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Buy Victory Bonds—Your Duty Is Before You.

This is no time to dodge the issue, for you are obligated by your citizenship to buy bonds of the government in order that the financial debt of this war may be met. The part of the man who stayed at home is easy. The soldier who offered his all is the man who deserves the credit, and whether he got overseas or remained in cantonment he is the outstanding figure of the war. If he did not get overseas it was not his fault, if he did go over he did excellent work.

The mere buying of a security that returns a good interest and is safe is not a heavy act of patriotism and no one should object to economizing in order to do that much.

The fact that Union county's quota has been pledged by Mr. Kildie and the banks have become selling agents for the bonds does not lessen anyone's individual responsibility. This pledging was done to place Union county at the top of the list, for we all know the bonds must be sold here and what was the use lagging behind? It was proper to pledge Union county over the top, for over the top she will go. But to do this gracefully every citizen must remember his duty and instead of being dragged in by the neck to buy a bond he must show his patriotism by stepping up to his banker and asking for the security.

Get ready to be the first at your bank when the bonds go on sale. You will be mighty happy when you know that without solicitation, without the usual organization to draw men in, you have in your safety box a bond which you asked for.

American Labor to Build American Roads.

La Grande's Central Labor Council has passed a resolution requesting that all road work in the state be done by American labor. In other words, the slogan of the council on this particular kind of work is "American roads built by American labor."

The principle is good—excellent! And the labor council is to be commended for taking the stand it has on the subject. What the council is evidently trying to forestall is the contractor who will import the Greeks and Dagoes, and in this the council is right.

Another phase of the matter, however, must be considered, and that is the labor supply. Organized labor should build the roads of the country, but organized labor will be called upon to produce sufficient labor to handle the work, and labor that will handle the work. And this brings us a question that seems to us to have been resolved by organized labor in many localities, that of supplying labor sufficient to run industry. Every town the size of La Grande should have a paid man, paid by labor to run an office for the purpose of assessing labor and rendering it in places where it is needed. Too often industry has to look for labor, and if the workman could produce suitable labor to handle work, there would be less talk of labor leaders to consider seriously.

ALASKA HAS BILL FOR POPULAR ELECTION OF MINE INSPECTOR

JUNEAU, Alaska, March 13.—(By Mail)—Popular election of the territorial mine inspector is provided in a bill introduced in the territorial legislature by Senator Dan Sutherland of Ruby, and recommended for passage by the committee on petitions. The next election would be held in November, 1920. The inspector's term of office is fixed at four years in the bill. The present law makes the office of inspector appointive by the governor.

BIG BATTLESHIP NOW BUILDING

'CALIFORNIA' WILL BE MOST FORMIDABLE CRAFT

Creator Comforts of the Crew Will Be Well Looked After in Equipping Boat.

VALLEJO, Calif., April 17.—When the 58 officers and 1022 men to be assigned to the battleship California now in process of construction at the Mare Island Navy yard near here, take up their quarters on the latest and most formidable of the nation's fighting craft of her class, they will find every modern convenience provided for their safety and comfort.

While every known protection will be provided against mine and submarine attack, and naval officers consider the California will be as nearly impregnable against destruction as it is possible to build a ship, the creature comforts of the men will include a dental office, barber shop and a score of conveniences usually associated with hotels. An electric potato peeler which can handle 1000 pounds an hour, electric ice cream freezer, electric food and meat grinder, electric cake machine with 50 quart capacity and a dish washing machine which will handle 100 dishes an hour will be among the conveniences which will both speed up and lighten the work.

Electricity will play an important part on the great battleship for its use will be extensive. The main engines of the vessel will be electric, the electric generators driven by steam turbines of 25,000 horse power, the steam supplied by oil burning water tube boilers. Electricity will handle the ammunition, fire the guns, raise and lower boats and anchors, steer the ship and regulate the ventilating blowers.

The California keel was laid on October 25th, 1913 and she soon will be ready to leave the ways. Her sister ship, the Tennessee, building at the New York navy yard, will be launched, according to official announcement made by assistant secretary of the Navy Roosevelt, the last of this month or the first of next month.

and the California will be the last of her class. The California was practically suspended during the war in order that right of way might be given to vessels now needed and at Mare Island this resulted in a concentration of destroyer building and the conversion and repair of naval vessels for war purposes.

Since the signing of the armistice the work on the California has been resumed. Her cost when the award was made of Mare Island three years ago was placed at \$7,415,016.

Her dimensions are: Length over all, 625 feet; breadth, 96 ft.; depth, 37 ft.; 2 inches; main draft, 30 ft.; 3 inches; displacement at this draft, 32,100 tons; speed 24 knots for 12 hours; fuel capacity (normal) 1,700 tons. Her armament will consist of twelve 14 in., 50 caliber, breech loading rifles, four submerged torpedo tubes, twenty two pounder guns for anti-air, four six pounder guns for anti-air, four 3 in. anti-aircraft guns; one 3 in. landing gun and two 30 caliber guns. The 14 inch main battery guns are of exceptionally powerful type and will be mounted in turrets in four center-line, heavily armored turrets.

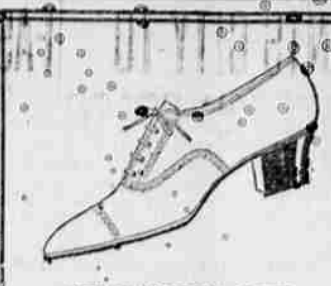
The California is built with a clipper type of bow instead of the usual ram. She will be fitted with two casing masts bearing fire control platforms for controlling the firing of the guns. She will carry high power motor boats of the hydroplane type. A complete carpenter and machine shop, with each machine independently, electrically driven, will be provided.

When the keel of the vessel was laid the first rivet was driven by an honorary riveting gang headed by Senator James D. Phelan as rivet taster.

The launching of the California, the first battleship ever built in a navy yard on the Pacific Coast, will be made a gala event. Already Mare Island has orders to build another super-dread-nought and as soon as the California leaves the ways they will be widened so as to accommodate the even larger vessel which is to be constructed. Later a ship for the construction of battle cruisers will be built.

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CHILDREN'S ONE-STRAP PUMPS

We have also received the following numbers in children's low shoes for the coming season:
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 White Canvas one-strap pump, sizes 5 1/2 to 8, \$1.85; 11 1/2 to 2, \$3.25.

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is a most tiring and disgusting situation we have had to deal with this season. They arrived at last after a month on the road, too late for the real selling season. In view of this fact we are offering these Oxfords now at a great cut in the regular price. You who have been waiting for low-heeled Oxfords will find just what you want here at a great saving.

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- WHITE CANVAS**—Cuban, leather heel, best welt sole, regular \$7.50 value, Price \$4.50
- WHITE CANVAS**—Low heel, best welt sole, leather heel, \$6.00 value, Price \$3.75



Lighthouse Keepers Shut off From World Since Summer of '18

CORDOVA, Alaska, March 11.—(By Mail)—Shut off from civilization since last summer, chiefly due to fierce storms which prevented boats reaching them, two lighthouse keepers of the Cape St. Elias lighthouse have just learned that the war is over. Brought here yesterday, after five attempts had been made to reach the lighthouse, the men were surprised at the trend of world events. Only two of a crew of five remain at the lighthouse.

NOTICE

School district No. 31 will, through its board of directors, receive bids for building a new frame school house. All contractors may apply to D. H. Snider, chairman of board, Telocasset, Oregon, for plans and specifications. Bids must be in by April 22, 1919. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
 D. H. SNIDER, Chairman.
 4-13-19

Ladies—Bring your old hats to the Pink Shop to be made over. At Foley Bldg. Mrs. H. Metcalf. 3-23-17

At Silverthorn's they are selling all white ivory goods at a discount for the next ten days. This applies to mirrors and all brushes in white ivory. 4-15-19

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