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WE ARE SOMEBODY.

Union county folks are somebody. They really do things. Our efforts are really appreciated.

This much develops every time visitors come here on state-wide tours under the direction of the state committees of this, that and the other thing.

Not long ago Portland sent out a man to coach Union county on a certain drive. He got off the train, took a look at our organization, and then caught the next train out. There was nothing for him to do.

This week, Council of Defense members came here to discuss the best way to teach. They admitted that they had nothing for them to say. This gives the story a wide reputation for doing things on a business basis, and we are harvesting the satisfaction gained therefrom.

EVERYBODY TO WORK.

Many businessmen, heretofore, have not taken any extensive part in the work of prosecuting the war. One can go up and down the main business streets of La Grande, or any other city, and count on two men's hands the big bulk of men who really work at this war game at home. The others lend their dollars, and their enthusiasm on big shows and parades, but they don't hammer away night and day at the tiresome, monotonous details. The rest "are so busy they haven't time." They are no busier than the men who do the war activities. But, there is coming a change. Uncle Sam is going to demand of every able-bodied man something besides money. The National Council of Defense is going to call in some of these fellows in all districts, who "are so busy" and say to them, "You work at something besides earning dollars; you have loafed long enough."

Analyze yourself, Mr. Reader. Are you so busy chasing dollars that you don't do your full share of home war work. If your conscience pricks you, get in the game. You may fool your neighbor, but you can't fool yourself. Will your war work—not cash contributions—compare favorably with your neighbor's?

DR. BOYD. Tomorrow night La Grande will have opportunity to hear Dr. John Boyd, a progressive Presbyterian minister, of Portland, who does big things of a practical sort. He is a studious divine, and can expound the scripture with learning and fine choice of rhetoric; but more than that, he is a modern-day pastor. He is a pastor who deals with problems of the day in a modern, practical way. These reasons make his lecture the northwest. When he delivers his lecture, "The Unmaking of Germany," at the Methodist church tomorrow night, he should be rewarded with a big audience. Dr. Boyd is a man of dimensions, mentally.

Oregon editors are looking on the public arena swept by Louis Simpson on the shores of the Pacific at Coos Bay. There is much business to do, but liberal hours have been set aside each day for rest, recreation and amusement, which Louis Simpson can provide as few other Oregonians can. School days are not an awfully long way off, children.

POPULAR SCIENCE

A substitute for gelatine is made from a seaweed found in the Philippines.

In spite of the length or the neck of the giraffe there are only seven joints in it.

Seaweed, chemically treated and fire-proofed, and made into pads, is used as a sound-killing lining for walls.

If a baby had the appetite of a young potato beetle it would eat from 50 to 100 pounds of food every 24 hours.

The lightest wood known is the balsam wood, which is found in Central America and the northern states of South America.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

The surest test of civilization is its treatment of women.

Do not withhold encouragement. When a thing is good say so; it helps.

Moss grows on a man's hopes if he waits for something to turn up.

The most stupid fault anyone can have is to believe that he is never stupid.

The most successful life does not think about its success or failure, but of its task.

The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice; her constant companion is humility.

No one is more impatient for new experiences than he who does not know what to do with his old ones.

And the kingdom of heaven is of the childlike, of those who are easy to please, who love and who give pleasure.

There are few difficulties that hold men back from success; the real difficulty is the habit of waiting before those who advance.

Any social condition in which the development of wealth involves the misery, the physical weakness and the degradation of the worker is infallibly doomed to collapse.

Somewhere in the great world the sun is always shining, and just so sure as you live it will sometimes shine on you. There is so much sun and so much storm, and we must have our share of both. Be always smiling bravely.

SOMETHING NEW

Danish engineers have found a way to successfully drive Diesel engines with a gas made from peat.

A turbine of 1,000-horsepower, driven by the explosion of a mixture of producer gas and air, is running a high velocity dynamo in a German city.

A patent has been granted for a garment hanger to hold a man's coat and trousers, the latter being stretched and creased without additional effort.

Three separate elements, any one of which may be replaced when needed, feature a new dry battery for pocket electric lamps invented in Switzerland.

For night fishing there has been invented a float carrying an incandescent lamp and a storage battery, the former being lighted by a fish pulling a hook.

A California natural history club is conducting a campaign of education intended to save the lives of harmless snakes, which war upon destructive rodents.

French radio experts are planning the erection of wireless antennae 15 miles long and containing 150 miles of wire to test the use of long wave lengths.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Sawing wood and carrying coal are home industries.

The wedding tour is often the calm before the storm.

Writer's cramp may affect either the wrist or stomach.

The latest thing in racing circles is apt to be the horse you bet on.

Some men are built for labor—and some are built for politics.

The only way to get a head out of a garden is to go slow, but slower.

Your friend who shows up best in the darkest hour.

The child who is afraid of the dark may become a politician when he grows up and fear the light.

There are some glass blowers in this country who can't work except when the glass has foam on it.

WITH THE COLORS

From Hugh Hulse. On Active Service with the American Expeditionary Force, June 29, 1918.

Dear Folks: We are in camp at last and we surely are in a queer country. We read that people live in Europe, at home, but we have to see it to realize the difference.

The people seem glad to see us, and they lined the streets and the sidewalks, as we marched from the boat to our camp.

I don't think any of their farms are over six acres and the fences are all walls, either of stone or dirt, and usually covered with vines.

Instead of wagons, they have two wheel carts, drawn by one horse or when they use two, they work in single file, and the carts are built like everything else so they will last forever.

All the horses I have seen have been nice ones though, and they are all fat, and well taken care of. I don't know why they shouldn't be, I never saw one traveling much faster than about two miles an hour.

I have not seen a single wooden building except some of our own warehouses and our own buildings in camp.

One could almost imagine they had stepped into a world of a thousand years ago.

I don't like the looks of the people very much, a little soap and water, would improve them wonderfully through.

I think they have some customs, that Americans might copy, and not be hurt by them. I was in town, or at the docks yesterday helping to unload some boats, and as we were marching we met several very old men. They would stop, and remove their hats, and stand there until we passed.

One of our men bought some of their bread yesterday and we all eat some of it. I don't know what it is made of, but it is very good. I really like it better than white bread, and white bread is the only kind we get ourselves just now.

I guess I will get into the pack train division when we move again, if not I will be with the horse division anyway sooner or later, so I am told.

I saw some German prisoners working yesterday, and one of our men talked to them. They said they had been captured about two years ago, and that they surrendered soon as their officers were told to do so.

Well, I will close now, but will write again soon. With love to all.

HUGH C. HULSE, Co. B. 104th Eng., 29th Div. A. E. F.

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The hot sun is doubly dangerous if there is a mass of undigested food in the stomach, causing dizziness and auto-intoxication, casting congesting poisons throughout the system. Foley Cathartic Tablets give prompt and sure relief. They act gently but do their work thoroughly. They cleanse the bowels, sweeten the stomach and benefit the liver. Recommended for indigestion, biliousness, bad breath, bloating, gas or constipation. Sold everywhere.

CALL FOR CITY WARRANTS.

Notice is hereby given that all warrants issued on the general fund of the City of La Grande, Oregon, and endorsed March 31, 1917, or prior thereto, and now called for payment and interest on said warrants ceases from this date, August 10, 1918.

AGNES M. RESK, Treasurer City of La Grande.

WANTED—Clean White Cotton Rags at the Observer Office; 3c per lb.



GOVERNMENT BUYING CANDY.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer recently published an editorial on candy, cigarettes and gum, from which we quote as follows: "War is a great destroyer of the office, and no less than three of our firmly held notions regarding candy, cigarettes and gum have gone by the boards in actual experiment."

The present war may be said to be fought on candy, cigarettes and gum, much to the disgust, we imagine, of the sturdy veterans of our Civil War who fought that war on bacon and chewing tobacco.

It isn't so long ago that candy was considered to be a health-giving discipline for children, to which parental consent was religiously given. Children's teeth were, alleged to be at the mercy of candy, and all faulty dentition was attributed to a taste for sweets. Experience has, however, proved that it was the absence of the tooth brush, rather than the presence of the gum drop, that was responsible for the deterioration of the children's teeth.

Aside from our past belief, we are today confronted with the government calling for three quarters of a million pounds of candy to feed the blood-thirsty soldiers. The chocolate soldier is no longer an ironic creature of the imagination, but a two-fisted fighting fact.

Candy which went into that war, considered by most people to be a purely non-essential luxury, has established itself today as a food product of wonderful value.

While the conservation of sugar is necessary and therefore the food administration has asked for general curtailment, to which the candy manufacturers have patriotically responded by sacrificing one-half of their requirements, the general public is now realizing that the boycott on candy which a short time ago became a popular indoor sport for many well-meaning though informed people, is not at all in accord with the real interests of the country. Conserve on candy, but do not try to destroy a great industry, seems to be the proper attitude in these times. Conserve on sugar in candy, just as you conserve on sugar on the table, but enjoy the candy which the food administration authorizes candy manufacturers to make.

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