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WORDS OF WISDOM

The Federal Reserve Board has issued a caution to all banks regarding the issuance of new securities and the floating of new enterprises. The Federal Reserve Board is composed of our wisest financiers and they urge the banks to protect existing enterprises, to keep present business going, and not to embark upon new and dangerous speculations. The fact that the United States has entered upon a great war, is raising vast loans without a panic is a great triumph of American finance and shows the wisdom of President Wilson and Congress in establishing the Federal reserve system which mobilizes all our banking resources. This, as well as other patriotic appeals, bankers and business men, too, would do well to heed.

LET'S DO IT CHEERFULLY

President Wilson asks every American to eat less wheat. Here is our chance to do our best. The President should be loyally and cordially supported. This is not his war but our war. How small a thing is it that he asks; how cheerfully should we do our part. Small as it may seem, the aggregate saving will be enormous. It may win the war by keeping our soldiers and our allies well fed. The President wants us to eat plenty of food, but other kinds than wheat. Let's do it. Let's be big Americans instead of little ones.

STEPS IN TIME

Salem is organizing a company of Home Guards. It will not be long before all of the enterprising cities of the state will have followed the La Grande example. Through promptness in organizing a Public Safety Committee and County Council of Defense, La Grande and Union County avoided I. W. W. troubles and other serious disorders.

SET BY SPIES

No one doubts that the fires in army quartermasters' warehouses, in shipbuilding yards, in factories manufacturing war supplies were set by German spies. If captured, they should be promptly shot. We cannot trifle with these incendiaries. Every citizen must be vigilant and report suspicious characters at once.

PROVE IT

Francis J. Heney charges the packers with conspiracy to block the investigation into their business and their alleged regulation of prices for livestock and meat. Mr. Heney, having started, should go to the bottom of it.

Repudiation of debts by Russia will be bad news to all these holding her securities.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Loyalty and Harmony Wanted

With the country at war there is no time for a feud between the President and the chairman of the Senate military affairs committee. It would be harmful to the nation if not to all concerned. The people of Oregon who

Patriotism and Business

Every good citizen at this time should do his share toward strengthening the Federal Reserve Banking System which our Government has created with its billion dollars of resources to stand back of its member banks and all their depositors.

You can contribute directly to the strength of this system, and at the same time secure its protection by depositing your money with us, since part of every dollar you deposit with us goes directly into the new system, where it is always ready for you when wanted.

This is a suggestion for prompt action.

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank

THE FORUM

RELIEF DENIED

The right or wrong is not of consequence! The point is rather, that you strained her sense. Of right and wrong. Your eloquence Allured her to abandon what she thought Was right by principles she had been taught: Your own conclusions were with danger fraught. What's broken or far bent too soon given way; Too short the lifetime of a cord we fray; A deed in darkness come soon flouts in light of day. You broke the vital link of your defense When through the speciousness of your offense Over her creed her wish took precedence.

CLAUDIUS THAYER.

URGES PATRIOTS TO EAT MORE CLAMS

Portland, Ore.—"Eat clams," is the advice of Dr. C. H. Edmondson, assistant professor of zoology at the University of Oregon, to all patriotic Americans who are trying to conserve the nation's meat supply. He declares the clam is as palatable as the oyster and has a similar food value. Doctor Edmondson suggests the use of the clam in place of red meats, which the government is striving to conserve. This suggestion comes as the result of a survey he made recently under the direction of the United States bureau of fisheries. His object was to discover the edible species of shellfish, to find where they may be obtained in quantities and to perfect a means of co-operating with those engaged in marketing this sea product.

supported Senator Chamberlain through his many successful campaigns do not want him in a chronic attitude of antagonism to the President. He is granted the right of criticism, but such criticism should be conservative and constructive in nature. The times are too serious for needless bickering between the men entrusted with affairs at Washington.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

A Mighty Pen

Woodrow Wilson's pen will prove to be mightier than "Jehovah's Sword"—one of the self-styled appellations of the German war lord.—Weston Leader.

May Be Right

Possibly Senator Chamberlain is right, but he isn't president.—Weston Leader.

PRESIDENT'S FOOD PROCLAMATION

"Many causes have contributed to create the necessity for a more intense effort on the part of our people to save food in order that we may supply our associates in the war with the sustenance vitally necessary to them in these days of privation and stress. "The reduced productivity of Europe, because of the large diversion of man power to the war, the partial failure of harvests and the elimination of the more distant markets for foodstuffs through the destruction of shipping plate the burden of their subsistence very largely on our shoulders. "The food administration has formulated suggestions which, if followed, will enable us to meet this great responsibility without any real inconvenience on our part.

"In order that we may reduce our consumption of wheat and wheat products by 30 per cent—a reduction imperatively necessary to provide the supply for overseas—wholesalers, jobbers and retailers should purchase and resell to their customers only 70 per cent of the amounts used in 1917.

All manufacturers of alimentary pastes, biscuits, crackers, pastry and breakfast cereals should reduce their purchases and consumption of wheat and wheat flour to 70 per cent of their 1917 requirements, and all bakers of bread and rolls to 80 per cent of their current requirements.

"Consumers should reduce their purchases of wheat products for home preparation to at most 70 per cent of those of last year, or, when buying bread, should purchase mixed cereal breads from the bakers.

"To provide sufficient cereal food, homes, public eating places, dealers and manufacturers should substitute potatoes, vegetables, corn, barley, oats and rice products and the mixed cereal bread and other products of the bakers, which contain an admixture of other cereals.

"In order that consumption may be restricted to this extent, Monday and Wednesdays should be observed as wheatless days each week, and one meal each day should be observed as a wheatless meal.

"In both homes and public eating places, in order to reduce the consumption of beef, pork and sheep products, Tuesdays should be observed as meatless day in each week, one meatless meal should be observed in each day; while, in addition, Saturday in each week should further be observed as a day upon which there should be no consumption of pork products.

"A continued economy in the use of sugar will be necessary until later in the year.

"It is imperative that all waste and unnecessary consumption of all sorts of foodstuffs should be rigidly eliminated.

"The maintenance of the health and strength of our own people is vitally necessary at this time, and there should be no dangerous restriction of the food supply, but the elimination of every sort of waste and the substitution of other commodities, of which we have more abundant supplies, for those for which we need to save, will in no way impair the strength of our people and will enable us to meet our most pressing obligations of the war.

"I, therefore, in the National interest, take the liberty of calling upon every loyal American to take fully to heart the suggestions which are being circulated by the food administration and of begging that they be followed.

"I am confident that the great body of our women who have labored so loyally in co-operation with the food administration for the success of food conservation will strengthen their efforts and will take it as a part of their burden in this period of National service to see that the above suggestions are observed throughout the land.

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

"The White House, 12th January, 1918."

LIVES IN FEAR OF TROUBLE

Ohio Man Lies Awake Nights Waiting for His House to Fall in River.

Cleveland.—Anton Buschinski has been getting much sleep these nights. If the words waiting for his house to fall into the Erie railroad tracks

He has used the road for \$3,000 damages for sleepless nights and depreciation of his property. Buschinski says the rumbling of the Erie trolleys has caused his yard to gradually crumble and fall to the valley below. When he bought it the house stood 100 feet from the edge of the cliff. Now only 25 feet separate the two.

Why Should I Buy Clothes Now?



Maybe you have asked yourself that question-- Here are the reasons

1. At this clearance sale of ours you can buy clothes at less than regular prices.
2. Clothes are costing more every day as wool becomes scarcer. Our fall and winter goods are worth much more than we paid for them.
3. Our clearance sale prices are based on what we paid for the goods months ago.
4. Hart Schaffner & Marx made these suits and overcoats; that means all-wool, long wear, smart style, master tailoring—in fact, the best clothes values to be found even at regular prices.
5. You'll not have another chance like this to buy such clothes for so little money.
6. Your satisfaction is guaranteed.

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 1212 QUARTER STREET

RED CROSS News and Notes.

Thirty boxes gone on their mission of healing in just thirty days is the record of La Grande chapter for January.

Last week the Chapter sent the following list of articles: 120 bed sheets, 65 pajama suits, 45 pillows, 179 pillow cases, 5526 azure strips, 79 sweaters, 80 pairs of socks, 19 mufflers, 15 pairs of wristlets, and 5 bolsters.

The chain of benefits which is under the supervision of the Thursday volume is returning a steady income to the Chapter. There are many novel ways devised by the ladies for raising their pledges. Many who never pledged are giving parties or entertainments of one kind or another.

One benefit which is attracting the attention of music lovers is the musicale to be given by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, in the L. D. S. Tabernacle next Monday night. The program is of a high class of music and there are many surprises in store. Watch for the announcement of the program.

There will be an all day meeting at the Elks' club on Wednesday of this week. These all day meetings have become so popular that they are asked for by the workers. This week, however there is great need for the same compresses that are to be made this week. The lunch will be served by some ladies as their link in the chain of the Thursday club's drive. There will be baked beans and brown bread and coffee and the charge will be 25 cents. The names of the hostesses are withheld but be assured that they are two of La Grande's most famous cooks. The luncheon served recently was so much appreciated by the ladies that this announcement is sufficient to call out many workers. Any one wishing to bring her own lunch as before may do so with perfect freedom. Make your reservations by telephoning Red 2121 before Wednesday if possible.

There are a number of knitters who took yarn out early in the knitting drive and have never reported. Please turn in the yarn as it is too much needed to be idle. Knitters are asked to discontinue all garments except sweaters and socks for the present. Sweaters must not have over 80 stitches on a needle and should measure 15 inches on the plain knitting when lying flat on the table. The heavy sweater yarn does not require as many stitches. Knitters must be guided by measurements. The number of stitches for socks or sweaters is only an approximate number as knitters vary so in their product.

JOSEPH RED CROSS BRANCH DOES FINE WORK

JOSEPH, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Joseph Red Cross branch of the La Grande chapter under Mrs. Sarah Gault as chairman, has done wonderful work. Mrs. Gault has shown great ability as an executive and has been able to seconded by a noble band of workers. They have a large well lighted corner store in the Jennings Hotel and make weekly shipments to La Grande.

When the Observer representative was there last week 24 ladies were busily engaged at the work of getting the week's supply shipped. Altogether Joseph has over 50 workers including a large corps of knitters.

The Rebekah lodge also has a branch working under the supervision of the Red Cross chapter with Mrs. Gerlie Marks as chairman.

The Red Cross shipment on January 17th consisted of 21 pairs of rubber shoes, 20 ambulance pillows, 43 pillow slips, 220 4x4 compresses, 3 sweaters, 5 pairs of socks and 2 pair of wristlets.

The Red Cross branch also has a surgical dressing class every afternoon and two evenings a week. They also make a large number of rubber garments. If every town in the United States were to do as well in proportion as Joseph, Wallawa county, Oregon, our boys and our Allies as well as hundreds of thousands of suffering men, women and children would be rendered happy and comfortable.

EUGENE E. ALFORD ON DUTY IN MUMPS WARD

(Letters from Eugene Alford, of Base Hospital No. 15 in France to his mother, Mrs. B. M. Alford.)

December 20, 1917, 12:50 A. M. In Early Morn!

My Dearest Folks:

Well, I'm on a new job again. (This is a very dangerous world in the case of jobs, isn't it?) I am on guard now, was put on yesterday afternoon, but think I will go back in the hospital again tomorrow on duty day. That will be fine, being out of the cold and with a certain amount of outdoor work to it, too. I really appreciate the change as my feet are pretty badly frost bitten, also two of my fingers on my left hand. Well, yesterday I did something that was worth \$500 good old American, or 28 Franco 50 Centimes French to me—I saw the bunch. The other day one of the fellows out of this unit came over and asked me if there was a guy by the

me and stepped away from the stove,

and "Cap" said, "it's pretty cold driving today, isn't it? Well, that was all I could go, I just had to laugh, you may imagine if you have a real active mind, just how much confusion there was in that barracks for about ten minutes. I only got to see part of them there, as only those who had been sick or were on sick report were there, the others being on a hike. I left and I saw the other bunch coming down the road. I stopped, but they all looked so strange in their uniform that all I recognized were Jesse "Harve" Andrews and Robbie Partison, till somebody yelled out, "Hello there, Sheny Alford." It was "Chet" Thompson. I hurried on and stopped as I went back through there. I wanted to see Davie had, so when I went in he wasn't there, but Kenneth Williamson, Bill Silverthorn, Tubby Ingles and everybody else was. All I could do was laugh and shake hands. They took me down to the cook shack where Davie was, and when we walked in nobody said a word. Davie looked at me and, of course, it was a blank stare. I had to grin, and then he "apparently" recognized me, for he jumped up and yelled, "For gawd sakes! If it ain't old Sheny Alford!" I ate while I talked, and believe me there wasn't much time for eating. I left in about a half hour, but don't

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For Hard-to-fit Women--

Some women are hard to fit in corsets; some just think they are.



There are certain types of figures, however—full bust and small hips, small bust and large hips, short stout figures—that require special designing in corsets.

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