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### HE'S THE SAME OLD AUGUST

August Stange does not change. He may become a little more corpulent, his hair may have shaded a trifle different in the past three years, his voice may have mellowed with more years, his taste may have revised itself since leaving La Grande, but in a general way he is the same old August.

He is here looking after the business of the Mt. Emily Lumber company and to meet friends by the score who will always be pleased when August can find time to journey westward and pull La Grande's latch strings.

At the Tuesday luncheon he learned of the straitened financial condition of the Red Cross and five hundred dollars was immediately donated to that worthy institution by Mr. Stange.

It is the generous way that he possesses. A worthy cause never passed August Stange during his residence here without receiving assistance. Not only in a financial way did he assist, but when a movement was on that required work he worked. He is faithful to his community, loyal to his friends and is a man among men.

La Grande's only regret is that his business forces his continued residence in Wisconsin. For Oregon wants him and needs him as a permanent citizen.

### THEY EXHAUST PATIENCE

The country finally got rid of the class which criticized the government through the "neutral" period and next came on the pacifists, who thought that by some kind of occult will power the horrors of Prussianism could be "washed away." Then followed the bold attempt to make the draft laws inoperative through the constitution.

## 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?

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al guarantee of free speech.  
 Next to the actual menace of the German spy system in this country, if not equal to that system in danger, is the "conclusions objector." This latter class needs some handling of some kind that will awaken consciences that have fallen under the spell that war is all wrong. Of course it is wrong. Could there have possibly been any greater patience exercised than that shown by this country in the face of the continued insolence of Germany against the United States—a country that honestly tried to remain neutral? This war is not being participated in by this country for mere pastime, or through intent to make aggressions against the central powers of Europe. Not by any means. The United States kept hands off until it had almost reached the limits of supreme cowardice. The country is at war because it cannot help it. There is now, apparently long has been, no other way but to intervene against a power which has undertaken with the sword to dominate the earth.

There is no moral or even scriptural grounds which can possibly justify the acceptance without a protest of the acts of Germany against the United States, to say nothing of what that military power has done against Belgium. The highest and best conscience of the country is on the side of "Lord and of Gideon," and proposes to fight this wrong through the only earthly power that is known to make such fighting. Conscientious objection is the next trouble to be disposed of. Internment, with the opportunity to help the noble Red Cross women to keep up expenses until the world is made free, would be one of the means of taking care of people who are morbidly crippled as to conscience and insufficiently strong mentally to know what is right when they can see it.

In the death of Senator Stone, Missouri loses one of her favorite sons. In a way Senator Stone has been a factor in national affairs, but it is doubtful if he will be missed greatly from national politics. His attitude on the war, when he failed to wholeheartedly support the President, caused a reflection on Senator Stone that he never quite surmounted. But in old Missouri the saying and actions of "Bill" Stone were popular and politically he was by far the strongest man who ever got to the surface and remained there.

It may seem hard to pay street assessments at this particular time, yet the city is faced with meeting its payments just as in the individual. Had the city business been kept up and assessments collected in the same manner that the county keeps its tax collections moving there would not be the large delinquent list. Whenever either the city or an individual deviates from business principles and does not provide for revenue to meet obligations it is plain to see what the results will be.

Miss Hunt has resigned and her resignation has been accepted. Nov

let patriotic work in Portland continue without further interruption.

And here's to Lieut. Plomondon, who applauds our boys for their message: "We will stay till the Kaiser is hosed."

## THE FORUM

### THE RED CROSS FUND.

Editor of Observer:  
 Sir.—In yesterday's edition of the Observer was a statement and a request from our local Red Cross Board for assistance in carrying on the work. This request ought to be granted so far as we can, and in as liberal amounts as we can give without further solicitation. It is not only a patriotic duty, but it is more than that—it is a humanitarian duty. For this organization does not stop with the assistance it renders to our own country, or even to our allies, but its field is the entire earth, and among every nation and people, alleviating distress and suffering, and taking care of the wounded.

While the work of the Red Cross may, to some extent, duplicate the work of the army hospital corps, yet to that extent, it relieves the hospital corps where there is a duplication, and our country and allies get the benefit. The Red Cross is international, and under treaty rights can go into districts and among the wounded where the hospital corps of the belligerents cannot go. The chief source of its work is its clientele. While the Cross is red, it is not bound with red tape. The famished children and mothers suffering from the cruelties of this terrible war, receive its attention, and many nurses now—like Florence Nightingale—are incurring the dangers of the battle line. All lines of humanitarian and Christian work receive its attention; and under its direction thousands of earnest women and girls in this country are doing their "bit," making bandages, knitting socks and sweaters for our own boys, and they need the material to aid them in this work of benevolence.

The appeal comes to us as men; it is a plain statement of fact; it has nothing in it that the most sensitive can take exceptions to; it is a simple appeal to do a good work, and do it voluntarily; the money goes where it belongs without commissions or salaries. Let us all help.

JNO. S. HODGINS  
 April 17, 1918.

### GERMANS DESTROY FRENCH SUGAR MILLS

Sugar production in France has fallen to less than 25 per cent of the pre-war output. This picture of a wrecked sugar mill shows one of the principal reasons for the decline. When German troops retreated from the occupied portions of France they took pains to destroy virtually all of the sugar mills that would otherwise have assisted the French in maintaining their sugar stocks. That first wave of Teuton invasion was stopped in France after the Germans had established a battle line that cut off 293 of the 213 French sugar mills, as well as much land that had produced sugar beets. In some of the German retreats the mills were left in such shape as to permit their operation. The official sugar production figures indicate the extent of the destruction; and emphasize the French sugar needs which must be filled by American aid. The year of 1912-13, 213 French mills turned out 967,440 short tons of sugar. For 1916-17, 65 mills produced only 264,405 short tons. To further complicate the French sugar situation the yield per acre of sugar beets decreased from 13.30 short tons per acre in 1912-13 to 11.70 short tons per acre in 1916-17. Supplying France from American stocks saved the situation, the U. S. Food Administration has announced.

### Fire Chief Resigns.

Claud Mackey has resigned his position as fire chief and accepted a position as clerk at the post office. Charles Murchison, for a number of years with the volunteer fire department of this city, but recently a resident of Portland, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

### 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.

### ALICEL WILL HAVE RED CROSS SUPPER

ALICEL, April 18.—(Special).—Work on the elevator is increasing very rapidly.  
 Friday evening the Epworth League enjoyed a social at the Farmers' Hall. Those present were Misses Ina and Minnie Watkins, Florence Thompson, Eva Ledbetter, Hazel Wright, Margaret and Mary Taylor, Verle Kniel, Pansy Van Housen and Mesdames R. D. Wilson and B. F. Webb, Messrs. Lewis Smith, Ray Ledbetter, Harold Wallinger, Irwin Moss, Elbert Catching, Jack Wright, Reed Taylor, Clyde Webb, E. D. Wilson and sons.

The Red Cross will give a supper Saturday evening from six to eight. Followed by a program. Everybody invited to come. You know the "Alicel" cuts. Price 30c. Several ladies helped Mrs. Jaa. Moss celebrate her birthday Tuesday. They spent the afternoon quilting.

### MARINE ENLISTMENTS ARE RECEIVED.

The U. S. Marine Corps is still open for enlistment to men between the ages of 18 to 35 in good physical condition, this includes registered and married men. The recruiting office will assist registered men in securing a release from their local board. This desirable branch of the service offers many advantages. For full information apply at the Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, La Grande, Oregon, 4-17-1918.

### WRESTLING MATCH DECLARED OFF

The La Grande Wrestling Club announces that the O'Neill Three match, scheduled for April 23, is declared off. The wrestlers could not agree on terms and for the present at least they cannot get together. While both men appear to be anxious to meet on the mat to settle the matter of supremacy there are some little details on which they cannot agree.  
 The club will probably stage a purely amateur show at the Y. M. C. A. in the near future.

### RED CROSS SUPPER TO BE GIVEN AT ALICEL.

The Allicel Red Cross society will serve supper at the Farmers' hall on Saturday evening, April 20, 1918, from 6 to 8 o'clock. Following at 8:30 a splendid program will be given at the church. Dr. Phillips of La Grande, will give the address of the evening. Price for supper, 30 cents for adults for children under ten years of age, 15 cents. Everybody cordially invited.

Will the person who by mistake took from the vestibule of St. Peter's Church, Sunday morning, a long-handled black silk umbrella, kindly return it immediately to the rectory, 1502 5th street. 4-15-18

### BRAVES NOT A GREAT BALL CLUB, BUT BETTER THAN SOME IN N.I.



TWO OF STALLINGS' PITCHING HOPES: AT LEFT, ARTHUR NEHR; RIGHT, CANNIVAN; ABOVE, JOHNNY RAWLINGS, THE SENSATIONAL YOUNG SECOND BASEMAN.

George Stallings has three extra good first string pitchers—Hughes, Nehf and Ragan. Nehf is one of the best young pitchers in the league. Rawlings, one of the most brilliant infielders who broke in last year, will be at second.  
 The Braves are not a great ball club by any means, but they are undoubtedly better than the Phillies and Brooklyn, and Stallings may be able to whip them into fifth place.

## Some Welcome Additions to Our Dress Goods Dept.

### NEW COLORS IN VOILE

A delayed shipment arrived a few days ago, bringing us some new and most beautiful shades of Voile. In the best grade Picardie Voile, we have a beautiful Silver Grey, a Rose, Blue, Lavender and Lemon.  
 PRICE 75c YD.

### Golden Cross Voile, in Grey, Rose, Blue and Pink.

Also many pretty figured Voiles in all grades. 25c to 75c  
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We have a large supply of the always popular summer fabric, in both plain colors and figured. Plain colors, Green, Blue, Navy, and Natural. Price 45c Yd. Figured patterns, in white, suitable for summer skirts, 25c to 75c Yd. Plaids and striped figures, on Natural background. Price 45c Yd.

### PRETTY NEW DRESS GINGHAMS

They've just come—most fascinating colors, in Plaids. We're sure you'll like these—Come in and see them, anyway.  
 PRICE 25c YD.

### NAKATA SILK

A pretty summer fabric, on the order of Pongee. We have it in Sky, Navy, Pink, Rose, and Natural, or Pongee color.  
 PRICE 75c YD.

### NEW SPRING NECKWEAR

Those new Vestees add a touch of smartness to your new tailored suit. White Silk ribbed, with pearl buttons. PRICE 60c.

Our new Spring Neckwear is just in, and we've many pretty new creations to show you. Stop in and see some of the new ones—Lawn, Silk Ribbed, Figue and Georgette—many have lace edges or are embroidered. 50c to \$1.00.



The marriage of Orlando Westenskow, of Imbler, and Cora Pfeffercorn, of Summerville, was solemnized yesterday at the Christian church parsonage, Rev. H. L. Ford, officiating.

**Dance.**  
 Under auspices of La Grande Review No. 27, Maccabee ladies, for benefit of W. B. A. patriotic service, at Eagles hall, Friday evening, April 19, 1918. Admission \$1.—Adv 3-28-30; 4-2-6-9-13-16-18.

**For Bilious Complaints.**  
 To promote a healthy action of the liver and correct the disorders caused by biliousness, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Try them and see how quickly they give you a relish for your food and banish that dull and stupid feeling. Adv.

Whooping Cough.  
 Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy. It is excellent—Adv.

### DOING THEIR DUTY.

Scenes of La Grande Readers Are Learning the Duty of the Kidneys

To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty. When they fail to do this the kidneys are weak. Backache and other kidney ills may follow. Help the kidneys do their work. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—the tested kidney remedy. La Grande people endorse their worth. Mrs. F. J. Bartlett, 603 Adams St., La Grande, says: "I know from personal experience Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for backache. At times, I was in a great deal of misery with my back, more so after I had been on my feet a great deal. Knowing the value of Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box and used them. I was permanently cured of that misery in my back and since then, I haven't had any backache or other kidney trouble."  
 Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bartlett had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. Mrs. Couch had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

## 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 \$54.68 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 threshing, 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 material for one granary. For particulars as well as prices on Union County lumber for all farm purposes, see

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