further, Prince William asserts his own rights to the throne of Albania.

ANIMALS KILL 24,350 CATTLE

Preying of Wild Beasts in West Causes Appraisal to Secretary of Agriculture.

Albuquerque, N. M.—Members of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' association have appealed to the secretary of agriculture for immediate expenditure of \$100,000 of fed-

eral funds to the state, in an effort to combat the ravages upon stock by predatory animals.

Estimated based upon the tax rolls place the number of head of live stock destroyed by mountain lions, wolves and coyotes as follows, during the last year: Cattle, 24,350, valued at \$1,374,000; sheep, 165,000, \$1,320,000; horses, 850, \$21,250.

It is conservatively estimated that 16,000,000 pounds of edible meat is destroyed annually by wild animals.

Society news for the Observer should be sent in Friday.

Phone your Want Ads to the Observer, Main 37.

LOST—Everyday or so lost articles are received for their owners. If you lose something, Phone your lost adv. to The Observer Main 37.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

(Continued from Page 2.)

"Don't join the engineers, for they don't run railroad trains. I hardly know which is best."

Tonight as I was walking down a dark street an old woman ran out to meet me and took hold of my hand. She was very excited and wanted me to follow her. She took me through a kitchen into a barn and showed me a horse that had foundered. I felt sorry for the poor old woman. She was feeling pretty sad but I couldn't lift him up on his feet, so I said "finshed, finshed," and walked away.

The only way we can hear any news is to watch the expression on the peoples' faces when the "town crier" tells them the news every morning. If they smile we figure

there has been some kind of a victory, but if they frown we don't know how to figure.

Well, I must close brother. It's almost 8:00 o'clock and I'm not in bed yet. We have a town clock that hoots like an owl which adds to the loneliness of a still, snowy night.

I am in perfect health and I have a record of not laying off one day since I joined the army, for sickness.

With love to all,
 PRIVATE K. B. CARPY,

167th Field Hospital,
 117th Sanitary Train,
 A. E. F., via New York City.
 P. S.—Here are some verses a soldier wrote:

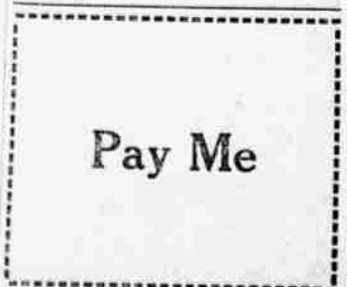
The First Night at Camp.
 I'm there with two thin blankets,
 As thin as slices of ham—
 A German spy was likely the guy
 Who made them for Uncle Sam;
 How did I sleep?—don't kid me—
 My bed tick is filled with straw,
 And lumps and thumps, and big fat
 lumps,
 That punched me 'til I'm all raw.

Me and my two thin blankets,
 As thin as the last thin dime,
 As thin, I guess, as a chorus girl's
 dress.

Well, I had one h— of a time;
 I'd pull 'em up from the bottom,
 (My nighties, my B. V. D.'s)
 A couple of yanks to cover my shanks
 And then my dogs'd freeze.

You could use 'em for porous plasters
 Or maybe to strain the soup;
 (My pillows, my shoes, when I'd try
 to sneeze,
 And I've chilblains, cough and croup)
 Me and my two thin blankets,
 Blundered up under my chin,
 Yes, a German spy was likely the guy
 And gosh, but he made 'em thin.

"PAY ME."



"Our Boys in France" TOBACCO FUND

Tear Out This Coupon, Fill It In and Send as Much Money as You Can Spare to Buy Tobacco for Our Fighting Men. Each Quarter Provides a Package Enough for One Man for a Month.

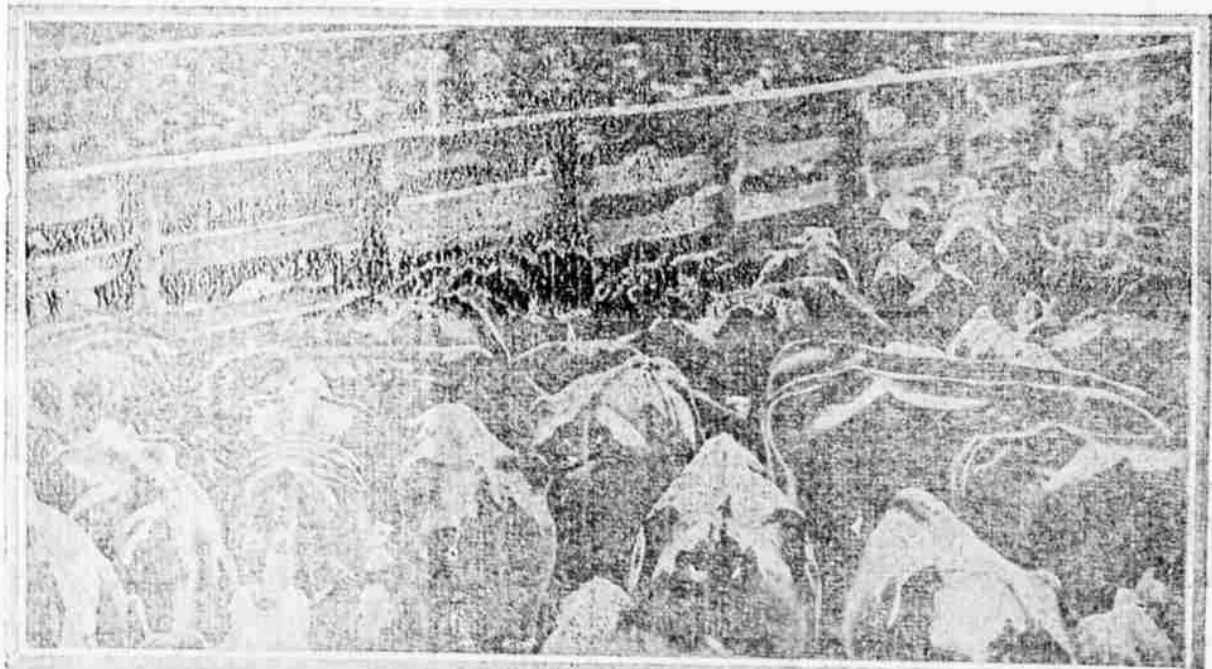
To the Tobacco Fund Department,
 The La Grande Observer;

Enclosed find _____ to buy _____ packages of tobacco, through "Our Boys in France" Tobacco Fund for American fighting men in France.

I understand that each quarter buys one package with a retail value of 45 cents, and that in each package will be placed a postcard, addressed to me, on which my name, address, friend, the soldier, will agree to send me _____.

Name _____
 Address _____ Street _____
 City _____

DROUGHT-STRICKEN CATTLE CARED FOR BY U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION



Enough corn have been requisitioned through the efforts of the United States Food Administration to bring 150,000 head of cattle out of the drought-stricken districts and place them in territory where there is ample pasturage and water to sustain them. Conservation of these cattle is extremely important because of the world shortage of meat.

U. S. Food Administration.