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WILLIAMS SELLS INTEREST IN IMBLER BANK

PLACE TAKEN BY J. L. McKIN-
NIS, PIONEER FARMER,
AND TWO SONS.

INSTITUTION HAS GROWN IN STRENGTH

Expanded From Wooden to Brick
and Stone Building in Six Years of Ex-
istence.

IMBLER, Or., Oct. 26.—(Special.)
—One of the important items of the
financial circles of this Valley is the
transfer yesterday of the interests of
Sherwood Williams in the State Bank
of Imbler to J. L. Frank, and Herschel
McKinnis.

This exchange brings to this already
strong organization the added value
of the wealth and influence of the men
named, who are representative of
Grande Ronde Valley's best citizenry.
J. L. McKinnis came to this valley
in 1864 and has lived on his present
farm, three miles north of Imbler,
since 1868. He has been successful,
not only as a farmer, but as a business
man in many other lines, having pio-
neered in the flour mill industry and
saw milling, while at the same time
devoting no small effort to public mat-
ters.

His sons are of the same type of
careful, conservative men and Frank
is farming the home place.

Herschel, who intends entering into
the active work in the bank, enjoys a
large circle of friends and acquaint-
ances, and on account of his experi-
ence in merchandising and grain hand-
ling, will find no great difficulty in
adapting himself to the intricacies of
the banking business.

Mr. Williams will not retire from
the bank work until some time next
Spring, but has announced his inten-
tion of removing to Idaho, where, in
connection with John T. Witty, also of
Imbler, he has purchased a 2000-acre
wheat and hay ranch near Fairfield.

The success of the State Bank at
Imbler is due largely to the untiring
effort of Mr. Williams to secure for
the rural customers a country bank
which would provide all of the advan-
tages and courtesies that may be had
in the larger places.

This bank is less than six years old,
yet from the modest beginning in the
wooden building which was first occu-
pied, the bank has grown, until it is
now installed in a substantial brick
and stone structure, equipped with
good vaults, safety deposit boxes and
other fixtures in keeping. The total
footing of the business are well along
towards the \$200,000 mark as can be
seen from the statement given below,
which certainly indicates that the
community appreciates having good
banking facilities within easy reach.

With a substantial foundation al-
ready laid, and with the advent of
these new men into the business, there
is no doubt as to the future welfare
of the institution.

Statement of the State Bank of Im-
bler, at the close of business on Oct.
24, 1917:

Resources—	
Loans and discounts	\$128,465.66
Bonds and warrants	3,972.89
Banking house	9,047.04
Furniture and fixtures	2,198.75
Other real estate	2,500.00
Due from Reserve Banks	31,281.23
Due from other banks	654.70
Cash on hand	7,918.31
Other resources	366.10
Total	\$186,404.68
Liabilities—	
Capital stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	3,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	135,791.41
Time certificates	15,151.27
Demand certificates	2,362.00
Rediscounts	5,100.00
Total	\$186,404.68

Enterprise Youths Burglarize Stores

Three young boys of Enterprise last
night broke into and ransacked the J.
C. Penney store there. Among the
merchandise stolen were mackinaws,
neckties, riding boots and jewelry.
They also broke into the Enterprise
Hardware store, took revolvers, guns
and ammunition and then defied any-
one to capture them. However, they
were arrested early this morning and
are now being held for trial.

Big Time? Sure! Jazz?? You Bet! Where? '49 Show

As was predicted, last night's revel-
ry at the '49 show surpassed the pre-
vious night many fold. The crowd was
bigger and happier and money chang-
ed hands more rapidly than ever. The
money which some of the fair nomboy-
asses carried around recklessly last
night would make John D. turn green
with envy, and if all the bills which
were put into circulation last night
were turned into the Government
treasury, Secretary McAdoo would rub
his hands together and light a cigar
and say "bring on your old war."

Never equalled in the annals of the
country was the spirit of fun that pre-
vailed at the Elks' Club last night.
Not by any means the smallest at-
traction of the evening was the music
of Haines' Jazz orchestra. Snappy,
raggy, lively and then some, the
strains that the raggedy trio passed
over the counter had the crowd go-
ing. And rags, say! the rags that
that man Haines picked out of his
banjo would keep La Grande in car-
pets for the next decade.

The faro and poker tables worked
overtime as usual. Here is the rea-
son for all this mad rush for the piles
of phoney money. On Saturday night
at 12 o'clock when the excitement has
all died down, the last \$10 bill is spent
and Haines has pulled the last step
out of his banjo, the lady having the
most Elks' money in her possession
will be awarded a gold bracelet watch.
At the same time the man who has
outsharked the card sharks and can
produce the most bogus lure will re-
ceive a gold knife and chain.

Tonight the fun will be more intense
than ever and notwithstanding the
fact that red liquor of doubtful ingre-
dients is doled out under the very nose
of the police and despite the fact that
card games flourish and gamblers
prey on innocent victims in true movie
style, the committee emphatically de-
clare that the show is a safe place for
a minister's son and urge that all who
have not taken advantage of the op-
portunity to see bad men in action
come tonight as they anticipate stand-
ing room only on the last night tomor-
row night.

ALLIES CANNOT WIN BY BOMBING SAY GERMANS

LACK OF MACHINES WILL PRE-
VENT ALLIES FROM CON-
DUCTING OFFENSIVE

(United Press.)
BERLIN, Oct. 26.—The Allies can-
not defeat Germany by brutally bomb-
ing unfortified German cities, was
officially declared today. The entente
should not forget the numerous
French cities within easy reach of
German bombing air craft. High of-
ficials said the Allies couldn't con-
duct an extensive aerial offensive
because of lack of machines.

MILK AND CREAM MAY BECOME A LUXURY

(United Press.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 26.—Milk
and cream in the Pacific northwest
may become a luxury—seen only on
the tables of the well-to-do.

United Press reports from various
towns in Washington, Oregon and
British Columbia show that the milk
famine is growing increasingly seri-
ous. Dairymen, facing the rising
price of feed, are selling their cows
to the butcher or stockyards. Thirty-
five cows from dairy ranches were
sold at the Portland stockyards in
one day recently.

The situation is probably more seri-
ous in Spokane than any coast city.
Milk retailers there say they must
increase the price of milk or go out
of business. They have offered to
turn their plants over to the city—
and the city may try to relieve the
situation by taking care of the pro-
duction and distribution of milk.

Some dairymen in New Westminster,
B. C., suggest that milk be de-
livered in cans instead of bottles,
making a large saving for the dis-
tributor.

Northwest milk condenseries are
working at capacity—but their prod-
uct is becoming scarce throughout
the northwest because a large part of
the canned milk output is shipped
abroad.

Mrs. George Seibird, of Union, was
in La Grande Wednesday on business.

OREGON PASSES MINIMUM QUOTA IN BOND SALE

TOTAL OF \$19,181,450 SUBSCRIB-
ED BY NOON TODAY; \$10,-
000,000 MORE TO GET.

PORTLAND EXCEEDS MAXIMUM QUOTA

With One-Third Wealth of State, City
Has Subscribed Two-thirds of Total
Amount.

(United Press.)
PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 26.—The of-
ficial Liberty Bond total was announ-
ced at noon as \$19,181,450, well over
Oregon's minimum total, while over
\$10,000,000 remains to be obtained in
just over 24 hours, the city of Port-
land with over \$11,000,000 is well over
its maximum quota, but the rest of
state with some few exceptions has
fallen lamentably behind.

Portland has made a wonderful re-
cord. With one-third the wealth of the
state, it has subscribed nearly two-
thirds of the Oregon total, while in
actual number of subscriptions it has
subscribed 16,400 out of a total of
less than 30,000. Moreover in Port-
land subscriptions made by an em-
ployee for hundreds of employees
counts as only one subscription. Pen-
dleton's record and Umatilla County's
is one for the state to admire, declares
the committee.

Based on the maximum quotas how-
ever, Lake County heads the state out-
side of Portland with 83 per cent;
Klamath jumped to second place with
65 per cent, and Umatilla takes third
place with 64 per cent. Marshfield is
now beginning to get its gait.

GERMAN AGENTS CAUSE TROUBLE IN ARMY POST

MULES MYSTERIOUSLY STAB-
BED AND KILLED IN VAN-
COUVER, WASH.

THOUGHT TYPHOID GERMS PLANTED IN WATER

Commandant Denies Report That
Bread Was Found to Contain
Poison.

(United Press.)
VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 26.—
German agents are evidently working
in the Army post. A number of Army
mules have been mysteriously and se-
verely stabbed and several killed. It
is believed that an attempt has been
made to plant typhoid germs in the
water. Colonel Jones, commandant,
flatly denied the persistent report that
1500 loaves of bread were found to
contain poison. The guard about the
Army post has been doubled. Every
effort is being made to catch the plot-
ters.

COMPANY M AND COMPANY L PASS THROUGH LA GRANDE TONIGHT AT 1 A. M.

The Observer has been informed
that Company L and Company M will
pass through this city tonight at 1
A. M. on their way East.

TILLAMOOK ROAD BOND ISSUE FOUND INVALID.

(United Press.)
SALEM, Or., Oct. 26.—The Su-
preme Court found today the \$400,-
000 Tillamook road bond issue invalid.

Subscriptions Expected to Pass \$5,000,000,000

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Ever in-
creasing subscriptions are expected to
roll the Liberty Loan past five bil-
lion dollars. Treasury department
reports indicate today that tomor-
row's subscriptions will exceed even
those of Liberty day.

The treasury department estimated
the subscription this afternoon at
three billion, two hundred thousand
dollars. Many districts have oversub-
scribed their maximum allotments.
Most banks will remain open Satur-
day afternoon and night.

ITALIANS WILL REPEL DRIVE OF PRUSSAINS

MILITARY OBSERVERS DECLARE
GERMANY AND AUSTRIA
ARE WEAK.

(United Press.)

LONDON, Oct. 26.—Military ob-
servers are fully confident that the
Italians will be able to repel eventu-
ally the Austro-German drive. Italy
is well supplied with troops and mun-
itions.

Observers said that the Isonzo of-
fensive showed conclusively the weak-
ness of the Austrian and German
troops, officers, munitions and aero-
planes conducting the drive.

Realizing the extent of Italian in-
ternal unrest, the Kaiser evidently
launched the drive hoping to break
the morale of the Italian people.

AISNE BATTLE YEAR'S GREATEST GERMAN DEFEAT

FRENCH PENETRATE ENEMY
DEFENSES 3 MILES; LOSSES
HEAVY.

BRITISH OPEN BIG FLANDERS DRIVE

German Pill Boxes Destroyed; British
Gain 2000 Yards; Cavalry Is Very
Active.

(United Press.)
FRENCH HEADQUARTERS, Oct.
26.—The German retirement on the
Aisne front is continuing following
the terrific French smash of Wednes-
day and Thursday. The Aisne battle
is Germany's greatest defeat this
year. The French penetrated the Ger-
man defenses three miles. German
losses are conservatively estimated at
forty-five thousand, the heaviest losses
Germany has yet sustained in pro-
portion to the size of the battlefield.
The victory gives the French domi-
nation of Aisne valley. The Ger-
mans are evidently attempting to
make a determined stand today.

(United Press.)
LONDON, Oct. 26.—The French
and British opened another Flanders
offensive this morning. General Haig
reported that progress is satisfactory.
Fifty-five minutes after the British
opened the drive, the German pill-
boxes, 2000 yards distant, were com-
pletely destroyed. Half an hour la-
ter the British reached the Polhoek
Chateau an initial gain of 2000 yards.
Rain was falling last night and today.
The British cavalry is very active.

(United Press.)
BERLIN, Oct. 26.—Austro-German
forces in the Italian front captured
30,000 prisoners and 300 guns, it is of-
ficially stated today.

ROME, Oct. 26.—The pressure of
the Austro-German drive forced the
Italian evacuation of Bainsizza Pla-
teau, it is officially stated today. The
announcement said the Italians with-
drew from Mount Maggiore west to
Aozza.

MRS. IVANHOE TO WORK ON FOOD CAMPAIGN

COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTEND-
ENT PREDICTS COUNTY
WILL RESPOND

County School Superintendent A. E.
Ivanhoe, returned last night with Mrs.
R. W. Logan, Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn,
from Prineville. Mrs. G. M. Curtis re-
mained in Prineville for another day.
"We had a most enjoyable time,"
said Mrs. Ivanhoe. "The hospitality
of the Prineville people was wonder-
ful."

"Now that I have returned to my
work, and I am delighted to be back,
I am devoting my energy and time to
the food pledge campaign."

"I hope to have Union County re-
port 100 per cent strong in this cam-
paign."

"The requests of the Food Adminis-
tration are so reasonable and so mod-
erate that anyone can sign and follow
out their program without radically
changing their mode of life."

"I wish that you would make it
plain that there is no expense involv-
ed; no donations asked; that every-
one no matter what his circumstances
can sign without any expense."

"It is merely a great educational
campaign of food saving. Surely
every housewife will sign when it in-
volves no money and merely a slight
effort."

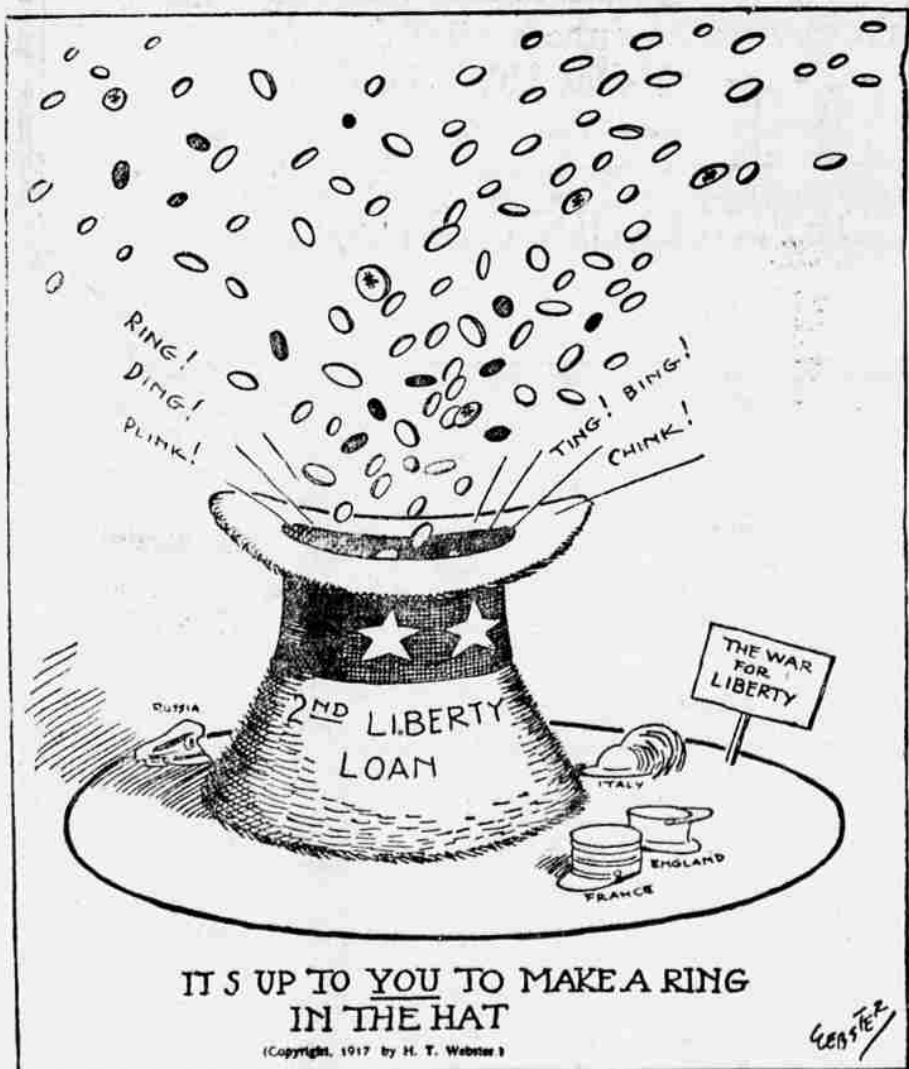
"The cards are already coming in. I
know Union County will not fall
down."

HIGH SCHOOL WILL PLAY ELGIN TOMORROW

The La Grande High school foot-
ball team will play Elgin High school
tomorrow afternoon at Elgin. The
team will be taken to Elgin in cars.
They will start at 12 o'clock and the
game will start at 2:30.

Many people are expected to go
from La Grande.

Have You Bought Your Liberty Bond?



THE SECOND DRAFT IS COMING.

It may take your brother, your sweetheart, your son. It may take YOU.
The boys who go in the second draft will be cared for, outfitted and pro-
vided with ammunition and protective devices by the money realized from the
Second Liberty Loan.

Do you want the Government to be forced to skimp in giving these boys
everything they should have, or do you want your Uncle Sam to have plenty
of money for them.

THING IT OVER—it concerns YOU personally.
It is better to be forearmed than to have regrets when they tell you he
was killed or wounded because of LACK OF EQUIPMENT.

BUY A LIBERTY BOND.
Buy it whether you can afford it or not. Your bank will help you.

BUY A LIBERTY BOND!