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NERVOUS MONEY.

A nation might be described as one great undivided being. And the monetary system might properly be termed the nervous system of that individual. Where any ailment affects the nation, such as war, the money (or nervous) system begins to feel the shock.

In America's wisdom she established the reserve banking system and for a time that overcame the shock of war. But it is now very apparent that in the future the monetary or nervous system of the nation must be given earnest attention.

Already gold has ceased to circulate. Many will not admit the fact that gold is above par, but such is the case. The dollar as a circulating medium has been reduced in value by one-third, and many stoutly claim, one-half, of its former value.

But you may say "Every dollar is on a gold basis, it is redeemable in gold and therefore cannot be reduced." That is a good, old-fashioned argument, but present commerce and labor has set the standard of value on the gold dollar instead of the dollar setting the standard of value on commerce and labor.

It is a condition that usually follows war. War overheats every avenue or trade, the whole nation industrially becomes feverish and the list of ever-changing prices is impossible to pursue.

What may happen to our money system is hard indeed to determine. Liberty bonds are better than greenbacks, although they do belong to the fiat money family. Unless the people of the United States absorb all loans offered, also all treasury certificates, the greenback is sure to come.

When it does money becomes very cheap and its purchasing power is small. It will hark back to the days when a farmer could take a load of pumpkins to market and return with a load of money.

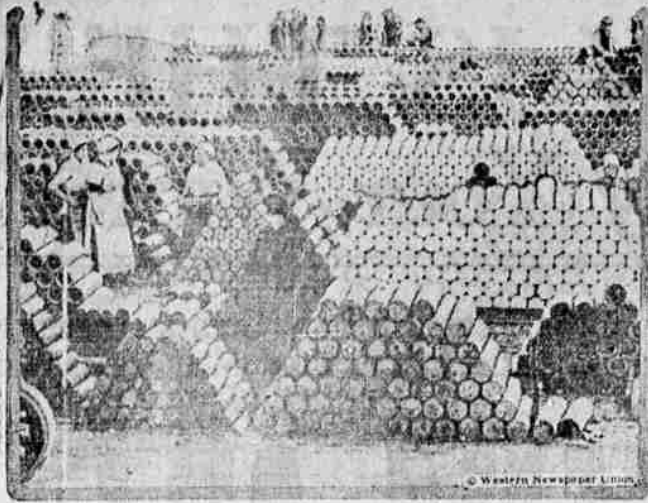
Let us hope we will not reach such a condition, but the steps are now trending that way. Reserve banks will forestall the greenback for some time, but we doubt even with the Reserve banking system monetary conditions will remain as stable and sound as all would like to have them.

WAR SETTLING ON ALL.

It was not so long ago that more war talk could be heard in La Grande and towns of its size than was heard in Portland.

Such is no longer true, for the war is settling over all like a heavy forlorn over a city. Men who earlier in the game, thought it was not particularly their war, have changed opinion, and today

SOME SHELLS THAT FRITZ WILL RECEIVE



Here is some food for Hun reflection, stacked in neat piles at one of England's largest munition factories, which is turning out thousands and thousands of the deadly missiles daily for Doehle consumption.

business and professional men by the hundreds are arranging their affairs to enter the service.

This is as it should be. It tells again and again the story of pure Americanism. It insures the safety of liberty and her principles.

The public as a whole at first failed to realize what was meant by America's declaration of war.

Many thought the government to be something that affected them only indirectly. Events at Washington, D.C., seemed to them only subjects for discussion for they failed to comprehend that every individual is a part, and an important part of this great government.

This has been brought home forcefully now, and most men are looking forward to the time when in some capacity they can serve Uncle Sam and actually help in the struggle.

Gold refuses to be satisfied and now threatens to take a jump—some say to \$33 an ounce. One thing is sure—gold has jumped out of circulation.

The day of food inspection is over, dairy inspection has ceased along with a lot more inspections adopted in reform days. Then why not abolish all such offices, in fact a step backward, if such it could be called, that would cancel half the offices in the blue book and reduce the number generally would be welcome.

Turning the state institutions of learning into military schools and officers' training camps is a very fine idea. And education will not suffer from the change.

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Friends of Charles Harding, and those friends are numbered by the people who know him, will rejoice to know that he has been made a permanent first class in the American Army in France. This information was received today by Mrs. Robert Pattison from her son, Robert, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces.

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200 tons of A No. 1 Alfalfa hay. Hay can be fed on ground. Good feed yard and plenty of good water. Will also care for stock during feeding if so desired by

Justice Moore.
Oregon's supreme court has undergone an irreparable loss in the passing of Justice Moore. We do not mean his place cannot be filled for very likely some able man will be named to fill the vacancy.

An we view supreme courts knowledge of law is not the only and entire essential. There is always a common sense side to every case to be tried, which side must be viewed by men possessing not common sense, as the term is gener-

ally used, but warmth of heart and sterling manhood must be possessed by a judge to render to the state the best of service.

Judge Moore possessed all of these qualifications in an abundant quantity and of a superb quality.

Coupled with these qualities was that great factor of ripe experience and thorough knowledge of conditions.

That is what the Evening Observer says in the death of Justice Moore this state undergoes irreparable loss.

The State Fair failed to bring rain this year. Another indication that the world is upset.

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No trespassing for hunting will be allowed on the farm of Mrs. L. F. Probstel, north of La Grande. Five dollars reward will be paid for information leading to arrest and conviction of trespassers. E. L. ECKLEY. 9-28-21.p.

PIANO TUNING.

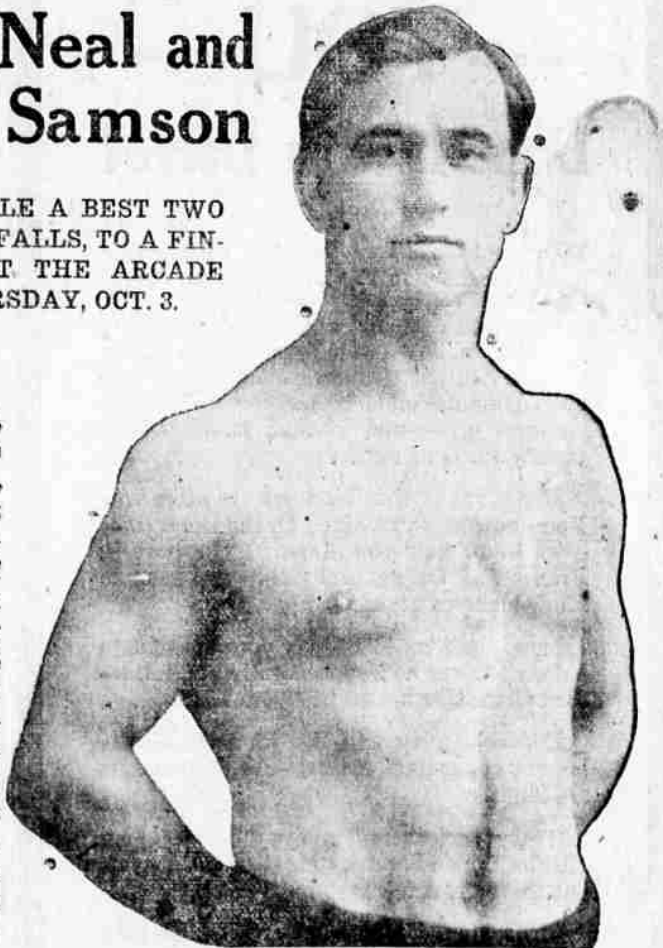
In town for a few days. Does your piano need attention. Leave orders with Mrs. R. J. Green, or at Newlin's Book Store. JAMES M. DALY. Sept. 25-41.p.

Wrestling Match

Jack O'Neal and George Samson

ARE TO WRESTLE A BEST TWO OUT OF THREE FALLS, TO A FINISH MATCH, AT THE ARCADE THEATRE, THURSDAY, OCT. 3.

Samson is a clean-cut, manly fellow and a very clever athlete, and now holds the belt as undefeated middle-weight champion of the Pacific Coast; on one occasion meeting Mike Yokel for the championship of the world and they wrestled 3 hrs. and 37 minutes to a draw. The only defeat against Young Samson in the last five years was when Ad. Santell, after 2 hrs. and 8 minutes of hard work pinned his shoulders to



George Samson

the mat, which was in itself praiseworthy to Young Samson, with the handicap of 25 pounds in weight. Jack O'Neill holds the light heavyweight championship of the Pacific Coast. There will be not more than five pounds difference in the weight of the two men, and lovers of the sport will witness a match that will be long remembered.

JOHN E. ANDERSON, Promoter



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In the past, proof of patriotism has not been lacking. But there are still a few—a very few, thank God, who do not realize the immensity of this War or appreciate the principles involved. A very few others would "let George do it"—while still others fool themselves into thinking the war is almost over.

EVERYBODY'S HELP IS NEEDED. WILL WE HAVE YOURS?

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