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### CONSIDER THE MERCHANT

On several recent occasions Prineville merchants have been blamed by buyers, who have stated that prices of grocery articles are too high. We agree that they are high, but the fact should be considered that the grocer is controlled in many things by the government, which never happened before. Farm produce, livestock, lumber and all articles sold including labor are higher than formerly, and they, with merchandise, will go higher. The merchant is not in an enviable position and his actions are carefully watched by the government.

### ELIMINATING POLITICS

There has been an inclination for several months, to eliminate all party issues, and support the man who stands strongest for the cause of the nation in its crisis.

This has been very properly advocated by the president, and in some instances, notably in Wisconsin, some of the party candidates have been endorsed by both parties. Henry Ford, he who wished to have the boys out of the trenches by Christmas, which was some Christmas ago, received the nomination of both parties for United States senator, on a war platform.

We have a parallel case in Oregon. Senator McNary was nominated on his war performance, and his opponent, who was at one time one of his strongest supporters, cannot do as much for the war cause as McNary is doing today.

Committee nominations, recognition by high officials in matters of the greatest importance, and community interests, as in the instance where McNary secured the steel for the City of Prineville railway, all prove that he is a man who cannot be excelled for the place.

Oswald West, the democratic candidate, he of the party that clamors loudest for the elimination of politics, should heed the call of his own party in this respect, and step out of the race.

### BUSINESS UNUSUAL!

No one wanted war of course, and when it came upon us, the popular conception of the economic results was unheard of prices and impossible market conditions, and panicky times.

The war has gone on long enough to establish the fact that such things as have occurred in the way of excessive prices for food stuffs, and corners on necessary supplies, are not now possible.

It is true that some business pirates will attempt such things, and the results will be far more satisfactory to them, as has already been demonstrated in a few instances.

The result of the war however, is sure to be the greatest business expansion that the United States has ever experienced, and instead of the slogan, "Business as Usual" it will be business unusual, as gauged before the war.

The rebuilding of Europe on a more modern and sanitary basis, the equipping of the devastated

farms with modern American made machinery, the modernizing of cities both great and small, will mean wonderful demands for many commodities that were not finding a ready market before the war.

We should cease to think in terms employed before the war, but adjust our ideas to conditions as they now exist, and while our dollar will not buy as much as it formerly did, what we have to sell brings us more.

—W. S. S.—

### HOOVER HAS MADE GOOD

Herbert Hoover, through the co-operation of the newspapers of the United States has proven himself the greatest propagandist in the world, and as a propaganda in his business, he has made good to a remarkable degree.

Mr. Hoover was put in charge of the task of feeding the world, when thirty-five per cent of its food supply had been consumed in the burning fires of war.

He had no laws, under which he could compel the substitution of coarse grains for white flour, which the American had been taught to believe he was entitled to because he had the money with which to buy it, but he did secure the results he wished, by a process of education instead of arbitrary law enforcement.

After last year's wheat harvest we had about 10,000,000 bushels more than we consumed during the previous twelve months—less than 2 per cent over our normal supply. Yet on the last day of May we had sent to Europe 140,000,000 bushels of wheat. This means that patriotic Americans saved from their tables in ten months 130,000,000 bushels. Thus is shown in the aggregate the little savings of 20,000,000 families.

Formerly the United States supplied 10 per cent of the wheat consumed in Europe. The last year we were called on to furnish 50 per cent. Australia was cut off entirely and South America could not deliver her quota on account of the scarcity of shipping. We used to send 50,000,000 pounds of pork products over the ocean every month. Our exports the past two months were five times as large. In normal years we shipped to the allied countries 10,000,000 pounds of beef monthly. We sent 120,000,000 pounds in April and the same quantity in May. These vast quantities were saved from American tables.

—W. S. S.—

### RED CROSS SHIPMENTS

Local Chapter Ahead of Allotment And Will Start First Aid Class

The Prineville Red Cross Chapter has shipped the following articles since February: 1050 bed sheets, 144 pairs of pajamas, 185 bed jackets, 185 pairs of socks, 50 sweaters, 200 dish towels, 115 dish cloths, 1 case of gunwipes, and 1 case containing 65 comfort kits.

The local chapter is way ahead on their allotment and Mrs. R. W. Rea has received word from headquarters that there will not be much active work during the month of August, unless there is an emergency call and in that case the workers will be notified by telephone.

Five electric sewing machines have recently been installed at the Red Cross work rooms.

The First Aid class will continue through July with meetings at the rooms in the Masonic building.

—W. S. S.—

Everyone knows best how he can reduce his expenses so that he may have more savings with which to buy War Savings Stamps.

### PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION

OF A NATIONAL FOREST ROAD—United States Department of Agriculture, Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering, District No. 1, Portland, Oregon—Sealed proposals addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, and endorsed "Proposals for Building the Ochoco Canyon (Crook County Section) National Forest Road," in the Ochoco National Forest, Crook County, Oregon, will be received by the District Engineer, Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering, at his office, Room 202 Broadway-Yamhill Building, Portland, Oregon, until 2 o'clock p. m., July 17, 1918, and at that time and place publicly opened and read. Award of contract will be contingent on securing necessary right of way. Principal items of construction—clearing, grubbing, excavation, bridges and culverts. Approximate length of project, 9.5 miles. Detailed plans of the work may be seen for examination at the above District Engineer's Office.

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