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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.

It is rumored the Kaiser is making a special lot of Iron Crosses for Americans who help him by careless talk. Have you qualified yet for your Iron Cross?

If Adam had purchased just one War Savings stamp and kept it out of Eve's way to this day, at 4 per cent compound interest it would now amount to a sum greater than all the money in the world.

The "Silence Campaign" is spreading, and every day should soon be a speechless day for idle war gossip. Idle prattle may lose a battle. Don't talk too much! Don't tell all you know in public. Some one may be listening.

Some newspapers are opposed to the measure now being initiated to put the state into the school-book-printing business, on the ground that state-printed books are inferior to those published by the school book trust. Some of the books now in use in the Oregon schools, printed by private publishers, have none of the ear marks of this alleged superiority. Some trust made books are superior only in price.

The government report shows that the amount of grain on hand by farmers in Oregon on March 1, was as follows: Corn 126,000 bushels, wheat 1,281,000, oats 2,281,000, barley 1,003,000, all considerably less than on March 1, 1917. In the United States as a whole, however, there is considerably more of these four grains on hand than last year at this time.

Every man should have sense enough to understand that what may be right in some circumstances may not be right in other circumstances—in other words intelligent enough to know the difference between peace-time privileges and war-time requirements. What may be said and done as a right in time of peace may become a thing not to be tolerated in time of war. Democracy is rule by the people, and rule by the people means rule by the majority. Whoever obstructs the rule of the majority, obstructs democracy. The minority has the rights to vote and voice, but no right whatever to delay or prevent the vote and voice of the majority.

More propaganda lies about the war are being circulated. Stories are being spread that numerous unnamed privates have been sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for minor offenses; that some have been shot for insubordination; that officers have confiscated the supplies sent for somebody's boy; that food and supplies are being diverted and sold and the money not accounted for. More than 20 such idle tales are in circulation in Oregon. Everyone has been traced down and proven wholly false. They are all plain lies—German propaganda stuff started by German agents or disloyal Americans. No sane American is barred from honest criticism of the government and its manner of conducting the war (though even that may not be wholly advisable or wise), but no one should pay any attention to silly tales like the foregoing, nor any other rumors peddled about surreptitiously. Don't repeat such absurd lies!

It is predicted that every paper in German or English, which fosters the German spirit instead of the American spirit, German traditions instead of American traditions, will soon be suppressed. It is both weak and dangerous to allow such sheets to exist to spread the enemy spirit. It is time to quit handling these matters with kid gloves. The timid cry out in fear that our German-born citizens must not be alienated. Nonsense! Such citizens who have it in them to be loyal have already shown their loyalty, and are treated like all other loyal Americans. Those who have taken the oath of allegiance and HAVE BROKEN THAT OATH IN ACT, WORD OR SPIRIT, have already made themselves the enemies of our country. Those who are not citizens (with some exceptions) are merely enemies in our midst, and neither must be trusted. Fair words on the lips may conceal their hate and contempt of America, but do not make them safe friends of the nation. Every man in America must be one thing or the other—a supporter of America, or its enemy. There is no middle ground.

Americans have not yet begun to guess the Kaiser's choice of Hun princelings for the American throne.

Why are Gus Moser and Bryan like the Sockeye salmon? asks the Oregon Voter. "Runs every four years only to be canned."

The Portland Journal complains that R. N. Stanfield is spending too much money advertising in the country newspapers. He is probably placing it where he thinks it will do the most good.

You may be in such comfortable circumstances that you can afford to eat what you please, but you can never be so wealthy that you can afford to eat what your country needs. Follow the food regulations, regardless of your income.

The Collector of Internal Revenue announces that after April 1, 1918, a state "drive" will be made for those who failed to make their income tax returns by that date and that heavy penalties will attach to every failure. Better get busy now. The collector has plenty of blanks. Write for yours today, if you have not made your report.

There can be no doubt of the result of the war, but the result depends upon the whole American people and not alone upon our gallant fighting men. We who remain in safety at home have imperative duties to perform. We must do our part. We must work, economize, save and support the finances of the government. Industry, saving, lending to the government are now the national needs and duties of the rich and poor alike.

Marion county's total sales of war saving stamps to date are less than \$75,000. Its quota is \$972,000 for the year 1918 or 81,000 per month. With only \$75,000 sold in two and one half months, it is evident that Marion county people must speed up on war savings stamp sales. Read the patriotic pleas made in the war stamp advertisements by M. N. Crisell and Louis Lachmund in this issue of the Observer. War stamps are "baby bonds." Every family should have some.

The Germany of today is not the Germany of tradition—not even the Germany of 25 years ago. Bismark began the Prussianizing of Germany but the greatest changes have occurred during the last 25 years. During that time the craze and ambition for world-power have tainted the whole structure of German life, and have become an obsession. When once it is freed from the plague and burden of Prussian Autocracy, the German mind will re-assert itself, and German liberty and German literature will flourish as in the days of the pre-Bismarckian period, when German literature and philosophy breathed sentiments of right and freedom instead of the present day sentiment of might and war and frightfulness.

Wants, For Sale, Etc

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.

Marry, if lonely. For speedy marriage, try my club, very successful, best, largest in the country, established 11 years; thousand wealthy wishing to marry at once. Confidential descriptions free. Reliable Club.—Mrs. Wrabel, 732 Madison St. Oakland, California. 12-7-1917

FOR SALE

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.

Two S. C. Ancona Cockerels for sale; also a few settings of Ancona eggs. Zeno Schwab, Aurora.

For Sale—7½ acres land and good 8-room house, barn, outbuildings and orchard, inside city limits of Aurora, cheap or will trade for farm. J. R. Marsh, Owner. 51-4t

FOR SALE

Potato planter good as new. Also holly trees all sizes. Chas. Eilers, Rt 3, Aurora, Oregon.

FOR SALE—Eggs, Barred Rocks, R. I. Reds, and White and Brown Leghorns, \$1 per 15 eggs.—Lewis Keil, Aurora, Oregon. (52-8t)

FOR SALE—White Leghorn eggs, \$1.00 per 15, \$6.00 per 100.—Perey Ottaway, Aurora, Oregon.

Hop contracts, deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, satisfaction of mortgages and similar legal blanks for sale at the Observer Office.

FOR SALE—White seed oats, best quality at \$88.00 per ton. Henry Tautfest, near Fargo. (P. O. Aurora, R. 3, Oregon.) (1)

FOR SALE CHEAP—One horse, wagon and harness. Also seed potatoes. W. F. Pahl, Aurora, Ore. (1-1)

FOR SALE—Four horse power gasoline engine, good as new. Cost \$1.60. Will sell for \$65. Guaranteed to be in first class condition. Henry Tautfest, Aurora, (R. 3,) Oregon. (1)

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

DR. de LESPINASSE

DENTIST

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HUBBARD, OREGON



Here's one of the times when a fellow feels thankful to the friend who sent him that pouch of Real Gravely.

Be Ready For An Opportunity

One often hears, "If I only had a little money I could make a fortune."

Why not be ready when opportunity knocks at your door?

Plan to place in the bank a certain percentage of your salary or business profits.

Then when the main chance comes along you'll be ready for it.

Banking in every form.

AURORA STATE BANK

The BEST Offer

The yearly Bargain Days for the Oregonian are over until next November (1918.)

The regular price of the Daily Oregonian is \$6.00 per year; the Daily and Sunday combined is \$8.00 per year, and of the Observer \$1.25 per year, but until further notice these papers will be clubbed at the following prices:

The Daily Oregonian and The Observer Both One Year

\$6.25

The Daily and Sunday Oregonian and The Observer, Both one Year

\$8.00

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Real Gravely Chewing Plug—there's the soldier's tobacco, that he can use anywhere, anytime. Just a small chew of Real Gravely is enough—all good tobacco, rich, sappy leaf made the Gravely way, not loaded up with heavy sweetening like ordinary plug.

Give any man a chew of Real Gravely Plug, and he will tell you that's the kind to send. Send the best! Ordinary plug is false economy. It costs less per week to chew Real Gravely, because a small chew of it lasts a long while.

If you smoke a pipe, slice Gravely with your knife and add a little to your smoking tobacco. It will give flavor—improve your smoke.

SEND YOUR FRIEND IN THE U. S. SERVICE A POUCH OF GRAVELY

Dealers all around here carry it in 10c pouches. A 3c stamp will put it into his hands in any Training Camp or Seaport of the U. S. A. Even "over there" a 3c stamp will take it to him. Your dealer will supply envelope and give you official directions how to address it.

P. B. GRAVELY TOBACCO CO., Danville, Va.

The Patent Pouch keeps it Fresh and Clean and Good —It is not Real Gravely without this Protection Seal

Established 1831