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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR BOYS.

To the boys in France: We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This is written on the 7th day of November, but it must be mailed soon so as to reach you by Christmas Day. So in order to be sure, it is written today. The first thing that we all want you to know is that we miss you and are proud of you. In our mind's eye we see you growing and developing every day into more manly young men, into soldiers worthy of Uncle Sam. Some of the older of us, like Walt Mason, rather envy you your experiences, the leaving of routine work at home, the traveling across the continent, the embarking for France, the thrills of the unseen menace of the submarine, the arrival in France, the meeting of your comrades in arms of many nations, the excitement, the hurry, the confusion. To some of us, sights and scenes that you have gone through now that you are safe in France would have been like elixir of life; it would have toned up our nervous systems, given weary brains a brief surcease. So when we think of you far away it is with some envy that you boys have been privileged to take up Uncle Sam's work. You boys have volunteered to do it; that was fine and manly and we folks at home appreciate your devotion. We think of you and talk of you. On Christmas Day make merry; be full of laughter and joy. Think of the folks at home; we are going to make merry, too. We have all sent you some little trinkets, some home-made things, to show you that our hearts are in the right place. So when you have your Christmas turkey and are gathered around the festal board, drink a toast to dear old La Grande and Union and Wallowa Counties, and we will do the same; drink a toast to our dear boys at the front, whether it be on land or sea.

Bright, crisp, cool weather like this should cure grouches and give every one plenty of pep.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON



Loyal Talkers.

A lot of us old fogies, who are too old to fight, sit round and smoke our stogies, and jabber day and night. We tell about the scuffling we'd do if we were young; we'd sent the Prussian yapping, with buckshot in his lung. We'd prod foes in the stomachs with gleaming sword and lance, and pile our dead in hummocks upon the plains of France. And how we roast the stripling who does not seek the fray, who's quoting Wells or Kipling while others march away! We skin that German royal, who started all the fuss; we are so doggone loyal the children stare at us. But when we're asked politely to dig up for a bond, and keep things going rightly out yonder and beyond, when asked to give assistance, we suddenly recall engagements in the distance, and hike to beat you all. You cannot tear asunder the tightwad from his wad, the miser from his plunder, the gold brick from his god. Oh, talk is cheap and filling, we all can boost the flag; but ask us for a shilling, and see us wilt and sag!

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Announcements

MRS. HONEYMAN WILL SPEAK FRIDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Jessie M. Honeyman of Portland is accustomed to public speaking. She has addressed large audiences in England and Scotland as well as the large eastern cities of the United States. The lecture on "The Chapel of Silence," was given for the Art Associations in Portland and Seattle. It will be given in the Neighborhood Club Rooms here Friday Evening — 8 p. m. 11-1-t.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to the friends and neighbors and brothers Moose, for their many acts of kindness and for the beautiful floral offerings given us during our mother's and grandmother's and sister's illness and death.

MR. AND MRS. W. L. CRANDALL
MR. AND MRS. C. H. CRANDALL
MR. AND MRS. C. L. CRANDALL
MR. J. M. McCORMICK
11-7-11-pd.

Attention Lady Maccabees.

The funeral of Sister Katie Coalwell will be held at the M. E. church at Imbler tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in the Summerville cemetery. All who possibly can are urged to attend.

The Honor Guard will not meet for the Red Cross but every member is urged to be present Thursday to hear the last lecture of Dr. Underwood.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight. After a business meeting refreshments will be served.

Presbyterian Missionary Society.
The Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. A. T. Hill on Fourth Street on Thursday afternoon at 2:30, instead of Friday afternoon. Dr. Maud Allen of India will be present and speak. All ladies of the congregation are urged to be present. Ladies don't miss this treat of meeting and hearing Dr. Allen. The Presbyterian Missionary Society of Union will be guests of the La Grande Society on that day. The C. E. Society will give a Rally for Dr. Allen on Thursday evening at the church to which every one is invited. 11-6-2t.

Knights of Pythias.
La Grande Council, Knights of Columbus, will meet Wednesday evening at K. of P. Hall. Election of officers will take place. Entertainment and refreshments will follow.

Our lunch is that our boys are in France.

They had to bring the world's champion here in the effort to beat Jack O'Neill.

The annual meeting of the school taxpayers should be well attended. Our schools are really the one most important institution in our civic life.

It is reported that the appointment of a new Chancellor in Germany means the democratization of that unhappy country. If this is true it means that one obstacle to peace has been removed.

No doubt those who refused to sign the food pledges will be pleased when they learn that their names have been reported to the United States Government and that they will be subject to investigation.

The revival of the Tuesday noon luncheons of La Grande business, professional and working men is a good thing. Let's make them better, bigger and happier than ever. They will do much for the town and country if kept going with enthusiasm, spirit and vigor. Let's show 'em what the La Grande spirit really is.

A DEBATING SOCIETY.

We are told that the German Reichstag is not a parliament, but a debating society. That is better than being a rubber stamp.—Pendleton Tribune.

MADE IN GERMANY.

"Made in Germany" will not be a conspicuous label on manufactured goods after this war. Germans who want to sell their products in the markets of the world will conceal rather than advertise the country of their adoption.—Baker Democrat.

THE OWNER OF THE TIMES.

Lord Northcliffe, the owner of the London Times, and perhaps, the most powerful of unofficial Englishmen started business in 1881, without much capital, but with abundant brains. His motto was "Concentrate your energies and work hard; never be afraid to have the courage of your opinions." When he adopted that motto he was plain Alfred Harmsworth. His title is unimportant, but his example is worth emulation.—Pendleton Tribune.

PATRIOTIC WOMEN.

Thousands of leisured women are doing noble work in food conservation and many other branches of war activ-

NEW SWEATERS, TOQUES, HOCKEY CAPS AND SCARF SETS

We've a new shipment of these Scarf Sets, and Toques. Many pretty color combinations to go with Sweaters.



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Come in and inspect them.

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All Knights are urgently requested to be present. 11-6-2t.

Salvation Army Tag Day.
Get ready for Salvation Army tag day the proceeds of which will be used to buy an ambulance for our soldiers in France. Date of sale, November 10th. 11-6-2t.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
George R. Vehrs, M. D. Special

attention to women and children's diseases. Phone, office Main 2; Home, Black 3862. 10-27-tf

Who is there in this world who doesn't love the kiddies? See Babie Marie Osborne at the Star Saturday and add another one to your list. 11-6-tf.

Victor Adcock went to Elgin this morning.

See Snip, the \$2,000 dog at the Arcade Hipp Show today. 11-7-1t.

Come and laugh today. The Arcade Hipp Show will amuse you. Today only. 11-7-1t.

Babie Marie Osborne will add many new friends after her new picture, "Told at Twilight" is seen at the Star Saturday. 11-6-tf.

Plan on letting the children go to the Star Saturday afternoon. Babie Marie Osborne will be there in her new play, "Told at Twilight." It is a picture for old and young. 11-6-tf.

For a Weak Stomach.

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suitable to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets. Adv.

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ity. But there are only too many wastrels among them, too many who treat the wise and patriotic pleas of the Food Administration with contempt.

There is only one fit penalty for such women. It is social ostracism. And any woman of spirit should not hesitate to apply that penalty, any more than she would hesitate to discharge her unpatriotic servants.—The Dalles Chronicle.

The Woman Who Pays



by check instead of in currency escapes a lot of worry about money matters. She has an accurate record of where her money goes and a receipt for every penny she has paid out. Besides it's so much safer to have the cash in the bank than in the home. Our special department for women will be glad to give information.

La Grande National Bank