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### THANKSGIVING

President Wilson in his Thanksgiving proclamation makes no attempt to recount the specific things for which the nation at this time has cause to be grateful. Had he particularized, doubtless he would have given the result of the second Liberty loan a prominent place among those things for which the nation should be thankful.

For the great result of the second Liberty loan campaign, with nearly 10,000,000 Americans rallying to the financial support of the nation and subscribing over four and a half billion dollars for the purchase of Liberty loan bonds, is a cause for deep thanksgiving in the heart of every loyal American.

President Wilson says the nation should be thankful that we have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our declaration of independence by taking up arms against the tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere.

So, too, can all subscribers to the Liberty loan be thankful that they have been given an opportunity to aid in this great mission of America and have done their part toward giving to the world liberty and justice and security from the tyranny that threatens to master and debase all nations and all men.

Every purchaser of a Liberty loan bond has struck a blow for human liberty and for civilization and humanity. Let them remember this on Thursday, the 29th day of November, and be thankful.

### THE BEAUTIFUL GRANDE RONDE

The Observer, through the kindness of Jap H. Stevens, printed a letter Saturday from H. C. Cotner, who is in the Soldiers' Home, near Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Cotner says he frequently thinks of La Grande. He says he could never hope to find a better place. And he tells of his longing for the "Beautiful Grande Ronde Valley." No one who has ever seen its charms in the many changing seasons can ever forget it. No wonder Mr. Cotner is homesick for this beautiful country.

HENRY FORD

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### Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holm spent Sunday at Imbler with Walter Westfall. In the afternoon they went out to the fish hatchery.

Miss Agnes O'Leary of La Grande was a visitor in Baker Sunday.

F. K. Wilson of Union was a visitor in Baker Sunday.

E. C. Skiles of the Stuart and Holmes Drug Co., went to Wallowa today on a short business trip.

Vera Swalberg went to Baker Monday on business.

Born: Sunday morning, November 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Gale Sturdivant, a baby girl, at the hospital.

Roy Baker of Cove was in La Grande yesterday and paid a visit to The Observer office.

J. W. Stepp, who lives near La Grande, called at The Observer office yesterday and renewed his subscription.

BORN, Sunday, November 18, to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Miller of Alice, a baby girl.

Mrs. E. P. Mossman spent Sunday and Monday at Hot Lake.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe went to Summerville today on business.

Returns to Enterprise—Mrs. E. Kelly returned to her home in Enterprise today after spending a few days here on business.

You will not be disappointed in the "Ten of Diamonds," a big punch, Star Thursday and Friday, 11-20-17.

respect of labor and to get the results from his employees. Henry Ford does not drive his men. They drive themselves. Therefore, while Henry Ford always pays good wages, higher than the market, he gets a greater product per dollar than most other employers. It looks simple, doesn't it?

### L. K. HARLAN

In the death of L. K. Harlan The Observer feels a distinct loss. He had joined The Observer staff to take charge of the mechanical department. He was an all around newspaper man, an editor as well as a practical printer. He had the reputation of being the best printer in Eastern Oregon. He was not only a fast linotype operator, but also an artistic job compositor and a fine pressman with a rare instinct for the combination of colors, type and paper to produce neat, unusual and pleasing effects. And above all he was active, quick and energetic and loyal to his employees. Such a man is hard to replace. To Mrs. Harlan and family The Observer staff extend their deep sympathy.

### THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between America and the Kaiser is this: America executes a soldier for a fiendish crime; the Kaiser applauds and honors a soldier who commits a crime, no matter how atrocious, so long as it is against the enemy.

The death roll is coming from the front in France. The names will be enrolled upon the nation's list of heroes—a long list of men who died that this nation might be free.

Union county oversubscribed the Army Y. M. C. A. fund, which illustrates just exactly the state of Union county's patriotism.

We opine that sleeping in church is worse than knitting.

## Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

Trying to Sleep



WALT MASON

There ought to be some sort of law, forbidding noises rank and raw, at night, when people would repose, and do some snoring through the nose. At 10 o'clock I soak my head and straightway toddle off to bed, and hope to give my life new zest by having one good slice of rest. An old gray cat prowls round my shack and splits the welkin up the back. Joy riders scoot along the street and raise pink thunder and repeat. A young man with a cheap guitar comes singing where the damsels are, and their aooie is just next door—how can a weary mortal snore? The milkman's wagon jolts along; the milkman smites his brazen gong and makes the night a discord fierce, while selling cowjuice by the tierce. And now a dog lets out a wail; there's tinware fastened to its tail, and like a shot I hear it scorch beneath my open sleeping porch. All through the night the uproar goes; one must be dead to find repose, and when at dawn I leave my couch, I have a large and lasting grouch, my head is sore beneath my tile, and I forget to sing and smile.

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### UNION-WALLOWA NEWS

#### ALICE NEWS.

ALICE, Ore., Nov. 19. (Special.)—The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. W. R. Ledbetter Wednesday.

A. L. Taylor will leave Monday evening for Red Oak, Iowa, his former home.

Prof. Gerhart left Sunday evening for his home in Emmett, Idaho. Mr. Gerhart was unable to retain his position in the schools on account of his health.

E. F. Brown expects to build an addition to his house soon, and R.

O. Watkins has just had his house reshingled. Alice is preparing for winter.

B. F. Webb has a crew of apple pickers in his orchard, hard at work. Mrs. B. F. Webb returned home Monday after being in the hospital at La Grande for some time.

Mrs. J. W. Spencer of La Grande spent a few days with her grandparents this week.

Mrs. H. J. McKennon is spending a few days with her mother.

"Ten of Diamonds" ran a week at the Liberty, Portland. See it at the Star Thursday and Friday, 11-20-17.

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