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

THE END IN SIGHT.

There is no question whatever from the news reports from France today, that now is the beginning of the end—a condition which no one has dared to assume until the evident turn in the tide which is now beyond any reasonable doubt assured. The big German offensive has spent its force to a practical degree. It is only a question of how long it will take to wind up the details.

At the same time it is necessary to forward with all possible dispatch the men and the supplies necessary to help do the job more expeditiously and completely.

They say they can hold out even at the present rate for eighteen months longer. There is no necessity for delaying the agony that long. From the look of things this country has not more than made a beginning, in comparison with what is on the schedule. Troops are to be rushed with all possible speed; the ship program has received a big impetus and there should be no necessity for a delay of eighteen months to put in the battle-torn fields an additional force from this country that will help to "absolutely and irrevocably put the Hun on the run."

AN EMINENT CHARACTER.

Residents of Union County, as well as those of Wallowa county will surely feel a share in the loss sustained in the death of Mrs. John McDonald.

CNICHESTER'S PILLS
 THE DIETETIC DRUG
 For Biliousness, Constipation, Headache, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, etc.
 Sold by Druggists Everywhere

Union county was her home in the days of her early childhood and young womanhood. It was here that the eminent qualities of her character grew and developed and that process was under the most trying circumstances. Left motherless at a very early age, Maggie McLean, as she was then known, surmounted every obstacle and attained a place of eminence that could have been reached only by the strongest exertion of inherent strength.

One affliction followed another in the family and through it all Maggie McLean stood as a pillar of support. By manual effort and study the young girl not only while helping others helped herself and acquired accomplishments, even in this new and crude country, that coupled with native good sense and self-reliance, placed her far above the ordinary.

In later years it was her happy lot to assist others, and this she has done continuously and persistently. She was among the most earnest in all undertakings for the common good, and especially in all such uplifting influences as the church and school was she found a willing and enthusiastic worker, and to a great extent, a leader.

Mrs. McDonald was in all respects a woman of eminence.

WILL HELP RED CROSS.

Dr. W. D. McMillan, secretary of the Grande Ronde chautauqua association, reports that at a recent meeting of the directors it was voted to devote all the net proceeds from this year's chautauqua meeting to the Red Cross. That is a gracious move and one that is in keeping with the general principles of the Chautauqua association. For this reason, alone, the meeting of the association at Riverside Park this year should meet with the most hearty support of all the people. The chautauqua is worth while even under normal conditions, and it is doubly so at the present time. There are very few who cannot afford the little expense attached to attending the chautauqua throughout the whole season.

But in any event the thing for everyone to do is to help the Red Cross. To the many women who are engaged in this work there is no need of appeal. All that is needed is what financing is necessary to keep the women supplied with the necessary materials. The women may be relied upon to do the rest. Among the various ways of giving this help is to take up the offer of the chautauqua association by contributing to the forthcoming meeting and get full returns for the investment right on the start.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money.
 Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back; Pneumonia, bacchahe, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

FRIENDLY CHAT

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

(Bruce Dennis.)
 The Germans are going—ho, ho!

Halt's back it to the wall, but his hand is on thousands of machine guns that are doing the work.

France says: "With America's present help we can stick for eighteen months to deal the final blow." God bless old France, America is coming stronger every day. As she helped us when we needed help so badly so our boys are dashingly across the Atlantic to help her.

The press dispatches today in the Observer take the pressure off the American heart to a certain extent, for it is apparent the crux of the world war is now being fought.

It is also apparent that Germany has spent her great strength and is being beaten back. This means that the Teuton will, when once he sees his case is hopeless on the western front, either appeal for a peace that the world can accept or shrink back into his domain and attempt to hold the territory gained in central and eastern Europe, for the Teuton, fighter that he is, will not attempt the second time to do the impossible.

This is a day for justification throughout the world. Even Germany should rejoice, for the German people will some day see that the cause they are fighting for is wrong; they will some day realize the perfidy of the Hohenzollerns and then know that their relatives have been murdered by the millions by a ruler who was wrong in his premises and bloodthirsty at heart. When that day comes, then there will be a lasting peace. President Wilson was right when he said: "Peace must be made with the German people," and we sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when the German population will see the falseness of their rulers will realize the blood shed by Germany has been through the Hohenzollern domination and will turn upon the junkers.

So that as it may, the thing to keep in mind this evening is the wonderful work that is being done on the west front by England, France and America. Our arms are gaining the supremacy, which will dictate to Germany what she will be compelled to do.

Rejoice and give thanks to God.

Editorial Comment

A STORY AND ITS SEQUEL (The Oregonian.)

The Oregonian had a news dispatch from La Grande yesterday, giving an interesting sidelight on a recent more or less memorable occurrence in the development of the patriotic life of that community. It was:

Liberty loan headquarters here received inquiries from practically every county in Oregon and many in Idaho as to the way the "stacker page ad" was drafted and as to results. "Vigorous but efficacious" epitomizes the comment from these counties, many of whom declare they are going to use the same means.

Now, also, The Oregonian has from a reader at La Grande marked copies of the Observer of that place with the full history of the advertisement and its happy sequel. Sixty indignant citizens of La Grande on Tuesday, April 9, publicly subscribed to a declaration that two certain citizens (names given) were slackers, and agreed among themselves to have no dealing with them.

On Friday, April 12, the same citizens bought and paid for another advertisement, announcing that the two proscribed citizens had "now purchased third Liberty Loan bonds," and the Observer closed the incident, in a neat little news note, by describing the exonerated of the two recalcitrants and saying that they had "proven their loyalty."

There is an opinion, held by a diminishing few, that the purchase of liberty bonds is entirely within the option of the citizen, even when he is abundantly able to buy. Clearly, no one who is not able should not be expected, or required, by any sort of compulsion to take bonds. But is it optional with the men or women who have ample funds or fat salaries?

If one who is well able has not the "option" to purchase bonds, or not, he has also the option of doing his duty or not, unless it be held that the citizen may or may not, just as he chooses, do his duty in support of the war.

Nobody likes compulsion. It is

an ugly word, and an ugly way. But these are not times when one may take his own course. The man who says he will not give to the Red Cross, or the Y. M. C. A., or lend for the war, clearly asserts his right to live for and by himself. There is a certain rude justice in the plan that takes him at his word, and declares that he shall also live by himself.

Germany has fixed the amount of indemnity Rumania must pay her at \$2,000,000,000. If she should get the better of the allies, taking this as a yard stick, how much would she compel them to pay? As compared to Rumania the United States would, if treated squarely by the Germans in the deal, have only about \$100,000,000,000 to dig up or at least fifty per cent of the value of all American property. Looked at from this viewpoint the digging up of \$2,000,000,000 at a time and this only in the shape of a loan is much easier.—Capitol Journal.

FLAG IS DEDICATED AT ISLAND CITY

ISLAND CITY, April 15.—(Special.)—At the Island City church last Friday night, April 12, friends and relatives gathered to dedicate the community service flag. The Island City school band, under the capable direction of Mr. Thompson, played three opening selections, after which Rev. Ford of the La Grande Christian Church led in prayer. A piano solo by Iris Bryant followed. Miss Mansfield very pleasantly sang: "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall." Rev. Phipps of the La Grande Presbyterian Church, gave an address on "Why the Sacrifice," in which he told how the Germans expected to change the center of German "kultur" from Germany to the United States. Mrs. Merion Kiddle rendered an effective vocal solo, "Keep the Homes Fires Burning." An address by Mr. Edward Jasper on "How the Boys Respond" followed. The band then played, "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," while the service flag was being unveiled. Afterwards the official salute to the service flag was being unfurled. At just received, was given. This was probably the first time the salute had been given in Oregon. At the close of the service the audience, accompanied by the band, sang "The Star Spangled Banner," during which an American flag was unfurled.

The following boys from Island City and community are represented on the flag: Oscar Ayres, La Grande Hospital Unit; Perry Bengo, Navy; Thomas Barin, Marines; Richard Burnett, Marines; Ellis Chadwick, Aviation; Hugh Gibson, Infantry; Ben Gekeler, Marines; Arthur Golden, Infantry; Allyn Hunter, Motorcycle Corps; Leonard Johnson, La Grande Hospital Unit; Frederick Kiddle, Ordnance Division; Thomas Mullenberg, La Grande Hospital Unit; Archie Mitchell, Marines; Ernest Moenkhouse,

Some Welcome Additions to Our Dress Goods Dept.

NEW COLORS IN VOILE

A delayed shipment arrived a few days ago, bringing us some new and most beautiful shades of Voile. In the best grade Picarrie Voile, we have a beautiful Silver Grey, a Rose, Blue, Lavender and Lemon.

PRICE 75c YD.

Golden Cross Voile, in Grey, Rose, Blue and Pink.

PRICE 40c YD.

Also many pretty figured Voiles in all grades. 50c to 75c

PALM BEACH CLOTH

We have a large supply of the always popular summer fabric, in both plain colors and figured. Plain colors, Green, Blue, Navy, and Natural. Price 45c Yd. Figured patterns, on white, suitable for summer skirtings. 25c to 75c Yd.

Plaids and striped figures, on Natural background. Price 45c Yd.

NAKATA SILK

A pretty summer fabric, on the order of Pongee. We have it in Sky, Navy, Pink, Rose, and Natural, or Pongee color.

PRICE 75c YD.

PRETTY NEW DRESS GINGHAMS

They've just come—most fascinating colors, in Plaids. We're sure you'll like these—Come in and see them, anyway.

PRICE 25c YD.

NEW SPRING NECKWEAR

Those new Vestees add a touch of smartness to your new tailored suit. White Silk Ribbed, with pearl buttons. PRICE 60c.

Our new Spring Neckwear is just in, and we've many pretty new creations to show you. Stop in and see some of the new ones—Lawn, Silk Ribbed, Pique and Georgette—many have lace edges or are embroidered. 50c to \$1.00.

McWest & Co

THE QUALITY STORE

MILITARY POLICE FOR OREGON

Enlistments Are Solicited And Features Are Explained.

The Observer is in receipt of a circular from Capt. H. E. Williams, recruiting officer of Portland, explaining the features of the Oregon military police and stating that enlistments are solicited. The letter says:

"Applications are invited from men living in Eastern Oregon. Men joining the Portland companies will have to stay in Portland. Those joining the Eastern Oregon Co. will be located in the different important districts and with one general headquarters. Applications can be sent to 635 Morgan Building, Portland, Oregon.

The objects and other matters pertaining to the organization include:

A body of state police to prevent and detect crime and apprehend criminals.

All male citizens of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years of age, physically qualified are eligible for service in this body.

BREAK AT FLOUR MILL

La Grande Concern Temporarily Laid Up For Repairs.

On account of a break of one of the main shafts of the La Grande flour mill there has been a temporary suspension awaiting repairs. It appears that the shaft became overheated and was burned out. The repairs will be supplied as soon as possible and the delay is not expected to extend over a period longer than a very few days.

Mr. J. K. Wright, of the La Grande Investment Company, left this morning for Wallowa on a business trip.

Don't Let It linger.

NOTICE TO METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE.

On account of the Neighborhood pageant and Red Cross benefit at the High School Friday evening, the Plus Ultra Social, set for Friday evening has been postponed until further notice. Those who have received written or oral invitations please take notice.

PLUS ULTRA SOCIAL COMMITTEE
 4-18-21

"YOU SHALL NOT PASS"

Out of Verdun, as from a throat of brass
 Tongued by a silver hammer came the cry
 Its words mount like a barrier to the sky
 And bar the Will Wolf's way. "You shall not pass!"

So spoke at Marathon for you and me
 The Greeks who drove the Persian to the sea.
 So spoke audacious Hermann in that hour
 When his bold Germans broke the Roman power
 And sunk its legions in the black morass,
 With the stern battle-cry, "You shall not pass!"

Aetius and Theodoric so spoke
 Saving all Europe from Attila's yoke,
 "Burging 'The Scourge of God.' And yet again
 "Ang Martel's sword to the Saracen,
 Braving the Moslem scimitar like glass,
 Saving us by the cry, "You shall not pass!"

Even so, at Orleans, spoke the Sainted Maid
 Covering the English with her stainless blade.
 So trumpeted bold Drake and raked the host
 Of Phillip's Armada from England's coast,
 And saved the western world. So, too,
 The Iron Duke spoke at fateful Waterloo.
 "Not even a Napoleon shall pass!"
 "To tread the nations into withered grass."

And was it all for naught? Shall one mad fool
 Crush us to powder that his will shall rule
 And make the world a sacrifice to Mars?
 No! It is lettered in the eternal stars
 Across the heaven's blue.—"You shall not pass!"
 No miracle of menace and no mass
 Of malice shall avail. You shall not pass!
 You shall not pass! You shall not pass!

Edmund Vance Cooke

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Mr. Grain Farmer:

Are you prepared to handle your grain in bulk? Do not wait until Spring and Summer when you are buried with work and worried with labor shortage, but build your granaries now.

You can buy the lumber and roofing paper for a first-class 1000 bushel portable granary for \$64.58 and it will last for years. Sacks for the same amount of grain will cost you \$125.00 and this would be a dead loss against this year's crop.

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, its low grade lumber will give you trouble in a few seasons. Don't use green lumber.

Save money. Keep what you spend at home—prevent loss and damage from exposure to weather—leave the sacks for our boys in the trenches; win the war by building granaries now.

Portable granaries of this type are universally used in other sections. One trip with a good team will haul the material for one granary. For particulars as well as prices on Union County lumber for all farm purposes, see

The George Palmer Lumber Co.

LA GRANDE, OREGON

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.

Furniture Exchange

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

Your Evening of Life

Did you ever stop to think how you will spend the evening of your life?

What is a more deplorable sight than an aged person struggling for a mere existence; battling against great odds, fighting the cold icy blasts of winter, and the scorching rays of the summer sun; with a worn out, broken-down constitution.

STOP AND THINK IT OVER

Think how you and your loved ones will spend the evening of your life. There is one sure way to avoid being one of the vast army of unkempt, in your declining years, and you can do this too:—Get a bank account today, and add to it little by little, and you will not be on the mercy of the public in your declining years.

Why not commence today?

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON