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E. S. NORRIS RETURNS FROM LONG TRIP

E. S. Norris of the La Grande Implement Company, has returned to La Grande after a very pleasant trip through Oregon, California and the Middle West.

"I found the farmers very busy," said Mr. Norris, "putting in their crops on all the Pacific Coast states, but a very different condition in the Central States where the snow runs from two inches to three feet and the thermometer from 25 to 32 below. Traveling conditions are very tedious. I found a very optimistic feeling as to the next crop but a pessimistic feeling as to the end of the war. One man that had just returned from the other side who had been sent there by the government to study conditions and to offer suggestions that would improve the "tank" said that he expected the war would last at least ten years yet.

"The tractor situation is problematic. The scarcity of material and the tightening of the money market makes them hard to get and they will be hard to sell unless there is a change for the better with reference to the farmer's ability to get money. The state of Ohio has taken an advanced position on the tractor. The Governor called the bankers together and asked them what they intended to do towards helping the farmers get tractors and the answer was: "We expect to handle all the good paper we can get the money to handle." Well the Governor told them that the State would finance the farmers for that purpose if the bankers did not.

"I saw the query in several factories: 'What part of a thousand tractors can you furnish the State of Ohio by April first?'"

"The Government is placing large orders for tractors, also in Mexico. Several factories are giving up their material to the Government. This makes me firm in the opinion that over that the fellow that wants a tractor had better get busy. I placed orders for several cars but there is no telling when they will be available but we are straining every nerve to meet the demand in this territory. While the East and the Middle West are necessary to the country, I am extremely glad there is a western country a person can get back to us as to get a good breath of air and not cross doing it."

VISITING HERDS OF MOOSE ARE ENTERTAINED

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necessary pass-words and grips to get into the corral.

High Class Entertainment

From the time the special train was met at the depot by the La Grande band and La Grande lodge members until the special departed this morning at 4 o'clock every moment was crowded full of high class entertainments. The parade to the lodge rooms was an enthusiastic and representative one. Headed by the famous Joseph Moose band, the only organization of its kind in this part of the state, the march enlivened by clowns and noise producers of various sorts, those participating proceeded to the lodge rooms, where they were seated at the supper tables and told to "go over the top" all around, underneath or to the kitchen to satisfy the brass moose.

Following the eats the program was taken up. Being so lengthy it was tacitly conceded that there would be no response to encores, but some of the numbers were so good that the audience could not be denied a reappearance of the participants. Among these were the mandolin song, including the solo by Miss Stackland, and Spanish dance by Miss Desilet, the Act of Major Littlefinger by Misses Hansen and Baker, the Swiss Yodlers, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hoffman, Messrs. Hildebrandt, Steffen and August Hoffmann (who by the way are actually Swiss, and the solo by Mrs. James Parnell. The Joseph Moose band favored the audience with two fine selections, Prof. Haines with a violin solo, and Messrs. G. S. Birnie of La Grande and Mr. Cunningham of Enterprise appeared in solos. The representation of the allied flags brought down the house, and the audience, which crowded Eagle's hall to its capacity, demonstrated its patriotism by the enthusiastic reception of this number. After City Manager Curry had presented the key of the city to the visitors, Mayors Burroughs of Enterprise, and Mount of Joseph, Dictators of their respective lodges, responded in assurances that they felt that they already had possession and the presentation of the keys was only a matter of form. Judge Knowles in his

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remarks promised a parole to all Moose who got in bed with the city, so everyone got aboard for a grand big time.

And the dance after the program! We'll bet most of the visitors are dizzy yet, for they all participated, and if dancing from ten till four, with Haines' jazz band furnishing the music, wouldn't lead to this condition, what would?

But we forget. The dancing was interspersed with an hour of the finest exhibition of athletics at the Arcade theatre that has been witnessed by sport enthusiasts in Oregon this winter. Two wrestling bouts, the first between amateurs, Declous of Pendleton and Allen of Enterprise, and the second between professionals, Kinney of Enterprise and O'Neill of La Grande were witnessed by the large number who deserted the dance for the athletics. The Declous-Allen bout was a pretty exhibition of young manhood and continued for ten minutes without a fall. The main event was announced to be for thirty minutes, and if neither participant secured a fall in that length of time, the match would be declared a draw. However, should a fall be given, either wrestler, the match would continue to a second fall or two in three. Although neither secured a fall and the match was declared a draw at the end of the thirty minutes, it was voted to have been the best wrestling exhibition staged in La Grande this winter, and there have been some good ones here at that. O'Neill had the advantage in weight, but the way his lighter opponent snuffed out of the holds and other clinches lent the audience in an uproar of enthusiasm. Kinney is a regular and in carrying from tight places, O'Neill demonstrated the most science, but the time allotted proved too short for him to secure the decision.

Leonard Johnson Writes to His Mother

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Sweater Comes in Handy—American Tobacco Sold at V. M. C. A.—New Cook Makes Good

(Letter from Leonard Johnson of the hospital unit to his mother, Mrs. Melissa Johnson.) January 7, 1918.

My Dearest Mother:

Well, am going to answer some of your letters. I received some time ago. I have neglected writing to you for a while, but don't think there is anything wrong when you don't hear from me for a while.

I just received a letter from Roy tonight, and sure glad to hear from him, too, and I also heard from Gladys the other day, and got two letters from you. So I guess I have been getting all my mail. Oh yes, and I got two letters from Lulu, too, and neither one had my name on them. I guess that is pretty good, getting mail clear over here without my name on them. She just had the field hospital on them.

And I received the box you sent me with the sweater and socks in it. Gee, they sure looked good to me.

Have't got the box with the cake and other stuff in it, but think I will get them in a few days.

How is everybody at home by this time. Roy said in his letter that they were all well and fine. Would have liked to have been there. That sweater sure comes in handy now. I have got lots of tobacco and cigarettes now, but will be glad when that gets here, the boys are smoking as follows:

There is a Y. M. C. A. here where we can buy American tobacco; I sure can't make this French tobacco; it is just like the other one that Roy got from the boys here in Mexico.

I am feeling grand and dandy now. Will write you a letter tomorrow night. Gee, mamma, I love you just like a bunch of Christmas presents over here. Miss Williams sent me a book, and Miss McComick sent me a carton of cigarettes; they are looked good to me.

That was how I liked Mr. McComick's mother. Tom's folks wrote and let me know about it.

We have an hour now, now in our common. Tom is good. Some cook, better yet. It's a good good thing, just like I used to get at home.

Oscar is all the time by the side of me, writing to his folks, too.

Well, think I have told you most everything, so will stop for tonight and write again tomorrow night. So good bye. And lots of love to all.

LEONARD JOHNSON.
167th Field Hospital,
117th Sanitary Train,
A. F. F.

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NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

In order to avoid any misunderstanding in regards to buying wheat flour, we are having printed below the latest rules and regulations issued by the Food Administration, governing the sale of same. These orders effective January 28, 1918.

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Mae Murray Thursday.

The successful struggles of an honest girl against the influence of evil will point a moral in the presentation of "Face Value" at the Arcade theatre on Thursday only, when Mae Murray comes to celebrate "Bluebird Day." But there will be no preaching in the unfolding story—excitement and adventure will abound and a love story of impelling interest will conform to the best purposes of entertainment without any attempt to moralize or to advance any social problems. "Face Value" will give good entertainment, thus fulfilling the best opportunities of the screen.

SIR GILBERT PARKER'S NOVEL NOW PICTURED

"The Judgment House," one of the most popular of Sir Gilbert Parker's novels, is being converted to photoplay form by J. Stuart Blackton, producer of "The Battle Cry of Peace" and others. This is the first of several productions by the famous director and author, which will be released by Paramount, and is to be shown at the Arcade theatre on Friday and Saturday.

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PERPETUATION OF FAMILY NAME HIS ONE OBJECT

Proud as Lucifer was Mynderse Van Dyun in the Triangle play "Regenerates" at the Star theatre on Thursday and Friday. He was proud of his ancestral home, and of his influence and, above all, of the vine blood which coursed through his veins. "Who was your grandfather?" was his first question when he met a stranger and on this hinged his whole character.

The one desire of his life was the union of his two grandchildren, Catherine Ten Eyck and Pell Van Dyun, for it meant the perpetuation of the family name without a break in the purity of the blood.

And then came a grim tragedy which at one blow shattered the old man's dearest dreams and left him a broken man. But it remained for the tiny hands of a child, through whose veins flowed the Van Dyun blue and the red blood of the commoner to open the eyes of this proud old man in this glowing Triangle play, "Regenerates."

A Hint to the Aged.

If people past sixty years of age could be persuaded to go to bed as soon as they take cold and remain in bed for one or two days, they would recover much more quickly, especially if they take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There would also be less danger of the cold being followed by any of the more serious diseases.—Adv.

EVEN RIDING HAS MILITARY HABIT



Down in the winter resorts of the north where fair society has gone to recuperate from the strain of its war activities, riding is the most popular outdoor sport. The riding habit lends itself particularly well to the military cut, with its boots, trousers, and mannish coat. The model photographed here is worked out in khaki colored linen—to spare the wool for serious business. The riding crop is strongly reminiscent of the swagger stick, though we suspect there is a silver vanity box concealed in the knob on the handle. Even the riding hat is built on the lines of Sammy's campaign hat and is bound with a determined looking leather thong.

HASTENED TO INFORM WIFE

"Mary, We Are Elected," Was Lincoln's Form of Telling Helpmeet the Good News.

Perhaps one of the most characteristic of the Lincoln anecdotes may be revived with timeliness. On the night of his first election the little "frame" home of the Lincolns in Springfield, Ill., was thronged with eager neighbors and friends. Reports for a while came in early and favorably. Then they were less promising. The crowd dwindled. Then came the news that Lincoln had carried the country. The rest of the story will better be told by that great man himself. "When there was no longer any doubt, or reason for doubt," he related afterward, "I went up to my bedroom and found my wife asleep. I gently touched her shoulder and said 'Mary!' She made no answer. 'I spoke again a little louder, saying, 'Mary! Mary! we are elected!'"

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