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War Stamp As Franklin's Latest Monument.

As a nation, we Americans are worshippers of men—of heroes, as you like. Each of our national idols is pedestaled in our hearts on a solid and enduring characteristic virtue. Thus the knightly valor of George Washington, the earnest simplicity of Abraham Lincoln, the elegance of Alexander Hamilton and the homespun democracy of Jefferson mean perhaps as much to the mass of us as the great and enduring tasks they accomplished. Benjamin Franklin was one of the first "American business men." He was first Ambassador to France. He invented a multitude of useful things for the comfort of humanity. He was

...of Franklin invariably suggests the humbler one of Poor Richard, and his famous almanac. It is the homely, sane advice on thrift by which we know and love him.
 There are a multitude of portraits and statues extant of the author of Poor Richard, showing him in as many roles. So active was he, and so interested in the life of his time, that the details of his career are inextricably twined with the revolutionary records of this country. But of all the modeled and painted and printed tributes to Benjamin Franklin, none is more sincere or inspiring than the latest.
 The portrait of the thriftest American adorns the 1919 War Savings Stamp. Thus the new era of national prosperity which must come through the strong, constructive effort of every American is backed up by the principles of the good old Revolutionary Fathers, who gave us Poor Richard along with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.
 There could be no more graceful tribute to the genial, wise father of our national thrift than that a frieze of portraits should adorn every American household—on a War Savings Stamp folder.

Free Trade In Literature Now Appears.

Maybe American fiction is not so hopeless, after all. An Englishman, writing to a New York newspaper, expresses a frank and admiring appreciation of this much neglected branch of American literature. "There is a vigor and robustness about it," he says, "which is refreshing after the inanity of some of our British novelists."
 He pleads for an arrangement by which Englishmen in general could be given access to these invigorating novels. He has something in view beyond mere entertainment. England is too ignorant of American life, he says. Fiction is a good reflection of a nation's life. If the English people would read more American fiction, they would know and appreciate America better, and would enjoy the process of instruction.

...And the thing works both ways. Americans, though more familiar with English literature than Englishmen are with ours, are pretty provincial and ignorant as regards foreign literature in general. More reading of the past and present literary productions of England, Italy, France, Russia, etc., would bring a far better understanding of the nations with whom we must have so much to do hereafter. And with real understanding would come real friendship.
 A general exchange of books and magazines among the world-powers would be a veritable peace league. If all nations read and appreciated each others' literature, there would be far less chance for the basic misunderstandings out of which wars arise.

But We Can't Lay Off and Have a Celebration.

Probably it is not exactly the thing to carp and crank and growl, but such is not intended when the Observer calls attention of the people to the fact we cannot have a celebration worth while and lay off at the same time.
 To celebrate the Fourth in proper manner means community work. It means activity for every individual interested in the city, and besides that it means thorough co-operation. When one starts something, don't complain but grab hold and help him over with it.
 The parade on next Friday is your parade, the program is your program and it is not only unwise but it is disloyal to attend the celebration and then wonder why certain things went wrong.
 These things are done as people do them. They do not do themselves, and the way to have a real time, such as La Grande is going to have, is to get in the game and get in with the right feeling in your heart.
 This editorial does not mean we are not going to have a great celebration, for we are. But it does mean that more willing hands are needed to help the few who are working. If, through thoughtlessness you haven't taken out a pile of chips in the big game for next Friday, and we believe it is mostly thoughtlessness, then take out a pile at once and begin.

Trees For Everybody If Desired.

Reforestation in Massachusetts is well started now. Just recently the state set out 2,000,000 evergreen trees, raised in state nurseries. That is said to be the largest number ever planted in the state in a single year.
 According to Massachusetts state forester, F. W. Rane, the most hopeful part of it all is that there is a general public interest in forestry matters which is steadily increasing. The people seem to be awake to the value of forestry work and eager to have the reforestation carried on. It may not be long before they are setting out 10,000,000 trees a year instead of a fifth of that number.
 This is as it should be. Every state ought to be planting great tracts of trees annually. Private land owners, too, should have a keen interest in the work. There should be trees for beauty and shade as well as others for future commercial purposes. If the intelligent interest of the public continues to grow in all parts of the country, the time will be nearer when we shall see shade trees along every highway instead of ugly sign-borders, when no town will be without its beautiful trees and every family will have at least one lovely tree growing where children and adults alike may see and enjoy it.

Just A Few Reminders
 For the few days left in June. Your July wardrobe should, more than ever be in preparation for the long hot days of the summer. Here we are listing warm weather requirements, you will find on display at this store.
n. West & Co.
 HIGH QUALITY STORE

Splash!
 Don new Bathing Togs and heed the call of the water. The new Bathing Suits are very attractive this year, in bright colors of blue and gold, emerald and gold, green and orange, and many other bright combinations.
LADIES' MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S—
 MEN'S, \$1.50 UP TO \$7.00
 LADIES' \$2.50 UP TO \$9.00
 CHILDREN'S, 25 c UP TO \$3.50.

Boys' Wash Suits
 Nowhere in La Grande will you find better selections, more complete lines of Boys' Wash Suits, than at this store. A variety from which every mother can select. These suits are of best quality percales, Devonshires, Galateas and other suitings; prices range from \$1.50 to \$3.75.
 —Men's Department

Wool Slip-On Sweaters For Women
 Made sleeveless with belt around; fringed around bottom; look like scarf over shoulders. See them in our window, they're difficult to describe but easy to see.
 The very newest in Wool Sweaters price \$6.00.

Jesrey Silk Petticoats
 New Petticoats, made on the slim and clinging lines to conform with the fashionable silhouette, are these silk Jesrey. Deep accordion pleated flounces that hang shirly straight—some have bands of Taffeta or Satin; such wanted colors as emerald, blue, tan, gray, rose, cerise, taupe and some of combined colors.
A BIG SPECIAL ON SILK HOSE—
 A limited amount of Thread Silk and Pure Silk Burlington Hose, in white, heaver and sky; all sizes, regular \$1.25 and \$1.75 values; price 85c.
MEN!!!—
STRAW HATS, \$1.00
 60 good straws, some very good shapes among them; wide, medium and narrow brims, high or low crown; all sizes—while any remain, at \$1.00.
NEW STETSON HATS—
 We advise an early selection of these hats, as it will be impossible to replenish our stock in less than six months, due to shortage of labor, coupled with so great a demand at the factory. The new ones are Brown, Beaver, Grey and Green, in a new shape; price \$6.50.
INTERWOVEN SOCKS—
 Nowhere will you find a sock like the INTERWOVEN. Interwoven at the toe and heel, they make a most durable sock, whether Silk, Lisle or Cotton. In the following colors—tan, cordovan, brown slate, navy, black and white; prices 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c.

New One-Button Gauntlet Gloves
 Something new for the well-dressed women, to be worn with suit, dress, or waist; in white, tan and gray suede; also in gray, white and tan kid. See them. Price

BUSINESS MEN!
Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes
 Your tastes may vary as much as your figures—BUT YOU CAN BE FITTED IN HART SCHAFFNER & MARX Ready-made Clothes. We have the right style for you; we have the right quality, too, guaranteed, perfectly tailored.
 Conservative business suits, for all occasions; every suit a good investment; satisfactory fit and service guaranteed, \$35.00 to \$65.00.

NEW NECKWEAR—
 Japanese patterns are a new feature among the new Neckwear; wide flowing cravats of beautiful floral patterns—just received; price \$1.50

Fresh For Your Sunday Dinner
 Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Carrots, Beets, Turnips, Green Peas, Green Onions, Cabbage, Strawberries, Raspberries, Oranges, Bananas, Grape Fruit, Cantaloupes, Watermelons, Bananas, Cherries.
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 Cor. Cedar and Washington, Phone M-759

O! Mother
 —I saw the finest assortment of Pyrex Oven Glass at the Furniture Exchange, and it don't cost a cent more than Granite or Aluminam and will last a lifetime.
 Our Guarantee Covers Your Dollars. — Try Some.
FURNITURE EXCHANGE
 512 1/2 5th and Jefferson
 Best prices paid for used Furniture, or will exchange for you.

City Property and Farms
 I have a splendid listing of choice Union County farms
WHO WANTS THIS— A modern home, plastered, heating plant, bath, toilets, wired, street improvements all paid for in Third street just off Adams. In addition to five nice living rooms for the family the balance of the house consists in over 200 per month. If you have \$1000 to make the first payment besides free house rent the other rooms will pay for the house. This sounds good, does it not? Investigate.
WANTAIN IN 40 ACRES— I have a splendid 40 acre tract in Troutdale, a large apple crop already secured, close in, near the City Park. It only requires a few moments to reach the center of the city.
ANOTHER SMALL HOME— Located 705 M Avenue, owner leaving city. Look this property over and make an offer. \$250 cash, balance \$1000 in 12 months.
\$1250 BUYS THIS— A neat, substantial, well built and good looking house, 4 rooms besides bath and toilet, wired, two nice level lots, located at 1801 T Avenue. Easy terms. Look this over—you will want it.
HERE IS A CHANCE— Owner is a non-resident, wishes to sell. Good six room house, well built, cellar, bath, toilet, wired, street and sewer improvements all paid. On I Avenue, close to Harris Grocery. Priced right.
NICE SMALL HOME— Three big rooms, basement, city water, wired, garage, washbasin; first payment \$200, balance \$40 per month.
FARM LOANS— Any amount from \$1000 to \$75,000. Yes, I would be pleased to consider your application for loans from \$1000 to \$75,000. Very few companies would loan these large amounts.
La Grande GEO. H. CURREY Real Estate

RAISE REFUSED, LABORERS QUIT
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 day shift was on hand, but not to work. Together they presented their demands and when they did not get all they wanted they walked out.
 The work they were engaged on at the time was that of filling the heavy concrete floor of the new garage and delay would have meant that the floor would have been practically ruined. Mr. Hilton, therefore, turned his men onto the job for the time being and Mr. Roesch has been hunting other men to take the strikers' places.
 An offer of sixty cents an hour was made the men by Mr. Roesch, but they refused it. When other men were secured to carry on the work the strikers returned and endeavored to persuade them to quit, also. Unionism is not involved in the strike, as there is no labor organization under which the men were working.
Butter Wrappers printed at the Observer office.
 Flash lights and batteries, manicure scissors, toilet scissors, barber shears, hair clippers, a large assortment of the above at
Silverthorn's
 FAMILY DRUG STORE
 LA GRANDE, OREGON.

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 If so, set aside a part of your earnings each month against the time when it will be less—
 Start a bank account and build on it—
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 We offer you the services of this bank and will be glad to give you information and advice on any matter upon which we are informed.
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