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A literary critic holds William Dean Howells up as
the rival of Thackeray. This seems to us superlative
praise. Outside of "The Rise of Silas Lapham," it is
doubtful whether Howells will ever be remembered as
a character creator. We would much prefer to read David
Graham Phillips or Frank Norris to Howells.

John Rigby of Vale is dead. He was at one time
editor of the Malheur Enterprise, a good true man, a
friend of Oregon and of the people of Oregon.

What better name for a two-fisted, rapid-fire, hard-
hitting general than Byng?

La Grande shop windows are looking their prettiest.
Now is the time to do your Christmas shopping.

PHYSICIANS MEET IN ALBANY
Willamette Valley Medical Associa-
tion in Session.
ALBANY, Dec. 10.—Fifty physici-
ans from all parts of western Oregon
met last week at the annual meeting
of the Willamette Valley Medical
association. Dr. B. R. Wallace, first
lieutenant of the medical reserve
corps, stationed at Camp Lewis, dis-
cussed the work of army physicians
at the cantonment.

LLOYD GEORGE WILL
STATE WAR AIMS.
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lloyd George
is expected to give a clear and ex-
plicit statement of war aims before
the House of Commons Wednesday.

The Weather.
PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—The U. S.
weather forecast: "Fair and clear."

BRITISH BOMB TURKISH PORT



Striking aerial picture of a bombing raid by British airplanes on
Beirut, Turkish port in Palestine. Note the smoke of the bursting
bombs. Part of the town is obscured from the camera by the wing of
the airplane.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CON-
FERENCE "BEST EVER"

(Continued From Page 1.)
to War," following up his challenge
to the young men by calling for re-
cruits to serve in the army of Jesus
Christ, an appeal which met with a
ready response on the part of the
delegates present. At the same time
this meeting was in progress Rev.
John H. Matthews, of Seattle, was
talking to a goodly number of par-
ents at a fire-place meeting in the
lobby of the Y. M. C. A. building on
the duties which have fallen upon
the shoulders of the "Home Guard,"
those folks who are left behind while
the young men of the nation go forth
to war.

Haker Man is President.
At the business session of the con-
ference Saturday morning J. W.
Boyer, of Baker, was elected pres-
ident for the ensuing year. Arthur
Rudd, of Joseph, was elected vice-
president, and Paul Mortimore, of
Pendleton, secretary.

The business session was followed
by an address by L. G. Nichols on
"The Challenge to Prepare." H. C.
Soyanour of the Oregon Agricultural
College, spoke on "The Challenge to
Produce." Sectional conferences by
counties on the boys' working re-
serve movement wound up the Satur-
day morning session.

The conference picture was taken
in front of the Y. M. C. A. building
at noon.
"How Oregon Boys Sacrificed," a
series of one-minute talks at the
opening of the Saturday afternoon
session brought forth many instances
of patriotic giving in connection with
the recent boys' campaign for the
Army Y. M. C. A. fund. Paul L.
Newmyer, of Enterprise, spoke en-
tertainingly on "The Challenge to
Live," and John H. Matthews told
the boys about the "Patriotic Service
League." Group meetings, presided
over by various conference leaders,
provided an instructive feature of the
Saturday afternoon session.

Banquet is Big Feature.
The feature of the conference
which called out a one hundred per-
cent attendance was the "Dinner sup-
per" given under the direction of
the domestic science class of the La
Grande high school in the high school
gymnasium Saturday evening. Along
with the stupendous "Howitzer"
"Hotcornd" had been prepared a
program of music and speeches that
made the evening pass all too
quickly.

The musical numbers by the Na-
tional Trio Misses Mary Newlin,
Gladys Black and Jeanette Stoddard
and the solos by Mrs. A. L. Rich-
ardson both called for encores. Toast-
master A. C. Hatpation proved him-
self a master of the art, presiding
with dignified grace over the entire
conference.

Postmaster E. E. Brang, E. E. Arund,
superintendent of schools of Union,
City Manager Fred Curvey, Prof. Mc-
Neill, Roy Conklin, of Walla Walla, and
J. W. Bennett, of Portland, national
commissioner of labor for Oregon,
all spoke briefly and entertainingly
on subjects appropriate to the confer-
ence theme. The address of the eve-
ning was delivered by Rev. Wm.
Westwood, of Baker, who spoke on
"The Boys of America in War Time."
Rev. Westwood pointed out to the
conference the responsibilities with
which the young men of America
have been brought face to face in this
day of world conflict, responsibilities
in the maintenance of the home-
life at normal, as great, if not
greater, with as many physical dan-
gers, as those borne by the soldiers in

RED CROSS DRIVE TO
GET NEW MEMBERS IS
TO BEGIN HERE SOON

Ed. E. Kiddle Appointed Chairman
of the Work for La Grande
and Union County.

La Grande, Union county, the
state and the entire United States
is to witness a vigorous Red Cross
membership drive, one that will open
within a very few days and continue
for a week.

Dr. M. K. Hall, chairman of the
La Grande chapter, has appointed
Ed. E. Kiddle, manager of the drive
for the county.

The aim of the national drive is to
enlist at least one-third of the coun-
try's population in the Red Cross.
To do so means extremely energetic
work on the part of the campaign
managers and a patriotic response
on the part of the people.

Many people paid their dollar and
joined the Red Cross months ago.
Technically speaking some of them
will be members for a period past
January 1, 1918. But the word has
gone out that the plans are to date
all subscriptions from the first of
the year and to make them good for
the 12-month period.

This being the case all persons are
asked to disregard their previous
payment and join the Red Cross in
this drive and pay their dues for a
year.

The money is necessary as it never
was before. Daily lists are coming
in now of the American boys who
have fallen overseas. Some of them
will never again see their homes un-
less the people give liberally to the
Red Cross and the medical and sur-
gical aid it stands for.

How to Handle Sheep
Farm and Fireside, the national
farm paper published at Springfield,
Ohio, says in the November issue:

"To have good mutton the sheep
must be in good health, fat, and going
in flesh. In preparing for slaughter,
the sheep should be taken off feed
for about fifteen hours, with the ex-
ception of lambs, which are liable to
worry if taken from their mothers,
causing a rise in temperature. Al-
ways handle the sheep with care. Do
not chase, kick, or pound them around
and never pull them around by the
fleece, as this will leave colored and
bruised spots on the carcass. The
proper way to catch a sheep is by the
hind leg, neck, or rear flank and hold
out the rest will be better.
It is by placing one hand under the
lower jaw and the other at the dock.
If these few precautions are carried
out the sheep will be better.

Union Pacific to help establish a
steamer line from Portland.
Lorane to have a winter highway
built to Cottage Grove.
Perkins—Cinnabar mine near here
sold to Tacoma company.

GERMAN SHELLS DEVASTATE

(Continued from page 1.)
a half that a plebiscite now would
show a preponderating vote in favor
of Holsteinism. But Germans on
the ground are far less confident.

The French-Algerian lieutenant
who piloted up to the brow of a near-
by bluff where we could look out
across a nearby bluff where we could
look out across the French-German
lines in the valley below to Mulhouse
told us about the factory he owned
there before the war. "The Germans
seized it," he said, "but my title is
still good. They tried to sell it
the other day after an extensive ad-
vertising campaign at a very low
price. But nobody would buy, not
even the loyal German subjects!"

From another eminence we could
see the Rhine and beyond—"the
promised land," as the lieutenant
confidently remarked—while in the
immediate foreground rose the de-
vastated Hartmannswellerkopf, once
the scene of the most desperate
fighting of the war in this section,
now comparatively quiet, with the
German and French lines running
across the top, in places only six

yards apart. The Germans have
evinced as how the French occupy
all the dominating positions and have
a nasty habit of returning two shots
for one every time the Boche artil-
lerymen show a disposition to in-
crease the amount of their daily
practice work.

Are the people of France war-
weary? Yes; so are those of all
Europe. But they are not weary
to the point of even thinking of giv-
ing up the struggle, despite, or rather
because of, the fact that of all the
Allies France's burden and her mis-



Holiday Gifts
A Most Beautiful Line of
MEN'S BATH ROBES

Many selected bathrobes last Saturday from this
collection and they are going fast. You should call
now and see them while there are still some of each
pattern. Prices . . . . . \$4.00 to \$15.00

Your Inspection Invited

Jewelry
A most complete line
of jewelry for Christ-
mas gifts in both
men's and ladies' de-
partments. For men:
Watch chains with
knife or cigar cutter;
cuff links, tie pin and
cuff link sets, tie pins,
etc.
We invite your in-
spection and compar-
ison of prices.

Sweaters
A most acceptable
gift for young men
and boys. All wool
sweaters in white,
cardinal, maroon and
Oxford. Also in school
colors, blue and white.
Prices \$2.50 to \$8.00
Also Jersey in the
same colors, \$1.25 up.

INDIAN BLANKETS

Nothing could be more acceptable for any one than
an Indian Blanket. We have dozens of them to
select from—all different in pattern and colors.
We invite you to inspect these blankets and com-
pare the prices.

GLOVES
Always are popular for
Christmas gifts. We
have a most complete
line in both men's and
ladies'. Some of these
gloves are Fowne's,
made in France before
the war started. They
can never be duplicated
now and were recog-
nized as the best glove
on market.
Let us show you some
that would be most ac-
ceptable for Christmas
gifts.

SHIRTS
Silk or Cotton
We have just received
a new shipment of silk
shirts, the most beauti-
ful we have yet found.
See them in our win-
dow.
Also many new cot-
ton, fibre silk and mixed
shirts in pretty patterns
and colors for the holi-
days.
Your inspection in-
vited.
Prices from \$1.75 to \$10
All Bates street shirts.



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Rippling Rhymes
By WALT MASON
Eating Too Much
You're digging your grave with your
teeth, you're eating your way to your
doom; then some one will come with a
wreath and fasten it onto your tomb.
Your stomach is weary and sore; long,
long has it yearned for a rest; and still
you keep throwing in more, the which
you would have it digest. Go slow on
your eating, I beg; the money you blow
in for pie would buy some poor cripple
a leg, or fix him with virtuous eyes. Oh,
list to my patient harangue, don't turn
from my words in disgust; you're digging
your grave with your fangs, while mil-
lions are craving a crust. All Europe is
lean; the women and children are lean;
the women and children are lean; the
stricken and gray can't find in the larder a
bean. And you are de-
vouring the risks, consuming the doughnuts
and pies; you're
digging your grave with your tusks, all
deaf to the hungry
folk's cries. Says Hoover, "You're helping
us win by cutting
out sugar and fats, by dieting till you are
thin, reducing the
lard on your slats." Stand up for the
allies, whose flags are
borne in a cause that's sublime! You're
digging your grave
with your snags, when eating too much
is a crime.
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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 spe-
cial department for women will be glad to
give information.
LaGrande National Bank

The following resolutions were
adopted by the conference:
"Be It Resolved: That we, the
members of the Union Boys Confer-
ence, express our heavy apprecia-
tion of the welcome extended us by
the city of La Grande, the Y. M. C.
A. and the churches.
"That we thank all those who have
contributed to our comfort and plea-
sure by directing us to our various
homes, by entertaining us in their
homes, and providing places of meet-
ing.
"That we extend to the girls of
the High School our utmost thanks
and appreciation for the splendid
banquet given us.
"That we thank the different of-
ficers of the Conference for the in-
telligent work they did to make this
Conference a success.
"That we heartily appreciate the
presents sent us by the Governor of
the State of Oregon and Mr. Schmidt
chairman of the state committee.
"That we are going to do our best
in carrying on the work of our noble
town who have joined the cause."
LESTER ESTES,
JOHN BOYER,
RAY LEBRETTIER,
CLYDE BUNTING,
MR. DREW.

Buy Slippers
Something Very Useful
Ladies' Felt Slippers, both padded and leather soles, in the prettiest colors
we have ever had. A big variety. Per pair . . . . . 30c to \$1.85
Ladies' Satin Boudoirs in light blue, pink and black. Per pair . . . . . \$2.00
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Per pair . . . . . 75c to \$2.00
Men's, Women's and Children's Indian Moccasins, from . . . . . 75c to \$2.00
Children's Felt Slippers in all styles and prices.
Nothing Is More Acceptable for Christmas Than a Pair of House Slippers
L. J. French Shoe Co.