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

THE CHAUTAUQUA.

The forthcoming annual meeting of the Grande Ronde chautauqua at Riverside Park should be of special benefit and interest this year. The chautauqua is an institution that is already very well established and little is needed to further advertise its aims and purposes. The meeting this year will be different from other years in some particulars, and it could not be otherwise, because the conditions have undergone a great change in the past twelve months.

Almost every undertaking now has some aspect of militarism in the sense that all things are now directly or indirectly associated with the war.

Following this idea the chautauqua management expects to have among the list of speakers some men who have been at the front and who can give first hand information on the things that are being done in France in the ghastly task of ridding the world of the Hohenzollerns.

All the excess receipts from the chautauqua this year are to go to the Red Cross chapter, so that both the entertainment and instruction provided and the objects in view will constitute an united endeavor to bring out a full attendance all through the chautauqua season.

THERE IS NO PEACE.

The words of Patrick Henry are again appropriate. "Gentlemen may cry peace, but there is no peace."

There are hints that a peace proposal is to come from some source that will lead to a cessation of hostilities in France. The Observer's

IN THE WHIRLPOOL



news reports today say that President Wilson will pay no attention to any offer of the kind that is not preceded by a guarantee of absolute sincerity. The chief executive declared his position as to dealing with the German military power, which he designated as "a thing" incapable of making a covenant or of staying with the agreement when it is made.

The French idea is about of the same tenor, which says that they will be ready to talk about peace when the German army gets out of France. Until this is done there is nothing to talk about except as to the quickest and best means to get them out.

The way this war business is looked upon is that the German military absolutists have undertaken the job of subduing the world over which the overrunning of Belgium and the invasion of France was the preliminary move. It is up to them to say when they have had enough. The only thing the allies have to talk about is on the subject of how quickly they can make them say it.

No one-sided decision goes and there is nothing on which to focus a basis until the assailant lays down and quits.

After that is done the thing to talk about will be that of protecting the safety of the smaller nations and the political and equity rights of free people everywhere.

OREGONIAN.

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SUMMERVILLE GIRL BITTEN BY A DOG

MAY DAY SALE AND SUPPER PLANNED - HOSPITAL PATIENT RETURNS - INSECT PEST INTERFERES WITH GARDENING.

SUMMERVILLE, May 1.—(Special.)—Little Madeline Oliver, 3-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Oliver, was severely bitten by their pet dog last Monday. She was playing with him when he suddenly bit her in the face, one tooth going through her left cheek and another into the left corner of her right eye, just missing the eyeball. Her parents hurried her to Imbler so that Dr. Gilmore could give her immediate relief. Dr. Gilmore requested the parents to kill the dog and bring its head to him for examination, to ascertain whether the dog is suffering from rabies or not.

There will be a May Day sales and supper at this place next Saturday evening, May 4. Come and get your fill of ice-cream and thereby help fill the Ladies' Aid treasury.

Lee Fine took a trip to La Grande on business the forepart of the week.

Mrs. J. J. Wagoner was a patient at the La Grande Hospital for a few days, returning on the 28th ult. She is feeling much better again.

D. R. McKenzie, the sawmill man has a good supply of logs on his new mill site, ready to be converted into lumber.

Miss Catherine Starr and Francis Ott have been very busy during the week getting members for Uncle Sam's Thrift movement. Prof. Starr furnished his faithful Ford, and his services as chauffeur for the occasion, taking time after school hours to do it.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Niederer motored to La Grande on the 29th ult.

Chas. Sanderson drove to Imbler in their Maxwell on the 1st instant, taking with him his sister, Mrs. B. M. Oliver.

Miss Lydia M. Hug is visiting with friends in La Grande for a few days. Mrs. Lee Fine took her to the Imbler station, where Mr. Lee Fine and daughter Olena were waiting to return home with her, after their visit in La Grande.

Mrs. Press Pugh was a visitor in Elgin on the 1st instant.

The Summerville Cemetery Society will hold its annual business meeting next Saturday, the 4th instant. A large attendance is solicited.

The Alce and Dry Creek Baseball fans played on the Dry creek diamond last Sunday afternoon. The score was 7 to 12 in favor of Alce.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Royce were business visitors in Imbler the fore part of the week.

Mrs. Jim Kellum, who so narrowly escaped death in a motor cycle accident recently, is able to do some work again.

IMBLER BAND WILL GIVE BIG DANCE

WORK ON ELEVATOR IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY - BENEFIT DANCE GIVEN AT ED. TUTTLE'S - IMBLER PEOPLE ATTEND FIELD MEET.

IMBLER, May 1.—(Special.)—Frank Graham and daughter Miss Hazel were in Imbler Monday.

J. H. Walker took Miss Frankie and George Reed, to La Grande Saturday to meet their sisters Burla and Ruth, who have been over to Milton, Oregon.

Chas. Benschadler and family visited in Elgin Friday evening.

Mrs. Mary Billings and daughters were in La Grande to attend the annual field day of the L. D. S. church.

R. M. McBride and family and La Mare Westenskow and wife took in the field day exercises in La Grande Friday evening.

Wm. Wiggins has been confined to his home this week on account of illness.

Mrs. J. H. Walker has been ill this week with la grippe.

The work on the elevator is progressing very rapidly. They will soon be ready for the carpenters.

The farmers union held a business meeting in Imbler on Saturday evening.

Clay Fox and family motored to Union Sunday to visit his brother Fred Fox.

The dance given by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Tuttle Friday evening proved to be one of the best social events of the season. The light fantastic was tripped until one o'clock, when they bid the host and hostess a very pleasant good night. A neat little sum was raised for Red Cross work.

Mr. Gray Pelton and Miss Ruth Hallgarth were among the Elgin visitors who attended the dance at Ed. Tuttle's Friday evening.

Frank Reed and family expect to move to Elgin this week where he is employed.

Miss Green of Walla Walla is over visiting her sister Mrs. Oscar Howell.

Little Endieat and children left this week for Roseburg for a visit with relatives.

Frank Miller went to La Grande Friday to take the service examination, but was respected on account of defective eyesight.

Tan Page made a trip to Walla-wa on Saturday afternoon.

Harley Long of Elgin was stranded in Imbler on Saturday evening on account of having a blow out and had to have an auto come and from Elgin to tow him home.

Cap Tuttle visited La Grande on Saturday.

Dr. Gilmore reports a new baby at Joe Lee's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Peebler of Ladd's Canyon, came down Sunday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Walker.

The Imbler Band will give a dance in the Bon Ton Hall Friday night.

In complying with the hours set by the Retail Clerks International Protective Association, this store will open at 8:00 a. m. and close at 6:00 p. m., except Saturdays, when it will open at 8:00 and remain open until 8:30 p. m.
BEGINNING MON., MAY 6.

N. K. West & Co.

Get Rid of Excess Flesh

NECKWEAR JUST IN!
We received yesterday a new array of Neckwear and these new Vestees, that give such a smart appearance to your new Spring Suit; also some new Collar and Cuff Sets, in colors.
Prices range from 35c to \$1.00.



Don't be satisfied with a Corset that merely makes you LOOK more slender—get one that will reduce your flesh by pounds, making your figure lighter, smaller and much more symmetrical. There is such a Corset. We have many models in stock.

The Nemo Self Reducing

—Come soon and be fitted in the model designed for your individual form. You will at once be charmed by the decided improvement in your figure. After you have worn it awhile, you'll realize that all your excess abdominal flesh is rapidly disappearing under the gentle massage treatment of the self-reducing straps—You'll not only look better, but you'll feel better.

Nemo Self Reducing Corsets

For All Figures, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

Nemo Brassiere

"FITS AS YOU FASTEN."
—Pulling the crossed tape straps in front closes the side laces and instantly adjusts the brassiere to your figure.

THIS NEW INVENTION

is of interest to every woman, slender to extra stout, who wears a brassiere.

\$1.00 and \$1.50



N. K. West & Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

SIMPSON BEST MAN.

(Gold Beach Reporter.)

The campaign of L. J. Simpson of Coos County, for the Republican nomination for Governor is attracting attention throughout the State. The political posters said that he had no chance on earth and was simply sacrificing himself, but since Mr. Simpson announced he has made a wonderful stir in political circles and has developed such a big following that he is being talked of quite freely now as a possible winner.

Mr. Simpson should receive the solid support of Coos and Curry Counties. He is a home man, who has been identified with Southwestern Oregon development almost all his life, and if he is to make a good showing, surely his home people should stand behind him at such a time. Nearly everyone in Curry County knows Mr. Simpson.

There are other reasons why Mr. Simpson's candidacy should appeal to Curry County. He has been engaged in the lumber business and knows timber, and timber is one of the big resources of Curry County. He is a member of the Pacific Coast Defense League, the purpose of which is to build a military highway along the coast. He is highly in favor of this movement and such a highway would be highly important to Curry county.

Besides, Mr. Simpson is the best material for Governor presented in this race. He has the ability to fill the place with credit to himself and to Southwestern Oregon. If everybody in Curry County votes for Mr. Simpson, it will do much to further his chances, and he is surely entitled to this support.

Miss Hilda Anthony has a well prepared program for her presentation of pupils this evening at the Neighborhood Club rooms. The program will start promptly at eight and the music loving people are cordially invited.

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Observer advertising will bring results.

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 \$54.58 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

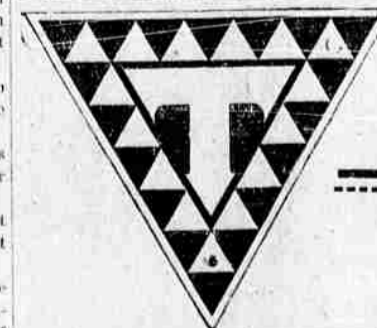
Be prepared by building them before the farming season opens up. Be sure to get good lumber, well seasoned, as low grade lumber will give you trouble in a few seasons. Don't use green lumber.

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; help 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



Wm. Desmond

IN

"The Captain of His Soul"

TODAY and TOMORROW

IF YOU DOUBT THE CRIMES OF WAR PROFITERS, SEE THIS PICTURE.

STAR THEATRE

Every Saving Depositor is Interested

in the new Federal Reserve Banking System, established by the United States Government, of which we are a member, because it makes the banking business of the country safer and sounder than ever before.

But even more because it makes practically impossible another of those currency panics which in the past have caused business depressions, shut-downs and lack of employment.

Part of every dollar you deposit in this bank goes directly into this new system, makes it stronger and adds to the security of your money so deposited.

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON