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WE WILL CELEBRATE.

It was decided at the business men's luncheon that La Grande should celebrate. This is eminently fitting and proper. There has been no period in the history of the American republic when a fitting reverence to the blessings of political and individual liberty could have been more appropriate than right now. Democracy, the safeguard of political liberty, is at stake. Celebrations in the past have been the occasion for felicitation over the blessings of liberty. The occasion now is to perpetuate this blessing and extend its benign care over all the people of the civilized world.

While the origin of the Fourth of July marks a period when two great nations now banded as allies were then in conflict, the great principle for which the American celebration stands for is now the common heritage of both. After the lapse of more than a century history becomes more and more established that the revolt of the colonists might have been of doubtful outcome only that the same spirit as that which fired the colonists also pervaded the mass of the liberty-loving British. For this reason King George could not muster among his subjects the forces for subduing the colonists and was compelled to resort to a large extent on hired Hessians. From the time of the adoption of the great charter, political liberty commenced a growth of development among the English and has continued until hereditary authority has become a mere formality.

But to get down to the present day—this celebration in La Grande must be made a success. Not in the display of grandeur or for the frivolity of having a spectacular time, but to renew allegi-

ance more firmly than ever to the idol of personal and political safety. While we are practically unanimous in opinion and feeling, a little old-fashioned demonstrative patriotism will still further unify the determination that "governments of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth."

SOME MORE GERMAN MIND

The reputed speech of Chancellor von Hertling yesterday to the effect that the responsibility for a continuation of the war lies entirely with the allies is some more of that abstruse and indefinable condition of mentality known as the "German mind." No one outside a German militarist can get at the depths of it. According to an uncorroborated view the German end of it is this: "We started out to lick you and we intend to fight you to a standstill and if you don't quit fighting back, you are the one who is responsible for the 'terrible effects' of war."

In precisely the same paradoxical way the German chancellor said a couple of weeks ago that Germany's apparently offensive movements were in reality in defense of the Fatherland, or words to that effect. Any and every declaration from whatever source it comes as to this having been a war of defense on the part of Germany is absurd. Every such utterance from the grand chancellor down to the pro-German, whose inbred mind cannot or will not believe to the contrary is an assassination of truth. Of whom was the Fatherland afraid when a horde overran Belgium like mist from the sea? What danger impeded from France when that nation was taken off its feet, and only by the utmost endeavor mustered a force to stop the horse from sweeping into Paris, and when for a time it was thought a necessity to remove the seat of government from the capital city to the coast? Of whom were they afraid in England, whose fighting force consisted only of battle ships, which could not even threaten the Kiel canal to get at the frightened Fatherland?

Why did the Kaiser, who indulges in the towering blasphemy that he is a co-partner of the Deity, and seeing visions of the success of the Prussians at Metz and in the fall of Sedan, have a medal struck with which to adorn his carcases in celebration of a second investment of the French capital? Every movement from the beginning in 1914 shows an aggressive lust for power and it is too late to try and fix the blame on those who have been compelled to fight the Imperial monster. The Deity's part in the affair will become manifest when German, intrigue and German aggression is throttled by the mighty hand of righteousness and world democracy. But God Almighty can never unfold the subtleties of the German mind.

Spring cleaning up season is at hand as is evidenced by many who are getting after the alleys and back yards adjoining their premises. A continuation of the work will soon make La Grande shine with accustomed attractiveness and cleanliness.

Union county stands entirely on the top in the Junior Rainbow Division, and this does not except even Portland, the metropolis of the state. Guess patriotism is not a monopoly with the older ones in this territory.

What is the housewife, accustomed to ordering a spool of thread by carrier, going to do with only one delivery a day?

FRIENDLY CHATS

About Men, Events and Things in General that Affect the Welfare of Oregon and Oregonians.

By Bruce Dennis.
 War and politics have little in common and yet when one gets to the last analysis of things the whole structure of government depends entirely upon the men we choose to represent us in national and state affairs.

It is therefore incumbent upon every citizen to weigh carefully the different candidates in Oregon who have offered themselves for official preferment. It is the bounden duty of every voter to consider the strength of the man who seeks your vote. Not to stick too closely to party lines, for these are thin when the big, broad man regardless of his past party emblem, should be considered, and the man of small caliber, even though he is in office, should not be continued there simply because he is in.

Oregon is facing a primary election and the candidates are many and varied. Take for instance the gubernatorial race. At present Governor Withycombe asks to succeed himself, while Mr. Olcott seeks elevation from the secretary of state's office. Gus Moser wishes to step from the president of the state senate to the governor's chair. Dr. Anderson of The Dalles believes he should be governor and bases his belief on the theory that he introduced the bone dry law. Louis Simpson, a favorite son of the Coast Bay country, lately decided to enter the race, and it is whispered these will be others. All these men come from the Republican side of the house.

The Democratic party is using a quiet system and up to date has but one candidate in the personage of Harvey G. Starkweather of Clackamas county, but there will likely be others. Walter Pierre of Union county, now a member of the state senate, is about to take a plunge in the political pool, and there is a rumoring from Portland stating that Tom Wood, former editor of Multnomah county, contemplates trotting the boys a heat for the nomination.

With such a collection and more to hear from no Republican or Democrat should have any hesitancy about spending a sleepless night to determine how he will mark his ballot at the primary election.

Of course, the pre-primary interest is centered in the Republican race. Friends of Governor Withycombe ascribed before Louis Simpson jumped out of his corral that the old governor had the game bagged, but since Simpson is flying about the state shaking hands and making speeches, it is admitted that he has made the entire program a little more complicated.

Simpson will also draw some Olcott votes, according to the wise heads, and this will especially be true on the coast and in Southern Oregon.

Olcott's friends are sitting tight claiming it is a walk. In fact, there is no camp of a candidate as serene as present as that of Olcott's. He refuses to travel over the state, but has effective workers in most of the counties, an unquestionably stronger than he was when he started in the fight, and some who have played the political game for many years say time's strength in Multnomah county, with the scintillating support that he will get over the state will land him the nomination.

Be that as it may, the "guber" candidates are watching the situation with great vigilance to see if a day may bring forth any special advantages for either of the aspirants.

Wallowa County Teachers to Meet

JOSEPH, March 18.—(Special.) Snow again! After a thorough check and general drying up a snow arrived Monday evening to dampen our spring spirits. Such is life in the mountains.
 Several fine improvements have been made in the rooms of the M. E. Sunday School such as new partitions, an electric bell system, a cloak room, etc.
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sale and basket supper will be given in Rupp's hall to raise Red Cross funds.

The latest food conservation cards have been distributed in Joseph recently.

Mr. George Boner spent a week in Hot Lake recently getting rid of the effects of a bad cold.

Mrs. M. Evans is having two porches built on to her house on upper Main street, which will improve the place quite materially.

Rev. Cook spoke at the regular church hour last Sunday evening on "Thrift" bringing in facts and arguments for W. S. S. All who heard this sermon-lecture left with a resolve to buy as many War Savings Stamps as possible in order to help Uncle Sam win the war.

City Marshal Patten reports that the two boy-burglars who recently spent a night in the city jail were the first inmates of that place since the state went dry. Some record!

W. P. Cole is treating his blacksmith shop to a new coat of shingles. Several other buildings need the same treatment.

Many Joseph people are deep in their plans for a big "War Garden." This is a fine thing to do and we should see that no vacant lot in Joseph shall go without its garden patch.

All are invited to hear Mrs. Jennie M. Kemp lecture on Food Conservation next Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the school building. Ladies only are invited to the Saturday afternoon talk in the Masonic Hall on "Over the Top at the Table."

Mr. Juve, the Enterprise picture man, was at School the first of the week, taking pictures for the 10th Annual.

At the Prohibition lecture held last Thursday evening, wherein a large U. S. Flag was to be given to the room in school receiving the most votes, Miss Troedson's Room (the first grade) received the prize. Adults only voted. The flag now adorns the first grade room, and makes the "kiddies" remember that they are living under the star-spangled banner.

The following Red Cross ladies worked at the Odd Fellow's Hall on regular Red Cross work last week: Mrs. Jas. Harlan, Mrs. A. H. Holdt, Mrs. T. O. Marks, Mrs. Geo. Holst, Mrs. A. C. Dunsmuir, Mrs. C. A. Collinsworth, Mrs. R. N. Fisk, Mrs. Jas. O'Brien and Mrs. N. Boggan. These ladies are doing fine work.

Warren Boner is back in school again after a light attack of measles.

Each class in High School will have a "class day" before school closes.

The assembly hall of J. H. S. was the scene of much gaiety last Monday evening, when the Literary Society entertained the Philomatheans. Besides the excellent music readings and games, was the farce comedy "That Rascal Pat," which was produced by several youthful actors from the members of the "Lits" in fine style. After the program, refreshments were served and all returned home after voting the Literary Society fine hosts and hostesses.

On Saturday, March 30th, the Wallowa county teachers institute will be held at the Enterprise school, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. Special music, demonstrations of grade school work and talks by teachers from the various towns will make up the program. All are invited to attend this institute.

Miss Lillian Duncan is absent from school this week on account of measles.

Miss Lee Ellis of Milton has entered Joseph High School as a junior.

This week is a special week for the purchase of W. S. S. and Thrift stamps, every family in town is expected to own at least one stamp.

A Junior Red Cross is being organized in the Joseph Schools.

Messrs. P. B. Gaudin, L. Knapper, A. R. Bonner and T. H. Morelock attended a liberty loan meeting in Enterprise this week.

G. C. Gosling is quite ill with pneumonia at his home on Barton Heights.

Max Wilson was on the sick list last week, so that he was unable to play at the Grade Orchestra as was planned.

J. H. Minnaugh was a passenger on Sunday's train to Portland.

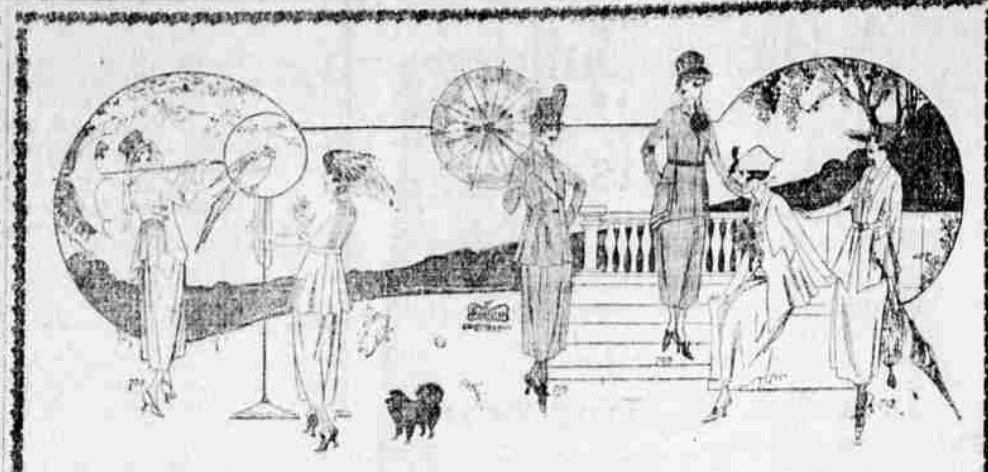
The members of the W. C. T. U. meet every two weeks at one of the ladies' homes for the purpose of sewing for the soldiers. Up to date they have met only five times but have done excellent work, which is shown by the following list of articles they have sent to headquarters in Portland: 73 dish towels, 29 pairs of socks for bandaged feet, 89 substitutes handkerchiefs,

and 12 napkins. They save the remnants for pillows.

Gilbert Mitchell arrived home the first of the week from a trip to Portland.

Mrs. Oakley Burroughs is a patient at the Joseph Hospital.

Merrill Gerbison, manager of the Joseph drug store, has enlisted in the army.



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Fraternal Directory
 L. O. O. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 859, Loyal Order of Moose holds regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in Eagle hall next to Elk's Bldg. on Washington Ave. Visitors always welcome. Dues payable at Young's Sweets.
 GEO. YOUNG, Die.
 HARRY SWART, Sec.
 B. P. O. E. ELKS, La Grande Lodge No. 427, Lodge meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Home and club privileges cheerfully extended to all Brother Elks.
 NORMAN DESILET, Exalted Ruler.
 A. B. CHERRY, Secretary.
 K. of L. of Security—Mt. Emily Council, No. 246, meets the second and fourth Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Eagle hall. Visiting members are welcome.
 J. K. FITZGERALD, Pres.
 ABE HARRIS, Fin'l. Sec.
 FLORENCE BRYANT, Rec. Sec.
 O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 12, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visiting members cordially welcomed.
 SADIE E. GIVEN, W. M.
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 WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Camp No. 159 meets every first and third Monday at Eagle's Hall. All visiting neighbors welcome. Dues payable at the office of the clerk, New Foley Bldg., 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
 J. J. MURCHISON, C. C.
 R. J. KITCHEN, Clerk

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons.
 ROBERT S. EAKIN, W. M.
 A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.
 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle Hall (K. of P. hall) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights.
 C. K. McCORMICK, C. C.
 DELLE GREEN, K. of R. & S.
 REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 50 meets every Tuesday evening in the L. O. O. P. Hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.
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 MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in the K. of P. Hall. Visiting neighbors welcome.
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