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### PATRIOTIC ECONOMY

The necessity for patriotic economy will be evident if we think of finance in terms of labor instead of in dollars. We have natural resources and we have capital invested in the tools of production, but even with these facilities our productive capacity is limited by the supply of labor. By labor we mean the personal service, whether of brain or of brawn, of the forty millions of us who are engaged in gainful occupation.

To carry on the war we shall spend at least twelve billion dollars per year, or thirty-three million dollars per day. This is as much as Great Britain is spending and fifty per cent more than Germany is spending, and the figures are so huge that few of us appreciate what they really mean.

Europe is already so deeply in debt that she may never be able to pay, and we are on the road to the same condition. Balance of trade statistics indicate that we have made an extra profit from foreign business since 1914 of five billion dollars, or about two billion dollars per year. The effect of this in enriching the country is suggestive of the result of three years of impoverishment at the rate of eight billion dollars.

Our normal annual savings are about four billion dollars, and not only will our war expenditure absorb all of these savings, but we must find eight billion dollars in addition. During the past three years our present allies have obtained much assistance from us, but as there is no country to whom we can turn we must carry our burden alone.

Our savings go into public and private improvements, including the extension of business enterprises. These savings will not be available for war until we stop federal, state, municipal and private improvements; until we forbid all issue of securities except under federal license, following the example whereby England reduced the issue of industrial securities from \$468,000,000 in the first half of 1914 to \$11,000,000 in the same period of 1917.

The danger of a food famine has been brought home to us and we are making a real effort to reduce consumption, though our efforts to increase production are being seriously handicapped by the high price of labor.

Immediately after war was declared the President warned the country that everyone should produce more and consume less. The idea that business was to be suddenly reduced by a wave of economy was a shock to business men and the cry "business as usual" was spread over the country and caused the President's appeal to be forgotten. Not only are people spending as usual, but many conscientiously believe it their duty so to do.

Every dollar spent means the consumption of labor. We shall not be far wrong if we say that ever four dollars spent consumes a day's labor, and that every twelve hundred dollars spent consumes a year's labor. A war expenditure of twelve billion dollars will consume the labor of ten million people; twenty-five per cent of our total labor supply. This added demand comes during the greatest labor famine in our history, which has increased commodity prices eighty-five per cent since 1914.

We have reached a point where the increasing demand reduces the efficiency of labor and thereby reduces the supply and we are facing a further rise in commodity prices, perhaps to exceed present conditions in England, where prices are up one hundred and twenty per cent.

The most effective remedy is to decrease consumption, and it is imperative that every one should make a drastic reduction in personal expenditures. The example must be set by the rich, but every man, woman and child must be drawn into the movement until patriotic economy becomes the greatest fad the country has ever known.

Our young men who try to avoid military service are "slackers." Every one of us who will not economize to help the war is a "slacker." Who will fail to spend less when he realizes that every four dollars saved is a day's labor contributed to the war? It is not a question whether your income justifies an expenditure, but whether the country can afford to let you spend.

Even to prevent hardship we have no right to spend to keep people in their usual employment, for only by a process of readjustment can we obtain the labor necessary for the war. We

cannot increase supply, but we can so reduce demand that the available supply shall meet our needs and so keep prices within bounds.

With two million men in cantonments or in tents there are houses enough for the rest of us. We can reduce the famine in wool and cotton by wearing our old clothes. We can use automobiles less freely and save gasoline. We can reduce the number of our servants and let our wives and daughters do more of the work. We can do away with the wastefulness of charity entertainments if we go less to the theatre and give the money saved to charity.

The real horrors in Europe are not on the firing line, but amongst the civil population, who are pinched for the necessities of life and in many cases dying of starvation. If each one of us is not willing to make sacrifices for the war, Germany was right when she characterized us as a "Nation of Slackers."

—Everett Morss.

### Classified Ads

For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

**WANTED**—Middle aged lady to keep house. Apply to D. W. Nealy, Marcola, Oregon. Box 52.

**FOUND**—Taupe colored kid glove at Eighth and Main. Owner may have same by calling at the News office and paying for this ad.

**WANTED**—A fresh cow and some young brood sows. Nicholas Meier Springfield Route No. 2

**WANTED**—To borrow \$500 on good Springfield residence property. Inquire at the News office.

**WANTED**—Maple and ash pla bits, cut 50 inches long and from 10 to 20 inches thick. Over 20 inches split in half. Must be clear, sound and straight grain. See the **SPRINGFIELD PLANING MILL COMPANY**.

**LEARN MUSIC AT HOME!**  
 Lessons Free—New Method—Learn to Play By Note—Piano, Organ, Violin, Banjo, Mandolin, Cornet, Harp, Cello, Guitar, Piccolo, Clarinet, Trombone, Flute or to sing. Special Limited Offer of free weekly lessons. You pay only for music and postage, which is small. Money back guarantee. No extras. Beginners or advanced pupils. Everything illustrated, plain, simple, systematic. Free lectures each course. 16 years' success. Start at once. Write for Free booklet to day—Now. U. S. School of Music, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

### SON ON WAY TO ENGLAND

Clarence Hill, S. H. S. Graduate, Leaves With Aereo Squadron

Clarence Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hill, of Springfield, writes that he is on his way to England with a section of the aereo division of the army. He was to have gone two weeks ago but lack of transportation caused the delay. He is a graduate of Springfield High school with the class of 1916 and taught in the Camp Creek schools prior to his enlistment last spring. At the time he was ordered to move to England he was stationed at Fort Worth, Texas.

### Will Furnish Kitchen

Thursday afternoon the Willing Workers of the Christian church will give a kitchen shower in the church parlors. This is to provide kitchen utensils for the new kitchen. Light refreshments will be served.

### Are Your Sewers Clogged?

The bowels are the sewerage system of the body. You can well imagine the result when they are stopped up as is the case in constipation. As a purgative you will find Chamberlain's Tablets excellent. They are mild and gentle in their action. They also improve the digestion.

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County on the 26th day of December 1917, in a suit wherein the plaintiff, K. I. Stowell recovered judgment against the defendants M. M. Thornton and Emily B. Thornton, for the sum of \$347.50 with interest thereon from the 15th day of November, 1917, at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, and thirty five and no-100 dollars attorney fees and the further sum of fourteen and 40-100 dollars costs, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of said court in said county on the 15th day of December, 1917, and said execution to me directed commanding me in the name of the State of Oregon in order to satisfy said judgment, attorney fees, costs and accruing costs to sell the following described real property to-wit: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter (N. E. ¼) of Section twenty-three (23) Township twenty (20) South of Range four (4) West, thence running south twenty two (22) rods to the center of the County road, thence in a Northeastly direction along the center of said county road to a point on the Section line sixty six (66) rods East of the Northwest corner of Section twenty three (23) Township twenty (20) South of Range four (4) West, Lane County Oregon. Now, therefore, in the name of the State of Oregon, and in compliance with said Execution and order of sale, and in order to satisfy said judgment, attorney fees, costs and accruing costs I will on Saturday, the 2nd day of Feb. 1918, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. on said day, at the Southwest door of the County Courthouse at Eugene, Lane County, Oregon, offer for sale and sell, subject to redemption, all the right, title and interest of the Defendants M. M. Thornton, Emily B. Thornton, Edward T. Haugeberg and Ethel O. Haugeberg and all persons claiming by, through or under them or any of them in and to the above described real property. J. C. PARKER, Sheriff of Lane County, Oregon. By D. A. Elkins, Deputy. Dec. 31, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28.

### Visits Parents Here

Lillian Mulligan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mulligan, of this city returned to Portland where she is employed as stenographer at the Marshall Wells company, yesterday after a few days spent at home. She came home to attend the funeral of Fern Sidwell and to visit with her brother, Ray Mulligan, who was here from San Antonio, Texas for the funeral.

### Jack Littell Leaves

Jack Littell, internal revenue officer, who has been in the county for the past few weeks to assist the citizens in making out their income tax reports, returned to Portland Friday. He is a brother of Mrs. E. G. Sutton, and Mrs. E. E. Morrison, both of Springfield.

### Brother-in-Law Dies in Portland

J. W. Coffin last week received the news of the death of his brother-in-law, Captain W. S. Powell, at the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland. Captain Powell is a veteran of the Civil War and an old pioneer of the West. He was 85 years of age. The funeral was held Saturday in that city.

### Returns From Portland

Vin Williams returned last week from Portland, where he has been employed in the ship yards for some time. There are 5000 idle men in Portland, he says, and anyone who is contemplating going there had better keep their job here.

### Increase Stock \$50,000

The Eugene Fruit Growers' association at its annual meeting held Saturday voted to increase the capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The business has outgrown the present capitalization. Officers of the last year were reelected as follows: President, M. H. Harlow; vice president, J. Beebe; secretary manager, J. O. Holt; treasurer, United States National bank.

### Is 12 Below in North Carolina

S. G. Spicer, of Marcola, who is visiting in North Carolina has written to his father-in-law, N. W. Gay, of this city telling of the extreme cold weather which they are experiencing in that section. It was 12 degrees below zero at the time his letter was written.

### Glenwood Team Wins

The Glenwood School ball team met the Goshen team on Saturday afternoon at Goshen, resulting in an 8-11 victory for Glenwood. The Glenwood boys were backed by an enthusiastic crowd of rooters from Glenwood. The young folks were chaperoned by Miss Grace Male.

### Orio Nettleton Now at Depot

Orio Nettleton, for a number of years employed as mail clerk at the Springfield post-office, has resigned his position there and commenced work Friday morning as warehouseman at the Southern Pacific depot. He is taking the place of Calvin Bosserman.

**The Careful man avoids this road, he puts his money in the Bank**

**HOW CAN A CAREFUL MAN ALLOW HIMSELF TO DRIFT INTO DEBT? DEBT IS AS DANGEROUS AS A DISEASE. IT IS A DISEASE!**

**A FLY ON A PIECE OF FLY PAPER SOMETIMES FREES HIMSELF WHEN HE IS ONLY ON THE EDGE BUT "DEBT" IS A MONSTER THAT IS HARD TO GET FREE FROM.**

**IT IS SO EASY TO "CHARGE IT." DON'T DO IT PUT A LITTLE MONEY IN THE BANK INSTEAD.**

**BANK WITH US**

**THE 96-223 First National Bank of Springfield, Oregon**

# WOLF & MILLER

Announce that Saturday, the first day of the sale was fine and all that we expected. Our goods are selling like hot cakes.

Come and get a bargain while you have a large stock to choose from. We do not want this sale to stop or even slow down until the stock is greatly reduced.

## Wolf & Miller

Men's Clothing  
 Men's, Boys', Women's and Children's Shoes

## SEND YOUR MESSAGE

To the world in a dress that will command respectful attention. Every piece of printed matter you send out must have distinction and character or be lost in the crowd. Our printers will give it the "air" that wins a hearing for the message, and our facilities and skill keep the cost at a moderate mark. Phone us for our messenger.

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