



### THE FORUM Where Every One Has His Say

La Grande, Jan. 8.—(To the Editor)—I notice in the Observer some time ago something about the war supplies which the United States has shipped out to France and England, and also the number of horses sent. As far as I can remember, in the beginning of the European war the United States declared themselves neutral, strictly neutral. But I can't see the neutrality so far.

I remember the Russian, Prussian, Austrian and the Poland wars and also the war with Denmark in 1864-65 and also the war in 1866. Austria begged Napoleon to come and help but Napoleon said, "No, I am neutral, I can not come."

Never before in history have I learned that any neutral nation what ever has furnished war materials to a warring nation. England did not to Germany in 1870 and 1871. Are we the great nation of America? Such great hypocrites that we hand the knife to France and England and tell them to kill and murder a nation which has been our best friend? What has Germany done to us, that we should treat her so mean? Our great President Wilson (Peace Loving) urges national prayers for peace abroad while the manufacturers of war material are busy filling orders

for ammunition for England, France and Japan. They have orders for 18 months ahead.

I think we better keep our war material at home for we don't know how soon we may need it. Did Germany aid Spain against America! Also I see many Americans are anxious to adopt parentless Belgian children. We have thousands and thousands of poor orphans in this country waiting for a good home. We may help them over there but do no import any more. I have been a citizen of this country over 32 years and am a true citizen. I would not furnish five cents worth of war material to any warfaring nation of Europe.

CHRIST EBERHARD.

#### The Gist of It.

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Metcalf, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

#### ED AND HIS WIFE.

Ed O. Payton a city carrier at the La Grande postoffice, has a brother who is poetically inclined, and post-office employes have been having heaps of sport the past few days reading a poem written by Mr. Payton's brother—back east. Here it is: Ed and his wife they grew discontented,

With making small sums on farms which they rented.

The Illinois weather too, kind o' discouraged 'em

They received some literature which kind o' encouraged 'em,

And so to Oregon, they decided to go,

They asked their parents, they said no! no!

Ed was self-willed and Essie was too

So I knew they would go, and their folks did too.

And, go they did, one bright April morn,

Before it was time to commence planting corn.

They went by the route of the "Union Pacific"

But before they arrived they got kind o' homesick.

They went through "Chicago" and "Omaha" too,

They saw all the sights, that one would care to.

They passed through "Granger" and

"Old Cheyenne" And journeyed on till they came to "La Grande."

It seemed a good place, to make their abode,

So they, very quickly, their things did unload.

They found a house, they could rent very cheap,

And they moved into it, the very next week.

Eddie began work by doing "odd jobs"

Such as hauling wood or carrying cobs.

He liked not the work, nor the salary either,

For he wanted work, that was very much easier.

Fuel was high, and groceries were too.

And Edward Orestus he got mighty blue

And I don't blame him, much, now do you?

But Edward was gritty, he got up and dug,

And before very long, was appointed a "sub".

This was much better than carrying cobs,

He gradually rose, by leaps and bobs.

Till a postoffice clerk he got to be,

And now they live way up in "G."

—Jimmy Punkinseed Longfeller.

### BANNER EVENT STAGED

#### OVER 200 ATTEND WOODMAN CELEBRATION.

Splendid Drills, Speeches, Songs and Supper Are Features.

Two hundred and fifty Woodmen, Royal Neighbors and friends of each, were assembled last evening at the biggest function these two orders have had in La Grande for over 13 years. Joint installation, special drill, musical numbers, readings, speeches and an oyster supper made up the program of events. The Knights of Pythias hall was far too small to seat all and many stood up in the corridors and waiting rooms unable to see the proceedings.

The new Woodmen of America officers were installed by District Deputy Bert Oakman as the opening of the ceremonial. Following that the Royal Neighbors were installed by Mrs. Bert Oakman, past deputy grand oracle of the order. A big feature of the Neighbors' installation was a splendid drill team of women which materially assisted. After the installation of both sets of officials, the Royal Neighbors and the Woodmen drill teams jointly did a half-hour series of intricate drills, much to the satisfaction of the guests.

The Woodmen male chorus of 12 voices sang several selections; Rev. G. L. Clark of the Presbyterian church spoke briefly to the assembly; Mr. Oakman spoke about Woodman and Royal Neighbor affairs; Mrs. Oakman read a paper on Woodcraft; Mrs. Samuel Wright gave a reading; E. S. Norris spoke briefly, and then came the oyster supper.

All in all it was a splendid night for Woodcraft and reflects great credit on those who had it in charge and also reflects the extent to which the lodges have grown.

The coming of the state camp to La Grande in 1917 has done much to enthuse the membership of both orders here and by the time the big convention takes place, La Grande will have an assemblage of Woodmen sufficiently big to properly handle the entertainment of the visitors.

#### Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual meeting of the Stockholders of La Grande National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 1915, at 2 o'clock p. m., at their banking house in La Grande, Oregon. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1915, and until their successors are elected and qualify, and such other business will be transacted, as may properly come before said meeting.

F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.

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### Want Ads.

YEARS AGO the crier announced the auction sale—then came the hand bills, and their "hit or miss" results—today the effective way is the Want Ads—they hit the mark. That's what counts.

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—Adv.

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