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THEY NEVER FAIL.
 The people of this section did just about what was expected of them Saturday. In nearly all the localities it was not so much a question of raising the bond quota as it was a matter of seeing how quickly it could be done. There are other localities which showed speed, but none of them any more quickly and expeditiously than did the localities in Union and Wallowa counties.

This generous response shows beyond question that the people are alive to the issue. They understand that the ideals which have proven to be humanity's blessing in the United States these many years are at stake. The idol of liberty is assaulted; its image so appropriately emblemized in the figure of a fair Goddess is in danger of being overthrown and disgraced by the vandals of German militarism. The fraudulent pretenses that the Teutonic monster is waging a war of defense is exposed. They are miles away from their own territory which never was at any time endangered, for the sole purpose of fastening autocratic power over the world.

It is known that the murderous power which crushed Belgium is at the throat of France and England and its hope is to gain the momentum to shatter the United States. Many of the young men of these two counties are ready to go the limit to save our country from despoliation. They are ready for any sacrifice that may be imposed upon them. The folks at home are ready to see them through if it takes every dollar in the world. It is no time now to quibble over

money. That can be regained. The loss of American made liberty is not to be estimated in dollars. Every one who has rallied to the cause is a patriot and this part of Oregon is filled with the kind of people that can be relied upon. This was abundantly proven Saturday.

WORDS USELESS.
 The address of President Wilson at Baltimore Saturday was only a reiteration of the fact that the German military machine is going to be smashed. While the situation is such that it permits of many modes of presentation, the whole analysis is that this issue is going to be fought to a finish. President Wilson is given credit for giving this basic fact the proper diplomatic phrasing and the rhetorical polish that is supposed to belong to the presentation of a great international issue, but all summed up it means that Uncle Sam is in the scrap to stay. This is not a mere matter of boast, especially in contrast with the German Kaiser's sneering references to America's part in the war. Lloyd George, the British premier, says that within a few weeks the Americans will give the Prussians the greatest surprise of their lives. We can believe that there is a far more truth than sentiment in that flattering reference to the power which this country will exert in the smashing of military autocracy.

Our boys will do the fighting while the German Kaiser and his military advisers do the boasting. What has become of the submarine, for instance, that was to stop the transportation of troops? With the single exception of the Tuscania, not a transport has been stopped. They will not be stopped. Neither will the historic Rhine stop the force that is certain to bring the Kaiser to terms. The talking stage is passed. It is fight now, and fight to a finish in a righteous cause that will win.

PATRIOTISM.
 Would that the whole United States possessed the earnest, fervent patriotism that Union county people possess. If such were true we would hear little about strikes, little about lack of bond subscriptions, little about the slackers. The meeting Saturday evening in the L. D. S. tabernacle was an exponent of the Union county feeling. While it was in fact an Elks' Service Flag dedication, it was more than that. It was a general community meeting.

The songs, the speeches and the flag service brought everyone up standing. The resolution adopted, asking for the food card following Dr. Kerr's speech telling of conditions in France is indicative of what this county is ready to do. If we could only put a little of this spirit into the Southern states where Liberty Loans drag and Red Cross work is neglected, where the youth is disinclined to enlist what a help it would be. This will take time, but it will come. The south must get the spirit, and it will. When once the whole nation realizes, as does La Grande, that

our America, is at stake there will be a general awakening. Here's the right brand of patriotism: "I am as much at home with carpenter's tools as a rabbit is in a briar patch and I am going to Uncle Sam's shipyard to work. I don't care anything about the wages for I am going to do my bit." That is the way Elder Henry L. Ford puts it. He is pastor of the First Christian church but has resigned for the sole purpose of helping his country. "Someone else can take care of my flock while I am gone," said Elder Ford. "for I believe the saving of this country is first, after which I will take up my work in the pulpit again."

Mr. A. W. Nelson, a member of the Liberty Loan publicity committee, was the author of the piece entitled "Arms vs. Bonds," and he has been highly complimented over this succinct statement of the bond proposition. It was first published over the signature of the local Liberty Loan committee on the front page of the Observer and was subsequently used in a circular and in advertisements. All of which is very complimentary to the author.

The incident at the railroad shops Saturday afternoon is but an example of the temperament of the people at this time. There is but one feeling and but one attitude. The feeling and sentiment at this time is for our country, and it is too deep seated to admit of any trifling.

The meeting called by the county agent, Mr. Spillman, to talk over the farm labor and other propositions, should be well attended. There is a scarcity of labor by reason of the many enlistments of boys from the farms and the condition of things should be taken up for adjustment as soon as possible.

There is need for a new slogan "Over the Top" has become so common that it has almost lost its significance. With almost every locality raising its quota and a big surplus besides the enthusiasm of the people is outrunning the capacity of the language.

Elgin People are Full of Patriotism

JOSEPH, April 5.—(Special)—Harold Kinney has accepted a position as janitor at the school house, taking the place of Arthur Hayes who has resigned. H. J. Hockenberry, representing the Oregon-Washington Teachers' Agency, was in town the last of the week. Miss Margaret Dorrance, a student at Jo-III and the newly elected carnival queen, has the measles. Bids will be received by the elevator committee on the new grain elevator next Saturday. Representatives of the Burrill Engineering company, of Portland, and of the General Engineering company, of Seattle, were in Joseph the first of the week looking over the ground. Both of these companies will bid. A Junior Red Cross has been organized among students in the Joseph school. Light snow and a cold snap came on Monday as an April Fool evidently. Mighty poor joke say we.

Miss Jennie Shepherd, the efficient teacher of the commercial department of Joseph high school, reports that great progress is being made by all students in her department, especially among the typewriting students. The following records have been made: winning Remington certificates: Names of pupils and number of words per minute—Forest Wilson, 27; Margaret Dorrance, 25; George Shanafelt, 23; Russell Bleavens, 25; Lillian Doman, 26; Gladys Miller, 29; Clara Morelock, 25. Entried to Remington Card Case and Certificates: Rita Hambleton, 51; George Shanafelt, 44; Forest Wilson, 43; Russell Bleavens, 41; Margaret Dorrance, 41. Rita Hambleton holds the record of the year with 51 words per minute.

The following is the W. S. S. and Liberty Bond report for the Joseph schools for March: Miss Treddan's room—(old investments)—Liberty bonds, \$50; stamps and certificates, \$24.75; March investment, \$15; number of children invested, 15; per cent of children invested, 54. Miss Easley's room—(old investment)—Stamps and certificates, \$12.50; March investment, \$24.35; number of children invested, 12;

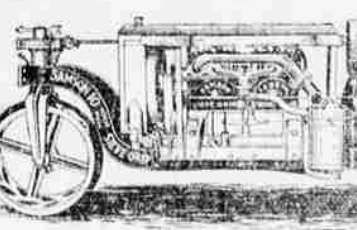
per cent of children invested, 41. Miss Leslie's room—(old investment)—Liberty bonds, \$50; W. S. S., \$54.75; March investment, \$16.75; pupils invested, 19; per cent of pupils invested, 41. Miss Walker's room—(old investment)—Liberty bonds, \$100; W. S. S., \$9; March investment, \$16.70; number children invested, 12; per cent of children invested, 50. Miss Schott's room (old investment)—W. S. S., \$57.50; March investment, \$40.75; children invested, 16; per cent of children invested, 64. Miss Spalding's room—(old investment)—Liberty bonds, \$400; W. S. S., \$58.50; March investment, \$31.25; number of children invested, 11; per cent of children invested, 35. Mr. Wilson's room—(old investment)—Liberty bonds, \$210; W. S. S., \$44.25; March investment, \$22.75; number of children invested, 21; per cent of children invested, 72. High School—(old investment)—Liberty bonds, \$250; W. S. S., \$138.25; March investment, \$15.50; number of students invested, 47; per cent of students invested, 100. Summary—March investment—Easley's room (old investment)—Miss Treddan's room, \$18; Miss Easley's room, \$24.35; Miss Leslie's room, \$16.75; Miss Walker's room, \$16.70; Miss Schott's room, \$40.75; Miss Spalding's room, \$31.25; Mr. Wilson's room, \$22.75; High School, \$15.50; total \$180.65. Wallowa County Institute.

The third local institute for teachers of Wallowa county held in Enterprise Saturday, March 29, 1918, was opened by the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," followed by two numbers by the Enterprise high school double quartet. Patriotism was the key note throughout the session and the reports of the teachers of the county, aside from showing what commendable work had been accomplished, signified the desire and willingness of those present to assist the government in any work possible.

After a business session, during which Superintendent Conklin, of Wallowa, was elected president; Superintendent James, of Enterprise, vice president; Alta Spalding, of Joseph, secretary and treasurer of the association. The following program proved to be very enjoyable as well as instructive. "Language Methods," Florence Walker, Joseph; "Food Problems," Miss Doolittle, Wallowa; "Industrial Clubs," Mae Hoke, Enterprise; "Report from State Association," Superintendent Jory, Enterprise. The dramatization of Rip Van Winkle by Miss Lee's fourth grade deserved special commendation. Much credit is due Miss Lee for the splendid production. Mr. Conklin emphasized the fact that the thrift movement must be kept up and give new impetus in that line. This followed by Miss Olmstead's discussion on the four minute thrift movement, closed an altogether pleasant session.

In the afternoon business meeting, the association went on record as desiring a county club leader whose salary would be paid half by the state and half by the county. As Miss Doolittle's talk on food was so instructive it was voted that the same should be published in the local papers so the people of the county would have an opportunity to benefit by it, as by Miss Murphy's splendid paper on Thrift. The county school fair was voted down and local industrial fairs will take its place. In the fall the association will meet in Flora as is its custom.

SULLAGE BOOKS.
 (By WALT MASON.)
 I'll buy a dozen Sullage books, and then a dozen more, sadgrocks! and send them to some soldier chaps, and help to brighten up their maps. Oh, anything that I can do, to keep the boys from getting blue, to keep them cheerful, bright and sane, and drive the fancies from the brain, I'll do with forty kinds of glue; so you can always count on me. I am too fat to scrap myself; old age has placed me on the shelf; I'm wedded to my easy chair, I couldn't whip a Belgian hare. The younger men must fight for me, and see that I have liberty, and all the blessings I desire, while I sit dozing by the fire. For me they've left their homes and friends, to go where bloodshed never ends; for me they march on soggy moor, and pains and wear-



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JOSEPH NEWS.

ELGIN, April 4.—(Special)—Mrs. Harry Leland and her two daughters, of Wallowa, are visiting with Mrs. George in Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hindman and their daughter, Miss Hindman returned home last week after spending the winter in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hallmarth, Mrs. D. Stricker and Grandma Foster returned home last week from Portland where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stuber, of Joseph, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Stuber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes. Clay Rinehart spent Sunday in Elgin with his wife, Mrs. Rinehart. The work on the new bus garage is well under way and the appearance of the structure proves that the work will soon be completed. The garage will be a great advantage to the town. Miss May Murphy spoke in the auditorium in the high school Tuesday afternoon on food conservation. Mrs. Mendenhall, the grand worthy patron of the Eastern Star, visited the Elgin lodge Tuesday evening. After a business session a delicious banquet was served and a social hour was enjoyed by all present.

An excellent Easter service was held at the M. E. church last Sunday. Several special numbers were rendered by the little tots which was duly appreciated. Reverend Smith made a few appropriate remarks. A missionary collection was taken up at the close of the service.

Thomas McNaughton is suffering from an injured arm which he received last week while at work. Two Elgin boys, Dan Scott and Henry Meabe, were seriously injured Saturday in an accident at Palmer Camp. While the boys were at work, a log rolled down upon them. Dan received a serious break in one leg, the bone of which was broken in two and split, and a slight injury in the hip. Henry's chest was crushed but he was not hurt internally. The team with which Dan was working, one of the best the Palmer company own, was killed. Both boys were taken to the hospital in La Grande Sunday evening. They are doing as well as possible.

Next Saturday afternoon the opening of the Third Liberty Loan will be celebrated by a concert by the band and patriotic speeches by Superintendent A. E. Clawson, Mayor Smith and other town citizens. Sunday evening a patriotic service will be held in the opera house. Reverend P. H. Smith will preach a patriotic sermon. The High School Glee club will render several patriotic choruses.

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 To be at his best a man must have sound, refreshing sleep. When wakeful and restless at night he is in no condition for work or business during the day. Wakefulness is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. How much better you feel with a clear head and good digestion. Adv.

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A granary of this size can be moved anywhere and can be filled directly from the thresher, doing away with high priced labor handling and sewing sacks.

The boys in the trenches need the sacks for sand bags for the protection of their very lives and perhaps your boy is among them.

Spend your money in your own valley by buying lumber manufactured at home. When you buy sacks part of the money goes to India.

BUILD YOUR GRANARIES NOW

Be prepared by building them before the farming season opens up. Be sure to get good lumber, well seasoned, as low grade lumber will give you trouble in a few seasons. Don't use green lumber.

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