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**THE WAR CLOUD LOWERS.**

Yesterday recorded historical acts in Washington. President Wilson's word to Germany may mean trouble ahead. A ray of hope still exists, however, but that may be banished any instant.

While breaking of diplomatic relations may not be followed by a declaration of war, yet it goes without saying when diplomatic relations are severed it takes but another slight break to precipitate war.

We cannot believe that Germany wants war with this country. Not that the Imperial monarchy fears any thing from us in active military sense, but the virgin wealth of this nation would then be thrown against Germany, a thing to be decidedly avoided. For, as we have often said and now repeat, this war is a war of money. The side that has the greatest resources is very liable to win the conflict.

In demanding safety for Americans President Wilson has done only what any President of this nation should do. That he has been tardy in his action cannot be disputed, and very likely by that tardiness has caused the sore to fester and become more painful than had he acted with promptness when American rights were first assailed.

**MUST BE MADE EASIER.**

Had you noticed how county officials screamed themselves hoarse

begging people to register; how the newspapers howled daily about registering, and how interested individuals went out of their way to impress upon the voter that he or she should register.

Well, all this means that we must find an easier way to register. It means that the registration cards must be taken to the homes by deputy clerks or other officials and there let the family register.

We understand California has adopted this plan, and if we are to have a proper percentage of voters register in Oregon we must follow the California example. One thing that sounds good is the permanency of the present registration. If one does not move from his precinct he will not be compelled to register again. But there are new people constantly coming in and young people becoming of age. The first responsibility they should feel is the responsibility of registration. When once they are registered they begin to become an active part of the government, but when not registered they take things lightly and seem to think all things can get along well without their support. This is a serious mistake, for everyone who lives in this country is responsible to the country. He should assist in making the laws and be ever ready to take an active part in governmental affairs. The surest way to start this interest is by registration, and the only way to successfully start registration is by personal visit of an official.

**BRAND NEW MONEY.**

When some one discovers a gold mine and takes out the yellow metal the country talks loudly about new money.

But there are other things that make new money. Money is nothing but the measurement of values we are told, then following that line of reasoning anything produced with a value is new money.

A few days ago we were out to Walter Pierce's ranch, and in the language of the newsboy "it is some ranch." But the extremely impressive part of that ranch at the present time is over three hundred baby pigs from one day to two weeks old, one hundred and forty baby calves not yet old enough to hardly know their "mammies" and a bunch of baby colts

with such long legs they looked as though they were on stilts. These represent new money; they represent growth; increased volume; everything that makes for the future. And Walter is at home with the younger tribe. He has a hog specialist to attend to the hogs but Walter is on the job a good deal himself. He loves his cattle and the day we were at his place he was busy searching for a pair of twin calves that the wise old cow had hidden in a large field. Luck has been his this year for six pairs of twin calves have been sent to increase his band.

Besides the above mentioned new money there are many other things on the Pierce ranch that show life. Fifty big Maude mules line up for hay with great regularity. A bunch of horses and brood mares claim some attention, to say nothing of the chickens, and a big New Foundland dog that Walter admits is good for nothing except "just to have around."

With twenty-five hundred acres of land in the valley and five thousand acres in the hills the Pierce ranch is quite an institution, and it must not be overlooked that there is a payroll on this ranch that takes quite a roll of greenbacks to satisfy. But it is a great, big nice place and the owner is monarch of all the surveys. He is happy with his live stock, and like interest, they grow while he sleeps. His new money crop this year is a dandy, and apparently Walter is a contented man with naught to worry him. The tumult of the jostling, pushing throng touches him not. He arises with the chickens, lines up to the long ranch house table where he eats good, coarse food, mounts his saddle horse and hums a tune as he rides after his cattle. He has a right to be happy.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES.**

The idea of holding noonday religious services during this Holy Week is an excellent one, and La Grande has not felt the spiritual uplift for many months that she feels during the present time.

Workmen appreciate this movement, as shown by the intense interest in the services at the different points where the services are held.

As a people we should stop and think of the blessings bestowed upon us hourly by a kind Creator and Holy Week assists us in this.

Senator I. N. Day is the bone of contention just now. He has the Portland papers worked up to a point of calling each other liars—a condition that has not prevailed for some time. A number of people have claimed that the Senator had force in one way or another.

Everyone in Eastern Oregon knew that Salem was old fashioned and slow enough to permit pasturing of cattle on the state house grounds, but when cows are permitted in the marble halls of the Willamette university there is bound to be some little surprise felt.

Only thirty-eight makes of automobiles are now represented by La Grande agents. Can't some one dig up the rest of the automobile family so that the prospective buyer need not leave La Grande to make a choice.

The railroad company has changed the name of Pilot Rock Junction to Reith. Might have properly named it the Sahara of Oregon.

No town is slighted by the O-W. North Powder is now singing loudly because of the company's intention to plant trees and shrubbery around the depot in that town.

With the warm days almost upon us it is to be expected that all the boys who want office will be in to see you.

As yet Villa's credentials of death have not arrived in Washington, D. C.

Curb that sweet tooth. Sugar will soon be as high as print paper.

If you did not register who are you going to blame?

Candidates, candidates everywhere.

Warning to the Kaiser: The American Ship of State also is armed.—Philadelphia North American.

**Paroled Men Get Jobs**

Salem, Or., April 17.—Parole Officer Keller of the state prison says he found no difficulty in finding employment for the 15 men paroled at the last meeting of the parole board. Work is available for more men than had been paroled.

A. B. Cook, sent up from Salem for obtaining money under false pretenses, had secured employment in Chicago before his release.

Cook was in a merry mood when leaving the capital city.

"It was just like living in an old man's home," the former real estate man told a friend just before boarding the train for the east. He was in prison a year.

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**DEBT**



The Careful man does not carry a load of debt. He is a careful man and instead of wasting his money he puts it in the bank where it is safe and where he can get it.

**DEBT IS A HARD MASTER.**  
**THE WAY NOT TO HAVE A DEBT YOU CANNOT PAY IS NOT TO MAKE IT.**  
**THE "CAREFUL" MAN NEVER MAKES A DEBT, UNLESS BY DOING SO HE COULD SAFELY SEE A BIGGER "INCOME" THAN "OUT-GO".**  
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