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THE EFFORTS FOR PEACE.

Efforts that the neutral nations and many private individuals are making for peace are meritorious. But they should not be confined to maintaining friendly relations alone with Germany, they should be devoted also to ending the great world war. The United States does not want war with Germany. Every day that passes makes the danger less. We believe that efforts are also under way in Germany to maintain peace and friendship with the United States. The people of both countries want this. A conference of neutral nations in Madrid is proposed. The fact that almost a week has passed since the breach of diplomatic relations without adding fuel to the flames indicates that the present situation may continue. We may rest assured that President Wilson does not want to embroil this country into a foreign war and that everything possible will be done to prevent it. In the meantime we should be proud of the fact that our citizens of German birth have placed America first and have given a striking example of their loyalty and affection for their adopted country. They are worthy Americans. Let us follow their example in practicing forbearance and caution in speech, and also in patriotic devotion to our country.

NATIONAL PAY UP WEEK.

National Pay-Up Week is looming on the horizon. This is a National movement and there is to be a national clearing of old accounts. This is a worthy and meritorious movement. Many people have little accounts outstanding that they have forgotten, just as they have accounts due them that they have not collected. No one should resent getting a statement of account. Pay it if you can; if the bill is not correct, try to get it adjusted during this week. Every one will feel better if the slate is wiped off.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The legislature is now on its last lap. This is the time that haste makes waste, and foolish bills and midnight jokers creep through. We hope that members of the legislature will realize that there is not much demand for new laws. We have laws enough. The people would be satisfied if a good road system were adopted and the rural credits bill passed. Really there are no big issues before the legislature, and the best advice we can give the lawmakers is to vote no on most of the measures that will come up from now on. Eastern Oregon wants its agricultural extension work continued, wants its branch experimental stations continued, wants a state highway, wants the state water board continued, but outside of these measures the people are not clamoring for the passage of any new freak legislation that will bring the state into disrepute.

North Powder Wants Farm Loan Association

Farmers and citizens of North Powder are desirous of having a farm loan association and have called a meeting for Saturday, February 17, to form an association. Gale Gibbon of North Powder is one of the men interested in the movement.

Let us print your farm sale bills.

Oregon Troops Are Soon to Start Home

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9.—(United Press)—Western army headquarters announced that the Oregon and Washington militia would probably start homeward tomorrow. They are awaiting railroad arrangements. Troop trains left Los Angeles today and will arrive at Calexico tonight.

Union W.O.W Install Officers Last Monday

Union, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—The W. O. W. lodge held their installation for the following officers Monday: consul commander, F. A. Brown; adjutant lieutenant, Ed Conlon; banker, N. A. Vonscoyk; clerk, L. A. Wright; escort, W. R. Skiff; watchman, Paul Crouter; sentry, J. D. Upton; managers, M. F. Davis and W. O. Miller. The local King City camp has been organized for 25 years and has a membership of one hundred.

UNION LODGE INSTALLS
 Union, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—The following Rebekah officers were installed here yesterday at the annual meeting: P. G., Mrs. Iva Reuter; N. G., Mrs. May Mimick; V. G., Miss Adele Goss; corresponding secretary, Miss Lena Shaw; financial secretary, Mrs. Sarah Wall; treasurer, Miss Hazel Adams; warden, Miss Chloe Taylor; conductress, Miss Myra Wigglesworth; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Louisa Goodbrod; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Minnie Baird; R. S. V. G., Mrs. Sarah Shappat; L. S. V. G., Miss Patience West; inner guard, Mrs. Sturle Wigglesworth; outer guard, Mrs. Macy Evans; chaplain, Mrs. Ursula Erwin; installation officer, district deputy and president, Mrs. Jesse Woolever.

A dainty luncheon was served after the close of the business session.

U. P. DECLARES AN EXTRA DIVIDEND

New York, Feb. 9.—(United Press)—Union Pacific today declared an extra one-half per cent dividend on its common stock 2 per cent regularly quarterly on common and 2 per cent semi-annual on preferred. Southern Pacific declared its quarterly regular dividend of 1-1/2 per cent.

AGRICULTURAL BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—(United Press)—The senate passed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying \$25,500,000.

K. of C. Offer Services To President Wilson

La Grande Chapter Is Probably First Eastern Oregon Lodge to Take Action.

The La Grande lodge, Knights of Columbus, last night passed a resolution ordering Grand Knight Ray Sullivan to telegraph President Wilson, offering the loyal support of the local lodge in the present crisis. As far as known the La Grande lodge is the first fraternal order in Eastern Oregon to assure the government of loyal adherence.

In accordance with his instructions Grand Knight Sullivan last night sent the following wire: Hon. Woodrow T. Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.;

La Grande council, Knight of Columbus, pledges its loyal and patriotic support to you in the crisis that is now at hand. The services of the entire council is at your disposal at any time and for any patriotic purpose that your excellence may suggest.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
 R. J. Sullivan, Grand Knight.

Boy Scouts Celebrate Seventh Birthday

New York, Feb. 9.—(United Press)—One hundred and ninety-seven thousand boy scouts in the United States yesterday celebrated the birth of the Boy Scout movement seven years ago. The rapid growth of the organization is shown by the fact that there were 150,021 members a year. More than 50,000 Boy Scouts are engaged in volunteer work in many capacity throughout the country.

The object of the Scout movement is the development of practical citizenship in American boys. One of the recent developments of the movement is the national department of education under Lorne Webster Barclay. This includes the development of correspondence courses for the instruction of Scout leaders. Barclay is a graduate of Bethany college, Canada, and of Yale and has lectured at Columbia and Toronto universities.

CAPTAINS SELECT TEAMS
 George Young and W. C. Hansen, captains of the Moose teams competing for members have named the following as team members: Young's—Judge Knowles, R. J. Kitchen of Union, T. J. Scroggin, Colon R. Eberhard, Pat Foley, C. N. Palmer, R. C. Provost, C. A. Small; Hansen's—J. C. Henery, R. J. Green, Father Driscoll, Dow Ruckman, Fred J. Smith, J. H. Stevens, H. W. Swart and A. W. Nelson.



A Wonderful Display of New Spring Styles

Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts

At a Most Reasonable Price.

Coats and Suits of the newest materials and latest colors \$15.00 to \$45.00
 Afternoon and street dresses. An immense showing \$17.50 to \$50.00
 If you are looking for something unusual you will buy your new skirt here. The largest selection to choose from. All marked at a moderate Price \$6.00 to \$30.00

Foster's Famous Middies

Are now here in the new spring styles and colors. Plain white, white with colored collars, and a big selection of the new stripes.

Extra values at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

NK West & Co.
 THE QUALITY STORE



Union Council Prohibits Cards and Dice

Union, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—At the regular meeting Wednesday night the Union council instructed the city marshal to enforce ordinances prohibiting the playing of cards and dice shaking in all public places within the city of Union. The ordinances regarding minors frequenting pool and billiard halls are to be enforced.

UNION CREAMERY BUSINESS CHANGES

Union, Ore., Feb. 9.—(Special)—W. Halsey, for many years manager of the Blue Mountain Creamery at Union, this place, has sold his entire stock to Oscar C. Butzine of central Oregon. Mr. Butzine is in possession. He has had considerable experience in the dairy business and will no doubt prove satisfactory to the many patrons of the creamery at this place.

Red Cross Car Will Be Here February 12

American Red Cross car No. 1, in charge of Dr. E. Green, will arrive at La Grande, February 12, at which time the doctor will deliver several lectures on first aid to O-W. R. & N. employees.

The lectures given under the auspices of the American Red Cross societies have proven of an immense aid in educating people in how to administer first aid, or "what to do before the doctor arrives." A. C. Littig, secretary, central committee of safety of the O-W. R. & N. company, will go on the car.

Uncalled for Letters.

The list of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending February 9, is as follows:

2002 Cove Ave., Box 292 (19), A. L. Anderson, Ray Campbell, Ernest Griffith, Jim Hartuff (2), A. J. Henman, Geo. W. Houston, Johnnie Johns, Geo. Lord, G. W. Maxwell, J. H. Newbill, Bernard J. Parker, F. H. Tatman, Clarence Vaughan, John Ward Jr., Mrs. Adda Arnold, Mrs. J. A. Goodwin, Miss Ester Hill, Mrs. Georgia Moore, Mrs. R. Morrow, Mrs. F. W. Peterson, Miss Bertha Snooky, Mrs. E. Watkins.

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on February 23, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say "advertised" giving date of list.

Styles in Naming Babies Now.

Columbus, O., Feb. 9.—(United Press)—It's plain Margaret, good old Helen, and sweet Marie that is the reigning style in naming babies now. A careful survey of Ohio birth certificates during the last 12 months by the state bureau of vital statistics revealed this fact.

There are more Margarets than Helens, more Helens than Maries and more Maries than Louises. Plain old "John" leads the males in popularity. Double names are coming back into use. Anna Belle, Mary Jane, Rose Mary, Anna Louise and Laura May lead the combination.

Bonuses Distributed and R. R. Men Happy

Many O-W. railroad employees were made happy this week by receiving the bonuses promised by the company at the close of 1916.

All employees who had been in continuous service, and in good standing, for 12 months were given the bonus, provided their earnings for 1916 were less than \$1800. Unorganized and organized employees were treated alike. The total amount distributed was \$63,000.

Picked Up By The Stroller

Did you ever notice that when you get home on time dinner is late? And when you're late, dinner has been ready and waiting for half an hour?

Thank heaven I can turn off that sizzling radiator in my hall bedroom

tonight and still be comfortable.

A La Grande girl told me she was going to look up a certain young man's rating in Bradstreet. Why do people get confidential with me any way?

I never served on a jury but if I did I'd always sustain that ancient rule of having lunch or supper before the first ballot.

After the day's work is over some day, ask yourself if you really did anything worth while or really delivered the goods or brought home the bacon.

Did you ever notice some days everything goes smoothly and on other days even your best friend throws a monkey wrench in the machinery?

The man who rails at women's fashions is usually the one who stands at the postoffice corner looking for pretty ankles.

I haven't seen Dr. O'Connor lately and I am worried about him.

All of the La Grande central girls have nice "smiley" voices—but one seems to have a trifle the best of it.

Housewives, Take Notice

Mrs. Brasted's last three day in La Grande—Thursday, Friday and Saturday at City Grocery and Bakery

Free Demonstration

Of

DIAMOND W JELLY POWDER AND CAKE FILLER

COME

To the City Grocery & Bakery and see the Demonstration of Diamond W Goods.

Mrs. Brasted will show how to make Marsh-mellow Pudding and Prune Whip, without the use of Eggs; also serve you some good salad and Waco Coffee.

The City Grocery & Bakery

"Where There's a Will, There's a Way."

There's no task too great to undertake—if you have the will. If you will to save money, you can do it. You don't necessarily have to be "short" to save—just bank a part of your earnings at this bank, each week or month—you will be surprised at the rapidity of its increase. Then you are ready to tackle the larger things in life. Show your will, and determination to win, by starting an account with us today.—And Stay With It!

MAKE OUR BANK YOUR BANK

La Grande National Bank