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GENERAL PERSHING'S REPORT

General Pershing reports as follows to the Secretary of War:
 "There has never been a similar body of men to lead as clean lives as our American soldiers in France. They have entered this war with the highest devotion to duty and with no other idea than to perform these duties in most efficient manner possible. They fully realize their obligation to their own people, their friends, and the country. A rigid program of instruction is carried out daily with traditional American enthusiasm. Engaged in healthy, interesting exercises in the open air with simple diets, officers and men, like trained athletes, are ready for their task. Forbidden the use of strong drink and protected by stringent regulations against sexual evils, and supported by their own moral courage, their good behavior is the subject of most favorable comments, especially by our allies. American mothers may rest assured that their sons are a credit to them and to the nation, and they may well look forward to the proud day when on the battle field these splendid men will shed a new luster on American manhood."
 Perhaps now the attacks at home on our soldiers will cease.

FISH AND GAME PRESERVATION

The annual meeting of the Wing, Finn and Fleetfoot Club last night illustrated that there is a large and active body of men who are interested in fish and game preservation and propagation. This is a fine thing. It was also noticeable at last night's meeting the fine spirit in favor of law observance and opposed to law violations. The sportsmen, by carefully observing the rights of others are creating good feeling among the farmers. That is the way to do. There is no reason why the farmers should not be members of the club, attend the annual meetings get acquainted. When they do they will find that the members of the club are the careful, law abiding sportsmen who do not tear down fences and trample grain and shoot on premises without permission. In other words the farmers and the sportsmen can work together to curb the lawless. States like Maine and Michigan have found preserving their fish and game created a big state asset Oregon will do the same and a fine start has already been made under the State Fish and Game Commission. By keeping on the job as the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot Club is doing, the interests of Eastern Oregon can be well protected.

C. W. FULTON

It is with regret that the death of Charles W. Fulton is chronicled. Mr. Fulton was one of the statesmen of the new school, as distinguished from that headed for so many years by Senator Mitchell and Senator Dolph. Senator Fulton had always been regarded as a comparatively young man, although he was sixty-five years old at his death. He was a man of ability, genial, of high attainments as a lawyer and a clean, fair fighter in politics. In the State Senate where he served many years he was recognized as an able leader, and this it was that caused his election to the United States Senate when it seemed that the legislature would be deadlocked. In the national

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

OREN L. McNOWN WRITES TO PARENTS

(Letter from Oren L. McNown, member of the La Grande Hospital Unit, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McNown.)

Somewhere in France, December 30, 1917.

Dear Folks at Home:
 How is the weather there by now? Lots of snow, I suppose, and cold weather. We are having lots of snow here and quite cold.

We have been on a long hike for several days. We got quite tired the first day, we walked about twenty miles, but felt better the next day. We hiked for three days and camped for about a week, and moved on for two more days' hike for our permanent place for a while.

Have been in the hospital for about ten days; am feeling fine now. Had a bad cold in my head, so they sent me to the hospital.

Were here during Christmas and will be here for New Years. Expect to get out about the third or fourth of January.

Received some Christmas presents from the Red Cross while in here, and also received a present from my nurse which will be a great help to me, an O. D. handkerchief.

It sure makes a fellow feel good to talk to an American woman when you haven't seen one for several months.

Got your letter saying that you were sending a Christmas package, but haven't received it yet, but I don't think it has had time, but will get it by the time you receive this letter.

Will close for this time; will write again. As ever, your loving son,

ORION L. McNOWN,
 117th Sanitary Train,
 167th Field Hospital,
 A. E. F.

Honors to Oregon fill draft report. Provost Marshal-General's book places Beaver State foremost in patriotism. First chart shows highest enlistment credits—excess of enlistments over quotas and small exemption claims features. Repeatedly, insistently, in table, chart and summary of the report, the name of Oregon "leads all the rest."

upper house, Mr. Fulton won many friends by his personality, he became one of the leaders of the Republican party, and a member of the Senate judiciary committee, a recognition of his ability as a lawyer. Death calls us all; Mr. Fulton leaves his family the heritage of a good name and duty well done.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS The County Agent

No one would pretend to say that Wallowa county has approached to the zenith of its agricultural possibilities. The future undoubtedly will bring greater growth than all the past, with larger production, greater wealth and many added comforts for all. It is to hasten this development by directing the energies of all labor along productive lines that the government, the state and county have established a county agricultural agent here. The system now followed is admirable in many respects. The county agent cannot bear the burden alone, and failure probably would result should he try to do so. He must have the co-operation and assistance of all farmers for they have their problems in their own hands. He brings the expert advice of state and county agricultural specialists, and he institutes an organization which will give living force to this advice. With all working together on the program adopted, wonderful results can be obtained.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

The weekly business men's luncheons are going along fine. Put a note in your date book reserving Tuesdays for these noon day luncheons.

The thrift stamp is a good investment. Buy one every day and you will soon have a nice little fund accumulated for a rainy day.

With C. S. Jackson as the head of the thrift savings stamp campaign in Oregon, there is no doubt of its success.

F. C. Nelson Writes Home From Abroad

(Letter from F. C. Nelson to his mother, Mrs. Elsie Nelson, of La Grande.)

December 14, 1917.

Dearest Mother and All—

Thought I'd drop you a few lines to let you know I'm on my way to Europe. We were given permission to mail letters at a Canadian post. So far the trip has been fine. Night before last it snowed all night and was pretty windy. The sea was pretty rough. Several of the boys were sick, but I've not been troubled. I see Albert occasionally. He is in another part of the ship. We are going to pick up 300 Red Cross nurses at the port.

We are on a British steamer. It seems funny to be under the British flag. This morning we picked up the convoy, several more transports and an escort of American battleships. We are well protected. We have life saving practice several times a day and at night. After we leave this port we have to wear a life preserver every time we leave our bunks.

How is dad? Hope you are all well. This is all I know so will close. Love to all.

F. C. NELSON,
 T. C. N. Co. K, 162 Inf., A. E. F.,
 via New York.

I am enclosing a letter to John Read. Please send it to him.

December 28, 1917.

Dearest Mother—

Am going to write a few lines to

Why Should I Buy Clothes Now?



Maybe yor 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.

M. West & Co.
 THE QUALITY STORE

There are a number yet to hear from. When the commission notified the Rev. Upton Gibbs about the offering they said that judging from what the Eastern Oregon district had given last year to the five million pension fund they would expect \$65,000 from this district towards the half million war fund. He hopes now to be able to send more from this parish than was expected from the whole district. Those who have made no contributions as yet he asked to do so without delay.

Pilot Rock—\$21,000 subscribed for grain elevator.
 Waldport—Commercial street to be electric lighted.

A LETTER RECEIVED FROM FRED B. READ

(Letter from Fred B. Read, member of the La Grande Hospital Unit, to Mr. John Kidenour of this city.)
 Somewhere in France, December 20, 1917.

Dear Friend:
 Am fine and dandy and in fine spirits. Sure like army life. The ground is frozen and covered with snow and we are all "rearin' to go." Just had three days' heavy marching, but stopped here for supplies.

We have only sixty more miles to go until we camp for winter, and the

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.

In MODART Front Laced Corsets there are special sizes and models for just such figures. We can give any woman, of whatever size or shape, the kind of style and fit she should have.

MODART Front Laced
 PAULINE LEDERLE

Huns will then catch h—
 You can hear the cannon roar night and day, but we are all anxious to get into the fray.
 Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am
 Your friend,
 FRED B. READ.

New York Newsboys Strike.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A strike of all news dealers and newsboys in Greater New York was called at a meeting of the National Association of News Dealers and Stationers as a result of a disagreement over the rate of \$1.40 a hundred, demanded by the publishers for daily papers when the advance in price to 2 cents became effective yesterday. The news dealers demanded a price of \$1.20 a hundred.

FUN AND FROLIC AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

Everything is in readiness for an evening of fun and frivolity this evening at the High School auditorium when the Honor Guard girls give a program consisting of skits, playlets, stunts, music and other features. For weeks great preparation has been put forth, and that this evening's numbers will be par excellent is without doubt true. One of the features of the evening will be some feature dancing by Miss Newlin.

Toledo—New sawmill to operate here by January 1.

Gold Hill—Machinery arriving for state limestone fertilizer plant, California—Oregon Power Co. to construct power line to quarry.

FACE the FACTS

LET us face the facts. The war situation is critical. Unless the Allies fight as they never yet have fought, defeat threatens. Hungry men cannot fight at their best; nor hungry nations. France, England, and Italy are going hungry unless we feed them.

Wheat Savings—They must have wheat. It is the best food to fight on. It is the easiest to ship. We alone can spare it to them. By saving just a little—less than a quarter of what we ate last year—we can support those who are fighting our battles. And we can do it without stinting ourselves. We have only to substitute another food just as good.

The Corn of Plenty—Corn is that food. There's a surplus of it. Providence has been generous in the hour of our need. It has given us corn in such bounty as was never known before. Tons of corn. Trainloads of corn. Five hundred million bushels over and above our regular needs. All we have to do is to learn to appreciate it. Was ever patriotic duty made so easy? And so clear?

America's Own Food—Corn! It is the true American food. The Indians, hardiest of races, lived on it. Our forefathers adopted the diet and conquered a continent. For a great section of our country it has long been the staff of life. How well the South fought on it, history tells. Now it can help America win a world war.

Learn Something—Corn! It isn't one food. It's a dozen. It's a cereal. It's a vegetable. It's a bread. It's a dessert. It's nutritious; more food value in it, dollar for dollar, than meat or eggs or most other vegetables. It's good to eat; how good you don't know until you've had corn-bread properly cooked. Best of all, it's plentiful and it's patriotic.

Corn's Infinite Variety—How much do you know about corn? About how good it is? About the many delicious ways of cooking it? And what you miss by not knowing more about it? Here are a few of its uses:

There are at least fifty ways to use corn meal to make good dishes for dinner, supper, lunch or breakfast. Here are some suggestions:

- | HOT BREADS | DESSERTS |
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| Boston brown bread. | Corn-meal molasses cake. |
| Hoccake. | Apple corn bread. |
| Muffins. | Dumplings. |
| Biscuits. | Gingerbread. |
| Griddle cakes. | Fruit gems. |
| Waffles. | |
| HEARTY DISHES | |
| Corn-meal croquettes. | Corn-meal fish balls. |
| Meat and corn-meal dumplings. | |
| Italian polenta. | Tamales. |
- The recipes are in Farmers' Bulletin 565, "Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It," free from the Department of Agriculture.