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

A REMINDER.

The decks are cleared for the Liberty Loan drive and the success of it in Union county is already assured. The only thing now to be seriously considered is the number of people who must join in assisting to raise this fund.

Only about 2,000 people of the county subscribed to the last loan although the total sent the mark of Union county high. There should be 12,000 subscribe to the present loan and if there is not that many there will be a general reckoning and the public will know who failed in his duty.

This is a time when there is no use to dodge. The committee has got your number. That committee knows how much you are worth, how large your income is, how much property you possess and you have got to dig up.

And there will be no more foolishness permitted like that which occurred in Lower Cove in the last Red Cross drive when a Red Cross lady was cursed by a bohunk of a man who is listed in Union county as a citizen, but who has no right to that distinction.

However, the reminder we wish to present at this time is this: After the Liberty Loan has been completed get ready to assist the Red Cross. The chaper here is out of funds and unless money is raised with which to purchase materials all work must cease. This will never do for this chapter has been doing most noble work. In order to finance the work properly a monthly payment must be made by each person. It should be fixed so that when you pay your water rent you also pay a dollar to the Red Cross. Think it over, for the time is not far distant when this must be met.

SHORT SIGHTED GERMANY.

With all of his efficiency, with all of his powerful machine which he has been years and years building, with all of the carefully laid plans for this world war, the kaiser is yet a short sighted man

One incident after another indicates this. When he ordered the Lusitania sank and finally forced America into this war he was short sighted for he had plenty to look after without getting a wealthy nation added to his enemy list. Many other things indicate his short sightedness, but the last is the shelling of the church in Paris when his guns murdered more than four score people while at worship.

In his thick headedness he may imagine he can bring the world to its knees and force his rule over all nations by such acts, but there is where his wisdom is lacking. There is where his thick headedness is apparent. He may kill every Frenchman but he will never rule them by such methods.

He may kill every American if he has the military power to do so but he never will rule Americans. Death is far preferable for all of us than to be dominated and ruled by a man whose ruthlessness has reached such a point. Death would be sweet to the people of England if they should prove unable to meet the kaiser's military forces.

But his military forces will be met. It will take time and we will have many hard battles where no doubt the Germans will show more or less of a victory, but the very fact that he shells churches killing people at worship, the very fact that he sunk the Lusitania, that he killed Nurse Cavell will bring him and his junkers to defeat. It is bound to come. The world cannot survive under Teuton rule and it will not.

A good deal is said against President Wilson having complete charge of shipping and shipbuilding. Let him have control. Give him absolute control and then instead of a campaign being carried on to raise wages in the shipyards maybe the President will fine a way to build ships. It may be that he has in mind a uniform for shipbuilders under soldiers pay with a commissary attached to the yard. That seems to be the only way we will ever get ships. So, then let the President proceed and try him out. If he fails, then let us do as England does, replace him with a leader who can lead. But first adhere loyally to the President and his policies with the firm understanding that he must make good and stop a lot of this useless delay and foolish labor troubles or he must be replaced by a man large enough to save this country.

That was a hard blow dealt to leading national Democrats in the Wisconsin election. But when all is considered it was a justifiable rebuke of official Washington dipping into state politics.

It is gratifying to know that several Canadian soldiers have been secured to assist in Oregon's Liberty Loan drive and State Manager R. E. Smith deserves credit for getting men fresh from the front to talk to the people. For the next drive some of our own boys will be back, sad it is, but we will rejoice to hear their stories of the front regardless of their horrors and gruesomeness.

"Bun" Caswell got a front page story for buying 1830 head of cattle, which a few years ago would have been a common transaction in Harney county and would not have attracted attention even at the country store, showing just what it means now to own a few head of beef steers.

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FRIENDLY CHATS

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

By Bruce Dennis.

You have probably had the family physician put a stethoscope over your heart and noticed that physician's face as he earnestly listened with the tubes in his ears in order that he might determine how your heart was beating. Well, they have a new use for the stethoscope nowadays.

The "smelling" committee, whose duty it is to detect booze shipments contained in baggage are each equipped with the instrument mentioned and one of the committee will fit the stethoscope on the grip or trunk and another will shake the article of baggage back and forth so that the gurgle of a liquid inside may be detected. Can you beat it? Verily, verily, the dry law is bound to be a thorough success with such inventive minds behind its enforcement.

Walter M. Pierce, formerly of Umatilla county but now of Union county, has decided something. That something is a very important matter. Walter has decided to put himself upon the altar for political office. And that office is the governorship of Oregon which he hopes to reach via the Democratic route.

He says e is out to win the nomination away from Harvey Starkweather and Walter does not stammer when he utters the statement. Harvey has been busy for these many days visiting Willamette valley people, and Walter, like Louie Simpson in the Republican fold, decided he could win with what the race horse men used to call a "garrison rush," hence his delay in announcing.

This means that the state of Oregon is going to hear some oratory. It means a contest between the soft, academic appeal of Harvey Starkweather and the sharp, snappy appeal of Walter whose voice has received its cultivation from driving a mule team and yelling at the leaders. It means that our dear old Democratic friends, now in the majority, must choose between two loves. It used to be trouble never occurred in their family because the family was small and a few of the stalwarts would meet in the back room of some law office, hold a convention or an assembly, and place a candidate in the field as "the pee-pul's" choice. Not so now, for there are more of them and as the family grows we find such chaps as Harvey and Walter each desirous of courting the same office. Naturally there must be a contest within Democratic ranks. Gee, but that sounds funny in Oregon.

Go to it boys. Knowing Walter personally, very much so, and Harvey fairly well, we do not hesitate to say that the scap will be a clean one—that no under holds will be taken—no bad names will slip their lips, and no charges will be made by either the academic gentleman or the mule-driver from Union county.

But the oratory that will follow. Herewith comes forth from the scrap heap Walter's famous speech entitled, "The Crime of the Age," which speech was once incinerated by a bunch of his good friends in order that sleep might prevail on a junket tour. Then, too, the old Jackson club speeches will be brought forth and dusted off. They will be revamped and woven into the patriotic present, and they will sound good, for Walter is a speaker who grips and holds. He has ability along a good many lines and if he would make as good a governor as he does a rancher the state would not be bad off with this good natured old scout at the head. However, many Democrats say he cannot win the first heat—that an Eastern Oregon man is up against the impossible in running for governor. That will depend on the alignment in Portland and Walter has never lost any of his artistic work in keeping up alignments.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON

SMALL CHILDREN MAKE INTERESTING EXHIBIT

A novel and interesting exhibit in the Oxner Paint store windows on Adams avenue is attracting a great deal of attention. It is the work of little six and seven year old children from the classes in the public schools taught by Miss Mary Kirkwood and Miss Lela Bloom and consists of doll houses elaborately furnished. All furnishings were made by the little tots and that the work is of exceptional merit will be readily seen by anyone who inspects it.

The idea originated with Miss Blanche Clark, art teacher, who with Miss Kirkwood and Miss Bloom, planned the exhibit. The manual training boys, under Prof. McEachron, built the houses and turned them over to the little folks to furnish. All furniture is made of paper and the piano, victrola, automobile with chauffeur indicate the advanced ideas the youngsters possess in their work. Linoleum of special pattern has been made and placed on the floors, while the bathrooms are modeled and furnished in thoroughly modern style. Crocheted doilies add a touch to the tables and hemstitched curtains are hung at the windows. On the porches are swings and other comfortable looking pieces of furniture. Even the telephone has not been neglected and in fact to every appearance the doll houses are completely furnished.

The young ladies who have had charge of this work feel a pride in it that they are surely justified in feeling, and in explaining the different features of the doll houses they tell of the youngster who did certain work their love for the little ones asserts itself to a degree of almost kindred affection.

In one of the doll houses is a little service flag carrying five stars indicating the number of pupils in that class who went over the top in the Juvenile Rainbow Regiment on the war stamp sales.

The Observer feels that State Superintendent Churchill should happen into La Grande while this exhibit is on just to see at first hand the splendid work.

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SIDELIGHTS ON LOAN DRIVE.

The Boy Scouts of the L. D. S. church will assume the roll of night owls on one night this week. They have a mission to do connected with the Liberty loan campaign that is unique and will no doubt create considerable interest in the buying of the bonds. This organization has taken considerable interest in this campaign and has distributed many posters.

The Public Schools are contributing considerable time to the success of the bond issue. The commercial department has almost completed the mailing of the letters connected with the drive, that represent hours of time given by this department. The manual training department under the leadership of Rollo Lyman, has attended to the construction of the Liberty tent. In all drives since the beginning of war, the public schools have in many ways contributed a necessary assistance that has been appreciated by the leaders.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Reliance Insurance Company

of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania on the thirty-first day of December, 1917, made to the insurance commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up ......$	[illegible]
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year ....$	805,185.50
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	60,473.55
Income from other sources received during the year	2,[illegible]
Total income ....$	868,[illegible]
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year..$	377,274.45
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	24,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	267,[illegible]
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	29,121.79
Amount of all other expenditures	87,750.87
Total expenditures ....$	785,[illegible]
Assets.	
Value of real estate owned (market value) ....$	127,100.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	1,[illegible]
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	[illegible]
Cash in banks and on hand	200,197.28
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1917	200,364.02
Premiums on perpetual policies on real estate owned by company	3,010.90
Interest and rents due and accrued	14,321.00
Total assets ....$	1,[illegible]
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	
Total assets admitted in Oregon $	1,[illegible]
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid...$	217,[illegible]
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	804,[illegible]
Due for commission and brokerage	[illegible]
All other liabilities	[illegible]
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $1,0[illegible]	$1,0[illegible]
Total premiums in force December 31, 1917	$1,[illegible]
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total insurance written during the year ....$	1,[illegible]
Gross premiums received during the year	27,[illegible]
Premiums returned during the year	[illegible]
Losses paid during the year	[illegible]
Losses incurred during the year..	[illegible]
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1917	[illegible]

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