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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

LIBEL AGAINST PATRIOTISM

Among the many untruthful representations that go around regarding the patriotic efforts that are being put forth to win the war, the unkindest of all is that the women of the Red Cross are being paid for their work. The thing in connection with such reports is that there is no way to find out the original source. The old "they say so and so" gets into circulation; does it venomous work, in many cases being accepted as the truth, and there is no way to quarantine the public from its injurious effects.

Among all the preposterous reports that have gained circulation locally is that the workers for the boys with the colors are receiving pay for what they are doing. Nothing could be more absurd, or farther from the truth. It seems so much more unjust when it is considered with what inner devotion these women work; all indulgences of ease have been discarded almost wholly in order to meet the wants of the soldiers promptly and fully, and this with no thought of remuneration beyond that unpurchasable satisfaction which comes from discharging the duties which the rigors of war have imposed upon the women of the country. Just watch and see how rapidly this latest call for discarded clothing for the Belgian people will be met. Committees have been named, instructions to the most minute detail will follow, and then the Red Cross women of La Grande will, the next thing that is known, have a carload or so of the needed supplies.

All such work falls on the women and they do their part not only gratuitously but willingly. Among the other things in support of those who are giving their time and labor in the cause is the nailing down of all such lies or any similar reports which imputes to the women of the Red Cross any motive beyond that which emanates from the highest and most unselfish spirit of patriotism.

THE RUGGED LIFE OF A PIONEER

The late E. J. Wilbur led the life of a typical pioneer. Not to say that the world is not still filled with energy and the capacity for doing things. Almost anyone can accomplish more in the modern times than could possibly have been done by the single individual surrounded by the primitive sources of assistance of the pioneering period. E. J. Wilbur is simply a type of men who have done things by overcoming obstacles that stood in the way. He farmed in the early days; he drove stage; he improved the breeds of horses; he hauled freight when a month's time was required in making the round trip from the "landing" on the Columbia to the interior. He became a contractor and furnished a large portion of the heavy timbers used in the construction of bridges for the

new railroad which was to join the Oregon country with the but recently completed Union Pacific. The bridge timbers in the course of years rotted away and were replaced by concrete, but E. J. Wilbur worked on. He always worked. No further proof is needed than the circumstance of his death when at the age of 87 years he was out with blasting powder removing stumps. In a long start beyond even the four score years of effort he was still at work in the rugged way of the pioneer.

APRIL FOOL THE KAISER

Rally 'round the spade, war gardeners, and make the week of April 1 the big go-to-it week of the garden planting campaign. Keep the home soil turning and win the war! That is the message being sent throughout the country by the National War Garden commission at Washington, which is campaigning to help the city farmer feed himself.

"The kaiser is much more interested in whether we can feed the men we are sending to the front than he is in the number," says Charles Lathrop Paek, the president of the commission. "Let us fool the kaiser on April 1 by showing him we mean business. Send a two-cent stamp to the National War Garden commission and get the free war garden primer, then spade for your life. Spade up and speed up, thus making every garden a munition plant. Help Uncle Sam fill those ships with food by feeding yourself. If we do not feed ourselves we will have food cards decorated with the German eagle at the top that will tell us what we can eat. Remember, April 1 is the big day."

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR

President Wilson in his address to congress on February 11 said:

"The method the German chancellor proposes is the method of the congress of Vienna. We can not and will not return to that. Is it possible that Count von Hertling does not see that, does not grasp it, is in fact living in his thought in a world dead and gone?"

Count von Hertling in his address to the Reichstag on February 26 retorts as follows:

"President Wilson, who reproaches the German chancellor with a certain amount of backwardness, seems to me in his view of ideas to have hurried far in advance of existing realities."

These two quotations illustrate the difference between the American and the German standpoint.

America does demand something beyond the existing realities that Germany has created—demands a better day, the observance of the rules of civilization, an honorable rule of national conduct, freedom and justice to small nations, to all peoples, which do not exist today because of German Kultur.

Germany insists upon a return to and perpetuation of fraud and tyranny and ruthlessness, a disregard of justice to small nations, indeed to all nations and peoples, a conscienceless rule of international conduct. These things may not yet be "dead and gone" but they will be "dead and gone" when this war is ended.

The difference between the two positions is the difference between a future safe and free and just, and a past cruel, unjust, treacherous and tyrannous, the difference between American ideals and practice and German Kultur and atrocities.

THE PROMINENT LEGAL LIGHT'S PASSING

It is not alone the bench and the bar that will miss W. W. Cotton. He was truly a "many-sided man" in the sense of possessing high proficiency in many other affairs outside of his profession. To him the various phases of agriculture and stock raising, horticulture and kindred subjects was as interesting and probably more diverting than were the heavier mental exertions required in the analysis of law. The hard grind of the latter profession, no doubt, had something to do with hastening his death.

The past year or so has seen many examples of the rigorous exertions of hard mental work, and this has brought a special loss to the bench and bar. In this list may with propriety be included the loss of such men as the late Judge Eakin, Judge Moreland and more recently the late C. W. Fulton.

Lodge Roll Call at Wallowa

WALLOWA, Mar. 13.—(Special.) The following program was given Friday afternoon by the Forum Literary society of the high school.
Debate—Affirmative, Emeretta Pugh, Leo Proffer; Negative—Lawrence Goshel, Lenore Fuller.
The question was, resolved, that a young man should not marry until he has attained the age of twenty-five and has an income of one hundred dollars per year.
The negative side won the decision of the judges.
Vocal solo..... Hazel Soden
Story..... Nora Miller
Speech..... Velma Hall
Piano duet.....
Dulcic Oliver, Zelma Plass
Recitation..... Elmer Goodnough
Extol speech..... Eula Marvin
Dilogue.....
Ward Reop, Alice Campbell
Story..... Gusie Cramer
Vocal solo..... Velma Hall
Jazz Supplement of the Tiger.
Recitation..... Aora Coats
Story..... Anna Miller
Speech..... Georgia Evans
Singing by school.
Led by Hazel Soden
Mr and Mrs. R. J. Brund entertained a few friends at a dancing party one evening last week. Each couple was charged one dollar, which was donated to the local Red Cross. Eight dollars were

netted.
Mr. A. E. Talley, who has been seriously ill for several weeks is much better at the present time.
Mrs. A. B. Hall and daughter returned home from La Grande Tuesday, where they went to see Mr. Hall, who passed through that city enroute to Washington.
Rev. Atkins of the Presbyterian church, returned last Saturday from a visit with his family in Walla Walla. He reports pleasant weather in that section of the country and that the people generally are up to the minute in war business.
Joe Carper of Promise is in town with a load of produce. Joe with his genial smile is always a welcome visitor.
The fourth annual I. O. O. F. roll call was held in the Odd Fellows hall Monday evening, March 11.
The following program was rendered:
Piano solo..... Mrs. Wallace
Address..... Harvey Harris
Vocal solo..... Lenore Fuller
Reading..... George Rogers
Violin solo..... Auanda Harris
Roll call..... Edwin Marvin
Instrumental duet.....
Lenore Fuller, Elmer Goodnough
Recitation..... Mrs. John McDonald
America..... Audience
After the program the guests repaired to the banquet room where they partook of an excellent oyster supper.
The remainder of the evening was spent in playing pool, billiards and other games.
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Summerville Enjoys Social Activities

SUMMERVILLE, March 11.—(Special.)—The Red Cross benefit musical concert which was given at Imbler on March 1 was given here in the hall on Friday. Those who heard the concert pronounced it excellent and worth hearing.
The "Arabian Nights," a play given by the Ladies Aid of Summerville, on March 2, was a great success, having been enjoyed by the largest attendance known of in this part of the valley for many months. W. L. Starr, principal of the school, directed this play, and we may add that people who do not know him as a teacher say, "He must have missed his calling; he should have been an actor."
Miss Irene Orr, who has been attending school at Pocatello, Idaho,

returned home yesterday.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Niederer, on March 10, an eight pound boy. Mother and baby are doing nicely.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. K. Hammersly, on March 6, a daughter.
S. T. Woodell and family motored to La Grande Saturday to attend to business.
Esther Niederer, who has been visiting friends and relatives for two weeks, returned to her home in La Grande Wednesday.
A carload of salt ordered through our grocer, C. M. Hale, for the farmers, arrived in Imbler on last Monday, and on Tuesday the farmers got busy unloading the car by taking out their shares of salt.
Ira Bay and Edwin Hug motored to La Grande on Sunday.
C. L. McKinnis and wife were visitors in Imbler on Monday.

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