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PREDICTIONS OF PROSPERITY.

"America faces a future that is simply amazing in its possibilities. If every American from this time on practices economy and saves money, this nation must become the dominating financial power of the world, and will soon enter upon its greatest period of prosperity, of expansion and business activity."—Los Angeles Trust & Savings Bank.

"If the country does not take advantage of the opportunities now opening to it, it will be due entirely to the timidity of American business men. But American business is not timid, and therefore it seems doubtful whether anyone could exaggerate the roscate view of the future."—Corn Exchange National Bank, Philadelphia.

"No other people are so well prepared to meet this emergency as our own. We have a large surplus of exportable farm products and prices are so high as to induce the farmer to redouble his efforts and seed every available acre; nearly all can plant a few more acres than last year or the year before; nearly all can work a little harder under the stimulus of dollar wheat and correspondingly attractive prices for other products."—George M. Reynolds, President of Chicago's largest bank.

Had you noticed any of La Grande's business men being reduced in flesh? If so, that is due to the gym classes in the Y. M. C. A. F. L. Meyers is developing the Jack Johnson jab and many are playing him for the White Hope of the Northwest. He has nothing to learn in the art—merely brightening up what he has known for years.

The Extension Course team of instructors from O. A. C., has circled the valley, and to the surprise of many has had remarkable interest taken in the work and good sized crowds out to hear every number. When it is all summed up and balance struck the crying need of the Grande Round valley is smaller farms with resident ranchers, more cows and more hogs.

Today the colts are frisking up and down the streets of Imbler telling the story of prosperity on the farm. The frisky colt makes the sturdy Grande Rode horse, a fact we can prove by Sam Brooks who knows a good colt better than an Indiana voter knows a two dollar bill on election day.

The police force dog has shown himself to be just a dog, after all. He matched a fight with a rural canine right in front of the police station and after a few minutes fighting by log-

gers rules the event was called a draw. Only a few more days of the legislative session. Some say but little has been done and complain about it. But we can see no room for complaint. There was not much that needed to be done.

The first month's existence of La Grande's associated charities has proven the wisdom of its organization, and the following months will only increase that proof.

The new autos for 1915 are now arriving. You can take your choice of a four, six or eight cylinder, but the two-cylinders are all out.

Are you going to Portland with La Grande merchants tomorrow? It will be a fine trip and there is a good time in store for all who will go.

More snow means more water for La Grande next summer and more wheat in the valley.

The Elks building continues to assume mighty pretty proportions and handsome lines.

Another invoice of beautiful snow—beneficial snow—welcome snow.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Next Tuesday evening United Artisans will have a box social at their hall. All members are urged to bring a friend and each lady will bring a basket filled with fool for two.

Mrs. J. K. Wright entertained her Sunday school class at a Valentine party Friday evening. The rooms were prettily decorated with hearts and cupid.

Mrs. W. R. Jones was hostess for the Five Hundred club at its present week meeting, and Mrs. Gertrude Swaney scored highest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tuckey entertained the Jolly club this week. At cards first prize went to W. B. Bach.

Mrs. Turner Oliver is to be hostess at the Friday afternoon meeting of the Kaffe Klatch next Friday.

Mrs. J. G. Snodgrass entertained Billiken club Thursday afternoon.

We wish to announce to the piano and player piano owners of La Grande for a few days. Now is a good time to have your piano tuned, this is the right time of the year and Mr. West is a man whose work we positively guarantee in every respect. His time here will be limited and we suggest that you leave your order for tuning and regulating at once at Eiler's Piano Exhibit, West-Jacobson Bldg.

Tom Boylen, well known Pendleton boy who is in his senior year at the University of Oregon, was yesterday chosen captain of the basketball team of that institution. Boylen has been playing at guard on the team for several years and has been one of the most consistent players in the college. He has also made good in other

Taken to the Hospital.

C. E. Bean, of Hall's store, was taken to La Grande hospital Wednesday to undergo an operation for rupture, having been attacked that day while going home. Many friends hope for his early recovery.—Union Republican.

FOR RENT—Four room house furnished complete; bath, toilet, electric lights; close in. Phone, Black 471. 2-13-15.

FORUM

Let it be known to all the world and let the knowledge strike deep into the hearts of mankind, that Socialism is opposed to all military wars. Socialists keenly feel the horrors and the depths of degradation and want into which a nation sinks which practices the game, that the time is now at hand when those who believe in peace and a righteous civilization must speak out against this monster and evil into which Europe has been plunged, in such terms as will save our own country from similar fate, and where as:

There are war agencies now at work in our legislative halls at Washington, if not opposed will gradually make of this nation a military government, and where as:

It has been proven that a military government must be supported by a large standing army and navy, which by no means is a guarantee of permanent peace, and where as:

1st. That Socialist recognize only one law of right to war, the law of self defence. That whenever our country is attacked by hostile forces, then, and then only is it our unbounded duty to defend our home and family.

2nd. That we recognize the fact that aggressive military wars are brought on by the capitalist and commercial class, for markets and profits, but which class never do the fighting, while the working and useful class stands all losses and degradation, which war entails to the undoing of any nation which practices it.

3rd. Therefore, we make it known that should this nation be drawn into an aggressive war we will refuse to enlist, and if conscripted will turn our guns upon the recruiting officers, rather than upon our comrades, our fellow workers of any clime.

4th. We call upon the working class to so educate themselves in the causes and results of war that when the profit mongers and jingo press and politicians cry out for war, that they may answer them with a twentieth century intelligence.

5th. We also call upon all lovers of peace and good will in this time of peril, to demand of the United States congress, to pass Allan L. Benson's war referendum measure, proposing an amendment to the National Constitution, providing that offensive wars shall be decided only by direct vote of the people.

6th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President and a copy to our Congressman and to the La Grande newspaper and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of our Socialist local. (Signed.) Committee for La Grande Local No. 1.

H. W. HOLTZ, M. M. MARQUIR, W. S. WALLACE, Chairman.

Dean for Girls in High Schools: Denver, Feb. 13:—To off-set the tendency of High School girls to wear the blouses cut out too low in their skirts too short and their hair too high, a Denver teacher believes a dean for girls should be provided for every high school. The teacher is Miss B. Schmitz.

Mothers to a certain extent lose control and confidence in their daughters after they have reached the high school age, said Mrs. Schmitz today. A motherly woman who understands how to deal with growing girls should be placed in each high school to advise the young women. The tight skirt and the split skirt and other evils have appeared. The girls are beginning their skirts too short, their hair too high and their blouses too low in the neck. If mothers fail to detect these as well as other offensive things, there should be a woman provided by the school board to help the girls along.

Advertised Letters. List of letters remaining unclaimed in this office for the week ending Feb. 12th, 1915.

Gentlemen. Clark, Mr. Jacob; Houghton Jack; La Grande Hotel; McAllister, Charles; Miller, Joe; Mayes, Chas.; Sloan, Tom; Savage, Randal; Sullivan, Dan; Thomas, Jimmie; Wallace, E. B. R.; Weiland, W. F. & Co.

Ladies. Fiske, Miss Katie; Davis, Mrs. L. H.; Hayes, Miss Laura. These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on Feb. 26, 1915. If not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say "Advertised" giving date of list. E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

Death of John E. Sommers. John E. Sommers died at Carson, Nevada, January 14, 1915. The body has been placed in a receiving vault and will be transferred to Union by his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Mitchem, of Long Beach, California, in April or

WHAT'S NEW --- is coming in fast. Every express from New York brings new Spring wearables. We cordially invite your inspection. NEW SUITS AND COATS, CLEVER NEW NECKWEAR, NEW SKIRTS AND DRESSES, NEW SPRING SHOES. Economize Now At This Remodeling and February Cleanup Sale. Unheard of bargains in the ladies' Ready-to-Wear departments. Entire line Men's Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Mackinaws, Flannel Shirts, Boys' Suits, Hats, etc., now at Remodeling Prices well worth your while—Extremely low prices on surplus stocks odds and ends dress goods, etc. Also Now in Accord With the Season "Our White Season Sale" Offers rare savings and economies. Entire line of new Undermuslines, New Spring Embroideries, New Spring White Wash Goods NOW AT WHITE SALE REDUCTIONS. New Spring White Wash Goods includes embroidered voiles, crepe voiles, lace voiles, Oxfords, stripe and check crepes, rice cloths, swisses, piques, repps, Persian lawns, mercerized batiste, Sylvia lawns, organdies, checked dimities, India linons, nainsooks, long cloths. Entire line of dress trimmings and feather marabou reduced. Beautify Your Home Now-- All draperies and curtain materials at remodeling and February Clean Up Prices. Buy your Spring housecleaning curtain needs now at Big Savings—Here you will find materials of good quality and the styles and patterns are new and of the kind that people want now. Cretones 8c to 30c; scrims 13c up; Sunfast Irrescent draperies 43c to 85c; lace curtains reduced 20 per cent. N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE. March Designers and Free Fashion sheets now here.

PIANO EXHIBIT SOON TO CLOSE

To those who have not yet inspected the many beautiful pianos and player pianos at the big Eiler's Exhibit, we want to urge you again to be sure and see this piano exhibit before it leaves. Only a few more days and the exhibit closes, now surely is the time to investigate the offers we are making on high grade pianos and player pianos. We have already sold in La Grande and vicinity, during this exhibit, more fine pianos and player pianos than have been sold in La Grande during the last year, many music-lovers and people who understand piano quality are taking advantage of the exhibit prices and the low terms. If you have no piano and will need one within the next five years, you should by all means come in at once and examine the many new 1915 models, latest invention pianos, because never before and no doubt never again will there be an exhibit right here in La Grande such a display as this of the nation's foremost make of fine pianos, then you must learn the prices at which these pianos are being sold.

Apples to Kansas. Ed Hall this week packed out a car of apples for the Kansas market, and is feeling pretty good over it. The sale of apples of the 1914 crop has been very slow, much of the crop going out to the hogs.—Union Republican.

Registered Saddler for Union. A. L. Haynes this week accompanied a car of livestock to Portland, and on the return trip will bring to Union a fine saddle mare consigned to G. S. Levy. This animal is Kentucky-bred and registered and will make a valuable addition to the livestock of this section.—Union Republican.

ing sold and the easy terms too will surprise you. To those who have a piano which is used but little we request that you come in and examine the most successful makes of player pianos ever shown, including the New Exposition models of the marvelous Autopiano, the new models of the now so popular Bungalow player pianos, the new invention professional service Smith & Barnes and several others. We offer to take as part payment on any of these new pianos and player pianos any used piano or organ and allow for its full value, the balance may be paid as best suits your convenience. Never have terms been so easy! Again we say don't fail to call before this Exhibit closes. Eiler's Music House, Exhibit closed. Eiler's Music House, Exhibit closed.—New West-Jacobson Bldg.—Adv.

A BIGGER army an' a navy ain't any likelier to spread the "war germ" in this country than mo' doctors are to make mo' sick folks. Peace and content radiate from a pipe of VELVET, The Smoothest Smoking Tobacco. This Kentucky Burley de Luxe with the aged-in-the-wood mellowness gives all the slow burning satisfaction usually associated with "strong" tobacco. Yet VELVET is the coolest and mildest of smokes. VELVET TOBACCO. Leggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK. Capital \$200,000.00 Resources \$1,000,000.00 Surplus \$50,000.00. OFFICERS:— Fred J. Holmes, President C. C. Penington, V.-Pres. F. L. Meyers, Cashier Earl Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Ass't Cashiers. DIRECTORS: Fred J. Holmes A. T. Hill H. E. Coolidge C. C. Penington J. F. Conley A. Blockland F. L. Meyers J. G. Snodgrass H. S. Brownton. What This Bank Aims to Do To promote our customers' interests as we would our own; To do all we can to make their relations here profitable and agreeable to them; To contribute to their enterprises, the co-operation, foresight and timely assistance which a good Bank can properly bestow.