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WILL NOT FAIL

It is not a presumable proposition that Union county will fail in its full share in the loan drive to be launched within a few days. It is not only a matter of pride and satisfaction to revert to the things that have been so successfully and promptly accomplished in the past, but it is an inspiration to look forward to the task ahead and look at it squarely and unflinchingly as a duty that must be done and done with willingness.

Many of our home boys are "filtering" into France to join those already there. Many more are to go soon and with each one of these patriots there is a sacred duty left to be fulfilled by those at home.

Those who put up only money, and that only loaned and to be repaid, as against the ones who go and risk all, have much the easier part in this great war. The disparity in the relative duties may be put in another way—the man who is in the draft has no choice but to go, while the matter of subscribing to bonds is voluntary. Consequently, it should be a pleasure as well as a duty to match the heroic sacrifices which must be made to finish this war. It has well been said that the winning of the war at whatever cost is cheaper than losing it. We are not going to lose. General Pershing commissioned a congressman who visited France to say that with the men and supplies the war can be ended next year. That was several weeks ago, and now the American general is on "the banks of the blue Moselle," looking over into Germany, and is within four miles of the fortifications of Metz. He and his soldier boys are doing their part, without any discount. It is up to all of us to do ours.

FARMERS AND THE DRAFT.

Under the rules of the war department for executing the new draft law, special provision is made for informing the district boards in regard to farm-labor requirements in order that necessary food production may be maintained, says a statement issued by the Department of Agriculture. The statement continues:

In the new draft the district boards are charged with the duty of putting into deferred classes those persons who are more likely to further the war by remaining in civilian occupations than by entering the army. Accordingly, three advisers are to be selected for each district board—one for agriculture, one for labor, and one for other occupations. The agricultural adviser will be appointed by the board upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture. The advisers are not members of the board, but may, when invited, attend its meetings.

The duties of the agricultural adviser will be to furnish to the board facts relative to farm-labor requirements, not only of his own district, but of the whole country. He should be the repository of all having relation to the defects of agricultural workers, where necessary farm laborers or operators. He will advise the district board of any shortage or surplus of workers for any well as for such information to the advisers by

the department of agriculture. This will make it possible to have necessary workers transferred from districts in which they may not be necessary to other districts in which they are sorely needed.

SAVINGS SAFE IF—

There seems to have been a very insidious propaganda carried on, obviously by secret agents of Germany, to the effect that savings bank deposits are to be confiscated. It is difficult to believe that any person in America would credit such a report for an instant. Secretary McAdoo says that the absurdity of these statements is manifest, but in order to allay the fears of a few who might be alarmed by such reports, he repeats officially that these rumors are wholly baseless.

There is but one thing that will in the least put in danger of confiscation the savings of the American people, whether deposited in savings banks or other banks or invested in Liberty bonds or any other investments, and that one thing is a German victory. It is not the American government that our people should fear, but the German government, and with the American soldiers fighting as they are in France and the American people supporting their government as they are in America, the American people, their liberty, their rights, and their savings are safe.

The United States instead of confiscating or endangering the savings and other property of its people is defending them and theirs with all the irresistible might of this inextinguishable Republic.

MONEY FOR CROPS.

The War Finance Corporation of the Treasury Department, supplementing the work of the Federal Reserve banks in rediscounting commercial paper, will make advances under section 7 of the act creating the corporation to banks to assist them in financing the moving of this year's crop. Advances to both member and non-member banks are contemplated in the plan. The fiscal agents of the corporation for this financing are the Federal Reserve banks of Richmond, Atlanta, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco.

The advances are limited to 75 per cent of the amount of the loan made by the banks for the crop movement or to 100 per cent in case a bank itself furnishes sufficient additional collateral security. Inasmuch as the advances are to be for crop-moving purposes only, these loans will be limited to four months. The rate of interest will be 5 per cent. Full information can be secured from the Federal Reserve banks.

OVER THE NORTHWEST

Oregonian: General improvement in the forest fire situation in some sections of the northwest was reported yesterday, following showers that fell during the morning. While precipitation in Portland and vicinity was little more than a mist, Marshfield reported six-hundredths of an inch of rainfall and Roseburg sixteen-hundredths of an inch. Cloudy and unsettled weather prevailed in a number of localities where the forest fire peril seemed great and forestry officials were hopeful that wet weather might bring them relief. Fires that have been burning for the last week had made no great headway, according to

last reports received Saturday afternoon, and absence of wind is making it possible for fighters to confine the flames to their present area.

Rogue River Courier: County Agriculturalist C. D. Thompson has received reports from all threshermen in Josephine county with the exception of one threshing outfit. Last year only 9300 bushels of wheat were raised in this county, while this year the yield will be close to 12,000 bushels, 10,150 bushels having already been reported to Mr. Thompson. While the acreage over last year was increased this season, the yield per acre was also greater. For instance, one ranch that produced only 627 bushels last year produced 3593 bushels this season, due almost entirely to increase in acreage.

Rogue River Courier: A harvest festival, to take the place of the county fair, will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday, September 15. Exhibits of grains, fruits and vegetables are requested. The church will be open during the day for inspection by visitors. In connection with the festival there will be three special meetings at which Rev. Alonzo W. Petty, D. D., and Mrs. Petty, of Portland, will be the speakers. A large chorus is being trained to furnish music for the occasion.

Medford Sun: The Gold Hill Mining association of Medford, Judge W. E. Crews, president, is doing important work on its property on Rogue river, three miles northeast of Gold Hill. The engineer and trustee of the association, J. G. Davies, of Sacramento, Cal., is now here and engaged in erecting a 10-stamp mill at the mine at a cost of from \$5000 to \$6000. This mine is a gold proposition and one of the most promising in the district.

Hood River: Growers are reporting phenomenally large Bartlett pears this season. Several orchardists have brought in specimens of this variety, usually averaging about a quarter of a pound. One or two monsters have tipped the scales at 20 ounces. All varieties of fruit are running to large sizes this season.

BOOKWORM.

There has been frequent questions concerning the origin of the "Lorraine Cross," which appears in the designs of lace sent here from France. After some searching, the explanation was found in W. S. Seymour's work entitled "The Cross in Tradition, History and Art," published by Putnam in 1897.

"Upon the gold coins of the elder and younger Theodoric, and of several other Greek emperors, appears a cross with two transoms; and there are ancient crosses of this fashion. The upper bar is merely the board or title, placed by Pilate's order above the head of our Saviour. It was a common form of the Eastern church, and may be seen on some Byzantine monuments. In one of the illuminations in a Greek manuscript in the Vatican, the Redeemer, arising from the tomb, bears the double-barred cross.

"Godfrey de Bouillon, Duke of Lorraine, being chosen by the Crusaders the first Christian king of Jerusalem, adopted this cross; hence it is sometimes called the Lorraine, or Jerusalem cross. It was adopted also by the Order of the Knights Templar, which was established in 1119.

"Sometimes the foot of the Lorraine cross terminates in acanthus leaves, as may be seen in the Convent of St. Laura on Mt. Athos."

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New copies of Moss's Manual, with the questions accompanying it, have been purchased. Several French grammars and books suitable for beginners will be ready for circulation in a few days. Other books will be purchased if there is a demand for them.

J. O. Fagan's Autobiography of an Individualist, recently borrowed from the State Library, is a book which enjoyed great popularity when it was first published. The author was a railroadman almost all his life. His "Confession of a Railroad Signalman" is also in the La Grande Library.

"The Slav Nations," by S. P. Lucic, will help the average person to get a clearer idea of the problems confronting the Allies in eastern Europe. It is a fairly small book, written in a simple narrative style, by an author who is apparently a Serbian.

"The Housekeeper's Apple Book" is a novelty in the way of cook books. General Lew Wallace's "Autobiography" is a larger work which would repay the time spent in reading its inspiring pages. Any of these books may be reserved on request.

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WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Union County Representative Will Appear in Portland Monday.

Preparatory to the organization of a state committee for the uniting of campaigns for war funds, at present conducted by the separate organizations, selected representatives of the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., War Camp Commission Service, American Library Association, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and the Jewish Welfare Board have been requested to appear in Portland Monday.

The meeting is called by Mr. Ladd. The convention will open at 10:30 at the Baker Theater and will last throughout the day. The names of prominent speakers from over the state appear on the program.

The following men and women of Union county have been chosen as delegates to the convention: Geo. Palmer, G. L. Larson, A. T. Hill, Robt. Eakin, Ed. Kiddle, Geo. Cochran, J. H. Pearce, F. L. Myers, J. F. Corbett, H. Lavey, Captain

Smith, Judge Knowles, Naomi Williamson, Mrs. Vincent Palmer, Mrs. Silverthorn, Mrs. Geo. Cochran, Mrs. Mossman, Mrs. Ray Logan, all of La Grande. Mrs. C. H. Bidwell and Mrs. A. R. Hunter will attend from Island City, Frank Smith from Elgin and L. F. Wright from Union.

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Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	2,100.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	151.96
Individual deposits subject to check	46,220.09
Demand certificates of deposit	68.50
Time and savings deposits	17,963.05
Bills payable for money borrowed	5,000.00
Total	\$86,503.60

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County of Union, ss.
I, Hugh McCall, Cashier of the

above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HUGH McCALL, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September, 1918.

JOHN DEAN, Notary Public.
My commission expires Nov. 20, 1920.

CORRECT—Attest:
E. C. REES,
C. M. RAMSDALL,
HUGH McCALL,
Directors.

No. 20.
Report of the Condition of
THE COVE STATE BANK,
at Cove, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, August 31, 1918.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$65,020.52
Bonds and warrants	125.95
Banking house	3,700.00
Furniture and fixtures	1,200.00
War savings stamps	360.31
U. S. Treasury certificates	4,000.00
Due from approved reserve banks	9,016.04
Cash on hand	3,080.75
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