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## Business in America and In Europe.

"In England and France I have seen things which I wish could be burned into the conscience of every business man in the United States. I have seen factories in ruins, office buildings blown to bits, commercial districts, miles in extent, lying deserted and silent, grass growing in the streets like places of the dead—everything that years, perhaps hundreds of years of patient industry had built up and passed on as a heritage from father to son—all vanished.

"We in America have known nothing like this," says the Nation's Business, published by the United States Chamber of Commerce. "We can know nothing like it. Thanks to our allies, these experiences will be kept from us. That factory of yours in New England, that mine of your neighbor's in Michigan, that farm I own in Iowa—they are being protected today by the untold sacrifices of the soldiers, the business men, the women of England and France.

"Why then should we complain? Why should we protest that our business is ruined? Why should we bewail lessened profits, civil at high prices, inconveniences, hard conditions? Why should we rage at the disaster that overtakes our business?"

"Our business! Let me tell you something more of what 'our business' means in England and France—as I have seen it. I talked with business executives, past their prime, men so old and weary that they would be glad to stop a bit and rest before they died. Yet they carry on. They, like those famed old legionaries of France "have no time to die." They battle with conditions which in a month, a week, a day, may sweep everything out of existence. I saw a great shipbuilder, a fine old Briton at his work—all three of his sons gone. At his side stood the grandfather, now in his eightieth year, doing what he could. I talked to a barber—the sole survivor of four brothers. I was chauffeured by a one-time British capitalist—it was his own car—and one of his legs, a soldier's reward, was made in the United States!

"These business men overseas, our allies, are war weary. The strain is great, the enemy strong. Bitter is their lot. But do they protest? Do they despair? No! Grimly they carry on. Again and again they send their sons to the battle front. Their daughters—they see them rise at six in morning to search the casualty lists for the name of a brother or sweet-heart, then depart for a long day's work in factory, field or office. They themselves—even their nights are not given them for rest. When evening comes they report for special duties. In the British capital thirty thousand of them—bankers, lawyers, lords, and sirs, the shop-keepers of London, men too old, too crippled, too sick to serve at the front—police the darkened city streets.

"I was in London when sons of

these men gave their lives to plug up the neck of Zeebrugge Harbor. I felt then, as I know now, that by that heroic deed, they defended not only the Thames and the coast of Kent, but the harbors of Boston, New York, Charleston. Those lads over there stand on guard before our mills, our stores, our homes. Their spirit—their will to win at any cost—is emulated by their business elders at home.

"Our business? Our profits? Our lives? Good God, will we ever open our eyes to see the truth? Can we ever repay the debt we owe? The time has come for us, the commercial men of this country, to relieve our French and British allies overseas of their appalling burden. Their soldiers are now our soldiers, as truly as if they wore our uniform; and our boys are theirs. Business over there, too is American business. It is fighting the battle that will save us, along with the people of England and of France, from destruction. A British or French plant wiped out is an American plant wiped out. A French town bombed is an American town bombed. Blood drawn there—we bleed also. We are one allied people in this fight. And united we stand—on both sides of the sea!"

## False Reports Expand When Repeated.

The circular from the acting surgeon general of the United States disposes of the report recently reprinted from the Michigan paper to the effect that four doctors had faced the firing squad in an eastern army camp for the alleged administration of poison to influenza patients. The report taken from the eastern paper seemed to have the stamp of reliability, although it came in a round-about way. Like all such false rumors the details and other attendant garnishments of the story expanded as they were repeated and it was finally summed up that four pro-German doctors in that army encampment were summarily shot, following the confession of one of them who "knew he was about to die." The story had a good deal too much stage realism to be exactly true to begin with, but its falsity and unreliability of all such reports are sufficiently established by the circular from the highest official source.

The circular suggests one thing which is well to be kept in mind in all such matters, and that is the fact that the work of the German propagandist has not altogether ceased, even though the government of the dear old fatherland is crumbling day by day. It is in the same class as the stories circulated in regard to the maiming of Red Cross nurses, the dissipation of the funds collected in the United States for the various beneficiaries connected with the conduct of the war.

All this kind of unusual stuff is out of line with the American way of doing things, and that is another fact that is worth remembering. This country doesn't deal in the firing squad and general Hun methods. Neither is there admitted to the army hospitals, to the Red Cross and similar bureaus of relief, or to any other department of war activity, anyone whose capability and patriotism is not well established.

## A Law to Financially Ruin the Sheriffs.

The Jackson tax notice measure might well be entitled "A Law to Ruin Financially Every Sheriff in Oregon," says the Oregonian.

In section 5 it makes the tax collector (Sheriff) personally liable for any damages that may be sustained by a property owner through failure, neglect or refusal of the tax collector to keep the property owner's true address or to give him mail notice.

Infallibility in the office of tax collector is impossible. If this bill passes and any clerk put on the work of getting out the notices overlooks—as he undoubtedly will at times—a name, the sheriff will be liable for the interest, penalty and possibly total loss sustained by the property owner.

We had not heard that any sheriff ever injured or insulted the author of this bill. So why the ferocity?

EDWARD F. SUMMERHAUS.  
 LOSTINE.—Mrs. Lizale Kuhn has received word of the death of her son, Edward Francis Sommerhaus, fireman on this line recently.

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## FORUM

Editor Observer: The time for our city election draws near and another opportunity is given for the discontented citizens to elect some men that will fully meet the requirements of the office.

One writer says that the principal issues are light, water and police. We agree with this writer on the first two issues. Especially the light question, which is certainly deplorably inefficient. So much so, that in winter time many of the citizens have to grope their way home in utter darkness; and where the people have clamored for more light, the only response has been silence or slurs, and the people have been left to draw the inference that if they don't like they can go to a certain place, which is easily found in the dark.

Our water supply is becoming a joke—the most expensive water supply we ever had to submit to, exceeding that of New York City and seemingly, it is impossible to place the responsibility when anything goes wrong with the water supply.

It looks as if La Grande's commission form of government was still too complicated. A more simplified form of city government would be a manager, with sufficient initiative to take care of the city's affairs without waiting for a discussion and a decision by a committee of three. True, the wise man said, that in a multitude of councils there is safety. But someone else equally wise has said that a multitude of cooks spoils the food.

It is absolutely unbelievable that La Grande cannot furnish a man capable of making a simple contract for the building or repairing of a reservoir and then see that contract completed as per agreement. Let those who are now running for office tell the people how they propose to increase and lighten our water supply, and who they consider competent for city manager.

We come to the real issue—the police force, with whom it seems a case of "You'll be damned if you do, and you'll be damned if you don't." I ought to have a grievance against this chief of police! Twice he arrested my boy and had him fined for law-breaking. The boy did not seem to realize that in driving a car there was a difference between 10 miles per hour and 40 miles per hour. The police enforced the law. Would I vote to fire the police officer for this? No, I would vote to raise his salary. We hear a great deal about the police driving race from this town, etc. We fail to see how a police officer in the discharge of his duty can drive legitimate trade from the town.

The first duty of the police force is to enforce the law. If he doesn't, then he himself becomes a law-breaker; and the judge before whom the law-breaker is tried and let off, hereby comes a law-breaker; and the citizen who by physical or mental force strives to hinder the police from the full discharge of their office, against violators of the city ordinance cannot escape the odium of being equally guilty with the inveterate law-breaker. Respectfully,  
 L. GARRICK.

## JOHN FRISWOLD.

John Friswold died Sunday evening at the Hot Lake Sanatorium, succumbing to Bright's disease, with which he had been afflicted for some time.

Mr. Friswold is known in this part of Oregon as one of the state's oldest residents, having come to the United States in 1881 and settled in the Grande Ronde valley in 1885.

Funeral services will be held from his home at Afel on Wednesday at 2 o'clock and interment will be made at Summerville.

## SUCCUMBS TO INFLUENZA.

Mrs. Anna Edna Houghton was born in Newcastle, England, November 12, 1891, and died here, from influenza, November 25, at the age of 26 years, 11 months and 14 days. She leaves a husband, Charles Houghton, and four children. Funeral services were held from the Henry undertaking chapel Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial was made in the Mormon cemetery.

# The Great Big Thing

is to immediately buy War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds with the money that you save by conserving Food, Fuel, etc. That completes the circle. You lend your Savings to your Government to buy the things you went without. That is Working Patriotism.

## La Grande National Bank

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When you buy your SHOES in this store, you get the very best that money can buy—In Quality, Service and, last but not least—you can depend on getting a FIT. We are not ashamed to put the manufacturer's name on our goods. If you don't get your money's worth—We stand back of every pair we sell.

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Store Closes  
 Saturday  
 8:30 P. M.

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Store Closes  
 Saturday  
 8:30 P. M.

## CONSERVATION SUNDAY

December 1 Is Designated by Administrator Hoover

Washington, Oct. 25.—Shoe manufacturers and mail order houses selling directly to the consumer are required under a ruling Tuesday by the war industries board to abide by the established price and quality standardization program. The board ordered colors of children's shoes restricted to black, dark brown and white.

Herbert Hoover has called upon the American people to set aside December 1 as "Conservation Sunday." During that week there will be distributed to each home in the United States a new home card, indicating the 1918-1919 program for food conservation. In order that the important features of this program be presented, Mr. Hoover has prepared a message to be read in all churches on December 1 and W. B. Ayer will request all denominations in Oregon to observe the day with a conservation service following the reading of the message.

When the interallied food council was held last summer and the needs of the allies were computed it was found that America must this coming year send for America's armed forces and the allies half as much again of food supplies as last year.

Means Flood of Food.  
 Instead of 11,750,000 tons the shipments this year will be 17,500,000 tons.

"We are pledged to send 50 per cent more food from substantially the same supplies as last year, so the necessity exists to increase our conservation to accomplish the result," says Mr. Ayer.

Mr. Hoover promised the interallied council that the United States would meet whatever the war-food program of the allies required. This is therefore an obligation "measured in the terms of human life that rests on every American."

Long, Steady Pull

"Last year the food administration was meeting one emergency after another as it arose, but this year it will be a long, steady pull directed to the whole food situation and not so much to particular commodities. The 'war conscience' is active everywhere and the food administration confidently expects the spirit to carry this effort through to another triumph with Oregon in the forefront.

"Germany's peace efforts and

the favorable military situation must not cause any relaxation, for Mr. Hoover says conservation becomes particularly important because "evacuation of occupied territory imposes upon us responsibility for additional civilian populations."

## Anxious About Baby.

Harold is rather jealous since a few weeks ago he had a baby brother. He is rather busy with baby and could not look Harold, as had been the custom. Coming up to his mother, he asked: "Don't you think baby ought to lay down in the bed so him can rest his back?"

Marvelous Possibilities.  
 If it wasn't for our fears, worries and the altogether human habit of putting things off till tomorrow, what is there that we couldn't do?

## Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.

DON'T MISS THIS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. Sold everywhere. —Adv.

Leather goods and white ivory lines are in from the factories, and are now being placed in stock at Silverthorn's. The purses and hand bags range in price from \$2 to \$10, and no better goods are manufactured, than the lines they carry. Drop in and see these lines. 10-24-18

**Silverthorn's**  
 FAMILY DRUG STORE  
 LA GRANDE, OREGON.

# PUBLIC SALE

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL OFFER FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AT

## WILKINSON RANCH

8 Miles Southeast of La Grande, Oregon

# THURS., NOV. 7, 1918

BEGINNING AT 10 A.M., THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY,

# 80 Head of Horses

12 head 3-year olds; 24 head 2-year olds; 14 head of yearlings; 8 head of colts; 6 head of mules 16 head of work horses. Also 2 milk cows.

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| 1 Derrick                              | 1 Hay Rack                                       |
| 5 Header Boxes                         | 1 6-Horse Gasoline Engine with Wood Saw attached |
| 4 Sets of Nets                         | 1 Feed Roller                                    |
| 1 Deering Binder                       | 3 Jackson Forks                                  |
| 2 McCormick Rakes                      | 1 3-Section Wood Roller                          |
| 3 McCormick Mowing Machines nearly new | 1 Watering Trough                                |
| 2 Walking Plows                        | 1 Vitroling Trough                               |
| 3 Gang Plows                           | 4 Trail Tongues                                  |
| 1 3-Bottom Disc Plow                   | 1 Buggy  |
| 1 Alfalfa Disc                         | 4 Gasoline Drums                                 |
| 2 6-Section Drag Harrows and carts     | 1 2 1-2 Horse Gasoline Engine                    |
| 1 18-Hoe Monitor Drill                 | 1 60-Gallon Vat with Furnace                     |
| 1 Double Disc                          | 1 Set Blacksmith Tools                           |
| 1 3-Section Spring Tooth Harrow        | 5 Sets Harness                                   |
| 6 Wagons, 3 1-4                        | 2 Fanning Mills                                  |
| 2 Stack Racks                          | Many other articles too numerous to mention      |
| 1 Flat Rack                            |  |

## FREE LUNCH AT NOON

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of \$10 and less, Cash; for sums of over \$10, six-months' notes, with interest at 8 per cent will be accepted. All stock and implements offered at this Auction must be sold.

MIRES & CLARK, Owners.

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