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EXIT 1917. ENTER 1918

The King is dead, long live the King.

The year 1917 will go down in history as one of the most momentous in the history of the United States. It will rank in our own history with 1914 in the history of Great Britain and France.

It will be remembered as a year of joys and sorrows, new duties and new responsibilities. And by all with pride because of the way that the citizens of the United States have risen to their new burdens. Sorry is the man or woman, boy or girl, who cannot say that in some way he has helped his country, has done his best in every patriotic way to help shoulder the load.

So we shall see the old year go without regret and its many stirring events will be kept green in our memory. We shall face the new year bravely, with courage and optimism, proud in the fact that America is doing her full duty to herself and to the peoples of the world, fighting a great battle for freedom, firing new shots that are echoing around the world. America is proud of her young men who are entering the new year under arms, proud of her women who are making their sacrifices without a murmur. The New Year will bring its blessings, as well as its sorrows; but since hope comes from an eternal spring, we may look at the smiling face of the new year and hope that it is the harbinger of peace, that it will bring an honorable peace to the warring nations, and one that will insure the future peace of the world.

To us in Eastern Oregon, we can look back upon 1917 with a clear record of duties well done. There will come many more. We will do them. With prosperity on every hand, an active and energetic citizenship the outlook in every material way is bright indeed. Courage, optimism, energy, daring—these have made Eastern Oregon and they will keep it to the front in 1918 as in the past.

To all its readers, wherever they may be, at home and under the Stars and Stripes abroad, The Observer wishes a happy New Year.

THE PRESIDENT'S DEFINITION OF GERMANISM

Innumerable articles and many books have been written to define "Germanism" and show to the world what it means.

In his message to Congress December 4, President Wilson defines it as follows:

"This intolerable thing of which the masters of Germany have shown us the ugly face, this menace of combined intrigue and force which we now see so clearly as the German power, a thing without conscience or honor or capacity for covenanted peace."

This thing must be crushed, and if not truly brought to an end, at least shut out from the friendly intercourse of the nations, says the President, and it is only when this thing and its power are indeed defeated that the time can come when we can discuss peace with the German people.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

Burning Money

It isn't what we earn that counts; it's what we put away. I took in coin in vast amounts, ere I grew old and gray. I said, "I'll gambol as I please, and paint the foolish town, for coin is growing on the trees, and I can shake it

The Woman That 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

COVE LIBERAL IN BIG MOVE

COVE, Dec. 28.—Cove continues to keep up her good reputation and has far exceeded her quota in the Red Cross membership drive. At this writing the membership totals 500 and the drive continues the remainder of the week.

The library rooms are open every Saturday for the use of the Honor Guard Girls under the direction of Mrs. Otfedahl who are working garments for the soldiers.

The program and community Christmas tree was well attended Tuesday evening. The whole evening was a decided success. There were oranges and popcorn balls for both young and old. Santa Claus was there with his reindeer, sleigh bells and jolly good cheer. The hall was beautifully decorated and the program good. The Rev. Pengra of the Baptist church was chairman of the evening. Rev. C. C. Pratt of the M. E. church offered the opening prayer and Bishop Mitchell of the L. S. church pronounced the benediction. In addition to the regular Christmas program Rev. Chas. Powell of the Episcopal church gave a report of and a plea for the refugee work and Dr. Otfedahl reported on the Red Cross drive. The interest and sympathy in the Red Cross work was made manifest by the quick and generous response when a collection for this worthy cause was called for.

Glen Roberts is home to spend the holidays with his parents and old friends.

Mrs. Robbins, the first grade teacher, with her son, Philip, are spending the holidays with friends in La Grande.

Floyd Antles returned home from Pullman, Wash., Saturday to spend the holidays.

The class in surgical dressings are doing splendid work with a good attendance each week.

Miss Houser, second grade teacher, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents in Baker.

Philip Conklin is home from O. A. 2, for the holidays accompanied by his friend and fellow student, Eugene Platt of Los Angeles.

Miss Ida Roberts who is teaching school in High Valley, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Robinson and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Robinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Houten.

Miss Vina Conley and Miss Bessie Lantz, both of Whitman college, are home for the holidays.

Mrs. Snedeker is very sick, suffering with a carbuncle on her shoulder.

Arthur Peek is on the sick list, threatened with typhoid fever.

Miss Thelma Pixton is convalescing after an illness of several weeks with typhoid fever.

Miss Neva Robinson who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Inez Oston in California for the past few months, was married December 22 to Herbert Grundell of San Pedro, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ingram and family of Medical Springs, are spending the holidays in Cove with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trippe and family are spending the week-end with Mr. Trippe's parents and sisters.

Andrew Anderson is in Hog Valley caring for the ranch owned by his son, George, who, with his family, have come to Cove for the winter and are living in the house owned by T. N. Allen.

Emerson Williams returned home from Blackie, Canada Saturday. He reports the weather there as being rather breezy. When he left the thermometer stood at 42 degrees below zero. George and Robinson will remain in Canada this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Organ are entertaining Mr. Geo. Upton and two daughters of Homedale, Idaho, and Mrs. Frank Dingham, son and daughter of Pomeroy, Wash., through the holidays. Mrs. Upton and Mrs. Dingham are nieces of Mrs. Organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Boswell, who have been ill for weeks are both improving.

The library rooms are open every Thursday for Red Cross work, where a large number of ladies are in attendance every week and a great deal of work is being accomplished but not as much as should be done. The attendance should be doubled for the work is so urgent. Surely every

down." On Saturday I drew my pay, a goodly roll and fat; on Monday morn I'd take my way to soak my watch and hat. All through my years of youth and health, when wisser lads grew flush, I gayly threw away my wealth, I burned the easy cash. Then came the sad and fatal day when I woke up to find that I was old and stale and gray, not equal to the grind. There came a siege of stringent times; the boss was sad and sore; he said, "I'll have to save the dimes," and fired me from his door. And after all my years of toil I had no plunk, that day, to make the old tin kettle boil, or keep the wolf away. I thought of all the costly joys I'd bought in bygone years, of foolish nights with foolish boys, and shed a stack of tears. I thought of chances that were dead, and gone beyond recall; and then I bumped my aching head against the nearest wall. But there is nothing in remorse, except an added jolt, and weeping for an old dead horse won't bring along a colt. So live, young man, that when you're old you've no such luck as mine, and have a parcel of red gold put somewhere safe in brine.

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2nd

CLEAN SWEEP SALE

Broken lines and odd lots from every department in seasonable and staple merchandise at clean sweep prices.

After an extraordinary business in fall and winter lines, we find many short lines throughout the stock, which must be closed out at once. Take advantage and economize on the savings offered at this clean sweep of high quality merchandise at less than low quality prices.

SEE THE WINDOWS WATCH THE ADS

THE GOLDEN RULE CO.

Quality the same—Prices less

La Grande's Store

Cash Talks! Restaurant for Sale

On account of my daughter being sick, I am compelled to sell, or will trade for anything so that I can leave.

THIS IS A BARGAIN. The restaurant and 8 furnished rooms above the restaurant.

Your Price Is Mine. I must leave in a few days. Don't be afraid to see what I have for sale.

I have to sell at once. Will give easy terms or will take a car that can make a long trip.

Empire Cafe
R. A. Crawford.

woman in our community can devote one day each week to this worthy cause. Cove branch has turned out many garments and has received much commendation from the Chapter on the neatness and speed with which they have been dispatched. We want our numbers to increase, and if necessary can find larger rooms to accommodate all.

Mrs. Reason is on the sick list. Miss Birdie Bell has returned home after several months' visit with her sister in Pendleton.

Gus Haux came home from Tacoma last Monday to visit with his sister, Mrs. Minnie Swedehorn, who is spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Haux.

Frank Bell has returned home from Texas where he has been the past month on business.

The Masons and Eastern Star held a joint installation of officers to-night, preceded by a chicken supper.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Conklin entertained a house party Christmas day. There were 43 guests present including Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Huntley and daughter, Eloise, of Idaho and Mr. Eugene Platt, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Geo. Baker has been quite ill for several days with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bell made a short visit in Pendleton last week.

Frank Bell has been sick with tonsillitis for several days.

LOCALS

And Advertising in Brief

Don't forget the goose dinner at the Home Restaurant New Year's day, commencing at 11 A. M. 12-3-14.

Strayed.
Two year old spotted heifer, branded quarter circle R on right hip; three yearlings, one black heifer, one yearling mottled face, one yearling steer, all three branded XR on right hip; an unbranded calf following the heifer. Rex Conaway, R. F. D. 2. Phone 4x1. 12-29-31pd.

CURFEW HOURS
Beginning January 2, 1918, the curfew will ring at 8:45 and all children not accompanied by parents or guardian must be off the streets by 9:00 o'clock. The fire bell will be tapped three times. The curfew ordinance will be strictly enforced on and after January 2.

FRED B. CURREY,
General Manager City of La Grande.
12-29-2tc.

MID-WINTER TERM JANUARY SECOND. Railroad or stage fare paid up to \$10.00, for all students enrolling between the above date and January 15, 1918, who enroll for four months or more, paying in advance. Terms: either Bookkeeping or Shorthand Course, six months for \$50.00; combined course, six months \$65.00. Write us about our monthly payment plan.

BAKER BUSINESS COLLEGE,
12-13 to 1-12 H. P. Kinton, Prop.

Start the New Year with a Victrola or Edison Phonograph. Newlin Book & Stationery Co. 12-28-1f.

RUBBER WORTH. You will be assured of REAL VALUE in a San-Tox hot water Bottle. Guaranteed to give service. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 11-27-1f.

Money to Loan.
On improved real property in Union county. No delays. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co. —Adv. 1f.

You will do well to step in and inspect our immense line of FRENCH and PYRALIN IVORY. Prices are right. Quality guaranteed. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 11-27-1f.

1-1-2 per cent Money—
\$30,000 for long term at 6 1-2 per cent interest for loans on Grande tonde valley farms. See W. B. Sarney at La Grande Investment Company at once. 11-22-1f.

A few pretty patterns in Ladies' shopping bags something better than

Wishing You All a Happy and Prosperous

New Year

We have just completed our tenth year in business in La Grande and wish to thank all our friends for their patronage. Our business has been built on quality and service, and in the future we will continue the same policy.

Yours truly,

J. G. Snodgrass Grocer

Service Phone 43 Honest Prices

the ordinary at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 12-28-1f.

All kinds of school and general tablets you will find them at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 12-28-1f.

In order to reduce stock, these standard reprint novels, usually sold at 75c will be sold at 25c to 50c for one week. See them at Silverthorn's Family Drug Store. 12-28-1f.

SHIRLEY NATIONAL MAZDA LAMP—BETTER LIGHT—BETTER BRIGHT—with no increase in your light bill. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 11-27-1f.

The new Tale. WALTZ DREAM, is soft and refreshing and breathes the fragrance of crushed flowers. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 11-27-1f.

Do not allow yourself to be annoyed by a hacking cough and soreness in the chest and lungs when

you can get immediate relief by taking SYRUP WILD CHERRY WITH GUARACOL AND EUCALYPTUS. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 11-27-1f.

A most complete assortment of Universal Vacuum Bottles of all different sizes and finishes. Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 11-27-1f.

Away From Home—
If you were away from home on the sea or in the trenches, wouldn't you like to get a copy of your home paper from your home town.

To remind you the first of the year is the time to renew your bookkeeping outfits and files. Our stock was never so complete. Newlin Book & Stationery Co. 12-28-1f.

Mavis (perfume). Mavis has been called the "Harmony of Flowers." It is delightful. Displayed at Levy-Vogel Drug Co. 10-12-1f.

Greetings

I take this means of extending thanks to all of my customers for past courtesies and considerations, and to wish you, one and all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The Mammoth Grocery

1211 ADAMS AVENUE

C. R. SIMKINS, Prop.