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A national budget is wanted, but Congress won't budge.

Anyhow, the world is rapidly being made unsafe for autocracy.

An advance by the Allies upon Berlin would in more ways than one be a capital offensive.

There's no stopping the Austrians—when the Italians have them on the run.

Kaiser Bill will at least live in history as the world's most notorious criminal.

If the United States Senate insists on \$2.50 wheat, far be it from us here in the wheat belt to say it nay.

The best and quickest way to redeem Russia is to whip the Hun.

Strict decrees against abbreviated dress are even taking the charming "hon" and the stunning "lulu" out of Honolulu. They may no longer wear 'em higher in Hawaii and they dassen't show the knee on the beach at Waikiki.

Beach supervisors are becoming so censorious that it's no wonder fair bathers are unkeeney.

With but little else to cheer them, we can fancy them saying in Berlin: "Behold the infamous hospital ship of the hated Englander by one of our brave U boats so gallantly torpedoed!"

Profiteering is so discouraging to the conscientious citizen that it should be made extremely discouraging to the profiteers.

The jolly old Milton Eagle now explains that the drumming of a pheasant was mistaken in its neighborhood for a mysterious aeroplane—which we can only regard as a bird of a story.

The faithful Weston country is doing its best to produce a crop in the driest season Umatilla county has ever known.

The Mexican editors now touring the United States need not expect us to personally reciprocate unless Villa is killed again.

It would be a good idea to put Eugene V. Debs in a place where he will have to do his treasonable talking out of the corner of his mouth to fellow convicts.

Old Man Oregon is safely over the top again, this time with his quota of War Savings Stamps.

There's a very agreeable prospect of a normal school campaign in Oregon in which Weston will not feel obliged to take an active part.

Weston folk did not spend the Fourth of July; they saved it by saving themselves the wear and tear of celebrating.

While not especially fond of the Huns, the American troops on the Marne are daily making advances.

Having landed a large force near Helsingfors, Germany must be looking for a Finnish fight.

Henry Ford is shipping one thousand tractors into Oregon, where he evidently wants a pull.

American airplanes are satisfactorily representing the American eagle in musing up the Hun.

It is perhaps as much the misfortune as the fault of the Germans that they are the sons of their kind of a Fatherland.

CERTIFIED SEED WHEAT

(M. S. Shrock, County Agricultural Agent.)

Every farmer likes to have clean seed wheat. To get it is often difficult. If the buyer has confidence in the man who grows or sells it this simplifies matters greatly. Often, however, seed must be bought from strangers and experience has taught many farmers a bitter lesson in connection with such purchases.

Then there is the farmer who grows a field of wheat absolutely free from weeds and free from any mixture of other grain, going perhaps to great expense to rogue out any foreign grains or weeds. Will he be paid for his trouble? Often he must sell such seed in competition with other seed that received no such attention.

We have had this subject under discussion for some time and at the close of the recent grain grading school Professor G. R. Hyslop of the Oregon Agricultural College helped devise a plan whereby seed certification will be carried on similar to that now in effect with potatoes.

Under this plan if a farmer has a clean field of wheat and wants to sell it for seed he makes application just before harvest to the county agent. The county agent will arrange to have a committee of qualified persons visit and inspect the field. If it comes up to the standard, the farmer will receive a certification that will enable him to sell his surplus wheat for a good margin above market price. A stranger will have confidence in such certification, coming as it does from disinterested persons.

Knowing that his seed will find ready market at a good figure, the farmer can afford to take special pains to see that it is not only clean but also that it is threshed and handled without injury to its germinating qualities.

An attempt will be made to have this plan in operation for this season, and farmers having clean fields containing pure varieties should make application at once.

KANSAS LESSON FOR SLACKERS

Every individual is dependent upon society, which finds its expression in government. When the nation in which he lives is at war, it is not only his government's war but it is his war. He cannot escape his responsibilities unless he moves to a desert island. In this republic he must bear his share of society's burdens. This point is well illustrated in a story told by the Wichita Beacon concerning three wealthy farmers of Stafford county, Kansas, who informed their neighbors soliciting for the Red Cross that "they had made their own money and could do as they pleased with it." They gave the solicitors to understand that they were entirely independent of the rest of the people. The Beacon tells what followed:

All the farmers in the township held a meeting. Some of the more hot-headed ones proposed the use of tar. But one philosopher suggested something worse. "We'll take them at their word and have nothing to do with them," he said. Everyone present signed an agreement to cut off all relations with the three. Then they took the paper to town and had the merchants sign it. The next day one of the three farmers drove to town in his car to buy some supplies. "I can't sell you anything," said the merchant. He went to the bank and the banker said "Here's your money. I don't want your business." He went to the garage to get some gasoline. "I can't let you have it," said the proprietor. He then went to the telephone exchange to telephone home for gasoline. "You haven't any telephone," said the manager. "You are cut off."

In spite of the scarcity of implements and shortage of farm labor, England, Scotland and Wales have all increased their wheat acreage this year.

One of the things that "could never possibly happen" is England's celebration of the Fourth of July.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION CREDO

By willing service of a free people to do these things:
To feed the Allies that they may continue to fight.
To feed the hungry in Belgium and other lands that they may continue to live.
To feed our own soldiers overseas that they may want nothing.
To keep prices steady and the flow of distribution even that the poor at home may be fed.
To make everyone's effort count its utmost for winning the war for freedom.

FOOD CONTROL IN AMERICA IS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

OUR GREAT TASK

By Herbert Hoover.

If you could stand in the middle of Europe today and survey the land to its borders, you would discover its whole population of 400,000,000 human beings short of food. Millions of people in Poland, Finland, Serbia, Armenia and Russia are dying of starvation and other millions are suffering from too little food. Our Allies and the neutrals are living on the barest margins that will support life and strength.

This, the most appalling and dreadful thing that has come to humanity since the dawn of civilization, is to me the outstanding creation of German militarism. The Germans themselves are not the worst sufferers. They are extorting at the cannon's mouth the harvests and cattle of the people they have overrun, leaving them in desolation. If the war were to cease tomorrow, the toll of actual dead from starvation within the German lines would double or treble the 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 of men who have been actually killed by Germany and her allies in arms. The 10,000,000 people in occupied Belgium and Northern France would have died of starvation had it not been for us and the Allies.

We must build our food resources to stand ready for any demands upon us by the Allies. It is of no purpose to us to send millions of our best to France if we fail to maintain the strength of their men, women and children on our lines of communication. This United States is the last reservoir of men, the last reservoir of ships, the last reservoir of munitions and the last reservoir of food upon which the Allied world must depend if Germany is to be defeated and if we are to be free men.

Now is the time to eat and to preserve home grown products. Perishable fruits are coming on the market, the gardens are making available daily supplies of food that will take the place of the commercial canned articles that are needed for shipment abroad. Sugar has been made available for home canning purposes and the supply is good at the present time. The home garden and the canning of its products means more this year than it ever did before because it will play a very important part in keeping the fighting forces supplied with the kind of food they need at the time they need it most.

PROFITEERING ON BIG SCALE IS REPORTED

Federal Trade Commission Says Packers and Millers Are Worst Offenders.

Washington.—Profiteering on a tremendous scale in practically all the basic commodities of life was reported to the senate by the federal trade commission as the result of an exhaustive investigation.

"Inordinate greed and barefaced fraud," as well as "war pressure for heavy production," the commission reported as the causes. Reappraisements of properties were made by great concerns when it became evident that the government was about to fix prices on a basis of return on investment, the report said, and salaries, allowances and expenses were in many instances padded to show increased costs of conducting business.

Of all the big profits disclosed by the investigation, the report said, the profits of the meat packers and those allied with them and by the flour millers, stand foremost, despite the fixing of prices by the government.

Price fixing by the government, the report says, has tended to prevent the market from running away, but at the same time it strengthens the stronger factors in industry in their position and enriches them by profits, which "are without precedent."

The report says no excessive profits are indicated in the lumber industry on the west coast, although it is said spruce producers previously had "profiteered" at the expense of the allied governments.

"Unusually and unnecessarily large profits," however, are indicated, the report says, "on the part of the southern pine producers where profits on net investment averaged 17 per cent."

OUR July Clearance Sale of Summer Goods

begins Friday, July 5. Lack of time to give full detail is the reason for our big "ad" not appearing in this issue.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church of the Brethren—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. C. W. S. at 6:30 p. m. Bible Study, Life of Christ, at 7:30 p. m. John Bonewitz, elder.

Methodist Church—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening. S. E. Powell, pastor.

United Brethren Church—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. C. E. meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. E. F. Wriggle, pastor.

Baptist Church—The Church with a cordial welcome for all. Sunday school at ten o'clock, preaching at eleven. Also preaching at eight o'clock in the evening. W. R. Storms, pastor.

(No. 206)

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers' Bank of Weston, at Weston, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business June 29, 1918:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$171,197 63
Bonds and warrants	3,925 24
Stocks, securities, judgments, etc.	692 20
Banking house	3,500 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,000 00
Other real estate owned	33,094 93
Due from banks (not reserve banks)	1,467 22
Due from approved reserve banks	19,583 49
Checks and other cash items	309 00
Cash on hand	7,111 87
Other resources	36 70
Total	\$241,918 28
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 30,000 00
Surplus fund	15,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,915 10
Individual deposits subject to check	90,411 48
Demand certificates of deposit	2,442 61
Time and Savings deposits	45,988 21
Notes and bills rediscounted	12,900 00
Bills payable for money borrowed	40,000 00
Other liabilities	60 88
Total	\$241,918 28

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:
J. H. PRICE,
G. W. STAGGS,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, 1918.

(SEAL)
S. A. BARNES,
Notary Public.
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