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### A NATIONAL LIABILITY.

The United States Senate has been tried and found wanting. In the midst of a national peril it allowed eleven of its members to block the will of the majority and the will of the nation. If Atilla, the Hun, had been at the gates, or if Hannibal, the Carthaginian, had been crossing the Alps, the United States Senate would have done just precisely what it did Saturday night and Sunday: Allowed itself to be dominated and dictated to, bluffed and bully-ragged by a minority.

Our Senator Lane was one of those also tried and found wanting. One might imagine some Republican made purblind by partisanship standing against the President in time of stress and emergency and seeking to gain some, small, petty partisan advantage. But we cannot imagine why Senator Lane would fail his country and his constituents at such a time, at such a crisis, when if we had presented a united front to the world we might have stood a chance of going through the present crisis without war. But now with division in our ranks, with the President in the eyes of foreign foes standing plainly repudiated by Congress, our position is weak, ignoble and pusillanimous.

Out of evil good may come. It is thus that we console ourselves. President Wilson has called an extra session of the Senate so that body may come to its senses and reform its rules so that it will be a help and not a handicap at the next time of national danger. It is prudent that we should arrange all our affairs so as to have some efficiency if war should strike us. It is evident that the Senate is not an effective, well organized, or modern instrument of government. Now that its defects have become glaring, the thing to do is to reform it. The time to do it is now. The people of Oregon will remember Senator Lane and attend to his case later on. The people now should insist that the Senate of the United States put its affairs in order so as to be a national asset instead of a national liability.

### Enterprise News Items

**Snow in Mountains Hinders Logging**—Planner Had to Shut Down Part of Last Week—It Was 20 Degrees Below Zero at Enterprise Thursday Night.

Enterprise, Ore., March 6.—(Special)—Miss Della Jackson returned Monday afternoon from a visit with her mother and brother in La Grande. Mrs. Fleener was quite sick the first part of the week but is improving now. Walter Galloway, trap drummer at

the Peoples theater, went to La Grande Thursday afternoon to visit a few days with his grandparents. He is just recovering from a sick spell and went to La Grande in hopes that the change would improve him.

O. W. Click went to La Grande on the Thursday afternoon train for a visit with friends.

George McAulty returned Thursday from Imnaha where he went with a load of freight. He left again Saturday with another load.

The planer and mill shut down on Thursday for the rest of the week owing to the scarcity of logs. The snow is so deep in the mountains it is

hard to get a large supply of logs in from the camps.

Thursday night Enterprise experienced quite a cold night it being 20 degrees below zero. Friday was not as cold although a very heavy fog hung over the town until about noon.

The National Stock company played to a crowded house at the Peoples theater Wednesday night. Enterprise people enjoy these plays which the company puts on. The Peoples theater gives one good picture before the show opens and with the orchestra music, too, makes a good evening's entertainment.

The Enterprise lodge, Knights of Pythias, gave a delightful program and supper Thursday night to the knights and their families. The hall was decorated very beautifully and everyone enjoyed a delightful evening. After the program and supper a social dance was enjoyed by all present.

The Enterprise basketball team left for Wallowa Friday where they played the Wallowa team that night.

Prett & Henderson, who run a meat shop in Bue's store, will open a grocery in the room back of the Wallowa bank the middle of this month. This will make seven grocery stores for Enterprise.

The Elite Millinery shop expects to open up March 10 with an up-to-date line of millinery, dresses and the latest in all kinds of neckwear.

A carload of coal was received by Mr. Falconer Tuesday but as usual there were more orders than could possibly be filled.

Fred Ashley returned from Salem Friday. He has been gone for some time down at Salem attending the leg-

islature. Mr. Ashley is representative from this county.

Friday night was "Charlie Chaplin" night at the Peoples theater. All children who attended the show were given a picture of Charlie Chaplin as a souvenir.

The W. O. W. lodge is to give a big dance on March 9 at the Peoples theater dance hall.

All property owners received their tax notices Thursday, the first of March.

The Enterprise concert band will give their next big dance Friday evening, March 16. This will be a St. Patrick's ball. The band has been giving some fine dances since the first of the year. All who have attended have enjoyed evenings of good dancing and fine music. Enterprise certainly has a band of which to be proud.

Lambing started on many of the ranches around Enterprise this week.

E. G. Brown has opened an office in the new Burnaugh building. He has been in the law office of D. W. Sheahan but has decided to be public stenographer and has opened an office for himself.

Miss Edna Garnwell and Ira Bloom, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Bloom of Lostine, were married near Lenore, Idaho, February 14.

On the front page of the Chieftain this week is a picture of the proposed new school building for Enterprise. It is to have 23 rooms and from the picture will surely be a fine building and a credit to Enterprise.

Enterprise is to have a horse show in the near future if present plans can be carried out successfully.

The Baptists are holding revival meetings this week in the Presbyterian church every afternoon and night. Good interest and attendance are reported.

Mr. Ratcliff, the furniture man, intends to put up a neat and attractive building on the corner now being used for his furniture store. There will be considerable building going on in Enterprise as soon as spring opens up. Prof. Henry gave another one of his recitals this week. These recitals are certainly fine and are enjoyed by pupils and parents.

Miss Gertrude Harmon has accepted a position in the office of E. J. Conklemann, the plumber.

The Alabama Colored Troubadours gave a two hours entertainment at the Peoples theater Saturday night. The house was crowded. Chairs had to be brought in and put in the aisles. They gave the best minstrel show that has been given in Enterprise and answered to many encores. Their orchestra gave a dance after the show and the dance hall was crowded. A good time was enjoyed by all present. March 9 a troupe of 15 colored people will give a show in the Peoples theater.

Adna Haggerty has resigned his position with the M. & M. company and has started ranching.

### Starkey News Notes

Starkey, Ore., March 5.(Special)—K. W. Smith and family visited relatives and friends in Perry this week. Pearl Moorhouse and family of Castle Rock, Wash., are late arrivals here.

They have moved into one of A. J. Sullivan's vacant houses.

Ward Smith and wife have returned to their home after visiting in La Grande and Island City for a week.

A. B. Burnett and son, Lloyd, were business visitors in La Grande Wednesday and Thursday.

J. B. Hagey and wife were in La Grande the first part of the week. Mrs. Hagey will remain several days. Mr. Hagey has sold his cattle, about 60 head, to a man from Ellensburg, Wash.

A. J. Sullivan has returned from Hot Lake, he was looking after his stock which are being wintered there.

The past week has been very cold, the thermometer reach from 10 to 15 below zero each night.

### THE WHAT-YOU-MAY COLUMN

BY "GM"

#### Square Meals.

When we were a bachelor we thought a square meal was something to eat.

But since we are married we have discovered that food has nothing to do with it.

It's the color scheme that counts. A man gets awful tired of pink food, even if it does match the blue china.

Must one call in a decorator to get a change of diet?

Or is there some other way out?

Our Wants Ads bring results.

# 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 because we sell Xtragoood 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 appearance under the rough treatment that boys usually give.

XTRAGOOD is re-inforced at a very "strain point". Trousers are full lined with extra strong twill lining. Special canvas coat fronts and seams piped to prevent breaking give the garment double life as compared with ordinary clothing.

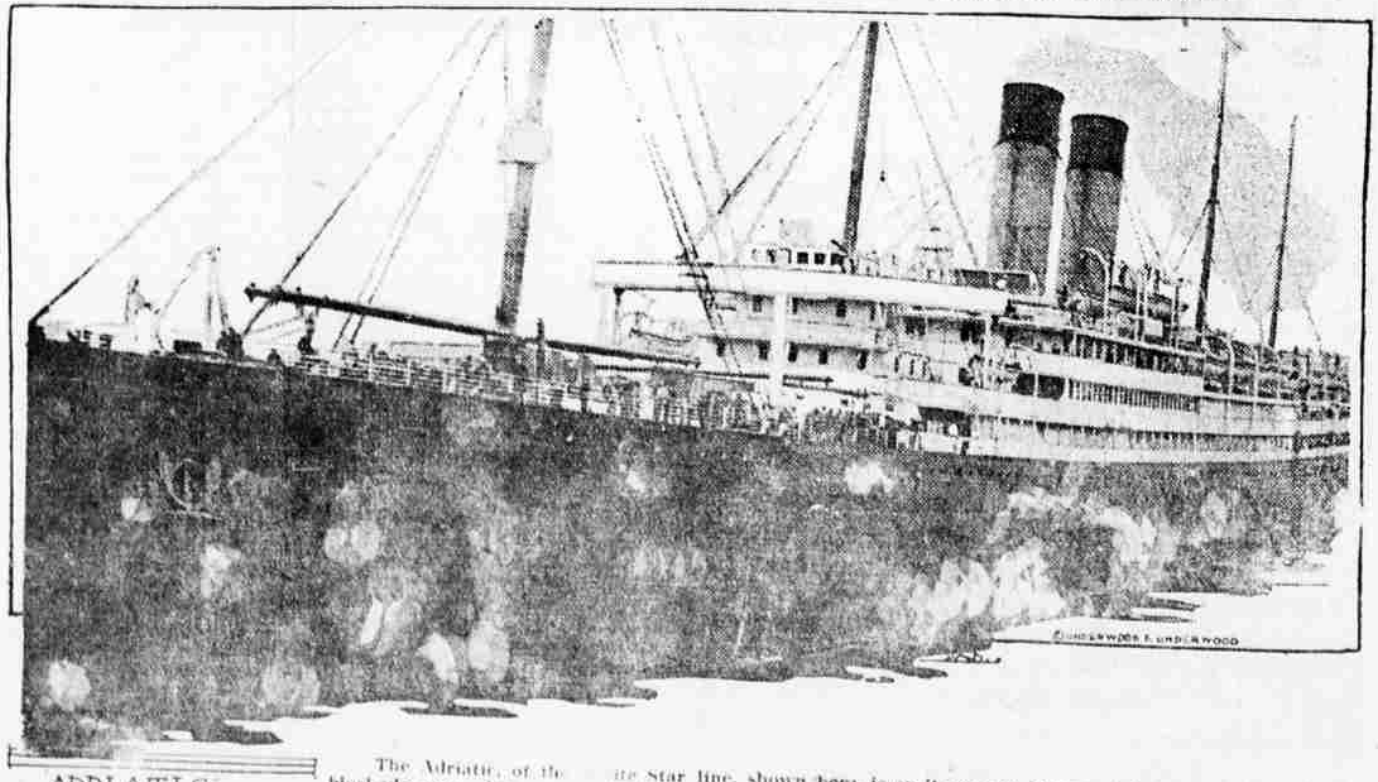
The fabrics and colorings are new and attractive—The tailoring is as good as that in the clothing made for men and the prices are moderate.

Norfolk Suits in a large assortment ..... \$6.00 to \$12.50

# N. K. West & Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

## HUGE LINER, CARRYING AMERICANS, RISKS DASH THROUGH BLOCKADE



ADRIATIC

The Adriatic, of the Star Line, shown here, is on its way to Liverpool through the new German blockade zone. It is one of the largest ocean liners afloat. It is 726 feet long, and has 24,541 tonnage and 17,000 horsepower.

# 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 service for the man who opens a small account, as the man who opens one with more,

## La Grande National Bar!