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Tasting the bitter dregs of war, due to the loss of one of her best young men, La Grande people today bow their heads while paying their respects to Joseph Corbett, second-class gunner's mate in the United States navy, and slowly repeat the words, "be it so."
 This death brings the ravages of war very close home. No longer is the war so far away that we believe it can't hurt us, when one of our boys lies among us—dead. No longer can we as Americans pull our thoughts closely about us and pity poor war-ridden Europe yet holding before us the bright spot on this side of the Atlantic that has not been and cannot be touched.

The world war—the war of the Kaiser—has entered La Grande and taken one of our best. Who dares deny the statement? Then who dares shrink from the duty firmly fastened upon every friend and associate of Joe Corbett to see that his death is avenged.
 The mildest pacifist, the most careless-thinking citizen, the self-centered money-maker can no longer read war news without his blood boiling, if he possesses any American blood.

Is it war to the finish of the Hun? It is. Positively, it is. For throughout France and England, and also in America today, there are many Corbett homes. Homes that have lost the choicest of the nation's manhood; homes that have nurtured and developed the highest type of men, only to have them cut down by the Hun.
 Joseph Corbett was born eighteen years ago in Denver. He was raised here. He was schooled here. And when he left to join the navy he left a happy home wherein resides a one-hundred per cent. American father and mother who bid him Godspeed in his mission to do and die, if necessary, for the cause of the flag. Joe made good every moment. The wreaths of flowers laid on his tomb today tell the story of love and admiration his fellow citizens have for a fighting man. He was the kind who never faltered.

La Grande honors the memory of this young man, and at this hour may increased loyalty and patriotism be felt in every breast to the end that nothing be left undone to assist in bringing to justice the world's pirates, who have been directly responsible for the loss of this young and useful life.

THEIR LAST CHANCE.
 The German people are letting their last chance slip by for a peace settlement wherein they will be given consideration. If they choose to cling to the bloody garments of a butcher, then let their fate be accordingly. Let not the world throw up its hands when

the invasion comes and ruthless destruction follows, for follow it will. The Hun is beaten and the knock-out blow, which can and will soon be dealt, need not be dealt with mercy's hand now that opportunity has been given this outlaw nation and the opportunity has been apurned.

"Unloose the dogs of war" is an old slogan, but it holds in this case. Let no one raise a finger of protest when the cries come out of the German empire from the tyranical population for mercy. They will do to the world what shall be done unto them. Your ears should be deaf to their pleading when the time comes, for it would seem that the Kaiser is but a sample of the population. Instead of being an oppressed people living in fear of the Beast of Berlin, it would seem they are all Kaisers, either big or little.

Balfour says they are war-worn and ready to quit, but they do not quit. The chance has been offered them to quit, yet they do not quit. In the face of this German stupidity and criminal desire to wreak further damage to civilization, let them proceed and when the last screen is lifted let it be hoped the destruction is so great and the devastation so complete that not an inhabitant will be left of the empire and not a building or a court shall stand.

WHERE WAS THE INSPECTOR?
 J. D. McKennon, acting city manager, in his report published in this issue of the Observer states the work recently done on the city water system at Beaver creek was not in accord with plans and specifications and, after pointing out the weak spots in the job, closes his report by stating it was a waste of the city's money.
 It is not possible that a contract was let for work several miles distant in the hills without an inspector being placed on the job. The city as a whole will be glad to know the full and complete history of this matter.

TAX COLLECTOR HERE.
 H. M. Maloney, income tax collector, has established his headquarters at the Y. M. C. A. and will remain here until the 25th of the month. Mr. Murphy states that although the court records and other official data have been canvassed in determining the taxpayers from each district, yet very often information from other sources has led to a just apportionment. He therefore suggests that any known to fall within the income tax list but who have not been officially notified be referred to him.

SHIN PLASTERS DISPLAYED BY MANAGER TRULL
 The Sherry Theatre man is not so old in appearance but he has lived quite a little while. Today he displayed a bunch of "shin plasters" which were used as money during Civil war times, and related the story of how his father brought home handfuls of this fiat money. The shin plasters are now in demand for the curio shop. Old Abe—President Lincoln was then called Old Abe—did not have any reserve banks to back him and the country was not so wealthy those days, so he had to resort to the shin plaster to help finance the Civil war.

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FROM ABROAD IN THE STATE.

AUCTION TOTALS \$12,000
 Halsey.—Sales in the Brasfield & Porter auction near Shedd total \$12,000.

STUDENTS GET BEDS.
 Salem.—One hundred fifty beds were received this week from the S. A. T. C. at Eugene.

HAS HEAVY RAINFALL.
 Pendleton.—Precipitation here this month has been thirty-eight hundredths of an inch.

HOSPITAL AIDES IN DEMAND.
 Surgeon-General Blue has notified Reed College that there is need for 1500 more reconstruction aides for hospitals.

UNIVERSITY CLASSES SUSPEND
 Salem.—Following the illness of five men with Spanish influenza in Willamette University work has been temporarily discontinued.

RAILROADS RESPONSIBLE
 Pendleton.—Practically all cases of influenza here are traceable to the railroad traffic. One death reported—sailor taken from the train.

COLLEGE MEN ASSIGNED.
 Corvallis.—One hundred ninety-four men leave this week for Fort Stevens to do various types of mechanical and specialized work.

COLLEGE MAN IN CHARGE
 Corvallis.—C. I. Lewis, head of the horticultural department of the O. A. C. has been placed in charge of the college share in the United War Work Campaign.

BEGINS WORK.
 Camp Lewis.—Dr. E. B. Stewart, formerly of the firm of Seely, Sether and Stewart of Roseburg, began work as commissioned officer in Camp Lewis this week.

HERMISTON SHOW POSTPONED
 Pendleton.—Because of the danger from Spanish influenza, the hog and dairy show, which was to have been held at Hermiston the last three days of this week, has been postponed.

TEMPORARY COMMANDANT.
 Salem.—Dr. B. R. Shoemaker has been appointed physician of the State Soldiers' Home at Roseburg, to succeed temporarily Dr. E. H. Stewart granted temporary leave of absence to enter military service.

PHYSICIAN IS CALLED.
 Pendleton.—Dr. John I. McKelway, Pendleton physician, formerly a member of the staff of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, Wednesday received a call to Fort Riley where he will be commissioned as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps.

GRANGE OPPOSES NORMAL.
 Albany.—In consideration of the uncertain financial state of the country due to the war, the Linn County Pómona Grange recently opposed in resolutions, the establishment of two additional normal schools in Oregon.

JUSTICE HARRIS WILLING.
 Salem.—Justice Harris, of the State Supreme Court, has announced that in case he is called to service in the Judicial Department of the United States army he will accept.

DR. SNEDECOR PASSES.
 Salem.—The remains of Dr. F. F. Snedecor, brother-in-law of United States Senator, Charles L. McNary, arrived here Thursday evening from Los Angeles, where Dr. Snedecor passed away on Tuesday evening.

COURT AFFIRMS.
 Portland.—In the Supreme Court Tuesday, the case of La Grande National Bank, appellant, against E. W. Oliver, respondent, from Multnomah county, was affirmed. Defendant Oliver recovered on a county claim and the appeal was taken to determine the legality of



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his recovery on the county claim. Judge Tutker heard the case in the Multnomah county court.

NEW PHASE OF INFLUENZA.
 Camp Lewis.—Doctors discover a new complication of influenza called "flu-phobia." Disease is not fatal, but more prevalent than influenza. The "disease" manifests in soldiers wishing to avoid drill or other duty and in soldiers who, having a slight cold, rush to the infirmary claiming they are suffering from influenza.

BOND BUYERS PREFERRED.
 Pendleton.—"Other things being equal, the Department of Agriculture, in granting privileges on the National forests, will give preference to persons who have subscribed for liberty bonds to an amount considered reasonable," says a message from Washington received by W. W. Cryder, supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
NOTICE.
 Notice is hereby given that the partnership of Wilkinson & Chambers has been dissolved, and I will not be responsible for any bill contracted after this date.
 Dated October 10, 1918.
 L. WILKINSON.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Washington, September 11, 1918.

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 The privilege of conversion which arose in consequence of the issue of 4 1/2 per cent bonds of the Third Liberty Loan will expire on November 9, and under existing law cannot be extended or renewed. Holders of these 4 per cent bonds lose nothing by exercising the privilege of conversion and gain one-fourth per cent interest per annum. Holders of 4 per cent bonds

should not wait until the last moment to exercise the privilege of conversion, but proceed to do so promptly. Delay will result in over-burdening the banking institutions of the country and the Treasury Department by making it necessary to handle all conversions at the last moment, and may result in the loss of privilege of conversion altogether. 10-16-5t

Don't Always Blame the Telephone Operator When You Are Called By Mistake

Were you ever called to the telephone when another number was wanted?
 When this occurs, the operator, to be sure, may have humanly erred by ringing on the wrong line. More often, however, it is the fault of the person making the call.
 People often ask for 456, for example, when 546 is wanted and then either "hang up" when the mistake is realized or become impatient when the wrong person answers.
 Unfamiliarity with the work of telephone operating often prompts unjust criticism. Please don't forget the earnestness of the operator's effort when some occasional service difficulty does arise.

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