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## GOING AFTER PHOTOGRAPHS OF ENEMY



Photographic machine of the British Royal Air Force about to start on a photographing trip, the gunner being ready to protect it.

of the country have not been called on for contributions that have, to any appreciable extent, interfered with their ordinary plans and habits, whether it is traveling on the rail or anything else to which they have become accustomed.

The annual outing of the Portland Mazamas, in the mountain peaks of Wallawa county, will do a great deal toward extending information as to the scenic beauty of Eastern Oregon, and especially that in the vicinity of Wallawa Lake.

Von Hindenburg is no doubt right that the recent offensive was a mistake. But the biggest mistake that was made was the German offensive that was started about four years ago.

In the country districts of Ohio milk is 12 1/2 cents a quart and eggs 50 cents per dozen. This is according to quotations received direct from people that are reliable. In comparison with prices here, there will be a reduction in the amount of eastern packed eggs that usually find a market in the west.

### FORUM

NO TIME FOR THEORISTS  
Editor, The Observer:

After reading the article by Albert Small in your issue of the 22nd, the people of Union County should be impressed by at least one fact—namely, that the slightest that could be done to or for the gentleman under the circumstances would be to take him at his word, and refrain from electing him. At a time like the present, when there is scarcely a home in the country that has not contributed its share of man power towards the support of our government's war program, there are those who would recommend more rigorous treatment than the above-mentioned.

There is little room today in private life, and none in public life for the person who is not wholeheartedly behind the government in its efforts to win this war. Without regard to what one's peace-time theories may have been upon the subject of war, no person may properly say today: "I do not believe in war. Therefore I will not support the government in its prosecution of the same." It would seem that a person of Mr. Small's presumed intelligence might have anticipated in a measure at least, even as early as before the spring primary election, many of the war measures to which he refers and objects, and have withdrawn at that time.

I can think of nothing which would probably please the Prussian beast much better than to have "every man and woman fighting in the front line trenches, with weapons not carnal but mighty." There is no doubt in the world that he would prefer greatly to encounter a barrage from the "Not carnal, from the French '75's. I believe it was by means of these marvelous weapons which Mr. Small refers to that this was brought to a successful conclusion with peace and harmony prevailing on all sides during the autumn of 1914. I recollect that the newspapers were advertising an engagement which was to be fought on a certain Sunday during that fall. I also wonder if, while sporting himself under the shadows of the great names which he mentions, such as William Penn, George Fox and Robert Barclay, any of them ever chanced to overlap with that of another rather well-thought-of man—Israel Putnam—who is alleged to have told his men to "Pray like hell boys—but keep your powder dry."

Yours, etc.  
LOGAN E. ANDERSON.  
Cove, July 24.

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### The Bookworm

"Are those all new books?" is the question asked at the public library at sight of the tables and shelves piled high with books whose covers have been washed, making them look almost as good as new. The public school library is temporarily at the public library building, where the librarians are cleaning, marking and cataloging the books. They will be returned to the classrooms in the fall, but will be permanently organized and accounted for by the public library. The books and records remain the property of the school district under the direction of the school authorities. This arrangement benefits the public library, because it will be possible to make more effective use of the school books for school work, releasing more public library books for work in the building.

Each volume is provided with a manila slip and pocket for book-keeping purposes, and is listed on a card. The cards are filed in classified order, serving as a classified catalog and inventory list, showing how many copies of each title are on hand. Much of this work is being done by Miss Amelia Collier, who is donating her services for several hours daily.

Saturday, July 20, was the busiest day in the library since last February. More books were issued than in any summer day since the library was established, 126 volumes being quite unprecedented for a July circulation. Only three days this year had a larger circulation. Following several quiet weeks, this was probably one result of the general feeling of relief following last week's celebration.

Every office in Washington is deluged with letters asking questions. The service bureaus maintained by the big newspapers also employ a corps of assistants who look up answers to correspondents. The great majority of these questions could be answered in the questioner's home town by mail, telephone, or in person. County agents, public libraries, the post-office, banks and news stands all have the information. The government "official bulletin" on file in libraries and elsewhere contains the latest trade and military information. A few of the following questions answered by the Portland Oregonian information bureau are samples of the sort of thing that can be answered by any respectable public library:

- How to make five new salads.
- Uses for concrete around the home.
- How to make good coffee.
- How to build a bird house.
- What is the proper diet for young children.
- What books should be included in a short list of noted fiction.
- How to eat vegetables.
- How Uncle Sam feeds his soldiers.

A lively discussion has been going on in the library periodicals which is of local interest because the slogan in question originated in Oregon. The latest contribution to the discussion by the state librarian of Oregon, is quoted in part as follows:

"I read with interest the note about our library slogan 'No new fiction till after the war,' in the recent issue of the Library World. I do not agree that the kinds of people who are using the trashy fiction of the library are the ones who are so moved by the war that they need relief from the strain. Ordinarily, they are not workers, and they are not thinkers. Imagine any one who has lost a son or has sent anyone to the front comforted in the loss by reading Douglas Fairbanks' 'Laugh and Live,' or Pollyanna. These books have never been a source of strength and these are the kind of things we are trying to get 'out from under.' The demand for them has dominated our libraries and has eaten up our funds.

"It is true that my parallel is not a very exact one, but people are asked to save wheat and sugar because there is a world scarcity, and there is a world scarcity of money, or a library scarcity of

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This result was achieved not by college education, but by a special course in any law school, but by hard work, overtime, while he was county clerk in the county. His study hours were long and many, but at no time did he ever neglect his official duties. He took a deep interest in the legal end of all work that went through his department and many of our best attorneys have often remarked that "Ed. Wright is a mighty good lawyer although he never has been admitted to practice."

Now Ed. Wright has been admitted to practice. He has passed all the requirements of the profession and become a lawyer of ability ready to take up the work in some part of the state and render the assistance to the public which an honorable lawyer can always render. His practice will be built along high ideals and honorable lines for there is nothing small in Ed. Wright's make-up. He is a son of the broad Eastern Oregon country and his vision has not been shrunken during the brief period that he has lived in Salem.

All of Union county joins the Observer in offering congratulations and praise to the man who served this county so well for a long period of time.

### TRAVEL IS BRISK.

In the west bound passenger train this morning people were standing in the aisles waiting to be seated, it was necessary to send some of the day coach people back to the Pullmans to give them seating room. This was a condition made rather unusual on account of a heavy local traffic from La Grande to mountain points, but as a rule all trains are well filled, and it indicates that there is no let up of the traveling disposition regardless of the war times. It may be necessary to add another coach to the usual number now hauled with the principal trains.

People come and go about as usual, although it was the expectations that round trip fares and summer excursions would be dispensed with this season on account of the war. It would probably make but slight difference whether the rates are reduced or increased, when a certain percentage of people decide to go to some other place, whether for one reason or another, they will go. With all way of war aid and regardless of that has been demanded in the slogan regarding "giving till it hurts," the people of this part

### MRS. MATTIE A. ROBERTSON



Mrs. Mattie A. Robertson has been appointed policeman in the state, war and navy building in Washington, where nearly 600 policemen and guards are on duty. The women employees in the building are her charges.

money, and it is more needed for other things than ever. We must have economy somewhere and if economy can be combined with better library service and an opportunity to afford the books which are really helpful and really stimulating it seems to me it will be an advantage."

Bring books and recent magazines to the public library for the soldiers. Books will be sent to the camp libraries and overseas. Magazines will be turned over to the Red Cross for distribution to men passing on troop trains.

### COMMUNITY SILVER

The Family Plate

Siegrist and Company

Several people have asked why the books must be in good condition, and why books in worn binding or with torn leaves will not be sent. The reason is the same as for not sending the soldiers our old clothes or old dishes or cast-off knitted garments. The best is none too good for them. This is not a charity, but a recognized activity authorized by the government, the camp libraries being under the direction of the Commission on training-camp activities, with the approval of the commanding officer.

For the present, the library will distribute recent bulletins on food and canning sent out from the States relation service at O. A. C. A number of pamphlets on canning, drying and substitute breads may be obtained at the library, free of charge. These are not the usual library loans, but booklets which you may keep permanently.

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PAULINE LEDERLE

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