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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Some Political Gossip

State Treasurer Kay is not quite certain about it, but seems to be of the opinion he will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for the governorship. At one time it was considered certain he would make the race, in fact was rumored that an arrangement had been made by which Governor Withycombe was not to be a candidate to succeed himself, and that he would leave the field to Kay so far as he was concerned. This arrangement it is, or was claimed, was made four years ago when Kay ran for state treasurer and kept out of the governorship race. There may have been nothing to the story, but it was repeated quite extensively at the time. This will leave the race between Oleott, Moser and the present incumbent, so far as is known at this time. Neither Oleott nor Moser have announced their candidacy, but that they will do so soon is expected.—Salem Capital Journal.

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Universal Military Training

The experience of the young men called to the border during our recent trouble with Mexico should be a great eye-opener. The almost universal testimony is that the physical condition of practically all these men was vastly improved by the training, the right living and the taking of abundant exercise. If the nation heeds this lesson, it will provide for military training in all the schools. There is nothing else that sets a boy up so well as this kind of training. It also teaches obedience to the command of those in authority, and lays a solid foundation for future citizenship. There should be more training and less for foreign languages taught in the schools. It would be better for the boys and girls, and incomparably better for the country.—Salem Capital Journal.

A lady called up The Observer and said: "I can hardly wait for The Observer to be delivered in the evening, to get the latest telegraphic and local news." We thank the subscriber and hope that our other subscribers note the improvements in this newspaper.

The soldier and sailor boys would appreciate an Observer subscription as a Christmas gift. Wouldn't you, if you were away from home?

A few words of praise now and then do no one any harm. The bouquets help make it possible to dodge the brickbats.

Let's take a minute off tomorrow and write a letter to a soldier or a sailor boy.

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

Haig's victory offsets the reverses on the Italian front. It is up to the Kaiser to make another strategic retreat.

Union county is receiving much good advertising for its liberal Liberty loan and army Y. M. C. A. record.

We'd like to have Ed. Kiddle, Larry Larrison and Floyd McKennon go out and hustle subscriptions.

Alfred holds the world's record in army Y. M. C. A. giving and lots of other things, too.

Walt Mason seems to think you can catch more flies with molasses than vinegar.

Now is the time to begin listing the many things you are thankful for.

Get the La Grande spirit—all for one—one for all—be a booster.

Santa Claus is oiling up his aeroplane.

Do your Christmas shopping early.



Society



A young girl who made two debutantes in grand opera, the daughter of a prominent social set—is the daughter of Monte D. Rogers of New York. Miss Rogers is American, she received her training in this country and now is turning her gift to patriotic service. She has been singing frequently this fall for war relief charities and for the entertainment of soldiers and sailors.

The holiday spirit is in the air. It is in evidence everywhere. The shop windows are taking on certain indications of the coming of Christmas. Gifts are on display, decorations suggestive of the season are being hung and the crisp twinkling atmosphere keeps one reminded of the brightness of the anticipated day. Society will soon begin to shape its events to meet the spirit of the day. Appropriate decorations will be used and refreshments will be made to conform to the occasion.

But gaiety will not have the full swing that it has had in previous years. The knowledge that our boys are fighting our battles in the rain-soaked trenches of France has lent a solemnity to the season that has hitherto been lacking. However, the real holiday spirit will be ever present and will bring its usual supply of joyousness.

In honor of Fireman Charles Murchison, who is moving to Portland to reside, the volunteer firemen of La Grande gave a "clam feed" at the fire station last night. Harvey Wells, state fire marshal, and G. W. Allen, deputy state fire marshal, were present as invited guests. Mr. Wells gave the firemen a very interesting talk on fire prevention.

Mr. Murchison has been a member of the department for several years and his efficient services will be missed by the department.

The fifth dance of the Elks' series of dancing parties will be held at the club next Monday night. These dances are a regular feature and are a much looked forward to event of the social calendar. The Elks guarantee a good time. Haines orchestra will furnish the music.

On Thursday evening Beatrice H. Littlefield and Alva L. Young were quietly married at the home of Rev. H. L. Ford. Only relatives and intimate friends were present. Both young people were formerly from Walla Walla county, but at present Mrs. Young is with the O. W. R. & N. Company at Walla Walla, Washington. Mr. Young is a private in the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Bliss, Texas. They have many friends in this part of the country who extend congratulations and best wishes.

A shower in honor of Mrs. Jessie Keller was given Wednesday night at the home of H. A. W. Parker by the lady clerks in H.H.'s Department store. Those present were Mrs. Jessie Keller, Mrs. Donald, of Portland; Mrs. Clyde Zimmermann, Mrs. W. Spencer, Miss Elizabeth Meyers, Miss Anderson, Miss Baran, Miss Laid, Mrs. William Fowler, Mrs. Emma Stringham, Mrs. W. Parker.

Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

What's the Truth?



War stories, always on the wing, I fear me, oft are fictions, and travelers come up and spring their endless contradictions. I can't imagine where we're at, as I compose this sonnet; one man is talking through his hat, another through his bonnet. One man, who's just returned from France, who's seen the armies fighting, says, "Kaiser Wilhelm's name is Pance—he's beaten at this writing." I go outdoors to celebrate, my soul is glad and sunny; then comes along another skate, who says, "Don't get too funny. The Kaiser's strength is unimpaired, in fact, he's growing stronger; don't fool yourself and think he's seated—he'll fight for nine years longer." One day I read the submarines are knocked out by the British; I praise blue springald in his teens, I feel so gay and skittish. And then I read another tale, which starts the terrors dropping; the efforts of the British fail—the U-boat craft is growing. What is the truth? Where are we at? Produce the facts, do you see it? One man is talking through his hat, another through his bonnet.

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Real Bargains In BLANKETS

The finest collection of blankets we've ever assembled—so many that you will not find in regular stocks, and at extremely low prices.

Compare these prices with any in La Grande, and you will find these are real bargains.

Here's the reason: These blankets were bought months ago, before prices started soaring. Consequently we can sell them far below their value.

We would suggest that you select now at these prices before they advance.

Compare These Prices

These blankets come in fancy plaids and plain colors—gray, tan, blue, and pink and white and blue and white plaids.

Sizes 60x76, 64x76, 66x80, 70x80, 74x80 and 78x90.

	Size	Price, Pair
Cotton Blankets	46 x 74	\$1.00
Cotton Blankets	50 x 72	\$1.25
Cotton Blankets	60 x 72	\$1.75
Cotton Blankets	64 x 76	\$2.00
Cotton Blankets	70 x 80	\$2.40
Cotton Blankets	72 x 80	\$2.50
Cotton Blankets	74 x 80	\$3.00
Cotton Blankets	72 x 80	\$3.25
Woolnap Blankets	64 x 76	\$2.75
Woolnap Blankets	72 x 80	\$3.50
Woolnap Blankets	72 x 80	\$4.00
Woolnap Blankets	72 x 84	\$4.25
Woolnap Blankets	66 x 84	\$4.50
Wool Blankets	68 x 80	\$5.00
Wool Blankets	68 x 80	\$6.00
Wool Blankets	68 x 80	\$6.50
Wool Blankets	70 x 84	\$8.00
Wool Blankets	70 x 84	\$8.50
Wool Blankets	72 x 86	\$9.00
Wool Blankets	72 x 82	\$10.00
Wool Blankets, silk binding	72 x 82	\$10.50

INDIAN ROBES
IN ALL
COLORS AND
PRICES

W. W. West & Co.
LA GRANDE, OREGON

A SPLENDID LINE
OF COMFORTS
AT VERY LOW
PRICES

Dainty refreshments were served and some beautiful gifts received by Mrs. Keller.

Clifton McDowell and Fred Davies, home on a furlough from Camp Lewis, were the guests of honor at an elaborate dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. James Y. Mahum at their home, 1303 Seventh street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bull, Miss Ruby Hilyard, Miss Addie Eames, Bert Davies, Clifton McDowell, Fred Davies and Mr. and Mrs. Walnum.

Mrs. Clyde Zimmermann was a charming hostess at a dinner Thursday evening given in honor of Mrs. Jessie Keller, who is to be married next week. The table was tastefully decorated in pink and white and a delicious four course dinner was served. The guests were Mrs. W. Spencer, Mrs. Jessie Keller, Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, Mrs. Emma Stringham, Miss A. Anderson, Miss Laid, Miss Baran, Mrs. William Fowler, Mrs. Emma Stringham, Mrs. W. Parker.

Mrs. E. T. Andrews was hostess at the Lucky Thirteen Club this week. Honors were won by Mrs. John Theisen, and the invited guest was Mrs. Howell, of Cove. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting of the Club will be entertained by Mrs. Byrkit.

The La Grande Spiritualist Society, which was organized about two months ago, held its first social at the K. P. hall Thursday night. After a short program and lecture, a crowd was served with refreshments. Dancing followed. About 40 couples attended.

A quiet home wedding, in which Laura Duke became the bride of Laverne L. Vandervanter, took place at the home of the bride's brother, H. E. Duke, 2102 Cedar street Thursday afternoon. Both young people are from Union. Rev. Geo. H. Fees officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siegrist entertained the Pinocchio Club Wednesday night at their home on Fourth street. Honors were won by Mrs. Archie Bacon. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Cora M. Davis, State Secretary of the W. R. C., inspected the W. R. C. and G. A. R. last Saturday afternoon. The W. R. C. ladies gave a chicken dinner in her honor at which the members of the Grand Army post were present.

Mrs. J. J. Carr and Mrs. J. Van Buren entertained the afternoon Kaffee Klatch yesterday at the Carr residence. The afternoon was spent in knitting. The next session of the Kaffee Klatch will be next Friday night at the Meyers home on

Spring street. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Meyers and Miss Margaret Nevin entertained.

About twenty-five ladies of the Catholic knitting auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. A. Nevin, Fourth and O avenue, Wednesday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be at Mrs. Clarence Charbonnet's next Wednesday.

Motion Picture day will be observed at Neighborhood club on Tuesday afternoon, November 27. "Better Films," Mrs. Lee Warnick, music; discussion, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Rosenbaum, Mrs. Bidwell, Mrs. Ida French and Mrs. W. H. Behnkenkamp.

Walter L. Lane and Ellen Linebarger were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Geo. H. Fees performed the ceremony.

SCIENCE

ELECTRICITY IN THE LAND
Highest Transmission Line in the World Located in Peru.

On top of the Andes Mountains in Peru the General Electric Company of Schenectady, N. Y., is building the highest electric power line in the world. Starting at Bella-Vista, at an elevation of 12,500 ft., it crosses the continental divide at an elevation of 16,000 ft. near Tico, which is the highest railroad station in the world.

On the west coast of Peru there are several rapid streams, among them the Rio Rimac, which has its source near the top of the continental divide about 100 miles inland from Callao, where it empties into the Pacific. On its way to the ocean the Rio Rimac passes through Casapalca, where the Backus & Johnston Company have a large copper smelter. Some years ago this company constructed a small hydro-electric plant of 300 kw. at a point a short distance above Casapalca; and when, four years later, they decided to double the capacity of the smelter and install copper converters (which of course meant more power) it was decided to develop water power at Bella-Vista, five miles below Casapalca. In the wet season, or for nine months of the year, sufficient water is available to develop 2250 kw., but during the dry season (June to September) there is only one-third of this amount.

The dam was built of concrete and the intake made of two compartments so arranged that one of them at a time can be shut off and cleaned without interfering with the operation of the system. This feature is very important, because of the fact that between 400 and 500 tons of slag is dumped into the river from the blast furnaces at Casapalca every 24 hours. The canal, which is about one mile in length, is cut in solid rock and is

entirely open except for one tunnel 500 feet long at the intake end. The power house is located at Bella-Vista (meaning beautiful view,) on the Central Railroad of Peru. Its dimensions are 100 ft. by 35 ft. and the equipment consists of three three-phase 60-cycle horizontal alternators, each rated 750 kw. The generators are direct-connected to impulse water-wheels working under a head of 250 feet, and are fitted with direct connected exciters. The switchboard consists of two generators and two transformer panels. The transformers are of the three-phase, water-cooled type, and are of the same capacity as the generators. They are operated in multiple and transform the voltage from 2000 to 10,000.

The transmission line is supported by 25,000-volt porcelain insulators mounted on iron pipe poles spaced 150 feet apart. Most of the material for these lines, as well as that for the dam and canal, was carried by llama and mules.

The equipment of the substation at Casapalca consists of two 450-kw., 10,000 to 440-volt, air-cooled transformers, and two 500-kw., 10,000 to 2000-volt water-cooled transformers. Adjoining the substation is the old power house, the equipment of which consists of two 150-kw., 440-volt, three-phase alternators belted to Pelton waterwheels working under a head of 150 ft. and arranged for parallel operation with the Bella-Vista plant.

Remember the date of the Red Cross Chiliarita, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27 and 28. 11-24-17.

THE FORUM

The Observer's Work Appreciated.

Portland, Nov. 21, 1917.
Mr. Clarke Leiter, Editor,
La Grande Evening Observer,
La Grande, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Leiter:—
On behalf of the Liberty Loan Committee, I want to thank you for the splendid co-operation you gave in every phase of the Liberty Loan Campaign. We read the Observer daily at headquarters and noticed that every day you had one or more interesting editorial paragraphs and usually a stirring editorial. In addition you ran a lot of news matter, playing up the Oregon telegraph features in an especially live and newsworthy way. I do not know of any other paper in the state that seemed to grab hold of the most important features of the campaign more quickly.

While we knew Union County was a first-class county we hardly expected it to go way over the top of the maximum quota. You can im-

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