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PRESIDENT WILSON ACTS.

President Wilson, after thoughtful and prayerful study of Germany's action in starting unrestricted submarine warfare, has decided to break off diplomatic relations with that nation.

President Wilson, in this action, will be sustained by the people of this country.

The United States hates to break off the friendly relations that have existed for many years with a great and powerful nation. But that nation in the desperation brought on by a war, whose ferocity and bitterness has never been equaled in history, has notified the United States that it will suspend international law and forbid our citizens and ships to travel upon the world's high seas.

President Wilson, in his correspondence with Germany, has stood for the rights of humanity, he has protested against unbridled submarine warfare, he has protested against the destruction of American lives in the sinking of the Lusitania, he has protested the sinking of American ships.

It may be that our recall of our ambassador to Germany may not mean war, but at this writing the situation is serious. While we do not want war with Germany or any other nation, we must realize that there are limits beyond which we cannot allow our national rights or our national honor to be trampled upon. Better war than national disgrace. The United States, while a peace-loving nation, is not yet a nation of mollycoddles, and if it comes to a necessity, in order to preserve our rights to travel upon the high seas and to protect the lives of American citizens, that we go to war, the country will sustain the President and Congress. It may be that we will merely cease our friendly relations with Germany, that the onus of bringing the United States into the Allies' camp will be placed entirely upon Germany. In that event we would not be drawn into the conflict except upon Germany's desire.

The war would then come only upon the performance of an act of war by Germany, such as the sinking of an American ship or the destruction of American lives.

THE OBSERVER'S EXTRA.

At nine o'clock this morning the Observer received the dispatch that President Wilson had decided to break off diplomatic relations with Germany. Less than an hour later The Observer press was running off an extra edition for the benefit of the people of La Grande. The Observer believes in giving the people of this territory the best possible news service, and when it comes to covering big national events, it will spare neither money nor labor to give this service.

A DOLLAR TRAVELS FAST.

Did you ever wonder through how many hands a dollar had passed before it got to you? It has probably been used to buy thousands of items and has been turned, as the expression is, literally thousands of times.

At Marietta, Ohio, during National Pay Up Week, the Chamber of Commerce printed a large check, two feet long by eight and a half inches wide. Several of these checks were issued for one dollar each, with instructions typewritten on the back to keep the check moving all through the week. At the close of the week, the checks were all turned into the bank and a careful notation made

The man that says advertising doesn't pay is like the man who burnt one match under a ten gallon kettle of water and said that fire would not heat water.

Some advertising doesn't pay, but that doesn't signify that it cannot be made to pay.

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of how much each check had paid. One of these had paid more than \$40, another \$24. Every one of the checks had covered many times its value in payment of bills. This illustrates probably better than anything else the principle of National Pay Up Week and how effective it is in passing prosperity around.

BERNSTORFF SAYS "AM ONLY PRIVATE CITIZEN."

Washington, Feb. 3.—(United Press)—German Ambassador Bernstorff announced the Swiss Minister would represent Germany hereafter. He refused to answer questions saying: "I am only a private citizen." Ambassador Bernstorff was handed his passports at one fifty-seven p. m.

STOCK MARKET BOOMS—WALL STREET IS PATRIOTIC.

New York, Feb. 3.—(United Press)—The stock market boomed. The unexpected turn caught German houses selling short in anticipation of a severe break. Wall Street is flag bedecked. A whirlwind of patriotic enthusiasm prevails.

FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE BILL INTRODUCED.

Washington, Feb. 3.—(United Press)—Senator Thomas introduced a resolution authorizing a five hundred million dollar bond issue. This is to enable the government to prepare to fight.

U. S. OFFICIALS INSTRUCTED TO HALT BOMB PLOTS

Washington, Feb. 3.—(United Press)—State and justice departments are cooperating to halt bomb plots. Officials conferred today and instructed all federal district attorneys to watch suspects.

Elks Give Dance For Snowbound Travelers

Stalled Train Folk Enjoy Informal Hospitality of La Grande People.

There was a veritable city around the La Grande O-W. depot yesterday and last night—a population on wheels. Three trains with their stalled passengers were in the yards—Nos. 6, 18 and 4. O-W. officials were working night and day to clear the main track and cars for the population that had suddenly been thrust upon them. Up at Union Junction Superintendent W. Ballons and 60 men, some volunteers, among them 30 La Grande high school boys, were working to clear the engine and snowplow which had been buried in the slide yesterday morning.

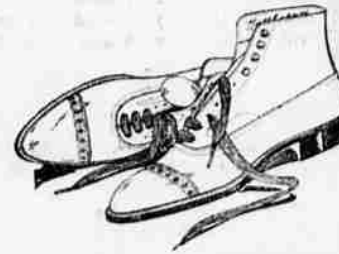
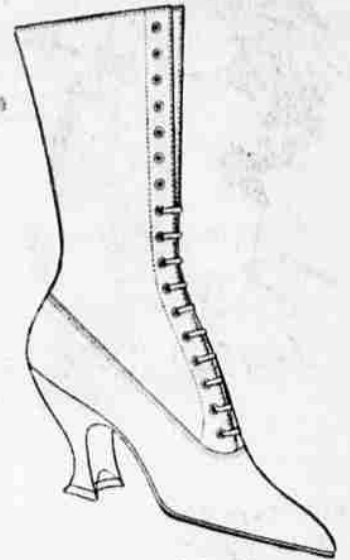
Last night the Elks gave a dance for the train population. All day the club's lodge rooms had been open to them. Town people were hospitable.

FOR RENT SIGNS—For sale at The Observer office.

New Spring Styles in Footwear

For Men and Women

Styles and quality that appeal to the most critical. We were fortunate in buying shoes before the great advance in price. Our prices on all shoes represent real savings as compared to stores that have felt the pressure of rising costs.



Men's velour dress shoes—lace and button, all widths \$3.50 to \$5.00
Men's Kangaroo Shoes, all sizes \$6.00
Men's Mahogany English Shoes \$7.00
Extensive showing ladies' street and dress shoes in all the new lasts and colors. All sizes and widths in stock \$3.50 to \$10.00
We fit the children's feet with shoes that have style and that give real service.

N. N. West & Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

Fruitdale Woman Breaks Leg.

Mrs. A. B. Blood of Fruitdale fell yesterday and broke her leg.

Distinctive candies for those who want the best. Supplied fresh each week. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 2-3-17

Big dance Wednesday night, Feb. 7, at Rex hall for the benefit of Elks band. Everybody come. Good music. 2-3-17

\$30,000,000 MATERIAL FORTIFIES OVERLAND AGAINST SHORTAGE

Those big companies which foresaw the possible shortage of materials due to the astonishing demand for motor cars, and fortified themselves against the shortage are congratulating themselves today on the fact that they were not caught totally unprepared to cope with present market conditions.

The Willys-Overland company, the second largest automobile manufacturing organization in the world and the greatest producer of medium and high-priced cars, was perhaps one of the least affected of all by this upheaval in the material market. While it is true that all quantity producers of motor cars felt the sudden change, the Toledo concern had taken the precaution to protect itself in a measure against just such an emergency.

Long before prices started to shoot skyward, the Willys-Overland company had tucked away in its store rooms and sub-cellars huge quantities of raw materials. Today it has more than \$30,000,000 worth of parts on hand, fully 50 per cent of which was bought at before-war prices.

This preparedness policy on the part of the Toledo concern is responsible, it is said, to a large degree for the high standard of quality which the factory has been able to maintain in its 1917 production, without any extraordinary advance in its selling prices.

And, although material such as steel is hard to get at any price these days, every carload that arrives at the Overland plant is as rigidly inspected as it was when conditions were normal. In order to protect itself and Overland and Willys-Knight owners, the company employs a staff of expert chemists and metallurgists to test carefully each batch of raw material delivered for use at the factory.

will be either too weak or too brittle. If the samples undergoing inspection come up to the required specifications and pass successfully the tests of the metallurgical and chemical laboratories, the cars from which the samples were taken are accepted by the company. If the samples come through without an O. K. the car or cars are rejected on the spot.

Some of the scales used in the Overland laboratories measure accurately to one ten-thousandth of a gram. The slightest defect in physical structure of a sample of steel can be detected by microscopes that magnify many thousands of diameters.

The local dealers for the Overland and Willys-Knight automobile are Galloway-Rees company.

Organize Branch of Tacoma Loan Company

J. W. Wetherell, representative of the Pacific Building & Loan association of Tacoma, is in the city to organize a La Grande branch of the company. The following men have been obtained by Mr. Wetherell to act as a board of appraisers for the company: J. D. McKennon, H. E. Dixon, H. E. Coolidge, Dr. G. L. Biggers, J. G. Snodgrass, Harris F. French, A. T. Hill, J. A. Russell, Charles A. Edwards, Fred J. Holmes and J. D. Slater. Three loans of \$12,000, \$10,000 and \$2500 have already been asked from the company, says Mr. Wetherell.

Card of Thanks.
We desire through the columns of The Daily La Grande Observer to express our sincere thanks in token of our heartfelt appreciation of the helpful services, words of sympathy and encouragement, and the floral offerings by relatives, neighbors and friends throughout the sickness, at the death and burial of our beloved one, Nellie Foreman.

W. D. FOREMAN AND SONS.
M. W. BLOOM AND FAMILY.
January 30, 1917. 2-3-17

National Thrift Day



Among the many other National Holidays, February 3d has been set aside as a special day, devoted to thrift, throughout the United States. This day being set aside to give you an incentive to save your earnings.

Saving little by little is the only way by which large sums of money can be accumulated. Don't wait for larger sums to start saving; show your ability to save from small savings.

You are invited and welcomed here.

La Grande National Bank

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OTHER STANDARD MAKES THE MACHINE THAT PLAYS ALL RECORDS. CALL IN FOR A DEMONSTRATION. INVESTIGATE THE PATHE BEFORE BUYING.

Investigate the above makes. Some makes of pianos sold in this locality 40 years ago, none, however before the factories were established, and were manufactured. We have no culls, or goods hawked direct from the several factories, thus eliminating chances of being loaded up with second hand work-ed over goods.

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