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A CHANCE TO SERVE

No business or profession has higher ethics than the
newspaper business, said Talcott Williams, dean of the
Columbia College of Journalism, discussing the way the
newspapers of the country had risen to their opportunity
of doing public and patriotic service during the present
war. There is little gainsaying this statement. The oppor-
tunities for public service by a newspaper are many
and manifold. The newspapers of the big cities are not
alone in their opportunities to advance the public good.
The smaller country newspaper, without the big organiza-
tions of the larger newspapers, without investments of
hundreds of thousands of dollars and without four or five
hundred employes, manages to hold up its end.

Running through the files of The Observer the other
day, the editor had occasion to run across articles and
editorials supporting some of the public movements of
interest to this community. Among them were the fol-
lowing advocated and supported by The Observer in the
last sixteen months:

- Organization of the Tuesday business men's luncheons.
Organization of the Grande Ronde Farm Loan Associa-
tion, first meeting called by the editor of The Observer.
Organization advocated of other Farm Loan Associa-
tions in the district.
Organization of the Grande Ronde Drainage District;
initial meeting called by the editor of The Observer.
Organization of the Public Safety Committee, of which
the editor of The Observer was elected chairman; I. W. W.
disturbances avoided as a result.
Organization of the Home Guard, initial meeting called
by The Observer.
Organization of the County Council of Defense.

These are just a few of the public movements fostered
by The Observer. In support of the President and the
national administration, recruiting for the army and navy,
the Red Cross, Liberty Loan, Army-V. M. C. A., Y. W.
C. A., Armenians, Knights of Columbus and other drives,
The Observer has been glad to do its "best." In addition
The Observer has advocated a clean, well lighted city, with
pure, adequate water system and a lawful police admin-
istration. The Observer has advocated and practiced buy-
ing-at-home, building up and patronizing our own home
factories and business institutions, has supported the
schools, churches, Y. M. C. A., the Library, the Chautau-
qua, and other civic institutions. The Observer has ad-
vocated and supported goods roads, the building up of a
spirit of co-operation between Union and Wallawa coun-
ties, has worked for the state highway from Pendleton and
Baker, for the state highway from La Grande to Joseph.
These will be built some day. The future of La Grande
and Union and Wallawa counties is bright. The editor of

The Observer is glad to have played a small part in con-
tributing to their upbuilding. More remains to be done
in the future.

THRIFT IS THE POWER TO SAVE

Merely possession of a government Thrift Card (the
card upon which you stick sixteen 25-cent Thrift Stamps,
adding 13 cents, and before turning it in for a War Savings
Stamp, upon which the government will pay you 4 per
cent interest compounded quarterly), will prove an incen-
tive to thrift and saving. Follow the precepts of the blank
spaces upon which the stamps are to be placed, and you
will soon have the habit.

For instance: Space No. 1 reads: "Affix the first
25-cent Thrift Stamp here." Very good. Just by way
of instruction. The same for No. 2 space: "Your second
stamp here."

And then the little Thrift talks begin, that great
apostle of thrift, Benjamin Franklin, having been respon-
sible for some of them, we are sure.

No. 3 space says: "If you want to succeed, save."
And then on down the line we read:

"Thrift is the power to save." "The first principle
of money-making is money-saving." "Don't put off 'till
tomorrow." (That's a good one.) "A penny saved is a
penny earned." (Buy today. Next month a W. S. S. will
cost you a penny more.) "All fortunes have their founda-
tions laid in thrift." "Many a little makes a mickle."
"Saving creates independence." "Thrift begins with little
savings." "Money placed at interest works day and night
—in wet and dry weather." (And W. S. S. from little
Thrift Stamps grow.) "Waste not, want not." (A favorite
with our dear old mother, and her mother.) "Learn
economy and you start on the road to success."

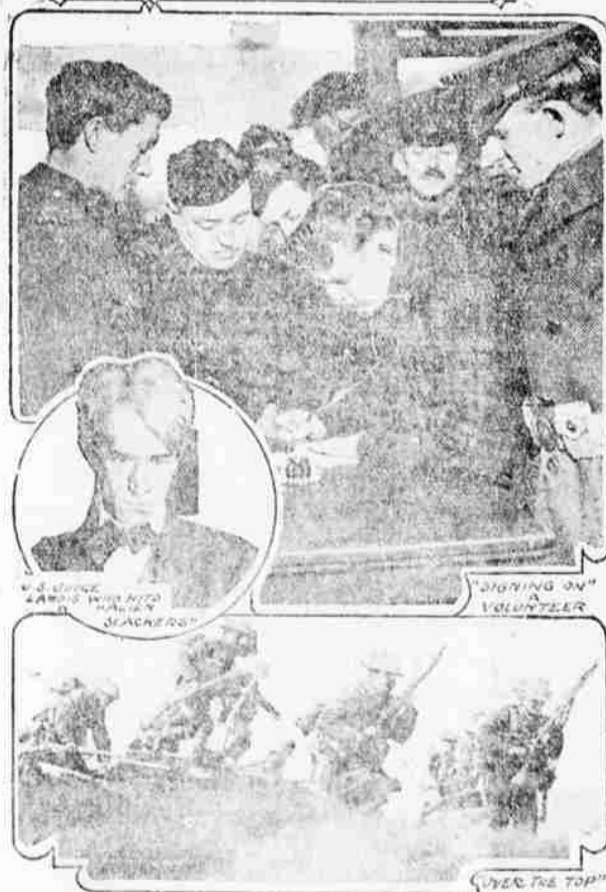
And there you have it. A great sermon on every little
Thrift Card.

RED CROSS
News and Notes.

JOSEPH RED CROSS NOTES

JOSEPH, Feb. 11. (Special.)—We
wonder sometimes if Joseph and Vi-
city really knows how much our Red
Cross chapter is doing. In fact, we
know of a few who really think that
the ladies merely congregate for a
social afternoon, but this is not the
case, for from the time they arrive in
the morning, until the time they step
at night sometimes at 5 p. m. and
sometimes as late as 10 p. m., the
ladies are busy making bandages,
surgical dressings and many other
things, too numerous to mention.
Some of the workers are at the room
nearly every afternoon and evening,
such as Mrs. Gault, who is the cap-
able president, while others often con-
tribute and four times during the week
while all the ladies do fine work, we
have a few especially fast fighters,
such as Mrs. S. C. Himmelwright, who
has knitted 13 sweaters; Mrs. Bell
Davis, who has to her credit 12 pairs
of socks, and Grandma Scott, who also
claims 12 pairs of socks.
On February 7, Mrs. Gault reports
that the following articles were
shipped:
33 pairs of operating leggings,
8 suits pajamas,
12 pairs of socks,
6 sweaters,
1500 3x3 compresses.
Some time ago the Rebekah Ladies
formed themselves into a chapter to
co-operate with the main Joseph or-
ganization but to work in the lodge
hall. These ladies are doing fine work
and surely deserve commendation.
Rebekah workers are: Mrs. Ann Dan-
can, Mrs. Edith Holst, Mrs. L. L.
Loyd, Mrs. E. O. Mahin, Mrs. Sarah
C. Scott, Mrs. James Harlin, Mrs.
T. O. Miller, Mrs. C. I. Craven, Mrs.
C. R. Turner and Miss Belandine Lay.
Those who worked at the Red Cross
room during the last week were:
K. H. Gault, 6 afternoons and 2 eve-
nings; Mrs. B. Eckly, 5 afternoons and 1
evening; Mrs. Harry Carpenter, 6
afternoons and 2 evenings; Mrs. P.
Mays, 6 afternoons and 2 evenings;
Mrs. N. Buzan, 5 afternoons and 1
evening; Mrs. Edward Eben, 4 after-
noons and 2 evenings; Mrs. A. J.
Richardson, 3 afternoons and 1 eve-
ning; Mrs. L. E. Caviness, 3 after-
noons and 1 evening; Mrs. Fisk, 4 af-
ternoons; Irene Gault, 3 afternoons;
Mrs. W. Wilson, 3 afternoons; Mrs.
Hewitt, 3 afternoons; Mrs. M. Roup.

RECRUITING JOINTLY FOR
MEN TO STOP HUN DRIVE



Joint recruiting of volunteers for
the United States and for the Cana-
dian and British armies has gained
the impending attempt of the
German hordes to break through the
iron line of the allies in France. The
Stars and Stripes floats beside the
Union Jack from British-Canadian
depots in nearly every large city in
the United States and each new
depot is opened by men in the uni-
forms which fight under those flags.
Powell met Powell in different
uniforms when a crowd of United
States recruiters welcomed Canadian
officers in one depot and strangers
snook hands and then asked the name
of the other. Bayonet squads of
each have begun friendly rivalry in
training, the men who have come
back from the fighting in France,

having many tracks to tell and
stories to relate from their encounter
with "the Boche." The German is
outclassed with the bayonet by
fighters of the allies, they say.
Russians, Poles, Czechs, Syrians
and Bulgarians now are seeking to en-
list in the British-Canadian forces.
For discovering alien stickers of
scores of recruiting depots recom-
mended the plan of our patriotic and
defense league which has begun a
house to house canvass.
"We are going to place the aliens
where they belong," declared the
chairman. "We are going to put it
up to everyone that unless he takes
out his papers and helps win the
war, he is pro-German. We don't
want any neutral aliens in our
community."



Good Clothes and
Nothing Else

That's a good rule to go by—for you as well as
for us.

It's the only rule you can follow when you
come here, because we haven't anything else.

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The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

Mrs. A. H. Rudd, Marie Bowman, Es-
ther Eben, Mrs. W. M. Luttrell, Miss
Mary Gwillin, Mrs. L. Knapper, Mrs.
Himmelwright, Mrs. Deeder, Mrs. Ker-
lough, Grace Caviness, Mrs. Spencer,
Mrs. Bowman, all worked 2 after-
noons; Mrs. F. D. McCully, Mrs. Geo.
Salladay, Mrs. Fred Green, Grace
Carpenter, Lola Warnock, Mrs. Ed-
ward Leffel, Mrs. Dr. Pittenger, Mrs.
Roy McCully, Mrs. Frank Stevenson,
Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Gowing, Mrs. Guy
Davis, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Max Wilson,
Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Al. T. Kin-
ney and Mrs. Watson all worked one
afternoon.

THE STROLLER

"I see some strange sights stand-
ing on the corners on windy days,"
said Chris Miller.

I don't know why it is but wo-
men always tell me things.
For instance married women al-
ways tell me of the faults of their
husbands. Perhaps it is because
I'm a bachelor and old.

A married woman stopped me in
a store and told me the other day:
"I was a school teacher and rushed
into matrimony because I thought
I would escape from school teach-
ing. I had taught children all my
life. Now I'm married and I have
a baby of my own and also a hus-
band to teach. If anything I be-
lieve it's harder to teach my hus-
band than it is my class. Besides that
I have to be his cook and his wash-
ing and knit for the Red Cross."

"Does your husband stay out all
night, and how did your touch like
not to," said a young bride who
bottled into the conversation.

"The only way to teach an old
dog new tricks is with a flattery,"
said the old married woman. "But
him a good one his first night out."

"Does your husband go out to
lodge very often and stay out very
late?"

"No, now that the saloons are
closed he never goes to lodge at
all. He says that he would rather
stay at home with me and read
detective stories and hear me gossip
about the neighbors. But do you
know, the men are the biggest gos-
sips of all. They pick up the gos-
sips down town while playing po-
noche or getting shaved and bring
it home right hot off the griddle.
"When you girls get as old as
me," she continued, shifting her
gun to the other side, "you'll find
out that men are just children,
wearing whiskers and long pants.
They look ferocious at times but
don't let them buffalo you. Every
man at heart is afraid of a woman.
If they didn't have the women back
of them to nag at them, make 'em
get up in the morning, make 'em
get a shave, make 'em get to work
and hustle, make 'em take a bath
on Saturday night, they wouldn't
amount to much.
Left to themselves they'd just
naturally hibernate all winter and
fish all summer. Money makes the
mare go but women make the world
go." And with that she grabbed
her packages and beat it.

THE FORUM

Like Fleas on Dog
LA GRANDE, Feb. 15. (To the
Editor.)—Every consumer (whether
he or she be employed at necessary
labor or not) is a burden on the real
producer of necessary things of life.
Those who toil and produce food and
material necessary for comfort must
be given first consideration. Specu-
lators, profiteers and grafters are like
fleas on a dog. MONSIEUR.

A Word of Appreciation.
UNION, Ore., Feb. 15.—(Clarke
Leiter, Editor Observer, La Grande,
Oregon.)—Dear Sir:—I would be
most grateful indeed if I did not ac-
knowledge the splendid editor in

your issue of the 13th relative to
the taking over of the Scout plant.
Your comments were better than
I deserved, and I only hope to come
up to your estimate of the situation.
Again thanking you, and with
best wishes for your future success,
I am,
Very truly,
GEO. A. SCIBIRD.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF
HAS "PUNCH"



Gen. P.C. March
Maj. Gen. Peyton C. March
who's to be acting chief of staff of
the U. S. army if General Pershing
can spare him, has "punch."
That's why he has been selected
for this post as the head of the
army.
The present chief of staff, Gen-
eral Bliss is to remain in Europe
permanently, as America's mili-
tary representative at the supreme
war council.

For Hard-to-fit
Women--

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



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

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