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I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice to all.

## OUR ENEMIES AT HOME

It is unwise to make unpatriotic remarks. During the last week no less than a score of men were mobbed in Oregon and Washington for that very thing. Mob action is wrong, but if ever justifiable it is in such a cause. There is no room in our life today for the man who talks against America, who opposes our government, or who sympathizes with Kaiserdom. Such men would betray our soldiers into the hands of our enemies if they could, hence it is not strange that American citizens sometimes take the law into their own hands for the punishment of such men. For the nation now knows its mind. It will allow no soldier to be stabbed in the back by enemies at home—be they alien enemies, pro-Prussian sympathizers, pusillanimous pacifists, or indifferent Americans. The country's verdict has been passed, and every man who attempts to override that verdict faces a peril that will increase day by day, for it is the avowed purpose of this country to support its soldiers to the limit of human sacrifice. If there be still indifferent citizens, it is time for them to remember that the American spirit is running high, and that in war-time every man who is not FOR the nation is AGAINST it; and that he who is against the nation is against our homes and our hopes and against our children and their future. Let him who is against the future of our children beware!

A rabid pro-German last week asked the editor of the Observer why this newspaper publishes anti-German articles in this "German" community. Trying to explain calmly and without anger to such a man the meaning of American citizenship, the virtue of loyalty to one's country, and the sanctity of the oath of Allegiance was effort wasted. But we did have better luck in making it plain what we thought of any American citizen, native or naturalized, who gave aid and sympathy by word or deed to the enemies of his country; who frowned upon everything American and approved every brutal and ruthless act of the military autocracy of Germany; who ascribed everything evil to America and everything just and right to the autocrat who occupies the Prussian throne and drowns the world in a flood of blood; who when he took the oath of allegiance and foreswore the Kaiser, perjured his soul with a false oath; and who, while asserting his rights and privileges as the citizen of a free country, spouts disloyalty, sedition and near-treason. We also made it plain that this is not a "German" community. It is a loyal American community, true to the best ideals of American citizenship, and stanch in its defense of all our rights as citizens and as a nation.

The district attorney, in reply to a inquiry from the county clerk, states that the question as to whether an incorporated city can hold a meeting as a road district, vote a special tax, and perform other functions of a road district, has not been determined by the courts though it will probably be done before next year. It appears that acts of the legislature or even the people themselves are not law until confirmed by the courts. One looks in vain in state and Federal constitutions for the delegation of such powers to the judicial department of our governments. One may almost persuade himself that the courts have simply usurped this power of approving or over-turning legislative enactments at their own sweet will—with or without reason.

One of the most sweeping and radical regulations made by the Food Administration is that forbidding manufacturers, jobbers and wholesalers to sell food stuffs to any retailer, anywhere in the United States, who makes unreasonable profits or buys large quantities of foods for speculative purposes. All retailers, of what ever size, as well as all other handlers of food, are forbidden, under heavy penalties to make unreasonable charges, to waste or destroy food, hoard or monopolize food, or to conspire to restrict the production, distribution or supply of foods. The Food Administration believes that the great mass of retailers are both honest and patriotic, but the few who persist in abusing their opportunities will receive attention. No one, however, is expected to forego their usual reasonable profit.

W. Thomas Woodward, a banker at Lewis, Iowa, after entering a plea of guilty, was fined \$500 and sentenced to 6 months in jail for advising people not to buy Liberty Bonds.

Our pro-German friends often tell us that this is a free country. That is true. It is a free country—free to come to, free to live in, free to prosper in, but not to traduce, to abuse, to betray, or to turn over to the tender mercies of Prussianism!

Though America is at war, we may remember on Thanksgiving Day to be thankful that we have escaped death and devastation within our boundaries; that we have been spared the agonies of hunger, the phantoms of our homes, and the enslavement of our loved ones.

The state superintendent of banking has sent out a letter to all state banks in Oregon advising them to join the Federal Reserve system, both as a patriotic duty and as a matter of economic expediency. "The system needs the support of the banks now, and latter the banks will need the support of the system, and now is the time to form the alliance," says the superintendent.

You can sail a boat, run a mill, and sometimes charm an audience with "Wind", but it takes cash to run a newspaper. Labor, paper, ink, postage, taxes, insurance and equipment all cost money, and plenty of it. For this and various other good reasons (such as the desirability of bacon and eggs, whole wheat bread, breakfast food, and a trace of sugar, etc.) the Observer will shortly spend three cents in stamps for each subscriber, in an effort to "bring home the bacon" and to insure the subscriber 52 more weekly visits of the "great family weekly."

The Government announces that our present sugar supply is just sufficient for our own consumption until the first of the year. After January 1, the West Indian crop will be available and will relieve the sugar shortage. From now until the end of the year no more than 6 table spoons of sugar per day should be used per person for all purposes. A family of five should limit the sugar used for all purposes to one pound (2 cups) per day. The Food Administration urges the use of glucose, molasses, corn syrup, and dried fruits, instead of sugar for making holiday confectioneries.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Wants, For Sale, Etc

### TO CONSIDER THE CITY BUDGET FOR 1917, FOR THE CITY OF AURORA, OREGON.

Aurora, Oregon, Tuesday, November 6, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Aurora, Oregon, at a regular adjourned meeting of the council, held Tuesday, November 6, 1917, prepared a budget for the year 1918 as hereinafter set forth, and has called a Public meeting of the citizens, taxpayers, and legal voters of the City of Aurora, to be held at the Council Room in the I. O. O. F. Building, Friday evening, November 30, 1917, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing said Budget, and all persons interested in same are hereby notified to be present at said place and date to express their approval or disapproval of any estimate and to advise what in their judgment is a proper estimate or levy. Notice of said meeting and Budget were ordered published in the Aurora Observer of November 8, November 15, November 22, and November 29. Said Budget being as follows, to-wit:

The following are the estimated receipts for the year 1918, from the sources named below:

Estimated Receipts 1918	
Estimated cash on hand,	
January 1, 1918.....	\$ 405.00
Water Rentals (1918).....	1000.00
Road Tax form Marion county funds.....	675.00
Funds to be collected from proposed 5 mill tax levy.....	875.00
Total.....	\$2955.00

The items below show the estimated expenditures of the city of Aurora, for the year 1918.

Estimated Disbursements 1918	
Recorder's office.....	\$ 50.00
City Marshal.....	120.00
Special Officers.....	20.00
Water Department.....	900.00
Lighting.....	400.00
Treasurers Salary.....	10.00
Street Department.....	955.00
Incidentals.....	100.00
Emergencies.....	400.00
Total.....	\$2955.00

Respectfully submitted to the taxpayers, and legal voters of the City of Aurora for their consideration.  
GEORGE W. FRY,  
City Recorder

### LOCAL AD RATE.

A uniform and invariable charge of 5 cents per line is made for all advertising notices of every description in the news columns of this newspaper. This rate applies to for sale, for rent, lost, found, card of thanks, "want ads," and to all kinds of similar notices as well as to all notices of entertainments, fairs, socials, shows, etc. No reductions or discounts.

The Observer and the weekly Oregonian both one year for \$2.00.

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Holstein Friesian bulls ready for service. Also a few calves from good producing dams. Buy them while they are young and have them grow into money.—Ernest Werner, Rt. 2.

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WANTED—Goats. Call or write W. E. Frazier, Aurora, Oregon. (Aurora Mutual Phone.)

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Aurora, Oregon

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**California** To all Southern Pacific Stations in California, Sale dates Nov. 24, 25, 26 and 27. Return limit December 15, 1917.

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John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent  
Portland, Oregon

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