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AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride, From every mountain-side Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of thy noble free,— Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and temple hills; My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break,— The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee I sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God our King.

"IN THE DAYS OF BILL ARNOLD"

All the older people will remember Bill Arnold, once county commissioner, politician, saw-mill man, horse dealer and rancher of Union county.

Bill was back a few days ago to testify in the damage suit in Judge Knowles' court, where timber is alleged to have been destroyed.

And while here Bill and Walter Pierce and Frank McCully, of Joseph, happened to meet. Three old timers, they are, of the plunger period.

"Do you remember," said Bill to his companions, "in those good old days when any of us could go to an Eastern Oregon bank and get \$50,000 with more ease than we can now get \$5,000."

"Do we remember it," remarked Frank and Walter, "well we guess we do—ah, those were the good old times."

And thus the conversation drifted to the big promotion deals of fifteen years ago, when any man who could show he was capable was given no limit of credit.

"But," said M. McCully, "there are more people here now and credit

must be cut up into pieces in order that it may go around, which is as it should be."

"Yes," said Walter, "guess you are right, Frank, but wouldn't it be fine to have five years of those good old times when there was a chance to make big money?"

And old Bill Arnold lighted a fresh one, explained how to tell the age of a tree that has been standing in an Eastern Oregon forest since Columbus' time, and then closed the visit of the three by saying:

"Boys, we were off wrong. We thought we were smart when we made it in chunks, and we did make it often in chunks. But we overlooked the fellow who was pulling the grade of intermediate, while we were running on high. That fellow stuck to 8 per cent and got it regularly, year in and year out. He came up on intermediate gear, and we laughed at him, didn't we? But he passed us on the long grade of life, and he's going on and has plenty of gasoline. If I had my life to live over again I would only recognize three words in the language—eight per cent."

GEMS FROM BIBLE

MECAH 4:1-5

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it.

For all the people will walk every one in the name of his God, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

WREN AND CODES

It is always an interesting experiment when somebody tries to teach the young idea how to shoot by written precept. The quaint belief that children can be taught ethics and morals by prize mottoes hung on the wall probably will never wholly die.

Just now it is the National Institution for Moral Instruction that has offered a prize of \$5,000 to the writer of what shall be judged the best code suitable for such framing and hanging. Under this spur doubtless many excellent variations of the "Dare to do right" and the "Truth crushed to earth" teaching will be forthcoming. And it will be well. But it is comforting to reflect that in thousands of homes where the prize code will never be seen nor heard of good mothers, and perhaps unlettered, with right instincts, patient admonition and a handy switch will be rearing children in the paths of righteousness and duty faultlessly

charted by the human heart long before codes or prizes were invented.

The National Institution for Moral Instruction probably has a headquarters somewhere in a brick or stone building, but there is an older institution of like character and better that exists in every human breast whose teaching is not by word or none.

May girls take jobs at the cigar stands under the impression that all they will have to do will be to sell cigars.—Kansas City Star.

If you are poor and nobody you are "sick" or "getting well." But if you are rich and somebody you are "indisposed" or "recuperating."—Macon News.

Uncle Joe Cannon says he is a pacifist, "but is not a darn fool on the subject." Then he is not a real pacifist.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Guaranteed Blood Purifier.

If you need a tonic, a system builder, something to restore ambition, strength and "wind" use Rexall's Sarsaparilla tonic. We guarantee it to overcome the things that have drained your vitality, to put your blood in shape and repair the waste, and bring back the healthy functions of every organ—or your money back. Don't put it off, thinking you will feel better in a few days. Be on the safe and healthy side by at once taking our advice and advantage of our guarantee. 132 doses for \$1.00.—Putman's Drug Store.—Adv.

HINTS FOR SUNDAY DINNER

The principal addition to the list of fresh vegetables for this week is some very fancy California asparagus selling at 25 cents a pound. It will be but a short time before dealers will have green beans, green peppers and egg-plant and tomatoes, and cucumbers will also be plentiful. One dealer said today: "You will find an extra fine lot of Brussels sprouts this week selling for 15 cents a pound, two pounds for 25 cents. Artichokes selling at 15 cents a piece, radishes at 5 cents a bunch and green onions three bunches for 10 cents. Hot-house and head lettuce at their usual prices, celery, turnips and cauliflower. You will find the following receipt a most delicious way to prepare the cauliflower:

Break the cauliflower quite fine and cook until tender in salted water. Make a cream sauce of one tablespoonful of butter, two tablespoons full of flour and one cup of milk. Arrange cauliflower in alternate layers with white sauce and grated cheese in a buttered baking dish and sprinkle top with grated cheese and bread crumbs. Bake for twenty minutes in a moderately hot oven.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

E. C. Davis, the marble dealer, was a passenger on today's train for Joseph where he has some business to look after.

G. A. Seibird, editor of the Union Republican, is over today to circulate among his patrons on this side of the valley.

FOR SALE—Business. Good stock new and second hand goods cheap, including horse, wagon and harness.—1114 Jefferson ave. 3-11-16

FOR SALE—W. Leghorn roosters, \$1. \$1.50 each. Eggs for hatching \$1.00 per 15. M. A. Wells, Phone Farmers 18x5. 3-11-16

C. L. Forbes, representative of the Grande Ronds Meat company, left today to look after business in Union and Cove.

W. J. Henry, publisher of the Recorder, returned to his home in Elgin today after attending to some business matters in La Grande.



Our Spring 'GORDONS' & 'STETSONS' Have Captured the Town

THESE FAMOUS HATS ARE MORE THAN EVER IN DEMAND. YOUNG MEN AND THEIR YOUTHFUL-SPIRITED ELDERS HAVE TAKEN A GREAT FANCY TO THE NEW STETSON AND GORDON HATS WHICH WE ARE NOW SHOWING.



And there is one great advantage in buying a Spring Hat here—for Stetson and Gordon hats have quality-to-the-last-stitch that has proven itself in the wear through dozens of years of hat making.

Store service here to match the hats—in courtesy, promptness, largest variety, and a personal interest in your patronage.

GORDONS \$3.00, STETSONS \$4.00

Also---There's a Lot of Mighty Good Hirsh-Wickwire Suits Here Ready for Spring Buyers.

Better get one of 'em around you—they've got that Spring feeling. Its the new fabrics—the new colorings—the thorough tailoring—their faultless fitting—that has put Hirsh-Wickwire Suits at the head of their class. Priced \$20, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50

Also, for the Man who Wants Something Good in a Suit at \$15.00

We've got some unusual values for him—New Patterns just received—100 per cent pure wool or worsted—smart colors and styles—all sizes, also. Stouts \$15.00

N. K. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

SHERRY'S OFFERING TOMORROW

VILLI VILLI IN "HER DEBT OF HONOR"



ONE FROM "HER DEBT OF HONOR"

"Her Debt of Honor," a five part photodramatic production with Villi Villi, the gifted English actress, in the stellar role, will be the next release on the Metro program. It will be shown at Sherry's on Sunday only.

"The Columbia Pictures Corporation produced this picture for Metro. It is a novel story, thrilling and surprising, and written and directed by William Nigh, who also directed the Metro feature photoplays, "Emmy of Stork's Nest" and "A Yellow Streak." Mr. Nigh also appears in the cast, which is an unusually strong one, including Frank Bacon, John

Goldsworthy, William Davidson, R. A. Brasco, David Thompson, Jean Hume, Mrs. Maudie Brundage and other stage and screen artists.

I wonder if the B. B. Family restaurant serves noodles? Certainly they do the very best, in La Grande.

ADDITIONAL SOCIETY.

Members of the businessmen's class of the Y. M. C. A. enjoyed a social evening last night at the "Y" beginning with dinner shortly after 5 o'clock, and ending with a volley ball game between a picked team at a later hour. Speeches of members, music by the Henline orchestra, and some readings by various members made up the program. About 30 couples attended.

The regular meeting of the Neighborhood club will be held in the club room Tuesday March 14. The program will be:

The turnaway, Mrs. E. Polack; Weighing the ore (A pageant), Mrs. George Palmer; Irish melodies, Mrs. P. A. Robins.

Members are urged not to overload this meeting as it will be a very interesting one.

Tuesday afternoon the D. D. club met with Mrs. C. A. Edwards. Sewing and refreshments were the order of the day. "D. D." signifies in its fullest sense, wives of Doctors of divinity not some other classes that the initials might symbolize.

Monday evening the U. & I. club

met for the first time in several weeks. The dance was held at Rex hall, and though the number out was comparatively small, all had a very pleasant time.

Miss Dorothy Krouse daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Krouse, celebrated the eleventh anniversary of her birthday Thursday afternoon by entertaining a few of her friends at games and play, following that with refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Frees entertained Wednesday evening to a few intimate friends at card. Honors went to Miss Ruth Russel. An attractive color scheme for decoration prevailed. Refreshments were served by the hostess at a suitable hour, to the guests who numbered 12.

The Hachlen Embroidery club was pleasantly entertained Wednesday by Mrs. O. L. Wall at her home on East Adams avenue.

Miss Margaret Kirk was a pleasant hostess to the afternoon division of Kaffee Klatch yesterday afternoon at the William Miller home. There will be no session next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thiesen entertained the Monday Bridge club at their home this week. High score was attained by Ray W. Logan.

Mrs. M. B. Donohue graciously entertained the Thursday Auction club this week. Mrs. Jay Van Buren scored highest at bridge.

Advertisement for La Grande National Bank. Text: 'After a Careful man has worked hard for his money he puts it into the Bank. Your money is safe when it is in Our Bank. WHO GETS THE MONEY YOU EARN? DO YOU GET IT, OR DOES SOMEBODY ELSE WHO DOES NOT EARN IT. YOUR "EARNING POWER" CANNOT LAST ALWAYS. WHILE YOU ARE MAKING MONEY BANK IT AND BE FIXED FOR OLD AGE? JUST DO A LITTLE THINKING. BANK WITH US: WE PAY 4 PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME DEPOSITS. La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON. Capital \$200,000.00, Surplus \$50,000.00, Resources \$1,000,000.00. Fred J. Holmes, President; C. C. Pennington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zandel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS: Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. P. Conley, C. C. Pennington, H. B. Bragerton, F. L. Meyers, A. Hokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.'

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