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THE ARGUMENT CLOSED

Editor La Grande Observer.
Dear Sir: Some of my friends and others have asked me during the past week why I have not replied to Corporal Shelton's article published in your paper April 14th.

Many were the different reasons they advanced why I ought to take up my attacks on an allied nation, one with whom this country was, and really is yet, in alliance in the great cause of liberty.

Well, Sir, I have refrained from taking up the matter for several reasons, one of which is that if Mr. Shelton cannot find anyone in Great Britain

better than George Bernard Shaw to quote from, it's time to give up and not waste my time and paper arguing with your correspondent. Corporal Shelton, if addressing anyone, who knows G. B. S. would only make himself a laughing stock in saying George B. Shaw was "hired up to the cause of the nation." Granted, he is clever in his way as a humorist and play writer, but even at that, he is well designated recently as being the "Grimm of today's English writers."

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. KING

(This closes the argument in The Observer between Corporal Shelton and Mr. King—Editor.)

STANFIELD IS EULOGIZED

PORTLAND JOURNAL TELLS OF EASTERN OREGON BOYS' SUCCESS

And Bob is Not Running for Office—Just a Statement of Facts.

The following editorial from the Portland Journal might indicate to some that Bob is either running for office or preparing to run. Such is not the case however, for it is apparent the Journal man discovered the remarkable business transacted by Stanfield and instead of crying "profiteer" as it did when Bob was running for senator, it takes the sensible business view of Stanfield's career and gives the following eulogy:

Robert Stanfield owns about 289,000 sheep.

Nobody knows exact number, not even Mr. Stanfield—he hasn't time to count them.

His transactions with banks last year totaled around ten million dollars.

He annually shears about 120,000 head of sheep. The tariff over the last winter a much larger number.

With sheep worth \$15 a head and more, you get some idea of the magnitude of Mr. Stanfield's operations.

On a door in a handsome building in Ontario, you see the sign, "Office of Robert Stanfield." Across the river in Payette, Idaho, and over at Weiser, there are similar signs, all suggesting the scope of Mr. Stanfield's business.

He owns 147,000 acres of land along the Malheur canyon. A railroad station named Quinn, after the secretary of Mr. Stanfield's company, was established to facilitate operations at one of Mr. Stanfield's ranches.

In addition to the Malheur holdings, this Oregon sheep king has properties in Utah, but they are only a side line to his huge industry.

It is the vast ranges of semi-arid country contiguous to Malheur canyon, where population is scanty and the areas still wild that are his great headquarters and operating territory.

A man remarked over in that country the other day that "15 years ago \$20,000 would cover all Mr. Stanfield's worldly possessions." Whether or not that is the fact, it is true that within that period or a little more, he has risen from a stand of very small means to one of very great wealth. His rise to affluence has been phenomenal and his career in the business world phenomenal.

A native instinct for the sheep industry and a natural gift for handling big undertakings are ascribed by his friends to the powers that have enabled him to prosper wealth so swiftly and with such untold success.

Other young men might have done as well if they had dared to go out and been as enterprising. In any event, in America, you do not have to remain poor merely because you are poor.

As Awful Break.

"Squalls—Well, I see that squall—timber finally escaped from jail. Broke out, I understand." Squalls—

"Say, now, for the love of humanity and hedges, don't break in that old stuff about mistakes." Squalls—

"Wouldn't think of such a thing! The fellow broke out with a checkbook."

Hard to Break Out of This.

One of the oldest of jails in Utah, too, Ariz., which lies in an important copper region. This jail comprises four large apartments built in the shape of a hill of solid quartz. The openings in a building resembling that of honeycombs and the quartz have five sets of steel bars.

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BOHEVISM NEED HOLD NO TERROR FOR IOWA, SAYS CHICAGO FINANCIER



The world menace of bolshevism, whose shadow is lengthening over civilization, need have no terror for Iowa, according to Ralph Van Vechten, vice-president of the Continental and Commercial Bank of Chicago and one of the leading financiers of the West.

"Any overflow of bolshevism from Europe that may reach this country," said Mr. Van Vechten, "will break against the substantial prosperity of the farm population of Iowa like a wave against a rock. I have just completed a trip through Iowa and every mile I traveled, I was prouder that I was born there. I have learned that Iowa has the greatest per capita wealth of any state in the union and farm lands have jumped 50 per cent in value in the last five years."

"Farm mortgages always have been highly regarded as an investment and the tendency now on the part of the farmer to liquidate his obligations, has not influenced

their popularity with the investor. There has been a pronounced increase in the volume of principal payments with corresponding renewals but there has been at the same time a corresponding volume of new business. Tenant farmers to whom high prices have brought prosperity are turning their money into land of their own."

"I would say that on its record Iowa is the greatest agricultural state in the union. Illinois claims first place in the total value of land crops. Texas has the most cattle. New York is first in dairies. North Dakota has the greatest annual wheat yield. But in balanced farming Iowa tops them all."

"It produces 10,000,000 hogs a year and I am inclined to agree with the farmer verdict that there is more money in pigs than in hawks. Its annual egg output is worth more than all the oranges in the United States. The value of its annual farm products has been more than a billion dollars for the past three years. The daily revenue pouring



into the pockets of its farmers is close to \$5,000,000.

"Its stock is high-grade. At the Panama-Pacific exposition, it made 289 agricultural exhibits and won 285 prizes. Ninety-nine per cent of the farms in many townships have electric lighting and all the conveniences of city homes. Iowa farms could pay the war debt of the nation in a single generation. I have found wonderful prosperity and abounding optimism everywhere. Success seems to be the state's keynote."

causing serious interruption of German trade and damage to German credit.

Amusing Incident.

"An amusing incident," said the marshal, "happened in the earliest days of the war, when upon a large enemy vessel, brought in by the navy, some alligators were found. The officer of customs at the port in advising me of the seizure appeared to be very nervous of their presence. Some he thought were dead, because their eyes were shut, and some were too much alive."

"The zoological society not being anxious to have them they were sold to a buyer who subsequently turned the provisions, exhibiting them as 'prize alligators.'"

"Eighteen months later the owner appeared in the prize proceedings and obtained a release of the proceeds of sale only. He appeared astonished to find that they had been sold. I don't know," said the marshal, "how he expected me to feed and look after the animals for eighteen months. I heard that he expressed himself very forcibly to the innocent purchaser."

The seized goods have proved useful in some cases stimulating British manufacturing and trade. A museum of samples of the goods seized is to be taken round the provinces, so that manufacturers may see the class and style of goods the Germans were manufacturing and for what market, some of the goods being of excellent class.

Mexican Oil Production.

Mexico City—Mexico produced in 1918 a total of 58,150,239 barrels of petroleum, according to official announcement, which adds that this is only a fraction of the potential production of the fields.

The daily potential production is estimated at 1,422,020 barrels.

Not in a Dry Town.

Detroit—You can't sell water under the guise of whiskey to a thirsty citizen in a dry town and get away with it. Cited Judge Jeffries, in fining Charles Lehman.

VICTORY LOAN TEST OF PATRIOTISM—Wood

Major General Leonard Wood, who at Camp Gretna trained two divisions of Americans for overseas service, has asked the American people to support the Fifth Loan.

He says:

"We have carried the war on successfully so far and we must see it through. The Fifth Loan, coming as it does after the armistice, will be a more severe test than the others of the patriotism of our people. It is just as important as any loan we have made, and it should be carried through just as vigorously as the others. It is no time now to let up on our efforts. Reorganization is even more difficult and almost as important as the period of preparation. Put it over, and good luck. We must have it."

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"Until He Has Given Everything"

Guynemer, France's ace of aces, who made the supreme sacrifice in the last months of the war, said many times before he died:

"No man has given anything until he has given everything. There is no limit to the duty of a man when his country needs him."

The spirit of France, typified by this hero, was the marvel of the world through four years of war. Americans, in honor to their dead heroes who like Guynemer gave everything, will not fail to put the Victory Liberty Loan over the top.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ASKS LOAN SUPPORT

Cardinal Gibbons, in appealing for support of the fifth Liberty Loan drive and War Savings campaign, said in part: "I urge all our clergy to promote this campaign by every means in their power. I urge our good people to give their heartiest support, and from the splendid evidences of their patriotism shown in the past two years I am confident it will see with great success."

WE SHALL NOT FORGET

The American people have been accused of forgetting too easily. Many of us have told our neighbors that when the government asked its citizens to subscribe to a fifth loan the task would be too difficult and the appeal would fail because the people had lost sight of the war in readjusting themselves to peace conditions.

In spite of such thoughtless talk the government does not believe it is going to be hard to arouse the patriotism of the American people. In fact Secretary Glass told a doubter that it would be easier to raise subscriptions through patriotism than in any of the former loans. He said this because he knew that the character of the American people is always to see through to the end something which they believed it was right for them to begin.

Secretary Glass was right in his estimate. The American people will respond to the call of the Victory drive with the same enthusiasm and ardor that has ever characterized each previous loan. And they will do this for the very reason Mr. Glass said they would—because they want to finish the job.

Those fellows back from France, who can afford it, are going to subscribe to the Victory Liberty Loan. Are you?

COUNTRY TO ABSORB FIFTH LOAN EASILY

The Victory Loan will be absorbed by the people without the slightest disturbance of credit, according to John Skutumpah, controller of currency. Mr. Skutumpah based his statement on the fact that during the war the United States increased its banking strength 60 per cent, with a banking power of \$32,000,000,000 in 1918, the greatest reserve any country has ever known.

TESTIMONIALS OF H. L. F. SILO OWNERS

I am convinced that the double wall principle in silo construction is the correct one, and I believe that you have solved the problem for an efficient silo. Simple to build at a very reasonable cost.—J. M. Dixon, former United States Senator from Missouri, Mont.

I think that the Hewitt-Law-Funk Silo is worth just twice as much as any other silo in this part of the country. If I shall ever want to build another silo, you can feel assured to sell me the next one.—T. P. Cassen, Olin, Minn.

Mr. E. M. Dean of Nyssa, Ore., bought one of the first ones manufactured and was well pleased with the results that he bought another in 1917. Also Mr. C. H. Johnson of Fort Kuyler, Minn., bought one in 1914 and again in 1918 bought three more. What more proof do you want and the price is from \$75 to \$150 cheaper. Our prices are F. O. B. your own station. There were over six hundred sold last year. One agent sold over \$7500 worth of them.

I have not lost a pound of spoilage by feeding and they have been no shrinkage or swelling in the inside or outside walls of the silo. In my estimation the H. L. F. Silo is much superior to the stave silo as many of them have shrunk or went partly out in one locality.—Robert Robertson, Kent, Wash.

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Accurate Shooting.
In France a German plane, swooping around a farmhouse, was startled and soon driven away by very accurate rifle fire. At least the firing was accurate enough to convince Fritz that he was in no safe neighborhood.

But he didn't know that the rifle was being handled by a Lieutenant colonel in the American army, who, engaged at the audacity of the hostile birdman, grabbed the weapon and soon had the "supremacy of the air" in that particular locality well under control.

One Way Out.
Two bluejackets, were in the washroom washing clothes, preparatory to the weekly inspection. They were both regulars and had enlisted for four years. One of them had been in the service one year, and was rather tired of being on the station so long, and expressed his sentiments to that effect.

The other, looking up at his disconsolate "buddie," said, "Well, if you don't like it, give three years' notice and quit the navy."

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Observer advertising will bring results.

American Newspaper History.
Benjamin Franklin contributed much to the development of journalism in colonial days. An editor at the age of sixteen, and a prolific writer, he was identified at some time or another in his life with many of the newspapers which flourished during this period. The oldest newspaper in the United States, which has been continued without interruption of name or change of name, is the New Hampshire Gazette. It was first published in Portsmouth, N. H., in 1756.

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