

LA GRANDE EVENING OBSERVER  
An Independent Newspaper

Published Daily and Weekly at La Grande, Oregon, by La Grande Evening Observer Publishing Co., Inc.  
BRUCE DENNIS, Publisher

Entered at the Postoffice at La Grande, Oregon, as Second Class Mail Matter.

Address all Communications to The Observer, 1710 Sixth Street.

City and County Official Paper.

Evening Telegraph Report of United Press Association.

On Sale in Other Cities—Oregon Hotel News Stand, Portland; Imperial News Stand, Portland; Multnomah Hotel News Stand, Portland, Oregon.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

By Carrier  
Daily, per month .....65c  
Daily, per three months.....\$1.95  
Daily, per six months in advance \$3.75  
Daily, per year in advance.....\$7.50  
Daily, single copy.....5c  
By Mail  
Daily, per year in advance.....\$5.00  
Daily, per six months in advance \$2.50  
Daily, three months in advance..\$1.25  
Daily, per month.....65c  
The Saturday Evening Observer, by mail, per year in advance.....\$1.50  
Weekly Observer-Star, by mail, per year in advance.....\$1.50



Now Is No Time to Rest on the Oars.

The transition from the activities of war to the activities of peace in the United States cannot be too rapid, for the thing to be avoided in this, as in all the allied countries, is industrial depression as a result of sluggish readjustment. Every public and private undertaking abandoned on the outbreak of the war, or deferred by reason of the conflict, should be revived and resumed without delay, remarks the well edited Christian Science Monitor.

Whatever may be thought or said to the contrary, war work, properly so called, must soon be reduced to the minimum; the manufacture of munitions, except to meet the normal army and navy demand, must soon cease altogether. There is no reason why any contracts for war vessels or merchantmen should be cancelled; there is every reason why they should be carried out, and there are many reasons likewise why the government should proceed with all contracts, even though incidental to war, looking to permanent improvements in the interior as well as along the coasts; but when all is said, the great impetus to industry occasioned by the splendid international enterprise in which the United States engaged in April, 1917, and which has now been brought, with its assistance, to a successful and glorious close, will speedily subside.

The trend of American thought and energy will now be turned immediately toward peaceful occupation and this tendency should be given the freest possible flow. There should be no wholesale discharges from public or private plants. It should be regarded as a legitimate part of the cost of war to make the way toward peace as smooth as possible. Labor has proved its loyalty during the last nineteen months; it has made it possible for the government to play a creditable part in the greatest struggle of all times for human liberty, and the rights of labor, among which the first and foremost is the right to work, should not be lost sight of.

What is needed is the acceptance by the nation of the practical view that there should be no peace slump, that the people should be able to turn from war work to peaceful industry without delay and without friction.

Economists have laid down the law that there will be a period of industrial depression after a great war. With the knowledge and tremendous reserve resources at command, this so-called law should be disregarded, or, at all events, overcome, in the United States. There will, of necessity, have to be readjustments, some of them of a trying character; but they can be met, as the war requirements were met, in a spirit of unselfish patriotism. If wages drop from the war scale, it must be remembered that that 3,000,000 men, more or less, have for love of country and for love of right abandoned all other opportunity in the United States during the contest in order to meet, in full measure, the most exacting duty of citizenship at a wage that they would spurn in civil life.

An era of great prosperity awaits the United States. Its coming, in full tide, can be delayed only by the failure of those who have undertakings on hand to press them without delay. The labor that will be thrown upon the country by the suspension of war work and the reduction of the army and

IF MISS LIBERTY BOND COULD JUST GET HER FINGERS IN THE KAISER'S HAIR



Here is little Miss Liberty Bond, with her mother. Most of her uncles and cousins are fighting for the kaiser. Her grandfathers were born in Germany. But those of her relatives who are in this country are heart and soul for Uncle Sam, and so to counteract her ancestry Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pahlman of Pittsburg named their daughter Liberty Bond Pahlman.

P. S.—She is the possessor of several Liberty bonds of the second loan, presents from her father and his friends, and President Wilson knows about her.

navy to a peace basis should be absorbed quickly. There is so much to be done that, if this task is carried forward promptly and intelligently, and, above all, with a view single to the common welfare, it will soon cease to be what it seems to some people to be today, a serious problem.

President Wilson Should Attend Peace Parley.

The Observer does not share the belief of some of the press that the President should not leave the North American continent while he is in office. We believe President Wilson should by all means attend the peace conference and we are glad that he has made up his mind to be present. America's part in the war, while not extensive, turned the tide and made a victory for the allies certain. This country has every right to be heard at the peace table, and no man can impress upon Europe the rights of America and the justice that should be given to all countries embroiled in the late war so well as can our president.

He is entitled to the trip, for he has carried a load that has surely been a heavy one. Besides, there are many things to do yet and if President Wilson can be on European soil and see at first hand what those countries need and must have he will have a much better idea of the duties of the United States during the reconstruction of the old world.

His reception in every foreign land will be wonderful, just as it should be wonderful, for he not only goes as President Wilson, but in fact he represents all of the United States.

The city budget keeps within the six per cent increase over last year, which is according to the state law, but it does not provide for the increase of salaries. It would seem that city officials must absorb the high cost of living and be happy.

Wheat prices will remain high for another year at least, and the Grande Ronde valley will not be asleep when it comes to producing wheat while the market is good.

Stand by the chief in his desire to force observance of the traffic laws, for you may be the victim of a careless auto driver.

This is sample of Oregon weather—that is, Eastern Oregon weather.

WORTH KNOWING

A form holder for concrete work has been invented that can be left in the concrete to re-enforce it or to provide a socket for attachments.

Gold is being mined at a depth of more than 3,000 feet in South Africa and it is believed that the shafts can be sunk 3,000 feet deeper.

An inventor has patented a tool by which live electric wires can be tapped and other wires attached without danger to a person using it.

Chinese are estimated to destroy \$10,000,000 worth of gold annually by their custom of burning small pieces of gold leaf on certain anniversaries.

Gasoline motor cars on one European railroad have radiators on their roofs to cool water that is used to prevent the motors overheating.

MAN THE MASTER

Man is fond of calling himself the "Proudest work of nature," and yet—

Many bugs can see better.

Most other animals have a much better developed sense of smell.

Many other creatures have the sense of direction, which he lacks entirely.

The flea can jump farther in proportion to its size.

The spider can teach him things about rope making.

The worms taught him how to make silk.

The wasps showed him how to make paper.

The birds can sing more sweetly.

Nearly all the world creatures provide for their families.

Dumb beasts eat and drink only what is good for them.

Many other creatures possess protective coloration.

And the rooster—

No, we'll take that back—

The rooster cannot beat him at crowing.—Youngstown Telegram.

FLASHLIGHTS

Nothing pleases the average person more than to be called a "real busy man."

One can't help wondering just what school of life a man goes to to learn to boast.

The man who is loyal to his country would never be disloyal to his wife and children.

The man who has spent his money to make others happy need never have any regrets over dying poor.

Any pretty girl can get admirers, but there's something to the plain young woman who wins admiration.

If it weren't for the neighbors what suits.

would some folks do when they needed a hammer or a screwdriver?

The world owes no man a living; what it does owe every man is a chance to make a living, and it usually pays him that.

Beauty may be only skin deep, but any peach can tell you that it doesn't have to be any thicker to fool the men.—Detroit Free Press.

THINGS WE NEVER HEAR

"The coat is cheap enough, miss, but it doesn't look well on you."

"No, our two-for-a-quarter cigars are no better than our straight tens."

"Really, I don't care to ride downtown in your car. It's the bumpiest rattletap I ever entered."

"The fact is, doctor, I quit going to church when you commenced that new series of deadly dull sermons."

"No, my dear, even if you did make it yourself, this isn't a delicious strawberry shortcake. I had a better one today at the service."

FOOLS YOU HAVE KNOWN

Yourself.—Life.

Your rival in love.

Your wife's first husband.

The actress who refuses to return your smile.

The man who returns the smile of the actress on the stage.

Your uncle who tries to advise you about the stock market.

Your other uncle who refuses to take your advice about the stock market.

Didn't Suit Carolyn. Carolyn was fond of sweet corn. One day while the family was seated at the table her mother said: "Carolyn, I think you have had enough corn." Carolyn looked up earnestly at her mother as she said: "Mother, I hate for you to do my thinking."

Observer advertising will bring results.

Ladies' Men's and Children's Shoes

Shoes for every member of the family. We take as much pains fitting a pair of Children's Shoes, as we do with the Grown-ups. We have just received by express a lot of New Grey Shoes for Dress and Street—Taupe Grey, all Leather \$13.50

- Taupe Grey, Cloth Top, Cuban Heel \$9.00
Taupe Grey, Cloth Top, Louis Heel \$9.00
We carry the Educator Shoes, for children and Misses from \$2.00 to \$5.50
Service Shoes in Ladies' \$3.65 to \$3.90
All sizes
Ladies' High Top Shoes, for outing, 10 to 13-inch tops, carried in widths \$8.50 to \$10.00

Store Closes Saturday 8:30 P. M.

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

Store Closes Saturday 8:30 P. M.

ENTERTAINING THE CANADIAN FIGHTERS



All the music on the fighting lines in France is not provided by the whistling of shrapnel and the booming of the big guns. This Canadian official photograph shows a well-known composer entertaining members of a Canadian divisional mess at the front.

Mrs. Maurice Hewlett, an English woman, is the first of her sex to gain an air pilot's certificate. Whole meat is now in great demand and swordfish steaks are sold in Faneuil hall market stalls, Boston.

Making Them Comfortable. Ethel, who was ten years old, was studying her reader and learned that fish are placed in brine before they are dried and prepared for sale. After explaining that brine is very salt water, the teacher asked why the fish were placed in it. Ethel's face was illumined with sudden understanding, and she promptly replied: "Because they are used to salt water!"

Bill Hart in a 6-wheel Aircraft. Special Fri. and Sat. Arcade.

WE BUY LIBERTY BOND

For Spot Cash, Any Issue. \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000

Send us your Bonds by registered letter and receive highest market price by return mail.

Western Stock and Bond Co. 200 Central Bldg., Seattle, Wash. 11-16-17

Brunswick

All Phonographs In One

Better Tone as You'll Agree

—If you hear all phonographs, you'll appreciate what the New BRUNSWICK METHOD of Tone Reproduction means.

—And you'll hear every record at its best—no matter what make.

—The BRUNSWICK ULTONA all-record reproducer and the new All-Wood Tone Amplifier have set new standards in phonographic reproduction.

DEMONSTRATIONS DAILY

BRUNSWICK PHONOGRAPHS SOLD ON EASY PAYMENTS

Carr Furniture Co.

AUTO or HOME?

The possibility of becoming the owner of an auto or home, in which to take his wife, or wife-to-be, is made possible by the starting of a bank account with us, and adding to it little by little.

It is not what you earn, but what you save, that counts; and the bank is the safest place to put it.

Our bank offers you all the advantages in savings, and in checking accounts that are offered anywhere, and our time-tried, up-to-date method of handling your business, offers you

SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY

La Grande National Bank

Member Federal Reserve System

Designated Depository of the United States Government