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### HARD PROPOSITION.

The city commission is to try to make some kind of an adjustment over the matter of collecting the amounts due for property improvements. For this purpose meetings are to be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings. It is a hard job that faces the commission to say the least. It is farthest from the commission's intent to work an undue hardship on anyone and at the same time the city is with "its back against the wall," and confronted by demands for which it and the whole people stand responsible. The one who can point out a way that will be satisfactory to the majority will be worthy of a medal for financial generalship.

It is a condition and not a theory at this time, and mistakes of the past do not mitigate the necessities of the present.

It is not a case of an abject creditor and an unwilling debtor. In this matter the creditor really needs the money and the debtor is supposed to be in a position where it is difficult to pay.

Such a situation in private affairs are coming up almost daily and usually in such cases where the debtor does to the utmost of his ability and the creditor exercises the greatest leniency he can possibly afford, both are enabled to go along.

It is a matter in which not only the delinquents, but the whole public has an interest. Those who have paid are affected indirectly as well as those who are delinquent. The ones who have paid are as responsible as far as the city's obligations go as are those who have not paid.

The demands of the war are urg-

ed as the reason for inability to make prompt payment and as far as this reason is justifiable, it is a case of getting together some way for the best interests of all.

### SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

Nearing the end of a successful year, La Grande schools will record one of the best years in their history. This has been a year of harmony among teachers, of constructive work in every building, and of thorough accord between school board and faculty.

Advancement of pupils this year has been very marked and throughout the city there is an expression of satisfaction over the work that has been done.

As in every other city in Oregon much of the war work has been given to the schools to do and the way that has been attended to in La Grande is a matter of common knowledge all over the state and has brought forth praise from all who are connected with the national activities in Oregon.

Superintendent Churchhill has repeatedly paid the highest compliments possible to Union county and La Grande schools for the way the people have been interested in the thrift stamps and other undertakings.

La Grande has been fortunate securing excellent ability in the different departments as the work of these departments plainly show. Each exhibit that has been placed before the public has indicated the greatest care in the training of the children working in that particular line.

## COMMISSION LISTENS TO OBJECTIONS

Subject of Delinquent Assessments to Be Made Special Order. On Monday and Tuesday Evenings Citizens Invited to Discussion Matter.

At the meeting of the city commission yesterday evening, a large number of property owners presented the matter of advertising property on assessment delinquencies. The whole matter was in the way of an appeal to ease up as far as practicable on the proposed collections. This matter received the respectful attention of the commission, but at the same time it was shown that the city must have money to meet its obligations. The final result was that the commission will hold meetings on both Monday and Tuesday evenings of next week, when this question of the advertised list of delinquencies will be taken up with the property owners affected, and it is hoped to have a good attendance and to arrive at a just and reasonable conclusion.

The commission authorized the manager to proceed with the installation of necessary measures to insure for the summer months a safe water supply. The expense entailed is but nominal, and while the supply is wholesome at present, it is considered the best policy to be absolutely on the safe side.



### REMEMBER THE TUSCANIA. BUY A BOND.

CATTLE GO HIGHER.  
 Choice Steers Bring \$19.75 in Portland.

PORTLAND, April 23.—Cattle receipts today, 500. Although receipts are somewhat heavier today than a week ago they are still away below normal. Prices have continued to climb since a week ago until today \$14 was realized for some excellent steers. An advance of \$1.25 to \$1.50 all along the line is a phenomenal record in any market. Portland claims the distinction today of having this advance. Well finished steers sold at \$13.25 and higher, while ordinary stuff sold up as high as the top price obtained a week ago. Quotations are: Good to choice steers, \$12.75 to \$13.75; medium to good steers, \$11.75 to \$12.75; common to medium steers, \$10.25 to \$11.25; choice cows and heifers \$11.25 to \$12.25; common to good cows and heifers \$7.25 to \$10.75; canners, \$4.25 to \$6.25; bulls, \$6.25 to \$10.75; calves \$8.75 to \$13.25; stockers and feeders \$7.00 to \$9.00 per head.

Hog receipts today, 1,100. On a very small run hogs climbed today 15c. Quality was very good in the main and the advance of 15c was well earned by quality. Quotations are: Prime mixed \$17.65 to \$17.90; medium mixed \$17.40 to \$17.65; rough heavies \$16.40 to \$16.65; pigs \$15 to \$16; bulk \$17.65 to \$17.70.

Sheep receipts today 300. No change in quotations, which are: Prime spring lambs \$20; heavy lambs, \$16.50 to \$18; yearlings \$15 to \$15.25; wethers \$13 to \$13.50; ewes \$12 to \$12.50.

### WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor. . . . This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling." —President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

THE MATERIAL AIMS OF GERMANY.  
 Germany believes that she has the right to dominate the world. Her militaristic autocracy believes that this war is a step toward such world domination, but that German demands for the present may rest satisfied with substantial gains in Europe. For years German political writing has been full of the "terms of peace" after a war, and today those terms remain unaltered. The Russian negotiations have served to prove that what has for a long time been public opinion, is now official opinion. The quotations will show this.

First, the more general purposes: "If we come victorious out of this war, we shall be the first people on the earth, a rich stream of gold will pour over the land." "Expansion of our power both East and West, if possible also over seas; political and military domination combined, indissolubly connected with economical expansion, this is our war aim." "The territory open to future German expansion must extend from the North Sea and the Baltic to the Persian Gulf, absorbing the Netherlands and Luxembourg, Switzerland, the whole basin of the Danube, the Balkan Peninsula and Asia Minor." Second, the immediate aims: "Our relations with Turkey have drawn us

into this war. . . . the Bagdad Railway must be extended by us to the open sea, even to India itself." "Belgium must remain under German domination. . . . there exists no better line of attack for the German army in a future war with France," whom it is necessary "to weaken to such a degree that she can never again be dangerous to us." "Will anybody believe that we will hand over the lands which we have occupied in the West, on which the blood of our people has flowed?" "We are not in a hurry for lengthening the life of dying states."

But it is on Poland and Western Russia that Germany has all along fixed her eyes. "We ought not to let fall the sword from our hand before we have assured our future. Our eastern boundaries must not remain where they are." "Lithonia, Kurland, Esthonia, have been for more than seven centuries sister-countries united through German traditions. It is true Germans do not yet represent 10 per cent of the inhabitants; but their character filters through the whole." "Let us bravely organize great forced migrations of the interior peoples. Posterity will be grateful to us. We must coerce them! This is one of the tasks of war. Such forced migrations may appear hard, but it is the only solution. . . . The inefficient peoples, discouraged and rendered indifferent to the future by the spectacle of the superior energy of their conquerors, may then crawl slowly towards the peaceful death of weary and hopeless senility." The writer of this was here viewing especially the non-German populations of South America.

How is America interested in the European political and territorial results of this war? Well, first, we are at war. Germany believes that peace now, on the terms she outlines, means a German victory. That means a continuance of military autocracy in Germany—a continuance of an aggressive policy—a continuance of German faith in its special destiny to rule the world.

Against that German ideal we are fighting. But we are also fighting to save the Americas from the "heat step" in German imperialism. In the first year of the war, the one great fear expressed by German officers was that a long war in Europe would "cause America to wake up." Wake up to what? Not to the need of American participation in the war. The German officers thought America negligible for this war. But they did, and do, fear that America would awake to the danger to herself, her ideals, her institutions, her interests, and that being awakened, Germany's next step in world domination would be harder than the present one.

There is no hope of a changed Germany—of establishing those peaceful and friendly relations which should determine international conduct — if Germany gains her objects, or any part of them, in this war. She has set her heart upon certain material objects. We must see to it that she does not gain them. Then her first step blocked, we may hope that her people may awaken from their dream of empire. We fight for a world peace, yes; but we also fight for self-preservation, and our best chance to save ourselves is this present moment—now.

THE NATION AND MORAL DUTIES  
 The rulers of Germany believe that they have the right to prevail over all other nations. They also believe that the power of the state is the only object for which its rulers should struggle. Still further, they believe that moral principles and ideas have no place in determining the actions of the state, since the sole duty of the state is to get power. This is German political philosophy. American political philosophy, from the very beginning of our institutions, has opposed this theory, and now in this war is fighting against it. For the German theory necessarily carries with it utter denial of the claims of moral feeling, of international right, of human decency and chivalry.

The German historian, Treitschke, at whose feet princes and rulers sat, eagerly absorbing his teachings, devoted his life to spreading this gospel of Power. It is true, he said sneeringly, that "a stock of inherited conceptions of integrity and morality is a necessity for government," (useful, that subjects of the state be obedient), but "the end all and be all of a state is Power." "The state is the sole judge of the morality of its own actions. It is, in fact, above morality,

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or, in other words, whatever is necessary is moral." From this it follows, in international relations, that there is no rule or guide to conduct except self-interest. In this present war a follower of Treitschke, one of the leading common-school educators of Germany, Kirschsteinler of Munich, drives home the theory. "The great lesson which the German people has had to learn is to think in terms of power. . . . Let no one here say that small states, too, can have a national life of their own. True, so long as the great states around them allow them to exist. But any day may see the end of their existence, in spite of all treaties to the contrary. . . . Neither alliances nor treaties provide the least security. . . . There are no ethical friendships between states in our day. . . . There are only friendships of convenience. And friendships of convenience last just as long as the convenience itself. . . . Professor Eulenberg of Leipzig sums it up, "All ethical considerations are completely alien to the state and the state must therefore resolutely keep them at arm's length."

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