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## THE PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag, and to the Nation for which it stands—one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Your flag and my flag,  
And how it flies today  
In your land and my land  
And half a world away!  
Rose-red and blood-red  
The stripes forever gleam;  
Snow-white and soul-white—  
The good forefathers' dream;

Sky-blue and true blue, with stars to gleam aright—  
The gloried guidon of the day; a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag!  
To every star and stripe  
The drums beat as hearts beat  
And fifers shrilly pipe!  
Your flag and my flag—  
A blessing in the sky;  
Your hope and my hope—  
It never hid a lie!

Home land and far land and half the world around,  
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound!

Your flag and my flag!  
And, oh, how much it holds—  
Your land and my land—  
Secure within its folds!  
Your heart and my heart  
Beat quicker at the sight;  
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed—  
Red and Blue and White.

The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—  
Glorified all else beside—the Red and White and Blue!

—Wilbur D. Nesbit.

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Today may go down as one of the momentous days in American history. It marks the opening of a session of Congress called together by the President to consider taking a decisive stand for American rights. President Wilson will go before Congress and read his message as soon as that body is organized and ready to receive it. When that message is read, Congress will act. Let us hope that body will act with deliberation and patriotism. The world knows the United States does not want war, that we are a peace-loving nation, but it should also know that we will not surrender our rights like cravens and be made a football of world politics. In times like these Congress and the people should listen to the President who has fought our battles hitherto while we have been in the darkness. President Wilson knows how foes, until recently unmasked have conspired and conspired against us, have attempted to embroil us in this international conflict. If the voice of President Wilson—who has demonstrated that he is wise, cautious and patriotic—calls for war as a solution of our national problems, there is nothing to do but to support him loyally to a man. The Observer has no doubt that Congress and the country will do this bravely and determinedly. We expect to hear of

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"I will start for myself a savings fund,  
And bank the first dollar today."

La Grande National Bank



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the utterances of certain hollow-minded blatherskites in Congress who will refuse to sustain the President. While they may anger us, they are too small not to overlook. They may refuse to give our President a vote of confidence once to often. The Revolutionary war had its Benedict Arnolds, and no doubt if war comes there will be names that will go down in history equally to be execrated. But we also have no doubt that President Wilson for his wisdom and patriotism and devotion will be as revered as Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

It is inspiring to read of the patriotism shown by the women of the country. Everywhere they are taking up the woman's burden, organizing and training for their duties. With such women to inspire men to do their duty there need be no fear of laggards, shirkers or slackers.

Mayor Hi Gill of Seattle, was acquitted. But the whole affair was a nasty mess. There was so much evidence that the city authorities were winking at violations of the law, that it might be well for Mayor Gill to demonstrate his purity by starting in now to do his duty and enforce the law. He could start in by cleaning up the Seattle police force.

## AMERICAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS SHOULD BE FRIENDLY.

(By Hon. Edward Ewing Pratt, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.)

The crisis which has occurred in Russia is not only the most dramatic event of the great war, but is undoubtedly one of most far reaching consequences to Russia and to the future of the Continent of Europe. Great as is the significance of this change for Russia and her allies, it has, I believe, even greater significance for the United States.

This is not a revolution in the commonly accepted meaning of the term, but rather the comparatively peaceful suppression of an inefficient form of government by the succession of a highly organized and efficient form of government. We need not look, therefore, to any reign of terrorism and destruction. On the other hand, we may expect a very rational and much more efficient form of government, a government which will prosecute the work more effectively than its predecessors. Those of us who are interested in the trade relations between the United States and Russia see in the promised reforms in Russia the clearing away of the one obstacle to the freest and frankest exchange of international relations between the two countries.

Those of us who are interested in further developing the trade of the United States with Russia should also keep clearly in mind, without any misconceptions, the part which Germany has played in the development of commercial Russia and the part that Germany is likely to play in the commercial development of Russia. In spite of her unfortunate influence on the political institutions of Russia, Germany was performing a legitimate and economic function in that country, as evidenced by the fact that practically all the successful undertakings in Russia were prior to the war, under German control. There is reason to believe that Germany may play an important part in the economic development of Russia after the war because Germany will be in a position to offer a legitimate service to that country. There is no doubt, however, that the Germans had failed to win the sympathy of the Russian people with whom they had been trading for many years. And I doubt if, under the circumstances the Germans will be able to win that sympathy in any business which they may engage with Russia after this war is over. The United States should profit by the example and failure of Germany.

The success of American capital in Russia will depend to a large extent on the spirit behind the American dollar. America has a good deal to teach Russia as regards industrial progress. Russia will probably prove an apt and appreciative pupil. With the establishment of a stable form of government and the resumption of peace there is no reason why young Russians should not come to the United States for their technical education, or why American technical men should not go to Russia to assist in building up a system of technical school in Russia.

## ECHO IS SHIPPING HAY

Thousands of Tons Bought for Cattle in Eastern Oregon and Idaho.

Echo, Ore., April 2.—(Special)—Thousands of tons of baled alfalfa hay are being shipped from Echo to various points in Eastern Oregon and Idaho. Hundreds of cattle were fed here the past winter, but much hay was still undisposed of. On account of the severe snow east of this section, many hay buyers have flocked here.

F. W. Anderson sold 500 tons to the Utah Construction company which goes to Twin Falls, Idaho.

Frank Correa, another farmer, sold 200 tons which goes to Prairie City, Or. Many other smaller sales were made, some of the hay going to Walla Walla, some to American Falls, Idaho, and various other points. The hay baled brings about \$13.50 per ton f. o. b. Echo.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mrs. E. Rosenbaum yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when her son, Jess, and Nellie Mae Kennedy were married. Bishop C. J. Black officiated. There were no attendants but little Evelyn Bruce acted as flower girl. The bride was dressed in yellow crepe de chine and taffeta. Luncheon was served after the wedding. Miss Kennedy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy of this city. The young couple will make their home on N avenue. Mr. Rosenbaum is employed by the Telephone company.

## Suffrage Start Picketing.

Washington, April 2.—(United Press)—Silent picketing suffragists re-established themselves before the White House gates and all the entrances of the House, Senate offices and Capitol building.

Mrs. Robert Swartz, of Portland, arrived here yesterday to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Nellie Kennedy.

Phone Company Files Report. Salem, April 2.—(Special)—The Home Independent Telephone company of La Grande has filed its annual report with the public service commission. The report showed that the operating income was \$14,222.02. The net income was \$4,983.35.

## MOTOR CAR IN SERVICE.

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Morrison of Morrison Crossing. Mr. Tuttle is editor and publisher of the Elgin Recorder and he expressed the hope that was re-echoed by the La Grande business men that the service would be advantageous to the people of all points on the line. Cecil Galloway, county commissioner, was also a passenger.

Mr. Morrison was the prime mover in getting the service and he was greeted with applause by the delegations on the car. Some one has already christened it "Morrison's Submarine" and the name promises to stick.

The patronage of the car has been good, and it is hoped that it will be a complete success and take many tourists and visitors out to see the country along the route. It is expected that it will take many people out to Elgin and the neighboring towns who would not have gone otherwise on account of the infrequent service. It had been stated that school children might utilize the car to come to La Grande, but this is not expected as all of the neighboring towns have excellent school facilities of their own, nor is it expected to draw trade away from the merchants of the other towns.

What it is expected to do is to benefit all the points on the line by facilitating travel.

Many citizens of La Grande went out today on business to the neighboring cities.

It is expected that an afternoon run of the car to Hot Lake and return will be made.

DOES YOUR LITTLE GIRL  
HAVE HEARTACHES



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