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

ALL'S WELL

The war reports continue favor-
able for the side of the allies. The
British forces and their American
and French supporters will soon
have the Hun hunting his hole.
There is no doubt of it. The little
bit of gloom occasionally injected
in the dispatches during the past week
reflect a conservatism that is not
really felt by those who are direct-
ly in the conflict.

History will show, when all the
facts come out, that Haig and his
soldiers welcomed the big German
offensive. They were more pleased
than discouraged when the on-
slaught came. The history of this,
the greatest battle of the world,
will show that strategy as well as
unflinching gallantry figured in
turning the tide of the conflict. All
the early retreats were in accord-
ance with pre-arranged plans. Af-
ter it is all over it will be plain
enough and will be all the more
wonderful by reason of its sim-
plicity.

The enemy forces have been at
least as four to one, while the loss
inflicted has been in about the
same ratio the other way. It is not
a few centimeters of ground one
way or the other that counts. It is
the "punch" and the "pep" and the
advantages which enable a smaller
force to by degrees wear out the
larger adversary. The big, liberally
mass formation and the smaller an-
tagonist has got him in the solar
plexus. That's all there is to it.

The war may be prolonged in a
desultory way for a long while, but
Germany's big military stick is
broken. The more they hang out
flags in celebration of falling
through some lines which the
British never intended to be held
a permanent defense and the long-

of they find both in self-adminis-
tration the more frequently will the
kaiser's army be shot to pieces.

Allied reserves are now in readi-
ness to take up the brunt of the
conflict, and if the war continues
much longer it will be because the
kaiser is licked but doesn't know it.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Good Friday and Easter are
among the most interesting periods
of the year because of their re-
ligious significance. The wonder-
fully mysterious processes of na-
ture which bring renewed life and
pleasant surroundings after the
chills and storms of winter are,
outside of orthodox belief or
adherence, appropriately typical of
the "resurrection and the life."

It would be boldness, indeed, to
attempt to go into the mysteries of
the spiritual phases of life or the
equally mysterious miracles of the
returning seasons. Whatever of
doubt or misgiving may be want-
ing as to the former, the tangibility
of the latter in its reviving in-
fluences is understandable and ap-
preciated. In lighter vein the glad-
some springtime is understood,
without apology or excuse, to be
the poet's season; the nurturing
period of the tender affections and
on the whole the most joyful sea-
son of the year.

Editorial Comment

The German idea seems to be
both to rule and ruin.—Detroit
Free Press.

Peace propaganda here is only
another brand of poison-gas.—Wall
Street Journal.

We'll say this for Hoover: He's
killed off a lot of inept cases of
indigestion.—Detroit Free Press.

Von Hertling is putting it mildly
when he says the world merely is
"prejudiced" against Germany.—
Newark News.

Dead in one year, he can hear his
country calling; blind in one eye,
he can see his duty, and he will do
it.—New York Morning Telegraph.

It only the kaiser and the rest
of us would talk less about "Trust
in God," and consider the question
of his trust in us!—Wall Street
Journal.

Washington, with his early an-
nounced inability to tell a lie, prob-
ably stands out in Berlin as the su-
preme type of American ineffic-
iency.—Chicago Herald.

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
that in order to be in harmony with
the Act of Congress requiring that for
all purposes of the United States Gov-
ernment, all clocks be set forward
one hour, at two o'clock A.M. of Sun-
day, March 31, 1918, it is hereby or-
dered that all clocks belonging to or
under the control of the City of La
Grande, Oregon, be set forward one
hour in time at 2:00 o'clock A.M. of
March 31, 1918, and that from that
time until further change is ordered,
all work and proceedings of the City
and its departments, shall be govern-
ed according to said time.

All citizens and residents of La
Grande are asked to conform to this
regulation.
Dated at La Grande, Oregon, this
29th day of March, 1918.
F. B. CURREY
City Manager.
J. D. McKENNON
President of the City of La Grande
3-29-18

FRIENDLY CHAT

About Men, Events and Things
in General that Affect the Wel-
fare of Oregon and Oregonians.

By Bruce Dennis.

It is but fair to state that those
who supported the "Six Per Cent
Limitation" constitutional amend-
ment at the last election in Ore-
gon did so with the best of intent.
Taxes were steadily rising, confi-
dence had been lost, or nearly so,
in the legislatures of the state, and
the people once given the oppor-
tunity to put a limit to increased
taxes grasped that opportunity.

No one had the remotest thought
then that a world war would over-
take us. But it has, and now we
stand aghast and wonder what can
be done to provide for military
necessities in Oregon. At present
the State Council of Defense sees
the danger of our shipbuilding and
spruce industries and knows full
well that unless proper guards are
provided that some disaster is sure
to follow. Outside guards for
those and other industries should
be provided by the state and be
under supervision of the governor.

It all takes money and where is
the money and where is the money
to come from? You may say,
"Oregon's credit is good why not
go in debt during such an emer-
gency?"
But the answer comes back in
the form of the Six Per Cent Limi-
tation amendment which was
adopted by the people and which
cannot be changed even by the
state legislature.

Soon it will be necessary to pro-
vide for our disabled boys as they
return, for we cannot fight a war
the size of this and not have dis-
abled men who must be properly
cared for. It is the state's duty to
provide for them. That requires
expense, yet under the Six Per Cent
Tax Limitation constitutional
amendment the state machinery is
powerless.

The Emergency board can meet
and authorize different departments
of the state to overdraw their al-
lowance but there is no power to
obtain money with which to pay
such debts.

It is a complex situation and
there is, as we see it, but one re-
medy and that is for the people to
pass an initiative measure amend-
ing the Six Per Cent Tax constitu-
tional amendment for war time
emergency. Either authorizing a
certain sum to be raised by tax-
ation or a millage tax be added dur-
ing the war period, and that tax to
automatically cease with the clos-
ing of the war or the year follow-
ing. This fund can be placed in
the hands of the Board of Control
or some other trusted agency to be
expended for war aid only.

All well and good, let's proceed.
But it is quite a little job to in-
augurate an initiative measure and
secure the required number of
signatures, looking carefully to
legality of the document and at-
tending to the many details neces-
sary. Who is going to do it? Can't
trust it to George, for George is
busy.

The organization or body of men
in the state who will take the time
and trouble to put up such a mea-
sure and then conduct a campaign
for its passage will have done the
state a great good and will permit
our people to be able to do the
things they all want to do. Delay
and neglect will put the state up
against a hard problem later.

The state tax in Oregon never
has been a very heavy tax. Your
tax burden rests with counties,
cities and most of all the school
tax, which includes the tax for our
higher institutions such as the
State university and Oregon Agri-
cultural college.

It would be well to analyze your
tax receipt and see just how the
large volume is spent. When once
you do it intelligently you will be
surprised at the reasonable amounts
for state and purely county admin-
istration of government. The big
tax is in trimming.

However, one feels about the
matter, we are up against an issue
of the great importance and the
Six Per Cent Tax Limitation must
be amended before Oregon will feel
at freedom to meet the war condi-
tions as a state of our size and
standing should meet them.

NEW TODAY

WANTED—Housekeeper on farm;
two in family. Apply Y. M. C.
A—Adv. 3-29-24p.

FOUND—Service pin at Rex hall.
Party may obtain same by calling
at this office.—Adv. 3-29-24.

Messenger Boys Wanted.
Must be 16 years old; wages
good; must be neat appearing.
Splendid chance for advancement.
Call in person and talk with man-
ager Western Union Tel. Co.—Adv.
3-29-24.

WANTED—Position as housekeeper.
Call room 38, Sayre hotel.—Adv.
3-29-24.

FOR SALE—Foil bred Barred Rock
chickens, \$1.50 per setting of 15
eggs. Call Red 3863.—Adv.
3-29-24.

CALL IS MADE TO USE LESS WHEAT FOOD

The Food Administration makes
the following announcement:
WASHINGTON, March 28.—If
we are to furnish the allies with
the necessary proportion of wheat
to maintain their war bread from
now until the next harvest—and
this is a military necessity—we
must reduce our monthly consump-
tion to 21,000,000 bushels a month
as against our normal consumption
of about 42,000,000 bushels, or 50
per cent of our normal consump-
tion. Reserving a margin for dis-
tribution to the army for special
cases leaves for general consump-
tion approximately 1 1/2 pounds of
wheat products weekly per person.
Many of our consumers are depend-
ent upon bakers' bread. Such
bread must be durable, and there-
fore requires a larger proportion of
wheat products than cereal breads
baked in the household. Our army
and navy require a full allowance.
The well-to-do in our population
can make greater sacrifices in the
consumption of wheat products than
can the poor. In addition, our popu-
lation in the agricultural dis-
tricts, where the other cereals are
abundant, are more skilled in the
preparation of breads from these
other cereals than the crowded city
and industrial populations.

With improved transportation
conditions we now have available a
surplus of potatoes. We also have
in the spring months a surplus of
milk, and we have ample corn and
oats for human consumption. The
grain on rye and barley as substi-
tutes has already greatly exhausted
the supply of these grains.

To effect the needed saving of
wheat we are wholly dependent on
the voluntary assistance of the
American people, and we ask that
the following rules shall be ob-
served:
1. Householders to use not to
exceed a total of 1 1/2 pounds per
week of wheat products per person.
This means not more than 1 3/4
pounds of Victory bread contain-
ing the required percentage of
substitutes and one-half pound of
cooking flour, macaroni, crackers,
pastry, pie, cakes, wheat breakfast
cereals, all combined.

2. Public eating places and
clubs to observe two wheatless
days per week, Monday and Wed-
nesday, as at present. In addition
thereto, not to serve to any one
guest at any one meal, an aggre-
gate of breadstuffs, macaroni,
crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat
breakfast cereals, containing a to-
tal of more than two ounces of
wheat flour. No wheat products to
be served unless specially or-
dered.

3. Retailers to sell not more
than one-eighth of a barrel of flour
to any town customer at any one
time and not more than one-quarter
of a barrel to any country cus-
tomer at any one time, and in no
case to sell wheat products with-
out the sale of an equal weight of
other cereals.

4. We ask the bakers and gro-
cers to reduce the volume of Victory
bread sold by delivery of the three-
quarter pound loaf where one
pound was sold before and corre-
sponding proportions in other
weights. We also ask bakers not
to increase the amount of their
wheat-flour purchases beyond 70
per cent of the average monthly
amount purchased in the four
months prior to March 1.

5. Manufacturers using wheat
products for nonfood purposes
should cease such use entirely.

6.—There is no limit upon the
use of other cereals, flours, and
meals, corn, barley, buckwheat,
potato flour, etc.

Many thousand families through-
out the land are now using no
wheat products whatever, except a
very small amount for cooking
purposes, and are doing so in perfect
health and satisfaction. There is
no reason why all of the American
people who are able to cook in
their own households can not sub-
sist perfectly well with the use of
less wheat products than 1 1/2
pounds a week, and we specially
ask the well-to-do households in the
country to do this additional
program in order that we may pro-
vide the necessary marginal sup-
plies for those parts of the com-
munity less able to adapt them-
selves to so large a production of
substitutes.

In order that we shall be able to
make the wheat exports that are
absolutely demanded of us to main-
tain the civil populations and sol-
diers of the allies and our own
army we propose to supplement the
voluntary cooperation of the public
by a further limitation of distribu-
tion, and we shall place at once
restrictions on distribution, which
will be adjusted from time to time
to secure as nearly equitable dis-
tribution as possible. With the ar-
rival of harvest we should be able

West & Co
THE QUALITY STORE

JUST IN!

The last shipment of our spring coats arrived today, making our stock the largest and most complete in the city. If you have not yet selected your new coat, do so today or tomorrow. You will see the newest fashion touches—pockets, belts, new collars and clever trimming. New colors, sunny, trench, polo, buffan, lunge, clay, olive sage, infantry, yankee, mist grey and arnee.

CHAEMING SPRING SUITS

The assortment of new Spring Suits are at their best in this store right now. This is the height of the Spring Season—weather is fine and everything carries the charm of Spring. Choose your outfit now from

Exclusive Models

There is an abundant assortment—undoubtedly, comprising every style you seek. Suits for practical wear, others for the woman who prefers a "dressier" garment for afternoon wear. But, whatever the style—you'll find the same excellent quality and workmanship, the same intelligent designing, the same care of selection and values that may not be known for many seasons to come.

SILK DRESSES

Street Dresses, Business Dresses—Dresses for all occasions—a showing that takes in all the latest modes for Spring wear. Carefully selected garments that reflect artistic designing and superior tailoring. Beautiful models of Taffeta, Satin and Georgette Crepe—also combinations of Satin and Georgette, effectively trimmed with buttons, braids and embroideries. Call and see them. **\$17.50 to \$60.00**



NEW WHITE SHOES

Just in from Boston, Mass. by express, a White Kid Lace Boot, Louis heel. Price **\$9.50**
A White Canvas Lace Boot, with military heel. Price **\$6.00**.
Also a White Canvas high heel and a Nubuck Leather Sport Boot, with military heel and wing tip. Price **\$6.00**
Tan and Black Lace Oxfords, Cuban heel, welt sole, wing tip. Price **\$6.50**.
Patent and Kid Leather Pumps, medium, shaped—Louis heels. Prices **\$3.50 to \$6.00**.
Grey and Champagne Spats.... **\$2.00 pr.**



In Our Millinery Department

SOMETHING NEW FOR DYEING

"RIT" dyes any light fabric—whites, shirts, gloves (silk), hosiery, silk sweaters, silk curtains, ribbons, etc.
—Washes and dyes in one operation—
No boiling—will not stain hands or streak fabrics.
Use in bathroom, it will not stain bowl.
10c ALL COLORS 10c

are tailored hats that arrived today. See them on display tomorrow. Your last chance before Easter.

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR
MILLINERY DEPARTMENT
Balcony

MEN

New Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits arriving every day by express. Come in and see the new models and inspect the fabrics. Nothing but All Wool.

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX

stand behind us, and we stand behind the Clothes. We absolutely guarantee them to give entire satisfaction.



Notice.
There will be a special meeting of La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. tomorrow, Saturday afternoon at 2:15 p. m. (Friday) the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, J. T. Williams. All Masons urged to be present. By order of the Master, A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The Pneumonia Season
The cold, damp weather of March seems to be the most favorable for the pneumonia germ. Now is the time to be careful. Pneumonia often results from a cold. The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger. As soon as the first indications of a cold appears take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. As to the value of this preparation, ask anyone who has need it.—Adv.

OIL BURNERS

Your wood is gone, the summer is here, that oil burner that you have longed for is ready to install in your Range—FREE TRAIL and guarantee cover your dollars.

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Fir and Jefferson E. J. DONOHUE Black 1241
Best Prices Paid for Used Furniture

THE HOTEL JENNINGS

DO YOU want to save all you can to buy W. S. Stamps? If so, stop at the Jennings Hotel at Joseph, as it has now changed hands and is a first class hotel. We are now equipped to solicit your patronage. It is well heated, with no extra charge.

Headquarters for Lake Willows Tourists and Commercial Men. Auto Bus Meets All Trains: Autos for Hire. Office, Joseph-Enterprise Auto Bus Line, Handling Passengers and Baggage

A "HOME"

There is more thought, more planning, more hardship endured and more pleasure experienced in the planning and building of "the home," than at any other one thing in F. C.

You can't own your home, unless you make a cash payment. And if you are like most many people, you can't make such a payment unless you have been saving your money regularly each week or month.

The question is, have you?

Don't Forget to Make Your Income Tax Return Before April 1

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON