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LIVE NEWSPAPERS ON THE JOB.

Thanks to the telegraph—the whole nation knew within a few minutes after the break with Germany that President Wilson had recalled Ambassador Gerard and handed Ambassador Bernstorff his passports. In Portland The Oregonian invaded the evening newspaper field and scored a notable beat with an extra. In La Grande extras of The Observer told of the crisis. The same thing was going on all over the country. The alive, alert newspapers were on the job. The sleepy ones were left at the post. By night the whole nation knew of President Wilson's speech to Congress. By this time President Wilson's action has been discussed in every hamlet in the United States. By this time public opinion has crystallized. The deliberate, sober, calm judgment of the nation has been formed. As the able and patriotic cartoon of Mr. Reynolds says in the Oregonian the answer of the American people is, "We are with you Mr. Wilson, One Hundred Million Strong."

PEACE OR WAR?

This is one of the times that one wishes the power to peer into the future instead of looking through a glass dargly as we are doing today. As one reads the dispatches all seem to be full of the war spirit, all of the countries of the world expect the United States and Germany to go to war. It is with a feeling of relief that we received news that the sinking of the American steamer Housatonic by a German U-boat does not give cause for war because it carried contraband of war and the German U-boat commander gave warning and also assisted in saving the crew. There is just a glimmer of hope in this incident. It shows that it is possible for Germany to continue in its submarine warfare—though not to the degree that she desires—without bringing on war with the United States. There is also an intimation in today's dispatches that Germany is considering making concessions which will satisfy the United States and still permit Germany to continue its submarine warfare legally.

The situation today is this: Germany must abandon or modify its unrestricted submarine warfare decree or there will be war. The United States will not and cannot trifle with this issue which involves the national honor, the freedom of the seas and the rights of American citizens and American ships to travel on the high seas unmolested.

It is gratifying to see the unanimous support that Congress and the people have given the President.

It is tremendously important at this time to sustain the President. We should be careful in speech and action. We should not treat the possibility of war between the United States and Germany as a laughing matter. It is not. It is a matter of concern which involves the welfare of our country and all of its citizens and should not be treated with levity. Neither at this time do we care to read of men, both old and young, openly saying that in case of war with Germany that they would not fight for their country. This is not the spirit that made this country or that George Washington and Abraham Lincoln inculcated in their day. Perhaps if this country goes to war these men will be rounded up by a sergeant and a squad of soldiers and drafted into the national service whether they wish to go or not.

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.

The OBSERVER with its superior circulation is the paper you need to reach the most buyers in Union and Wallowa Counties at the least cost.

RUNNING A NEWSPAPER.

The Observer is a newspaper of service. Editing a newspaper is a profession requiring education, years of study, training and experience. The newspaper has many sides. It prints editorials which interpret the news, expresses opinions on local and national questions. It prints the news of the world. It also prints advertisements of various kinds. It is a business institution; the production of a newspaper is a manufacturing enterprise. The reason why so many newspapers fail is because few men have the ability to conduct the many departments of a newspaper successfully. The best editor in the world would not get very far if his writings were not well printed and if his newspaper did not have the circulation and if his circulation did not attract advertisements. The newspaper as an advertising medium fills an important function in the marketing of goods, bringing buyer and seller together. The Observer as a newspaper and a business institution is conducted on just as high a plane as in the handling of its news and the expression of its editorial opinions. Its advertising columns are open to all business enterprises of a legitimate character in this community. No such advertising has been barred from its columns. No proper advertising has been declined. The Observer has solicited advertising from every new enterprise starting this community. If you do not see the advertising of such enterprises in The Observer it is not because they have been arbitrarily excluded from its columns. The Observer is not in such cheap, petty business. It never has been and never will be conducted along such cheap and narrow-minded lines. The Observer would have a contempt for any one who ran a business in that way and hoped to succeed.

Kamela News Items

School Dismissed Friday So Children Could See Carload of Elk—Big Dance in Kamela Hall Next Saturday.

Kamela, Ore., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Fifteen elk passed through Kamela on No. 17 Friday enroute to Crater Lake. Two were left at Salem on the way. They were shipped from the elk pasture in Wallowa county. School was dismissed so the children could go see them. The train stopped here about 15 minutes.

Quite a curiosity is the elk which Mr. Hillman has. It was found some time ago, wounded, near Hanlen's Spur. Mr. Hillman brought it home to take care of it.

Mr. Seelig of the Tru Bia Biscuit company, called on the grocery men of Kamela Saturday.

Mrs. C. O. Schubert went to La Grande Saturday and returned home accompanied by her daughter, Bessie, who has been attending school in La Grande and is spending Sunday in Kamela.

S. C. Weaver, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Pidcock, of Kamela made a trip to La Grande this week.

Mrs. A. B. Wolcotte, who has been visiting in Kamela, left for her home in Enterprise the first of this week, stopping over in La Grande for a day. Mrs. Will Pidcock made a trip to La Grande Thursday.

Mr. Bryant's brother came up from

Melvin G. Winstock Arrives in La Grande

Well Known Public Speaker and Theatrical Man Is Making Survey of Theatrical Conditions.

Melvin G. Winstock, well known in La Grande as a public speaker and theatrical man, is here visiting his friends, the Leiters, and also as the representative of Triangle pictures always shown at the Arcade theater. Mr. Winstock's special mission here is the gathering of important data in a general survey of motion picture conditions throughout the country. "We are first in the field," said Mr. Winstock, to The Observer, "in planning for a closer and more harmonious co-operation between producer who makes the pictures, the theater which shows them and the public

which views these features of the silent drama.

"We are striving to make pictures of high quality efficiently and under such economies as will enable us to lease them to the theaters so they can operate at a profit. The local manager must present these attractions in modern theaters, not store shows, in the proper and modern manner, and the public must be influenced and lead to appreciate and patronize only that which is decent, pure and fine.

"In this great work we count on complete co-operation. In our newly developed Triangle we shall not only maintain past standards but will improve, add to our popular stars and generally try to serve the public in the future even better than we have in the past and we are deeply pleased to have our attraction so splendidly put forth as they are by Meyers & Leiter, at the Arcade theater."

Cove News Items

Citizens Discuss Charter Changes—Seven Reel Sacred Film Will Be Shown February 16.

Cove, Ore., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—A mass meeting was held Thursday evening at the Macabee hall for the purpose of considering a new city charter.

Mrs. J. Ingram has been ill for the past two weeks with the grippe. Joseph Tripper is on the sick list again.

The special meetings at the Baptist church have closed with a goodly number of new names on their membership roll.

On February 16, under the auspices of Cove school, will be given a seven-reel moving picture show on the life of the Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clearwater of Pasco, Wash., who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Clearwater's brother, Frank A. Galloway, have returned to Pasco.

The following we clip from the Astorian of January 20: "Arriving in Hammond last Sunday from Monmouth, Ore., was Prof. Ray Baker, who succeeds Walter McClure, as principal of the Hammond school. Mr. Baker is a man of pleasing personality and will undoubtedly prove an efficient and popular instructor. Prof. Baker comes to Hammond highly recommended. He is a graduate of the Oregon state normal school. He took up his new duties on Monday evening."

We remember Ray Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Baker, as one of the Cove boys who graduated from Cove high school with the class of 1914. The following year he matriculated in the Oregon state normal school at Monmouth from which he graduated.

The fruit and dairy ranch owned and occupied by Mr. Bush and family, one and one-half miles east of Cove, locally known as the Selders ranch, was sold last week to E. Brownell of Haines, Ore., who will take possession the first of March. Mr. Bush will move to La Grande.

A series of special meetings held in the M. E. church, began January 28, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Pratt, pastor, assisted by Evangelist L. F. Smith of Portland.

The Union high school basketball team played a game with Cove high school in the Macabee hall in Cove Friday evening, January 26. The game scored 30 to 32 in favor of Union.

A basket social was given in Shanghai schoolhouse Friday evening under the auspices of Mt. Fannie grange.

Dr. Little's new bungalow is nearing completion.

M. L. Carter, who has been very ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks, is on the way to recovery.

Mrs. Alice Van Vlack has just returned home after a week's visit with her son, Ed Van Vlack.

Work on William Breshner's house has been stopped for a few days on account of the cold and unsettled weather.

After several days "lay off for repairs" the Central Railway of Oregon train attempted to make the trip to

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Cove Monday, but was stalled about half way and was obliged to return to Union. Mr. Weimer brought the passengers on to Cove and the mail was brought over the next day on a hohled.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Kinnally of Salt Lake City, who have been visiting in Eastern Washington, stopped for a few days visit in Cove with Mrs. Kinnally's brother, Dr. McCown.

Frank Miller returned this week from California where he has spent the greater part of the winter.

Louin Lantz entertained the Eureka and Eclipse Sunday school classes recently at his home. Games were played and refreshments served and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The Ladies' Aid held an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. M. J. Duffy Wednesday, January 31, to tie quilts.

Joseph News Items

Mrs. Affie B. Hanna and Mrs. Eldon Link Entertained at a Big Social.

Joseph, Ore., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—One of the largest social affairs ever held in Joseph was given in the Masonic hall, Monday afternoon, by Mrs. Affie B. Hanna and Mrs. Eldon Link. More than 50 women were present. The decorations were yellow spring flowers and the same color scheme was carried out in the refreshments served. The entertainment consisted of sewing and games, a feature of which was the guessing contest in which Mrs. Anna Leslie won first prize. Four popular young women—Misses Grace Caviness, Irene Gault, Marie Bowman and Grace Carpenter, assisted the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscroft of Wallowa were dinner guests at Mrs. Affie B. Hanna's Monday evening. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Link and A. R. Bodmer.

The double header basketball game which was played at Enterprise between Enterprise and Joseph was split, each team winning one game.

Mrs. A. W. Schapp, who was operated upon for appendicitis Friday, is getting along nicely.

Miss Lexie Strachan, superintendent of schools, expected to speak Friday evening at a teachers' meeting in La Grande but could not attend because of the snowdrifts blocking the train down the valley.

The local high school students are preparing for two school plays, a farce to be given as an added attraction the night of the debate with La Grande and the junior play to be given later.

Miss Clara Castleman, who has been visiting the last month with her sister, Mrs. Wade Siler, will leave soon for her home in Portland.

Len Emmons pleaded guilty in Justice White's court to the charge of making an assault with a knife and was fined \$25 and costs. William Neal, also in the fight, pleaded not guilty and was acquitted.

The good people in and around Joseph have been given a taste of fine weather since the big snow.

Mrs. Mount, wife of Dr. Albert Mount, is quite ill at her home.

The little son of A. H. Sasser is very ill with pneumonia at his home on Main street. He is attended by Drs. Mount and Johnson.

George, the brother of Verne Martin, is here from Lostine this week.

The National Stock company was with us again last week and gave a fine rendering of "Little Alabama."

Probably the largest dance ever given in Wallowa county will be given in the Joseph opera house on February 14 by H. O. Woodson, manager of this popular amusement resort. This will be his second annual masquerade ball and he has rented over half a hundred costumes for the use of his patrons.

The wife and family of Mr. Rennie, who arrived last Monday, are occupying the Vaughn house on upper Main street. Both children have entered school, Miss Rennie taking a post graduate course and Claud Rennie the regular high school course.

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