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THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

O, say can you see by the dawn's early light What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the clouds of the fight O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming! And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there; O! say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

A QUESTION.

In connection with the submarine controversy, which is working itself down to the fine points of what will eventually be recognized as a modified international code, there arises a question as to how an attacking submarine is to know whether its prospective quarry is armed or not. A gun of sufficient size to sink a submarine could easily be stowed away on a freighter and mounted outside of a natural port and in such a position between decks as to be in-

visible from the periscope or conning tower of a submarine. One well directed shot is all that is necessary to disable or destroy a submarine.

The commander of a submarine, in halting a vessel for search or capture is exposing his craft and crew to extreme risk. He might torpedo an enemy craft and justify himself completely by the mere statement that he believed it to be armed. After coming to the surface and speaking a vessel, the submarine is entirely at its mercy if there is so much as a single one-pounder aboard and a man competent to aim and fire it.

The cruelty of warfare is intensified with every mechanical improvement. While of the first barbarities of ancient fighting have been officially abandoned, the new barbarities, incidental to long-distance bombardment and to naval fighting particularly, enormously exceed the old.

Farming has begun in the valley and there is a general feeling of happiness and contentment spreading over the community. People are happier when the soil begins to turn.

How fortunate that those in charge of Orange day dated it the 18th of March instead of the 17th, for the Orange and the Green would not have got along very well.

The thirteen children of L. K. Scroggin, of Mount Palaski, Ill., have been presented \$20,000 each by their father. L. K. Scroggin is an uncle of T. J. Scroggin of La Grande.

Again the Grande Ronde horse is having his inning. Two hundred dollars for a good horse is the prevailing price and buyers are taking all that are offered.

A Michigan man says that when his wife turned suffragette he was driven to drink. Now nothing seems to be able to drive him back home.

Drinking alcohol is a new practice and it is but natural that some mishaps should occur before it is mastered.

Think of all the debate that has taken place in Washington—and the tariff question not even touched yet.

Go to church Sunday. It will do you good. Take up the habit of early days and see if you do not feel better.

Paper prices are going up and the time has arrived when there is even a value to a scrap of paper.

Judge Phelps seems perfectly at home when trying a case in this court.

Register and vote at the primaries.

Get ready to plant the sweet peas.

GEMS FROM THE BIBLE.

JOHN 1:1-17

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as receive him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me, is preferred before me; for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

THE FORUM.

AS TO GOOD ROADS

La Grande, March 18.—(To the Editor)—In dealing with the subject of good roads in this county, would it not be wise to put our prejudices and personal inclinations to one side for awhile and deal with facts, in order that a logical conclusion may be reached?

Last year the appropriation for roads in this county was \$30,000, but this sum was exceeded by \$10,000, making the expenditure \$40,000, and every dollar of it was well spent. The warrants for this excess bear 6 per cent interest. This year the appropriation is \$30,000. Including the cost of necessary machinery for the making of dirt roads—which, by the way, in my personal opinion is a splendid investment—for use on laterals and where the traffic is light—we cannot hope to get any permanent road construction from the \$30,000. The majority of the people seem to agree that the establishment of permanent roadways may be accomplished in one of two ways, namely—the levying of a special tax of say three mills each year, which would amount to \$63,000 at the present assessment, or by the sale of bonds.

The sum of \$63,000 would build about 3 miles of hard surface road each year. The bond issue of \$400,000 would build approximately 30 miles of hard surface road in one year. Eighty per cent of this money is spent in the county for labor and material. The money will buy one-third more road when all is spent in one year.

The cost of retiring the bonds, spread over 14 years, would amount to about \$40,000 a year, including interest; that is less than two mills on the present county valuation each year. This is accomplished by the use of what is known as the serial bond. Under this plan an installment is paid each year, together with interest at 4 1/2 per cent on the unpaid balance, so that at the end of 14 years the bonded indebtedness is entirely paid by the expenditure of an amount equal to less than 2-3 of what we would have spent on the "pay as you go" plan. In addition to this the hard surface road will have been maintained without cost to the county for ten years, and the people will have had the use of the full 30 miles of road.

Yours respectfully, M. K. HALL.

Baker Boy Is Lucky

Baker, March 18.—Lynn George, a former Baker young man, son of former Sheriff Robert George, and his partner, Denver Leedy, son of Attorney A. D. Leedy of Canyon City, have made a rich strike on the mining claims owned by J. A. Muldrick on Canyon Mountain, according to word reaching here. They struck a rich streak of free gold, running as high as \$30 and \$40 to the pound.

Just how much ore is contained in the body is not known, but it will not have to be very great to make them fortunes, if much more of the same quality taken out is encountered.

Baker Young Lady a Candidate

Baker, March 18.—Miss Ella Moulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Moulton of this city, who has been principal of the Halfway school for several years, yesterday filed her pe-

Advertisement for GORDONS and STETSONS hats. Includes an illustration of a man in a hat and a window display of various hat styles. Text: 'Before Buying Your Spring Hat see our Window Display of the New... Many men have done so, and saved time and trouble. Only the correct shapes for Spring wear are displayed—jaunty shapes, models that look smart and brisk without becoming conspicuous. All are of the Stetson and Gordon makes which insure good wear as well as good looks. Stetson Hats \$4.00 Gordon Hats \$3.00'.

Also you Men Will Find us Ready to do You a Lot of Good for Your Clothes Money

This is the value giving store of La Grande; the place where the money you spend represents more good results to you than any other.

We're demonstrating value here in our \$20 and \$25 suits. They're specially made for us exclusively by Hirsch Wickwire & Co.; they show you how good it's possible to make clothes to sell at \$20.00 and \$25.00; the good tailoring, the fine styles and the smart new fabrics. They're as good as they look and better than they cost.

Also— We care a good deal about the trade of the man who wants something good in a suit at \$15.00; we've got some unusual values for him; 100 per cent pure wool or worsted; all late patterns; all sizes \$15.00.

See the New Spring Shirts

They're just in and they're corking good values—every one bright with the spirit of Spring. The prettiest new shades and combinations you'd care to see. And the materials are fine—See some of them displayed in the window—Pick now while the assortments are complete.

New Manhattan Dress Shirts \$1.50 and \$2.00 New Standard Dress Shirts 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25

We Dress the Boys Right: Too, and do it Very Economically

You'll find every thing in the way of good clothing and furnishings for boys. We invite you're early inspection of the New Spring Stocks, and call your particular attention to the splendid assortment of

- Boy's "Best Ever" Suits, guaranteed all wool, 16 special features \$5.00 Up
Boy's "Kaynee" Blouses with no tapes or strings, priced 50c
Boy's New Spring Four-in-Hand Ties, at 25c
Boy's Medium Weight Union Suits, for Spring wear 50c
Boy's "Black Cat" Hose, reinforced sole, triple knee, pair 25c
Boy's Suspenders and Leather Belts, priced 25c
Boy's New Spring Wash Suits, newest styles 75c to \$1.50
Boy's Caps, the best quality in town, at 50c



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tion for the nomination to the office of county school superintendent on the Republican ticket. That Miss Moulton would enter the race for this office was announced some time ago. She is a graduate of the Baker high school and the State University.

SOCIETY NEWS.

The Christian Endeavor of the Christian church held their monthly business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ford. Considerable business was attended to with Alfred Johnson in the chair. Mr. Leslie McPherson was elected president of the society. After the meeting adjourned Mrs. Ford proved herself a delightful hostess. Her original games were enjoyed by all, after which she served dainty refreshments.

Miss Marie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Smith, 704 Washington, Monday evening entertained a group of young friends at five hundred. The evening was most enjoyably spent by the guests, refreshments following cards. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Binger won the prizes for ladies and gentlemen. Miss Smith adopted a color scheme of pink and white and carried it out very effectively.

Mrs. Peter Biever went to Kamela yesterday to attend a banquet last evening, given by her uncle, Martin King.

Vi Crawford, a young lady of Pilot Rock Junction, is in La Grande to attend the birthday party of the Misses Bay and Zweifel.

A number of the piano pupils of Miss Hilda F. Anthony appeared in an informal recital this afternoon at her home on Sixth Street. Following are the names of those who participated: Gladys Tanner, Verda Rae Smith, Elnora Fines, Alden Bell, Dor-

is Bennett, Lottie Bennett, Ruth Bornemann, Inez Hughes, Virginia Lincoln, Hazel Stageberg, Lester Masterton, Frieda Klopfenstein, Bertha Berger.

Frieda Wilson has been bedfast the past few days with an attack of grip. (Additional Society pages 8 and 3)

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Notice. Royal Arch Mason, Clyde Evans, G. H. P. of Oregon will pay an official visit to chapter No. 9 in La Grande, March 18, 1916, at 8 p. m. All Royal Arch Masons are cordially invited. J. J. BROUGHTON, H. P. 3 17 2t

Harris Hombel went to Baker today for a short visit.

Shores' Taxi Service, Sommer hotel. Main 740—Adv. 2-21-tf

Sam Parker has returned from a business trip to Pendleton.

Look for the B. B. Eating House, it is the best place to eat. Meals 20c and up—Opposite Depot. 3-15-tf

Mrs. Rizer, wife of Fireman Clarence Rizer, came down from Kamela today on a short visit with relatives.

Buy them by the peck—J. G. Snodgrass. 3 17 1t

LOST—Red Cornelia Brooch, between 1308 Penn ave. and Depot St. Suitable reward. Phone Rod 411. 3 18 6t

ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure No Alum—No Phosphate

The Careful Man starts a Bank account for his wife. Illustration of a man at a desk with a woman in the background.

A MAN'S WIFE ONCE PERSUADED HIM TO GIVE HER AN ALLOWANCE. SHE OPENED A BANK ACCOUNT. THE HUSBAND BECAME INVOLVED. THE MONEY THE WIFE HAD IN THE BANK UNKNOWN TO HER HUSBAND, SAVED HIM FROM BUSINESS FAILURE. GIVE YOUR WIFE A BANK ACCOUNT. SHE IS YOUR BEST FRIEND AND BEST PARTNER. BANK WITH US. WE PAY 4 PERCENT 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. Penington, Vice President; F. L. Meyers, Cashier; E. Zundel and H. E. Coolidge, Assistant Cashiers. DIRECTORS: Fred J. Holmes, J. G. Snodgrass, J. F. Conley, C. C. Penington, H. S. Brownston, F. L. Meyers, A. Bokland, A. T. Hill, H. E. Coolidge.