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THE WANDERLUST

It is hard to explain how the wanderlust occasionally seizes some of us and we wander away.

In the olden days these migrations were more common. People picked up their belongings and traveled on to the next place. Sons born of pioneer ancestors must frequently feel this restless spirit.

This no doubt accounts in part for the eagerness of young men to go to war. They go for change, for adventure, to see.

Some men go through life without feeling this desire to move about. They are content to remain in one place. This requires will power, not to go chasing after the gold at the foot of the rainbow.

Every man to his likes. The bold, the adventure-some travel the world over, brave many dangers and the thrills they feel are their joy of living.

Even to wander away for a day or two, to have search parties out looking for you, to sleep in the open, must be an experience not wholly without enjoyment.

DOESN'T WANT REFORMERS.

One explanation of Tammany's victory in New York City undoubtedly is that the metropolis prefers a Tammany administration to a reform administration. In the long run a community gets the kind of a government it wants and deserves.

GOOD PHILOSOPHY

"If we do not hang together we may hang separately," said our revolutionary forefathers when they adopted the declaration of independence. It is good philosophy for the present day.

La Grande today paid tribute to the memory of Thomas Walsh, its former mayor and a good man and true. To his family we extend our sympathy; they have the precious memory of their associations with a sterling man.

"Come Through" for the Army Y. M. C. A.

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.

La Grande National Bank

WHAT THE Y. M. C. A. DOES FOR THE SOLDIER.

(By Samuel Merwin.)

The work of the Y. M. C. A. is real and vital. It takes hold of the soldier where the Army control must, in certain ways and to a considerable extent, leave off. It recognizes frankly that the soldier boys are not plaster saints, but "single men in barracks, most remarkably like you."

All this special service to the soldier and to those who are thinking of and praying for that soldier is necessarily free. There is no way that the soldier himself, out of his small pay, after the heavy sacrifices he has made, could even begin to pay for it.

It is, in the aggregate, a costly service. It must be kept up, everywhere that the soldiers go.

I appeal to you, the reader, as one who has had an opportunity to see something of what the Y. M. C. A. means to all of us, to give something to keep it going.

OUR LESSON FROM ITALY.

The lesson for us in the United States is that we must with all speed and with all energy forward and complete our preparations to bear a serious part in a war that we can now see is to be one of magnitude and not short.

First of all we must see to it that the men in charge of this gigantic work are equal to their task. Private reputations, high standing, personal friendships, count for nothing in time of war. All our allies have made changes statesmen of long experience, have been set aside, to the end that the ablest, the best, the most efficient might, in this supreme hour, be charged with the duties upon the faithful performance of which so much depends.

SUMPTER WILL DO ITS BEST.

Sumpter may not be able, in view of the great disaster of a few months ago, to do its full part in helping the Y. M. C. A. fund, but the solicitors will find that what the people of this place are able to give will be done with a free will, and the only regrets to be heard will be the inability to give more.

MORE HASH.

Mr. Hoover insists that we eat more hash. And, just for that, we insist that Mr. Hoover take a census, or get some statistics or something. He probably doesn't know how much hash we have already accounted for.

Read what Samuel Merwin says of the good the Y. M. C. A. does for our army boys. He has been at the front and knows.

Job Printing Quickly and Neatly Done at The Observer

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON



PLACES FOR ALL.

Some men must do the fighting, and some must teach in schools, and some must do the writing and others shoe the mules. Let no man think he's futile because he may not go and shoot holes through the brutal, exasperating foe.

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Advertisement for N.W. West & Co. featuring 'NEW BATES-STREET SHIRTS Just In' and 'Men's Pajamas'. Includes images of a shirt and a man in pajamas.

POTATO CROP BETTER THAN ANTICIPATED. It is interesting to note that quite a percentage of the potato crop of the Grande Ronde Valley is out of the grower's hands, and was sold all the way from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a hundred, the bulk of sales being made around \$1.25.

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