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"With such troops I can fetch the devil from hell," says the Crown Prince of his soldiers. Well, it's about time for the Kaiser to take on a different partner.

The suggestion of Jim Sturgis that country roads be cut down to a width of 30 feet and the remainder cultivated, is good so far as it goes, but what Umatilla county needs is some crop plan the farmers are willing to adopt for utilizing its thousands of acres of summer fallow.

By all means let the Colonel lead an army into France, if he can split the German line as he did the g. o. p.

There being room for argument, of course, as to whether that would be assassin misad much when he missed the Kaiser.

Daily hint for everybody: "How can I do my patriotic bit?"

Although we have a Baker at the head of the War department, there isn't any loafing.

Some day the American draft may send a cold chill up and down Bill Hohenzollern's spinal column.

One of our country exchanges relates that a subscriber once received a dun through the postoffice and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it and the

editor showed him a few duns of his own—one for paper, one for type, one for fuel and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come and help me out, and then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up and renewed for another year.

None of the money raised for good roads under the bonding act will be spent in Multnomah county, although that county pays 40 percent of the automobile licenses of the state and a proportionate share of the quarter mill tax.

Don't forget that Weston had a fire a year ago last winter. Look what it done! Look what it done!

Graves, coffins and coffin trimmings are likewise going up, which suggests the notion that something will have to be done about the high cost of dying.

As to Oregon "paying as it goes" for good roads, we are inclined to agree with Commissioner Adams that it will be in the future as in the past a case of "never went."

"COFFEE, BEANS AND PRUNES"

The Leader has an office rule against poetry, but is moved to suspend it temporarily in favor of the subjoined verses written by Sidney Barnes in a moment of inspiration—or aberration—and sent to us by Ernie Blomgren from Boise Barracks with a note saying that they are quite soulfully descriptive of the mental and gustatory attitude of our brave boys in khaki toward soldier fare. We would suggest that it's about time for our Red Cross girls to send the boys a hamper.

I'm glad that I'm a soldier
And wear a campaign hat;
I'm trying hard to learn to guard,
And everything like that.
I like to drill and walk my post
In military ways;
I'd give my life, mid shot and strife
And would not ask for praise.
But grant to me, O Lord of Hosts,
The greatest of all boons—
A meal that does not most consist
Of coffee, beans and prunes.
I would not shirk at detail work,
I'm Yankee thru and thru;
I'll sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee"
And "Yankee Doodle Do;"
And if by chance we go to France
To beard the German lion,
I want to head the big parade

And hear the bullets whine.
But e'er I go across the seas
Or sing those stirring tunes,
I want a meal that don't consist
Of coffee, beans and prunes.
But if I'm called to take my stand
In lands of enemies;
Where rivers running red with blood
Flow gently to the seas—
Where carrion crows and buzzards
Obliterate the sun—
And gorge upon the tombless dead
When all the fighting's done;
I'll do my best and with the rest
Beneath the foreign moons
I'll sing "My Country 'Tis of Thee"
And coffee, beans and prunes.

LOCAL COMMITTEE NAMED FOR WESTON FARM SURVEY

A farm survey will be taken of Umatilla county in common with every other county in the United States, in accordance with the comprehensive preparedness plans of the United States Department of Agriculture. Blanks will be furnished to every farmer, setting forth in detail the information required by the department. These blanks the farmers will be required to fill out, sign and return within a specified time. At the top is the following explanatory statement:

"A nation in order to determine her fighting strength must know the number of men she has available. It is equally important that she know the condition of her present food supply and that she has figures on which to base an estimate of future supplies. This blank is designed to obtain that information. It is important that you fill out this blank as completely as possible, so that the information secured will give an accurate report on the food situation in Oregon."

The Umatilla county survey will be made by the committee of national defense under authority from the county board of commissioners. S. A. Barnes will have direction of the work in Weston and neighboring districts. He asked for help at Tuesday evening's meeting of the commercial club and was authorized to select his own assistants. Thereupon he announced their appointment as follows:

W. H. Gould, J. H. Price and G. DeGraw.

Wasco Loses Leading Citizen

W. M. Barnett, prominent banker and pioneer merchant of Wasco, Oregon, and recognized as one of Wasco county's foremost citizens, died Saturday morning of cancer at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. Mr. Barnett was born 1853 in Indiana and located in Wasco 33 years ago. He not only built up an estate valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000, but did so with the respect and esteem of his neighbors, many of whom he aided during periods of depression. He ranked high as a Mason. He is survived by his widow, four sons and four daughters.

The funeral services were held last Monday in the Wasco opera house, no church being large enough to accommodate the people. It is estimated that 1200 were in attendance. There were 214 automobiles in the procession. A. J. Barnett, a brother of the deceased, was present from Weston.

Death Takes Well Known Printer

Otto E. Didion died Monday night of apoplexy at his home near Crockett station below Freewater. Mr. Didion was well known to the newspaper craft throughout this section, who deeply regret to learn of his untimely death. He was formerly with the East Oregonian and afterward became associated with Bruce Shangle in publishing the Milton Eagle. In recent years he conducted a job office at Crockett. While a capable writer, Mr. Didion was chiefly known to the fraternity as an expert linotype operator. He had few equals at the "Merg" in this part of the state. He was beloved by his friends—among whom the Leader editor was glad to be numbered. He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss Edith Crockett, and two children.

Local Red Cross "Silver Tea"

The Weston Auxiliary of the Umatilla Red Cross Chapter, which now numbers 65 members, will meet every alternate Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Library room. The next meeting will be on May 18, at which time a "silver tea" will be held, from 2:30 to 6 o'clock. "The patronage of the public is earnestly solicited," says a Red Cross leader. "As individuals we each can do little, but as individuals working together we can accomplish wonders. We can do this by joining our efforts in a close spirit of comradeship and co-operation."

FARMERS' PATRIOTIC DAY TOMORROW AT WESTON

Tomorrow will be "Farmers Patriotic Day" throughout Umatilla county. Sixteen community meetings will be held in different centers. That at Weston is called for 2 p. m. by W. A. Bailey, district agricultural agent. In general terms the purposes of the meeting are set forth as follows:

1. The plan for raising and distributing labor may be made known and labor application blanks distributed.
2. The policy of the secretary of agriculture for the protection of the farmer by the adoption of a minimum price and anti-flood speculation law may be explained.
3. Reliable information on the national and world food supply may be presented.
4. A census of Oregon crop and livestock conditions may be taken.

Yes, Very Dry.
"Yes," said Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, Ark. "It's pretty terrible dry out my way. It's got so, in fact, that about half of the time three or four of my smallest children get practically covered up while playing in the road and can't be found till their maw yells for 'em to come to dinner or an automobile comes ripping along and knocks 'em out of the dust."

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Farmers' Bank of Weston, at Weston, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business May 1, 1917.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$142,363 81
Bonds and warrants	5,072 76
Stocks, securities, judgments, etc.	8,529 03
Banking house	3,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000 00
Other real estate owned	29,414 32
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	835 27
Due from approved reserve banks	18,294 30
Checks and other cash items	544 25
Cash on hand	9,513 48
Total	\$219,650 22
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000 00
Surplus fund	15,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,472 96
Individual deposits subject to check	118,291 22
Demand certificates of deposit	3,185 13
Time and Savings deposits	39,700 91
Bills payable for money borrowed	10,000 00
Total	\$219,650 22

State of Oregon,
County of Umatilla, ss.
I, E. M. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. M. SMITH, Cashier.

CORRECT-ATTEST:
JOS. WURZER,
F. D. WATTS,
Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1917.
S. A. BARNES,
Notary Public.
(SEAL)
(My commission expires Nov. 13, 1923.)

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 - Canvas gloves05-.10
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