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## The Weekly Bulldogger

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1918.

**We Come Back.**  
 Having suspended publication for a couple of weeks due to the absence of the entire staff, the Bulldogger resumes its offensive this week and expects to grow more offensive than ever, especially in the eyes of Kernel Wood of Weston. We had hoped that, upon our return, we would be able to spare our readers further reference to Weston's pet nuisance but, taking advantage of our absence, he has grown as noisy as a dunghill rooster and as ruthless as a German baby killer. Therefore, like Senator Chamberlain, we feel obliged to reply. We have no war with the good people of Weston but as long as kernellism is rampant there we can subscribe to no peace. Lay on, old leather lungs.

**An Awful Shock.**  
 We never realize the need of an efficient army until war is upon us. Likewise there are other needs not realized until an emergency occurs. Nobody has ever before advocated the purchase of a pulmotor by the city, but last week there was an urgent need for one. Assessor C. P. Strain drew his warrant for his month's salary and misplaced it between the leaves of one of the tax rolls. Before it could be located by the rest of the court house bunch, the assessor had almost expired.

**Probably Has Outskirts, Too.**  
 "I see there are male tanks and female tanks," said the Gullible Gook, "and I suppose there are also male and female forts. At least they always refer to some as forts and others as fortresses. What distinguishes one from the other?"  
 "Well," said the Willless Wiseacre, hesitating a bit, "you will always see a bustle around a fortress."

**The Path Of Neutrality is the Safest.**  
 Now that our George and Woodrow have fallen out and are musing each other up with their adjectives, the Bulldogger sent its political reporter around to ask Bill Peterson where his sympathies were. Bill elucidated thusly: "I'm a loyal friend of Chamberlain and a loyal supporter of Wilson but right now I'm for Walter Pierce for governor."

**Give It The Water Cure.**  
 We note by the papers that Sam Thompson lost his bull by drowning. We commend the incident to the good people of Weston as an effective means of getting rid of the bull which Kernel Wood turned loose so often in that locality.

**Bulldogger!**  
 Bill got sore at the outstepath. "Though he didn't say, 'I'm a plain as your eye,' that he musta been rubbed the wrong way."

**A Dog Has a Little Intelligence.**  
 Tall Timothy Geer has started a crusade for the extermination of all dogs on the grounds that they are nine parts nuisance to one part usefulness. Why pick on the dogs? We know of a thing that is permitted to live and whose percentage of usefulness is even smaller. We mention no names but our eyes are directed westward.

**AVE, AVE, SIR.**  
 When cited to appear before Saint Peter I hope you do not think I'd tell a lie, sir. And he should ask us to my avocation. I'd rather say, "The Devil" than "The Kaiser."

**And An Inexhaustible Supply.**  
 Noting that poor yarn has been supplied to the Red Cross in some instances, the Bulldogger calls the local chapter's attention to the fact that Spornorine Berkeley is as good a yarn spinner as there is in the county.

**Medical Corps Leaves.**  
 The medical corps left here today for some where. They had their adios in crates just like a box and a railroad derrick picked them up and set them on a flat car.

**Inferences Are Easy.**  
 A good many residents of Umatilla county have not been able to make out their income tax returns because the government hasn't yet sent any blanks for those whose income is over \$5000 annually. Far be it from us to boast of our material welfare, but it

**Days Are Busy One.**  
 I had a good work out today, we went on a three mile hike this morning and then drilled till 11.45, eat beans and bread, at one, made three trips to the car line after wood, each one of us carried a cord wood stick apiece and it is only a mile down there, of course we don't mind it at all, got through at 2:30, thought we would get a rest as we all rushed for our cots, got seated when the bugle called us again. O my! it was another hike and this one was about four miles, got back at 5:30 and then they had to wash, shave and shine our shoes to report for retreat and inspection at the same time. I have been some busy soldier today. I was just about to take to the cot when here came your box and say, I was just tickled to death. I found butter, sugar, dates, cookies, cake, candy, socks, gloves and the prettiest pencil I ever saw, and those gloves are just the right fit, how did you guess it? The ones they gave me here are too big but I will use them to work in and yours for dress, and the socks are simply fine. I guess I will sure have to sleep with them on, for every one says they will have them in the morning, but I am the toughest rooster in this tent when it comes to protecting myself, and they know I am fast.

**Friends Kid Soldier.**  
 I just asked that kid if you could send him anything, and the first thing he said was, "Yes, tell her she can send me some more of those nut pies." They think they are the only thing and I do too. No, mother there is no danger of any one stealing our eats, for they don't last long enough. If you could see our tent when a box comes, you would think it would be put in a safe place, ha, ha. This kid does not want his folks to know he is in the army, so he does not get much from home. He does not worry for he gets as much as the rest of us. Well I guess you have some time reading my letters, but you will have to keep it up for there is no one writing the same to each one.

**Wins Boxing Match.**  
 This morning at drill we had to line up with the 29th squadron for a little sport. We all form a big circle and there we have boxing and the lieutenant of course winked at me and I knew what he meant so I jumped to the center for the gloves. While our lieutenant introduced me as "Our Oregon cowboy kid, weight 125 lbs." as we are always under weight in this game in order to draw our match. Well I felt a little shaky but all my boys were cheering me, some fellows from Maine, stepped in the ring, and had his gloves on, we shook hands and were off, it was so muddy I did not take a chance on fighting him and the first round I covered up and let him work and he thought I could not fight, I guess, for he wore himself out. The second round he came in and wide open and my boy I stepped him and landed a straight right to his jaw and followed him up with a left and he was so tired that I hated to hit him but it didn't pay to have a heart on this job. I straightened up and he sore was mad. He made a rush at me like he was going to eat me up, but I stopped him with good jab on the nose and the blood just flew, so the lieutenant rushed in and raised my hand. You should have heard the 29th squadron holler. I am sure one of the boys in our squadron. They all know me and have something to say every time they pass me, and it sure makes a fellow feel good.

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**CAUTION IS NEEDED**  
**ATTENTION** is called to an editorial from the Oregon Voter reproduced on this page. Mr. Chapman's suggestions are timely. Umatilla county has been "going strong" on war fund contributions and there is a growing opinion that in some instances at least we may have allowed our zeal to carry us too far. This view is being augmented as we learn more and more as to what the income tax and excess profit laws are going to do to the county. From present estimates a total of one million dollars will be taken by the federal government from this county in taxes unless new rulings lessens the burden. This is something we did not fully count upon when the various and numerous subscriptions were being raised. In the future it may be well indeed for this county to proceed more cautiously with contributions. We should take up with no moves in which the entire state is not organized and no money should be raised except for purposes that will contribute to the winning of the war. Liberty bonds and funds that go to make our soldiers safer and happier come under this head. Relief funds for stricken people, worthy as the causes may be, are not in the direction of war waging. The quickest way to relieve peoples oppressed by the kaiser is to whip the kaiser, thus getting at the cause of their suffering.

### MODESTY.

Thus said the lily to the rose,  
 Ablaze with all its gaudy  
 clothes;  
 Why does the sighing lover  
 love  
 To laud thee to the skies above?  
 He sends thee to his lady fair,  
 Who twines thee in her raven  
 hair;  
 Whilst I must languish in the  
 green  
 In shady dells unseen by men;  
 The they extol my voice and pen  
 The love they have for mod-  
 esty."

### MEN AND SUPERMEN

**SOME** people favor taking the war out of the hands of the war department and putting it into the hands of so called supermen, in other words men who have won renown in the public eye. The plan is precarious. The war has taught us among other things that administrative talent is not all confined to men who have been frequently mentioned in the public prints. Often the supermen have fallen down when put to the test. Kitchener was the English hero of the hour when the war broke. He was a celebrity and deserving of his fame. But previously unknown men who have followed him have been more successful than he at war waging. Lansing, compared to Bryan, was an unknown, yet there are many who regard him as a more capable secretary of state than Bryan. Goethals was America's great hero on construction work. Yet he and Denman, another superman, made endless trouble with the shipping board until asked to resign by the president. The obscure men who replaced them have secured better results than they did. Elihu Root was one of our greatest diplomats and he was sent as head of the American commission to Russia. He came home, saying Russia was alright. Russia has been in turmoil ever since. A less distinguished and less biased man than Root might have grasped the situation better than he did and saved the allied cause untold grief. The civil war was won by a general, Grant, who was a little man at the beginning of the war. As a celebrity he did not have a look in when the war started. A vast amount of the objection to Secretary Baker as head of the war department arises from the fact he was picked from obscurity. He was not a "big bug" in national circles. But in view of the way our supermen have fallen down is not the fact an asset rather than a liability? Because Baker was not a big man with a big reputation and following many people and newspapers, wanting to criticize someone and not daring to attack Wilson, have abused the secretary of war and demand his removal. They have generally acted without any adequate knowledge of the facts. The President, who is in possession of all the facts and has dealt with men both great and small says Baker is a wonder as an administrative official. Are we to take his judgment or the views of politicians and newspaper correspondents who send out stories biased in accord with the political tendencies of their papers?

### 28 YEARS AGO

(From the Daily East Oregonian, Jan. 27, 1890.)  
 Residents on Railroad flat whose wells have been filled and houses flooded by water from the hillside want a drainage system established.

The Bureau Saloon on Main street near Railroad was robbed last night by some unknown parties.

The fine farm house of J. J. Baumgartner burned to the ground Saturday.

Someone stole a couple of razors the other day from Engineer Esterbrook of the O. R. & N. and pawned them with A. G. Ankeny who returned them to their rightful owner.

### IMPOSING ON UMATILLA.

(From the Oregon Voter.)  
 Umatilla county has established such a record throughout the United States as the leading county of its size in all patriotic subscriptions that there is a disposition to work Umatilla and let the rest of the state take care of itself.

We note that in the Armenian Relief drive, Umatilla is the only county reported as having contributed anything. About \$5,000 is reported to have been subscribed from this one county for this necessary purpose.

The Fosdick Commission has headquarters in San Francisco. It has been endeavoring to deal with individual counties in Oregon, to get them to take hold of drives for soldier's recreation centers outside the camps. The object is thoroughly worthy, but why should Umatilla be singled out while other counties are indifferent?

Would it not be wise for Umatilla and other counties to refrain from entering upon all drives until each drive is so organized with an Oregon headquarters under such auspices that there is a certainty that every county in the state will be called upon to do its share, and called upon simultaneously, so the publicity attendant upon same will show just what each county is doing in response to the call?

Otherwise a few patriotic couples will be skinned of their cream, while other counties which are less enterprising will escape without contributing a cent.

### ROMANIAN ARMY WAS FACTOR.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Romanian army, in cooperation with the Cossacks and other elements in southern Russia, will prove a strong factor in the war, in the opinion of Dr. Constantine Angelesco, the new Romanian minister to the United States. Dr. Angelesco said that despite the recent defection of Russia and the work of German propagandists the morale of Romania is unshaken and it will fight to the end.

### T. W. GILLETTE WINS ARMY BOXING MATCH

**PENDLETON BOY IS MAKING GOOD WITH SQUADRON IN TEXAS.**

**Has Earned Name for Nerve and Bravery; Like Life and Declares There Are No Lull Moments.**

T. W. Gillette who recently enlisted in the aviation corps at Waco, Texas, has written the following interesting letter:

Waco, Texas, Jan. 17, 1918.  
 Dear Mother, Sister and All—  
 I am feeling better today than I have for some time. Have just got your letters, two from mother, one from Levy, Ada and Hazel written the 19th, and today is the 16th, so I get yours about the same time you get mine. I don't think or see how those pictures look so good.

I went to the hospital for the seventh time and the doctor and I get along fine, for he is a jolly scout and I have a good nerve. I don't jump and holler when he hits a tender spot. He took a nerve out the other day and I winked at him just as he jerked it out, but I did not know that was what he was going to do. He almost laughed his head off and said, "You are the damdest fellow I ever saw. Haven't you got any feeling?" I said yes, but I am in the army now. He said, "That's right my boy," and patted me on the back. Every time I go they say here comes the man, they asked all about me and I showed them some pictures of my new outfit and one on a bucking horse. They think I am about right. Don't know when they will get through with me. We don't lay around very much, we are either packing wood or drilling. I passed the supply tent while ago and saw another pair of shoes marked T. W. Gillette, so I guess I will get a lot of walking. But I would like to pass and see an airplane with my name on it. I sure would have one ride.

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### NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES



LORD READING

Great Britain is about to send to the United States as ambassador to succeed Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Lord Reading, the most prominent Jew in the United Kingdom, perhaps the most prominent Jew who figures importantly in the world war. He is well known here because he was on the commission which negotiated the first loan to the allies and he made a very fine impression among those who met him.

I will tell you more about the calm. There are 250 men in our squad. We line up in single file and march to the mess hall which is about 175 feet long with two tables running the full length. We grab a pan, knife, fork, spoon and cup and pass through the kitchen and they give us our rations and then we go back to our table and eat, but it don't take us very long. I passed with my sugar under my arm and the fellow that was handing out the hot dogs said he would slip me another dog for a piece of sugar and I was ment that has happened.

**Longs For Home Folks.**  
 I wish I could see you all tonight for I have more spirit since I hear from you more often, and I could talk to you for a month.

One of the boys got a big box of hickory and butter nuts from his mother in Wisconsin and grandma I often wonder if she could tell her boy stories about gathering nuts and her good times when she was young as interesting as my dear old grandmother can. But I know she can't. Have a happier bunch of children than you have when they all get together and wont have when we get back together again. Grandpa, have you got my post cards yet? I wish you had of come down here for it would be a good trip for you as there is lots of fine scenery here.

One boy got a package with a home made sweater, a big bath towel and wash rag and another got a camera and we are going to slip out and go away from camp and take our pictures, so I will send them to you as soon as I can.

Well it is getting late and my candle is getting low so I will close. O yes, I got my questionnaire and a little diary book from Umatilla and it is a dandy. I am glad to get it as all the boys have one.

Frank told Mr. Brown that I thank him and his wife a thousand times for the cats. I would write them but do not know their address, and I also thank you all more than words can tell for all you have done for me, so good night and good luck to all.

With love to all,  
 THOMAS W. GILLETTE,  
 28th Squadron, Aviation Corps, Waco, Texas.

Dear mother, will you get two of the newest base balls and send in the next package. Hazel I will send you an aviation pin to wear as it is an honor to wear it, the first time I get paid. Our new hat cords are to be silver and black. Will send my old one home. One of the Jew boys I guess heard from every one he knew for he got eighteen letters today. Tell all the kids hello for me.

TOM.

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