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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.

WHO IS THE "ADVERTISER"?

Some writer not willing to divulge his identity inserts a "paid adv." in the Salem Journal attacking Walter L. Tooze, chairman of the Marion County Republican Committee. This unknown "advertiser" says Tooze lost Marion county for Withycombe, that he lost Olson the supreme judgeship, and that he is responsible for Sam Brown's defeat.

In the same breath the "advertiser" scores Tooze for trying to defeat Tightwad La Follett, saying that Tooze has lied, blasphemed and condemned one of the truest Republicans in the county, (meaning La Follett who ran for the Senate as a Democrat).

Whatever Walter L. Tooze's faults may be, he can never be accused of being the author "tributes" to Alex La Follett for his desertion of the party which (up to the time he bolted it) had honored him repeatedly. Tooze knows the difference between a renegade and an "independent."

There is no use in pretending that the late Imperial German government was solely to blame for the great war. The whole German nation were equally aggressive in conducting the war, and equally guilty of the brutal methods employed. Both government and people were in it up to their necks, and all should suffer the penalty. Those in authority against whom specific acts of frightfulness can be proved should be punished like any other criminals. The people as a whole must suffer—not imprisonment or death—but by loss of every foot of territory not racially a part of their nation; by paying to the uttermost farthing for restoration of all devastated lands; by the loss of her colonies, her navy and ships enough to replace every ship sunk by her submarines; and by the indemnity so huge that it will require a generation to pay it. There is no penalty to fit the awful crime of starting the war. Yet already we hear whisperings among us that the victors must be generous, must be merciful! But we must never forget until the last atonement is made, that the Hun is still a Hun—both in Europe and America! There is no safety in mercy to the unrepentant.

The victorious ending of the war will mean a brighter, happier, merrier Christmas this year in millions of homes, in America and the whole world, than any similar occasion in the memory of any living man. Everyone is in an optimistic frame of mind, and there is no good reason for Americans to anticipate anything but peace, prosperity and progress. There is very reason to believe that the change from war to peace conditions will be accomplished successfully and without disturbance or serious loss. Unemployment will be only temporarily. The so-called "non-essential" industries will absorb much of the surplus labor. Normal industrial conditions will return rapidly. Prices will gradually return to pre-war levels, and normal conditions will be with us before we realize it. Only the most pessimistic can take anything but a most hopeful and cheerful view of the future.

Politics will always be the same old game. One day last week no less than five candidates for speaker of the House were in Portland "just looking around" trying to line up Representatives to pledge their support in the speakership struggle. With this brace of speakership candidates gunning for votes among the rank and file of representatives, the latter now know how the poor voter feels at election time, with a mob of candidates soliciting his vote. Our own Seymour Jones was among the five who were attempting to corral the elusive Multnomah members. It is reported that he has pledged enough votes to make him one of the strongest candidates. Thirty one votes are necessary to a choice.

A rather self important individual of German descent the other day told the Observer that his name is one of the oldest and most aristocratic in Germany, which reminds us of Lincoln's reply to a similar remark, "Well, if you are careful that won't hurt you any!"

The American Consul General at Sidney, Australia, reports that the quantity of wheat in that country on September 16 was 183,000,000 bushels. This is the surplus from the last three harvests.

The popularity of the United States government war saving stamps as an investment should induce the banks, saving banks, trust companies, corporations, railroads and other institutions that borrow money to devise a similar system to induce people to invest small amounts from 25c upward in their securities. Of course, there would have to be some provision for state supervision, in order to assure the public of the safety of the investment. The Oregon legislature might find this matter one more important than the usual biennial scrap over the fishing bill, the abortive attempts at abolishing or consolidating "useless" commissions. Now is the right time to encourage small savings, all of which will be greatly needed in great industrial enterprises that will be so essential during the period of re-construction.

We should make this Christmas a time of joy and good cheer. Make it a family feast, a gay celebration, in grateful remembrance of the return of peace, and a prayerful hope for the continuance of good will of man toward man and nation toward nation. Above all don't forget the children. Make Christmas a happy time for them. Give them all the joy and happiness possible. Stretch a point in the family finances and buy liberally of gifts both useful and ornamental. Toyland is a real world to the boys and girls. Let them revel in it. The circumstances surrounding the holiday season of 1918 justifies us in being somewhat extravagant—for the benefit of the children!

When the Hun whines, we have only to recall the execution of Belgian priests, the violation of Belgian and French girls, the starvation of American and Allied prisoners in German prison-camps, and a thousand and one other proven atrocities, to steel our hearts against Hun appeals for mercy by which he hopes to escape the penalty for his crimes.

The index price of all crops, on November 1, 1918, was 3 per cent higher than on November 1, 1917, but was 97 per cent higher than the average for the preceding five years. The index prices of meat animals—cattle, hogs, sheep and chicken are 6 per cent higher than one year ago, and 71 per cent higher than two years ago. These are the average government figures for the whole United States.

The Salem Statesmen says, "On such a large scale was the Thanksgiving dinner served at the state pen that it was dished up by the shovelful."—Just the same way the money was taken from the state treasury to run the pen

Would not Oregon be proud of a state senate with thirty La Follett's in it? Wouldn't that be an ideal legislative body? Then add to that a house of representatives with sixty more La Follett's. Wouldn't that jar you?

It is rather surprising that Governor Withycombe did not proclaim Saturday, November 30 a holiday to commemorate Joe Keller's victory over another warden!

Notice of Hearing Final Account

Notice is hereby given that the final account of Ernestina Boehmke, executrix of the estate of Theodore Boehmke, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of Marion County, Oregon, and that the sixteenth day of December, 1918, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. has been appointed by said Court for hearing objection to said final account at which time any persons interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto in writing and contest the same.

ERNESTINA BOEHMKE,
Executrix of said estate.

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.

REWARD—Will pay a reward of \$1.00 for the return to the Observer office, Aurora, Oregon, of a gold bracelet, lost last Thursday somewhere in Aurora.

FOR SALE—Two mares and two six months old colts. Make me an offer. Can be seen at Joe Grahams' pasture, river road between Wilsonville and Butteville. Margaret Dolsen, General Delivery, Portland.

FOR SALE—White spring oats, about 70 bushels. Sidney Graham, Route 3, Aurora.

The Observer will send the home paper to any soldier or sailor from this section at \$1.00 per year. We will change the address as often as notified.

FOR SALE—New double barrel Stevens' shot gun, 12 gauge, weight 7 1/2 pounds, top lever. Cost \$27.50, will sell for \$20. War stamps same as cash. Inquire at Observer Office, Aurora, Oregon.

Application blanks for the 1919 registration of your automobile or motorcycle may be secured at the Observer office by calling for them. Chauffeur registration application blanks may also be obtained. No charge for these blanks.

A model 90 Overland for sale. Run only 4000 miles.—Earl Grim, 2 miles southwest of Aurora. (81)

MARRY IF LONLEY; for results try my best and most successful "Home Maker"; hundreds rich wish marriage soon; strictly confidential; most reliable; years of experience; descriptions free. "The Successful Club", Mrs. Purdie, Box 556, Oakland, Calif.

Anyone wishing a small quantity of choice nursery stock can secure the same cheap by inquiring at the Observer office at once. If not ordered in a few days, it reverts to the nursery from which it is due.

LOST—Small, dehorned Jersey cow, branded with "goose brand" on left hip. J. Thomsen, Aurora, R. 4.

Gentlemen's new union suit was lost Nov. 16 between Giesy's store at Aurora and Barlow. Please return to Giesy's store and receive reward. (88-2t).

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. Wrubel, 732 Madison St. Oakland, California. 12-7-1917

FOR SALE CHEAP—An Oliver Plow in good condition, good as new. Will sell cheap. W. F. Frahl, R. 3, Aurora.



Alexander Hamilton
First Secretary of the Treasury



When eleven years old he was put to work as errand boy in a bank. By study,

industry and thrift he learned the business, saved enough to make profitable investments, became prominent, fought in the Revolution, signed the Declaration of Independence and was first Secretary of the Treasury.

If you are ambitious to get ahead in the world, begin by saving a part of your regular earnings, for money paves the way to the desirable things of life.

Start an account with us this week and add to it every pay day. Soon you will have enough to buy property, take a desired trip, send your son to college or make profitable investments.

Multiply your money in our care.

AURORA STATE BANK



LETTERS from our boys in the trenches and from the women in canteen and other war work, all bring to us the same message—SEND US NEWS FROM HOME.

World news is all right, but OUR BOYS want NEWS OF THIS TOWN. They want the home newspaper. Publishers are prevented from sending their papers free to anyone, even boys in the service. Consequently a national movement has been started by Col. William Boyce Thompson of New York, who is acting as President of the Home Paper Service of America to give the boys what they are calling for. Every community is joining the movement. Let us see that our boys are not forgotten.

Send to the publisher of this newspaper whatever amount of money you can—5 cents or \$50.00. We will publish a list each week of those contributing, and the amounts contributed.

Every cent received will be used to send this paper to our boys at the front. If at the end of the war, there is any surplus, it will be turned over to the local Red Cross Committee.

There is no profit in this to the publisher—even in normal times, subscriptions are not sold at a profit. With war prices prevailing, and the high rate of postage on papers sent to France, our cost will scarcely be covered by our full subscription price.

Remember that over in France, some brave soldier or sailor from this town—perhaps even some splendid woman working within sound of the guns—is depending on you to "KEEP THE HOME LOVE KINDLED."

They are calling to YOU from "Over There"
GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

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U & I Restaurant

Hot Lunches and Sandwiches

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MARRY—Thousands lonely, congenial members, worth \$50,000 up, will marry. Descriptions FREE. Ralph Hyde, San Francisco, Cal.

Hunting Notices—50c dozen, or 5 cents each. Post your premises and keep out those hunters and their dogs that injure and annoy.