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THE STODDARD FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late George E. Stoddard yesterday was a wonderful tribute to the personality and character of the man. Many journeyed hundreds of miles to be there to show their respect for the dead. Men and women of every walk of life were there. Sorrow was sincere. There was no fulsome flattery, merely straight forward narrative of the man's deeds and worth. It is no small achievement in this life to live so as to deserve the tributes paid at the time of departure.

PRESIDENT WILSON.

President Wilson today takes office as President for four years. He is the head of the government of the United States, sworn under oath to enforce its laws and to support the constitution of the United States. He is entitled to the support of all good citizens of all parties.

It is a good time now at the outset of Mr. Wilson's administration to remember that upon the citizens themselves fall part of the duties and burdens of government. They pay the bills, they are stockholders in the United States, they should know something about its affairs and its policies, they should choose their representatives in Congress wisely and counsel with them and also with the President. Just now because we are in the midst of an international crisis, many people are taking an interest in affairs in Washington when their ordinary attitude would be one of indifference. But in a republic the patriotic citizen does not take a spasmodic interest in its affairs. Read the correspondence of Washington, Jefferson and Hamilton. Hardly a letter that does not manifest deep and sincere devotion to country.

Never was patriotism more needed than today, when we are beset with so many vexing and difficult problems. On the one side we have the militant jingo, on the other the militant pacifist. In the middle of the road we have the average citizen who realizes the horrors of war and also the difficulties of keeping a nation out of war when beset by unscrupulous foes.

Calmly and serenely President Wilson is steering the ship of state. With a Congress composed of men representing many diverse and conflicting elements, he has mapped out a course which should be followed by congress and by all citizens, remembering that Wilson, like Lincoln, has no desire for war, that he is a man of peace slow to anger, but a man who will fight to protect his country's rights when the limit of his patience and endurance has been reached. And if he does fight it will be in a righteous cause and the people of the United States will approve his policy in giving battle.

Farmer, but No Farm!

Did you ever hear tell of a farmer without a farm?
Did you ever hear tell of a successful business man without a bank account?
Success is just as likely to come to you without a bank account as it is to a farmer without a farm.
This bank meets your needs—fits your case, and is a bank of personal service. The same hearty welcome here for the man who opens a small account, as the man who opens one with more.

La Grande National Bank

Spring Clothes for Boys More Attractive Than Ever---

There isn't a Boys' or Children's store that can offer you better clothes than we can. That is be cause we sell Xtragood clothes for Boys.

The New Spring Suits for Boys are Here

Mothers should look for the points in a boy's suit that will cause it to hold its shape and good ap pearance under the rough treatment that boys usually give.

XTRAGOOD is re-inforced at e very "strain point". Trousers are full lined with extra strong t will lining. Special canvas coat fronts and seams piped to prevent breaking give the garment do uble life as compared with ordi-nary clothing.

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Norfolk Suits in a large assortm ent $6.00 to $12.50

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THE QUALITY STORE

Yesterday's Snow Blockade Cleared

Snow Plow Breaks Near Imbler Yesterday Morning and Branch Train Backed Into La Grande.

Snow drifts which tied up O.-W. traffic on the main line and Joseph branch were cleared last night and trains are running today through the main line trains, west bound, are twelve hours late. The worst slide was on Telocaset hill yesterday morning. A group of workmen were swept 50 feet by one of the slides and one man was buried two feet though he was uninjured. Number 5, and number 19, were held at Huntington yesterday. Number 18 was held here last night about four hours until the Telocaset hill slide had been cleared. Number 17 and number 19 came through today at 12:15 p. m.

While plowing out a long and deep snow drift in a cut a mile the other side of Imbler yesterday, O-W snow plow No. 660 broke two castings and had to back into La Grande for repairs. The morning branch train, which was following the plow, also had to back in and discharge the passengers here. Drifts between here and Imbler were found to be from three to four feet deep on the railroad's tracks.

The repairs to the plow were made in a few hours by use of the company's welding plant recently installed. The plow was sent out at six this morning. Ordinarily the plow would have been tied up here for a few days until new castings could be secured from Portland.

W. R. (Tamarack) Forbes Is Dead.

W. R. (Tamarack) Forbes, an aged man living near Starkey, died in the Grande Ronde Hospital yesterday morning. He was brought to the hospital last week in an unconscious condition and never regained consciousness. Neighbors found him on his place near Starkey. The body is at Bohnenkamp's parlors.

Mrs. Mildred Wilson Died Today.

Mrs. Mildred Wilson, 26, wife of Parke Wilson, died in the Grande Ronde Hospital today. The body will be shipped by Hal Bohnenkamp today to Joseph for burial.

Starts Pruning School At Imbler.

Prof. Walter Larson, extension horticulturist of O. A. C., started a pruning school at Imbler today for the apple men of the vicinity.

Hot Lake Hospital Has Many Patients

Hot Lake, Ore., March 5—(Special)—Since the arrival of Dr. Phy at Hot Lake, there have been from one to three operations a day, and the hospital is gradually filling. One of the largest and most complete X-ray machines on the Pacific coast is being installed and a number of patients are waiting for diagnosis on ths account. Installation will be completed this week.

In former years when Dr. Phy was in charge of the sanatorium the institution was patronized by people from all over the northwest, and while he has been in charge only one week, many localities are responding to their former patronage.

Man Wants Land Office to Hold Two Sections Until June.

The United States land office receives many communications from home seekers throughout the eastern states who have little conception that civilization has advanced in this western country during the past half century. Many people making inquiries from eastern state believe the homesteads are adjacent to La Grande or the railroad. The following is an illustration of how some proceed to secure a part of fertile Union county.

Mott, North Dakota, Feb. 27, 1917. —Department of the Interior, La Grande, Oregon.—Dear Sirs: I am writing to you to find out if you could save some homestead land for me which is under the provisions of the enlarged homestead act. I would like two sections of land near Elgin in Union county. If that is already taken then save me two sections near the Lake or the town of Union. I am sending you, with this letter, a map of my own make to show you more exactly what land I would like. I will be out in June to settle matters. I have made blue marks in the townships of red, showing where I'd prefer land.

Yours truly

The diagram inclosed with the letter is very accurate and the sections described are the most productive in the county having been under cultivation for fifty years. The lake mentioned in this letter refers to Hot Lake.

"Oranges for Health"

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