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**CONSTITUTION IS LAX.**  
 The framers of the constitution  
 in all their wisdom and foresight,  
 failed in one particular. After all  
 the thought and inspiration which  
 was expended in the preparation of  
 that great charter for human lib-  
 erty there was no "penalty clause"  
 attached. It must have been an  
 oversight. There should have been  
 such a provision to make the docu-  
 ment binding and obligatory both  
 ways.

In view of the rights conferred—  
 the priceless blessing of civil, reli-  
 gious and political liberty, the im-  
 plied contract on the other hand  
 should be that of aid to the fullest  
 ability possible when the rights con-  
 ferred are in jeopardy. That would  
 be a fair and just provision.

The citizen who accepts the safe-  
 ty guaranteed, the enjoyment of  
 personal and political equality, the  
 right to have property and immu-  
 nity from danger and oppression,  
 who is not willing to perform his  
 part of the obligation should in all  
 equity and fairness not be allowed  
 to own property, not be allowed to  
 vote at elections, or to hold com-  
 munion with decent and upright  
 men.

In their zeal and sacrifice for  
 human liberty our forefathers went  
 a step too far and made life under  
 the republic of the United States of  
 America too soft and easy for  
 some of the beneficiaries who came  
 into this heritage only through the  
 turmoil and sacrifice of others.

As the constitution cannot be  
 changed or made retroactive the  
 only thing that can be done is what  
 the Liberty Loan committee of  
 Union county, backed by an over-  
 whelming majority of the citizens,  
 is doing.

There is a word of caution to  
 be observed and that is rigid care  
 as to "who are who" in the discar-

ed list. Sometimes a lack of tact or  
 other inopportune approach may be  
 the cause of misplaced judgment.  
 It would be a great injustice to get  
 the wrong man on the list of  
 slackers.

Publish the derelicts, signal them  
 out and let them enjoy the solace  
 of their own seclusion. If they  
 don't want to play the game of true  
 citizenship as others do; if they  
 don't like this government or its  
 institutions, let them be given the  
 opportunity of enjoying a little hell  
 of their own.

### WHERE PRAISE IS DUE.

The main body of Union county's  
 citizenship is to be congratulated  
 on their patriotic endeavors to help  
 in the great work now on hand.  
 Unlike any financial obligation  
 resting on the mind of a debtor, the  
 man who subscribed for bonds and  
 has undertaken to pay the install-  
 ments as they come due has as-  
 sumed an obligation which should  
 not in the least disturb his peace  
 of mind. To all such and to those  
 who are doing as much as they can  
 in one way or another with the  
 conscious feeling that they are do-  
 ing their might, praise and con-  
 gratulation is due.

Especial appreciation is also due  
 the various committees who have  
 given their time in the necessary  
 preliminary and detail work in the  
 raising of this county's share of the  
 bond subscriptions. It would not  
 be practicable to undertake nam-  
 ing them individually as there has  
 been piles of work done wherein the  
 workers' lights have been under the  
 bushel, or at least not flaunted  
 vaingloriously before the public.  
 Many of the committeemen and  
 their assistants have put in hours  
 of overtime in addition to looking  
 after their private affairs, through  
 a sense of duty they owe to the  
 best government on earth. Many of  
 them are known in one way or an-  
 other, and all of them are entitled  
 to the thanks and gratitude of the  
 citizens of Union county.

### BE OF GOOD CHEER.

All the news reports of the past  
 few days indicate that a frightful  
 onslaught is again to be made  
 against the allies. A report yester-  
 day indicated that it would likely  
 not be possible to know completely  
 as to the outcome for a day or so.  
 In the meantime the same admini-  
 stration as that given the first Satur-  
 day of the big drive is still appro-  
 priate.

Let us feel that the cause of lib-  
 erty and righteousness will ulti-  
 mately prevail. Some reverses and  
 many sacrifices are inevitable, but  
 let us trust that the aspect of  
 things will again change as they did  
 two weeks ago. The right is on  
 our side and will ultimately tri-  
 umph.

Lieut. Monondon is direct from  
 the front, the first one bringing tid-  
 ings from our boys in France. He  
 will speak at the Methodist church  
 this evening. About a hundred  
 seats have been reserved. Very ap-  
 propriately, for the parents of the  
 boys in the hospital unit with which

Lieut. Monondon was attached.  
 The advice comes from the gov-  
 ernment to those who are undertak-  
 ing garden work to be careful in  
 the northern latitudes not to plant  
 the seeds too early and run the  
 chances of being caught by frost.  
 Garden stuff will not grow in cold  
 soil or in cold weather and several  
 weeks delay is better than a few  
 days too soon.

### EDITORIAL COMMENT.

**A LESSON IN GEOGRAPHY**  
 In this Western country of great  
 distances and scant population one  
 can gain a better idea of the concen-  
 tration of war's activities from the  
 statement that France is approxi-  
 mately the size of Nevada and Utah  
 combined, says the Oregonian. Ore-  
 gon troops, scattered throughout  
 France, are not very far from each  
 other as we reckon distances, nor  
 have they been so very far from the  
 battle line by the same computation.

There are other striking compari-  
 sons that shed light on the restrict-  
 ed character of the populations of  
 Europe as compared with our own  
 spread of population.  
 If we discard Russia, all of Europe,  
 including the British Isles, could be  
 set down in that portion of the United  
 States lying west of the Minnesota-  
 Louisiana tier of states and still leave  
 Oregon and Washington out of the  
 reckoning. European Russia is but  
 little larger than these seventeen  
 Western states.

If the countries of Europe, not in-  
 cluding Russia, could be picked up and  
 rearranged in the West, we would  
 have the following approximations in  
 respect to areas:  
 Texas would be Austria-Hungary.  
 Wyoming and Colorado would be  
 Germany's equivalent.  
 South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas  
 and Oklahoma would embrace Nor-  
 way and Sweden.  
 Montana and North Dakota would  
 represent Spain and Portugal.  
 Nevada and Utah would contain  
 France.  
 Idaho would contain Switzerland,  
 Greece, Denmark and Holland.  
 Arizona would take all of Italy.  
 New Mexico would be occupied by  
 the British Isles.  
 California would alone carry Rou-  
 mania, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Serbia,  
 Albania, Belgium and European Tur-  
 key.

For an equivalent area of Oregon  
 and Washington, we should have to  
 go to Asia. Japan would just about fit.  
 The area of all the European coun-  
 tries named, with Japan added, is  
 about 5,000 square miles greater than  
 the area of Western United States.  
 The overlap would be a little larger  
 than the area of Douglas county.

The population of the seventeen  
 western states is 16,423,625. The  
 population of Europe, excluding Rus-  
 sia's and adding Japan's to accord  
 with the foregoing illustrations, is  
 279,974,786.  
 There will probably come a day  
 when as many people will reside in  
 Western United States, but they will  
 not be of a multiplicity of races,  
 tongues and aspirations such as now  
 characterize Europe. Our security  
 is in our unity, present and prospec-  
 tive.

### Farmers Adopt Bulk Handling.

The readiness with which farm-  
 ers have grasped the situation and  
 are preparing for farm storage and  
 bulk handling of wheat, is relieving  
 apprehension as to possibilities of  
 handling the 1918 crop. In many  
 sections held by college specialists  
 in various parts of the State, farm-  
 ers' sentiment were nearly unanimous  
 in favor of bulk handling.  
 The "two-hit" bag is helping the  
 movement along. The uncertainty  
 of delivery of sacks is another fac-  
 tor favoring the rush into bulk-  
 ing.  
 Large storage capacity in elevators  
 is unnecessary. Farmers at  
 many meetings have agreed on the  
 feasibility of erecting small elevators  
 of ten to seventy-five thousand  
 bushel capacity.

The Agricultural College is dis-  
 tributing plans for farm granaries,  
 and is assisted by the U. S. Depart-  
 ment of Agriculture.

### Final Account.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-  
 TATE OF ISAAC SHAFER, DE-  
 CEASED.  
 Notice is by this given that the  
 undersigned executor of the estate  
 of Isaac Shafer, deceased, has filed  
 her final account in the County  
 Court of the State of Oregon for  
 Union County, and said court has  
 set May 12th at 2 p. m. at the  
 County Court room in La Grande,  
 Union County, Oregon, as the time  
 and place to hear objections to,  
 and for the consideration of, said  
 final account; all interested parties  
 may attend.  
 Date of first publication April  
 11, 1918.  
 EMMA J. SHAFER,  
 Executrix of the Estate of Isaac  
 Shafer, deceased.  
 Apr. 10-1918 May 1-

# RED CROSS News and Notes.

Following the regulations regard-  
 ing the use of the name of the Red  
 Cross in benefits follows the right  
 to wear the Red Cross emblem.

All members may wear the Red  
 Cross button.  
 The use of simple uniforms by  
 women workers in various Red  
 Cross Chapter activities, other than  
 nursing and hospital service, has  
 been found desirable for protective,  
 hygienic, and other valid reasons,  
 and the American Red Cross has  
 authorized such use. It is neces-  
 sary to prescribe the nature of the  
 uniforms and the regulations under  
 which they may be worn since,  
 otherwise, there is grave danger  
 that irresponsible persons may  
 bring discredit on the Red Cross by  
 their use.

**Requirements.**  
 As workers throughout the United  
 States adopt it, it will become re-  
 cognized everywhere as the official  
 uniform of the Red Cross. Workers  
 should, therefore, be impressed with  
 the necessity of dignified conduct,  
 since any indiscretion or lack of  
 dignity will reflect not only upon  
 the individual but upon the Red  
 Cross itself. The right to wear the  
 uniform carries with it an assump-  
 tion of responsibility for the organ-  
 ization; the abuse of such responsi-  
 bility may be punished by with-  
 drawing the uniform permit. Uni-  
 formed women are not necessarily  
 required to render service outside  
 of their home localities.

**Age of Uniformed Personnel**  
**Workrooms:** Workers on Surgi-  
 cal Dressings, Garments and Knit-  
 ings—No person under eighteen  
 years of age shall receive permis-  
 sion to wear a uniform. Girls un-  
 der this age when on active duty  
 shall be permitted to wear a red  
 cross on the front of a white dress  
 or on the left of a white apron if  
 some washable material, provided  
 they are members of the Red Cross  
 in good standing and qualified for  
 the service they desire to perform.  
 The plain white coat may be worn  
 if desired. The red cross shall be  
 worn only when on active duty.

Permits to wear the Red Cross  
 uniform shall be granted by the ex-  
 ecutive committee of the Chapter,  
 or, in case of large Chapters, by a  
 special committee of the Chapter  
 with sub-committees on each ser-  
 vice concerned, if this seems neces-  
 sary.

Uniform permits should be issued  
 to members for such service as they

# BOYS!

YOUR NEW CLOTHES  
 With the Spring just about here, you should  
 think quickly about your suit, your shoes, hat and  
 shirts, as well as your other necessities.  
 Drop in some time and look over our extensive  
 line of Suits from \$5.00 to \$12.50. We'll be glad  
 to show them to you.



# New Hats!

Some of you have been waiting for these hats  
 like we had before—Trench Hats, in grey, brown  
 and green mixed. Also same style at Trench Hat  
 without the strap across the top.  
 Price \$1.50

HELP LA GRANDE GO "OVER THE  
 TOP" WITH THE THIRD LIBERTY  
 LOAN

DO IT NOW **McWest & Co** BUY A BOND

**Bevo**  
 Put on the Bevo Glasses when you set the  
 table for the late you've prepared for the guests of  
 the evening. As a suggestion for a "dry" lunch:  
 Cream cheese and sliced olives combined in  
 brown bread, 1200 packets, 1200 packets, 1200  
 packets.  
 Refreshes the palate, does not make one appetizing  
 and delightful addition to any meal. It is not an  
 "it" or "how".  
 Bevo—the all-year-around soft drink.  
 Sold by Bevo, Inc., 1200 Pacific Building, Los Angeles,  
 Calif. Distributors: The Local

**ATTENTION!**  
 Anyone who is considering buying a Tractor of the tracklaying  
 type, we would like your attention for a moment.—The KILLEN  
 STRAIT Tractor appeals to the man who has undrained land.  
 There are always soft spots to give trouble and costly delays.  
 Anyone who has helped drag a stalled tractor out of a sink hole  
 can appreciate the feeling of satisfaction which comes from owning  
 a "STRAIT"—It cannot be mired down. They are like a mud  
 turtle, they cannot be sunk and will keep going as long as the  
 magnet is out of the water. They are just as successful on dry  
 land—as the wide track will not pick the soil. We have a carload  
 coming soon so don't fail to see them.  
**LA GRANDE IMPLEMENT CO.**  
 E. S. NORRIS  
 1529 Jefferson Street La Grande, Oregon  
 Home Ind., Main 780 - Union Co., Red 371

about how to use your kodak. You  
 can get all these points for nothing  
 by going to Silverthorn's. Let  
 the kodak man show you how—  
 Adv. 4-7-18.  
**Do You Sleep Well?**  
 To be at his best a man must  
 have sound, refreshing sleep.  
 When wakeful and restless at night  
 he is in no condition for work or  
 business during the day. Wakeful-  
 ness is often caused by indigestion  
 and constipation, and is quickly re-  
 lieved by Chamberlain's Tablets.  
 How much better you feel with a  
 clear head and good digestion—  
 Adv.

**Mr. Grain Farmer:**  
 Are you prepared to handle your grain in bulk? Do not  
 wait until Spring and Summer when you are buried with work  
 and worried with labor shortage, but build your granaries now.  
 You can buy the lumber and roofing paper for a first-class  
 1000 bushel portable granary for \$54.58 and it will last for  
 years. Sacks for the same amount of grain will cost you  
 \$125.00 and this would be a dead loss against this year's crop.  
 A granary of this size can be moved anywhere and can be  
 filled directly from the thresher, doing away with high priced  
 labor handling and sewing sacks.  
 The boys in the trenches need the sacks for sand bags for  
 the protection of their very lives and perhaps your boy is  
 among them.  
 Spend your money in your own valley by buying lumber  
 manufactured at home. When you buy sacks part of the  
 money goes to India.  
**BUILD YOUR GRANARIES NOW**  
 Be prepared by building them before the farming season  
 opens up. Be sure to get good lumber, well seasoned, as low  
 grade lumber will give you trouble in a few seasons. Don't  
 use green lumber.  
 Save money—keep what you spend at home—prevent loss  
 and damage from exposure to weather—leave the sacks for our  
 boys in the trenches; help win the war by building granaries now.  
 Portable granaries of this type are universally used in  
 other sections. One trip with a good team will haul the ma-  
 terial for one granary. For particulars as well as prices on  
 Union County lumber for all farm purposes, see

**OIL BURNERS**  
 Your wood is gone, the summer is here, that  
 oil burner that you have longed for is ready  
 to install in your Range—FREE TRAIL and  
 guarantee cover your dollars.  
**Furniture Exchange**  
 Fir and Jefferson E. J. DONOHUE Black 1211  
 Best Prices Paid for Used Furniture

**Your Evening of Life**  
 Did you ever stop to think how you will spend the  
 evening of your life?  
 What is a more deplorable sight than an aged person  
 struggling for a mere existence, battling against great  
 odds, fighting the cold icy blasts of winter, and the scorching  
 rays of the summer sun; with a worn out, broken-  
 down constitution.  
**STOP AND THINK IT OVER**  
 Think how you and your loved ones will spend the evening  
 of your life. There is one sure way to avoid being  
 one of the vast army of unkept, in your declining years,  
 and you can do this too! Start a bank account today, and  
 add to it little by little, and you will not be on the mercy  
 of the public in your declining years.  
 Why not commence today?  
**Member Federal Reserve System**  
**La Grande National Bank**  
 LA GRANDE, OREGON