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WANT TO BE FAIR.

The Union County Loan committee has shown every desire to meet this county's loan drive without working a hardship on anyone. In the letters sent out containing what was figured as the equitable amount the citizen should subscribe, there was a foot note explaining how the apportionment was made and also directing that if it was inequitable the committee would take the matter up for correction. There was no intent at any time to make this bond drive a hardship on those unable to meet the obligation.

This loan had to be raised some way. Secretary McAdoo, in a telegram appearing in the Observer today, and presumably placed since last night in the hands of all the county chairmen in the United States shows how imperative it is for the government to have money to provide the means of war and to maintain the soldiers and their dependents. It seems like the fact should be sufficiently known without further appeals, but the main fact stands out that the government must have money.

It wouldn't be "put over" in a thousand years if the voluntary subscriptions were demanded upon. Everybody knows that. The plan that has been followed out is the organization of a state head and on the same lines a county organization became a part of the state organization. Mr. A. T. Hill is the county chairman for this county and he has selected his assistants. The committee is working without pay. So when anyone begins to find fault with the committee and to presume that these men are assuming too much authority to tell people about subscribing, it must be remembered that they are legally organized as a necessary measure for the prosecution of the war. The thin-skinned

and over-sensitive should make a note of it. There is always some leeway for criticism, especially when the critic is bleeding at every pore waiting for the chance to have his say. There was a bunch of critics against the Man of Galilee because he went into a field and shelled out some wheat on Sunday.

If that Great Character could not escape, it is no wonder that the Union county committeemen come in for their share from some source or other. But it can be set down that the intention of the county organization is to be fair to everyone.

OREGON IN THE LEAD.

The report comes officially that the state of Oregon is the first one to report its full quota of the Third Liberty Loan. This is great news but it is not more than was expected. The figures and reports seemed to indicate yesterday that the honor among the states in the drive would fall to Oregon, and now this fact is officially proclaimed.

While well pleased with this distinguished achievement, there is special gratification in knowing that the many young men this state has furnished for war service will be pleased beyond measure with the record of their own state. It will come to them as an assurance that they have left behind them not alone the good wishes and good will of the folks at home, but by this same token they have the ready money support of their home state. That should be a great satisfaction to those who are risking all they can risk on the issue of this great conflict.

It is a grand message to herald to the boys in the trenches and on the battle line, "Be of Good Cheer; Oregon Is With You."

THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED
(From President Wilson's Baltimore Speech.)

Are we not justified in believing that they would do the same things at their western front if they were not there face to face with armies whom even their countless divisions cannot overcome? If, when they have felt their check to be final they should propose favorable and equitable terms with regard to Belgium and France and Italy, could they blame us if we concluded that they did so only to assure themselves of a free hand in Russia and the East?

Their purpose is undoubtedly to make all the Slavic peoples, all the free and ambitious nations of the Baltic peninsula, all the lands that Turkey has dominated and misruled, subject to their will and ambition and build upon that dominion an empire of force upon which they fancy that they can then erect an empire of gain and commercial supremacy—an empire as hostile to the Americans as to the Europe which it will overawe—an empire which will ultimately mater Persia, India, and the peoples of the Far East. In such a programme our ideals, the ideals of justice and humanity and liberty, the principle of the free self-determination of nations upon which all the modern world insists, can play no part. They are rejected for the ideals of power, for the principle that the strong must rule the weak, that trade must follow the flag, whether those to whom it is taken welcome it or not, that the peoples of the world are to be made subject to the patronage and overlordship of those who have the power to enforce it.

That programme once carried out,

America and all who care or dare to stand with her must arm and prepare themselves to contest the mastery of the World, a mastery in which the rights of common men, the rights of women, and of all who are weak; must for the time being be trodden under foot and disregarded, and the old, age-long struggle for freedom and right begin again at its beginning. Everything that America has lived for and loved and grown great to vindicate and bring to a glorious realization will have fallen in utter ruin and the gates of mercy once more pitilessly shut upon mankind!

The thing is preposterous and impossible! and yet is not that what the whole course and action of the German armies has meant wherever they have moved? I do not wish, even in this moment of utter disillusionment, to judge harshly and unrighteously. I judge only what the German arms have accomplished with unpinning thoroughness throughout every fair region they have touched.

What, then are we to do? For myself, I am ready, ready still, ready even now, to discuss a fair and just and honest peace at any time that it is sincerely proposed—a peace in which the strong and the weak shall fare alike. But the answer, when I proposed such a peace, came from the German commanders in Russia, and I cannot mistake the meaning of the answer.

I accept the challenge. I know that you accept it. All the world shall know that you accept it. It shall appear in the utter sacrifice and self-forgetfulness with which we shall give all that we love and all that we live to redeem the world and make it fit for free men like ourselves to live in. This now is the meaning of all that we do. Let everything that we say, my fellow countrymen, everything that we henceforth plan and accomplish, ring true to this response till the majesty and might of our concerted power shall fill the thought and utterly defeat those who flout and misprize what we honor and hold dear. Germany once more has said that force, and force alone, shall decide whether Right as America conceives it or Dominion as she conceives it shall determine the destinies of mankind. There is, therefore, but one response possible from us: Force, Force to the utmost, Force without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant Force which shall make Right the law of the world, and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust.

UNCLE SAM'S TABLOID TALKERS

By Bert Moses.

History is made in a hurry, but the writing of history is drawn out through the weary years. When this war is over, the first historians will talk of generals and admirals; of liquid fire and poisonous gases; of bombs that shoot 20 miles and of guns that mow men down like ripe wheat before a hurricane; of the doings of armies and navies; of submarines and aeroplanes and tanks.

And after a while the real historians will come to see that language had as much to do with victory as lead and steel; that words are as powerful as ordnance; that the men who helped the government with their heads and tongues share the glory in equal degree with the men who pulled triggers and aimed field pieces.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," but the spoken word is mightier than either.

No history of this world war will be complete unless full chapters are devoted to the Four Minute Men.

You go into a movie theatre, and between the reels a man comes upon the stage and talks in a rapid-fire of words for four minutes.

He bows, walks from the stage, and the show goes on.

The man is a direct spokesman for the United States government.

The message he delivers comes direct from Washington and the words he utters are words the administration at the capitol wants the great American public to become familiar with.

He is a small cogwheel in a great machine that turns and moves with the precision of a bank presenting a slight draft.

Throughout the state thousands of men like him are doing precisely what he is doing.

Their talks are all inspired and they act their cues from bulletins issued by the division of the Four Minute Men Committee on Public Information.

At frequent intervals the topics upon which they talk are changed and these changes are uniform from the great Atlantic to the still greater Pacific.

Thus do the desires, the hopes, the aims, the aspirations, and the accomplishments of the administration reach every corner of the land simultaneously.

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. Wakefulness is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. How much better you feel with a clear head and good digestion. Adv.

TEUTON PRINCE IS HELD AS FOOD HOG



PRINCE SCHWARTZENBERG

Prince Schwartzberg of Austria is under arrest for food hoarding. His arrest followed a complaint by Vienna Socialists that there had been delivered at his home in one week:

- 4000 eggs.
- 200 pounds of drippings.
- 100 pounds of other fats
- 30 bags of potatoes.
- 6 sacks of flour
- 6 sacks of green beans
- 18 sacks of wheat.

AN EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

Independence Monitor Tells Why Stanfield Should Be Senator.

The Independence, Polk county, Monitor, in an editorial says:

In this issue of the Monitor appears the announcement of Hon. Robert N. Stanfield as a candidate for United States senator at the Republican primaries. The Monitor following its custom of speaking editorially of those whose announcements have appeared in this paper, this week will tell you of Mr. Stanfield, and why the Monitor is supporting him for this position.

The editor of this paper has known Robert Stanfield for a number of years and has been so acquainted that he knows him as a man among men, and as a successful, honest and conscientious business man. His interests are in part carried on in the same county, and the same section of the country from which the editor of this paper came, and he knows the men working for Mr. Stanfield, knows the treatment he gives his men, knows how these men are supporting him and believe in him. So the Monitor feels that it can conscientiously speak to the people of this county, who do not know him, and who should be informed respecting the different men who are candidates for the different positions at the coming primaries.

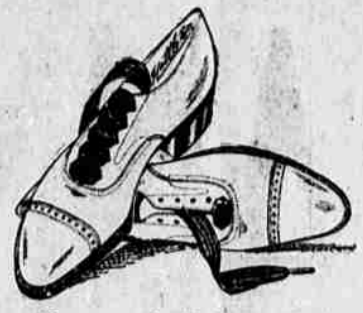
Mr. Stanfield was born in Umatilla county, Oregon, 43 years ago and at the age of 19 his father died and his mother was left with a family of 11 children, and it fell to the lot of R. N. Stanfield, to in a great measure, support and care for this large family. He worked hard, farming, plowing and riding the range, and has built up the business in which he is now engaged from the ground floor, putting in some 20 years of energy and labor, without rest or vacation. He earned every dollar he has, and did not, like most men of wealth and power, inherit his wealth.

In 1912 Mr. Stanfield was the largest individual sheep owner in the United States, and when the war was declared he offered his

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entire clip of wool to the government at the then prevailing price, and that offer is still open. He was largely responsible for making the city of Portland the second largest grease wool market in the United States, making the manufacturers come to Oregon for wool, cutting out the middleman's profit, improving the market, benefitting the whole of this state.

He has started many young men in business, and the editor is acquainted with several who have made themselves through the assistance of Mr. Stanfield.

Mr. Stanfield is favorable to laboring men, has always had the united support of laboring men wherever he was engaged in business. He favors the eight hour day in industries and is a strong supporter of the government in the war, giving freely of his money, his advice and his time to all measures and drives that have been made.

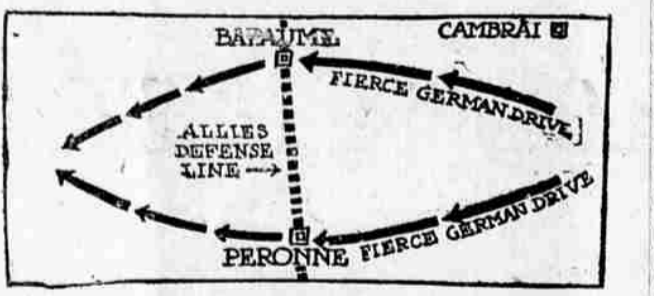
The United States senate is short of business men, and is to a great extent ruled and controlled by lawyers and professional men. What is needed in these times are some good, able, honest business men who can help in this emergency, and you will agree with me that in a time when the nation's every effort is to make of this war matter a successful business, it is a time when President Wilson needs the advice and assistance of men who have made a success of business undertakings on a large scale. Such a man is Robert N. Stanfield, and for this reason alone we would state that he deserves the earnest consideration of every voter of this county.

FRENCH LIVING COST UP.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(By United Press.)—Cost of living and wages have risen fully 50 per cent in France since the war, according to the La Depeche, received here today.

The workman's standard of living is better, his wages are better and he is spending money more freely. As a result, claims the paper, they are forcing up prices against themselves and the nation in general.

"PINCE" PLAN USED BY HUNS



This map shows the "pincer" plan which military observers say was the aim of the Germans in their new offensive on the west front. This "pincer" plan consists of two strong attacks, some distance apart, which after progressing so far turn toward each other, compelling the enemy's center to fall back or face capture. The two strongest drives of the Germans have been in the neighborhood of Peronne and Bapaume. But the British so far have met this "pincer" plan by falling back as necessary.

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Final Account.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ISAAC SHAFER, DECEASED.

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 13th 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.

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EMMA J. SHAFER, Executrix of the Estate of Isaac Shafer, deceased.

Apr. 10-17-24; May 1-8.

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.

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| Macaroni, 7 lb. box..... 76c | Red. Mex. Beans..... 14c |
| Macaroni, in bulk, per lb 12c | Rice, per lb..... 10c. and 11c |
| Irish Mackerel, 2 for..... 25c | Hillville..... 39c |
| Onion Sets, per quart..... 15c | Whole Wheat Crackers... 23c |
| Timothy Seed, per lb..... 19c | Snider's Catsup..... 25c |
| Cereals..... 22c | Fancy Grape Fruit, 3 for 25c |

CHICKEN FOOD

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| Scratch Food, 4 lbs..... 25c | Ground Bone, 6 lbs..... 25c |
| Grit 10 lbs..... 25c | Chick Food, 4 lbs..... 25c |
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STOP AND THINK IT OVER

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