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THE LOAN A SUCCESS.

Enough is known of the Third Liberty bond sale to know that it will surpass the required mark of three billion by thirty to fifty per cent. There are about 16,000,000 subscribers to this loan, which is an average of one person out of every six in the United States who have invested in the bonds of the government. Every feature of the Third Liberty Loan is satisfactory to the government officials and should also be matter of great encouragement to the people.

The per capita subscription, that is the amount of the bonds subscribed in comparison with the entire population, shows there is about \$40 to each person of the United States invested in the Third Liberty bonds, while the whole bonded indebtedness of the United States is now fourteen billion, or an average of \$78 to each man, woman and child in the whole country.

Germany and Austria-Hungary have a war indebtedness of nearly fifty billions, which is \$385 for each person and about three-eighths of the entire national wealth of the principal central powers of Europe.

As a matter of being in debt this country has not yet made a start as compared with the countries which brought on the war.

The significant fact is that the people of the United States are as a unit in seeing the business through, regardless of the cost. They are able to do so as the expense thus far is but a light percentage of the country's available resources, and the reports show that the banks have been drawn upon very lightly to swing this last loan.

The expenditures and the bond issues will be very much greater than the present accumulation before the United States will in any particular way feel the stress laid upon it in the enforced duty it has of bringing the run-amuck kaiser to terms. But whatever the cost may be, the people are ready to meet it.

INCREASED PAY.
 There are a good many railroad employees in La Grande who are interested in the proposed advance in pay of men in the railroad service. The outstanding feature of the case to those who are not directly interested is the way this advance in salary has been accomplished. It has not been done by a strike or a lockout—that is one thing, and the public will appreciate it because such methods of reaching adjustment involves the interests of all the people, regardless of which party to the contention is right and which is wrong.
 There should be some encouragement to those who hold the conviction that this country is being run in the interests of special classes—the "capitalistic" classes the Socialist brethren call them. There seems to be nothing par-

ticularly evident of class favoritism in this railroad matter.

There are many other things which will be found possible before the exigencies of the war conditions are met and overcome, but there is good headway being made so far in all such adjustments and the interests of all the people come in for a full share of protection.

Price fixing is another war measure that is rendering great service for the masses of the people. It is becoming recognized as never before that the natural resources of the country belong to all the people and that everyone is entitled to a share in the benefits. The hold-up process is being weeded out, and coming more and more in disfavor. In fact, it has become so unpopular as to be intolerable, which those who assume to be in the favored class are finding out.

On this same subject it may be noted that the claim that the war is mostly a plan for capitalistic advantage is also getting a heavy blow on the solar plexus and has no foundation worthy of mention.

ENTERPRISE PUPILS ENJOY PICNIC

All the pupils of the Grades and High Schools enjoyed May Day picnics at the City Park and at the Wallowa Lake today. The High School went in a body to the Lake taking the entire day for they had a long program prepared and had a May-pole dance etc. The different grade rooms with their teachers went to the park in the afternoon and took their lunches.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boyd were hostesses to the Literary Club members and their husbands at a dinner Thursday evening. Twenty couples were present. After dinner a program was rendered. Next week Thursday, a reception will be given to new members at the home of Mrs. Hinderman.

A surprise party was given to Lena Dishan at the home of her parents on Friday evening in honor of her fifteenth birthday. All her friends assembled at the court house and went in a body.

S. A. Gotter has been called to Fort Logan, Colorado, where his brother Call Gotter died of pneumonia.

F. N. Funk is again working in the grocery department of the E. M. & M. Co., after having returned from Oneida, Kansas, where he was called by the death of his father several weeks ago.

J. F. Bruce and son Frank have gone to Roseburg, the former to seek a lower altitude in hope of benefiting his his health.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Dagget of Alder Slope, a daughter April 23, 1918.

Mrs. Ian McDonald has gone to San Francisco to join her husband who has employment with the A. G. Spaulding Co. Mr. McDonald was proprietor of the 5, 10 and 15 Cent Store of this city.

Mrs. Grace Stone has returned to Enterprise after having spent the winter at Portland and Vancouver.

The home of Earl Childers at Pownatta, was destroyed by fire last Saturday, also the granary containing a supply of seed grain and the Ford car and buggy. An insurance of \$1000 only was held on the buildings.

Ten coyote pups were on display in town Thursday afternoon having been captured by Charles Strohm on his place at O. K. Gulch.

The Vandeville Show given by the girl's Honor Guards Friday evening was a great success. A good sized house was in attendance and the entertainment was very clever and enjoyed by all.



HIS JOB TO BANDAGE WOUNDED HOUSES

American Boss Carpenter Putting French Villages Back on the Map.

It was a monotonous stretch of ugly trench, wire entanglements, gaping shell holes, accented by the blackened skeleton of shell killed forests silhouetted against a dull, hopeless sky.

This had once been beautiful rolling land like our own Ohio and Indiana—rich in grain fields, orchards and gardens. Now it was desolation—nothing could live there—seemingly nothing did.

We had come on some rising ground, and as we climbed we reached the brow of the slope, and of a sudden it seemed that some giant had suddenly twisted the old world under our feet and we were back home, for of a sudden the sounds of life came up to us out of a bustling center of industry. That satisfying chug of an honest hammer head sinking willing nail into sound wood, and before us was a panorama of new building, with piles of clean lumber stacked here and there, and the framing of many new buildings told where the wood was going. Then we heard the voice of a man who talked real "United States"—telling 27 other carpenters what to do—out in this foreign land thousands of miles from home.

We inquired of the boss as to who he was, and with true sense of humor he said: "I am a Red Cross nurse. My job is bandaging wounded houses."

Putting Villages Back on Map.

"This was once a French village," he went on to say, "in the center of fine sugar beet country. We are living now on the site of the sugar mill," he said, pointing to a long, low barracks, which plainly had been recently built. "We are working for the American Red Cross—putting villages back on the map. In four more weeks we'll be out of here and on our way to the next ruin, for there are many villages that need us. We go from place to place, always finding that our lumber has reached there first, so we can get right to work, clean up and move on again."

It is just like pioneering, this rebuilding work of our Red Cross—only more important—more important because it is vital to the winning of the war that these people come back to their soil and plant new crops—for future years of war or peace.

And so the tide of war sweeps back from whence it came, a Red Cross army follows close behind in uniforms of overalls, armed with Yankee hammers and nails to coax back the foundlings that have been brushed into squalid helplessness in the south and east.

They are coming back home now, just a few days behind these carpenters—back to the beet fields, the gardens and the farms. Soon they will be feeding themselves and thousands of others.

Observer advertising will bring results.

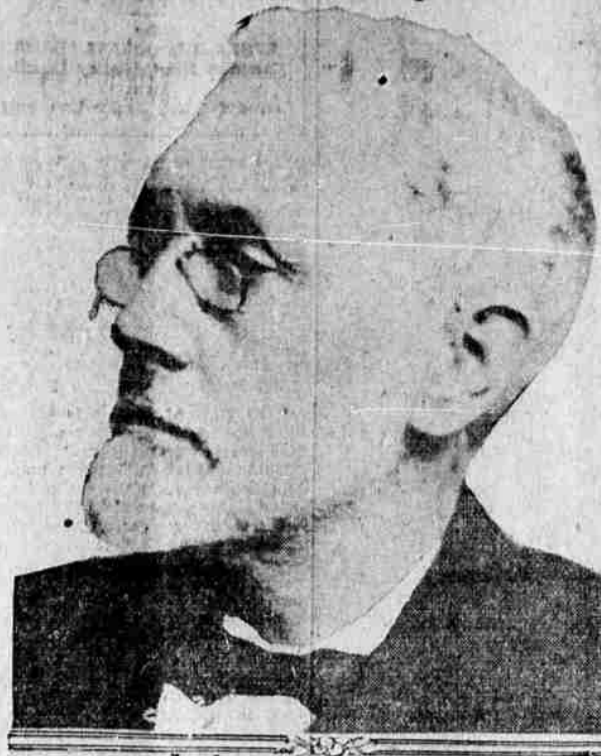
The following list is last week's addition to the chain of Red Cross parties that are being given in La Grande.

Mrs. J. F. Phy, donation ... \$5.00
 Mrs. Henry Hill, party 5.25
 Total 10.25
 Mrs. H. C. GRADY, Pres.

One-third off on all Hair Switches, at the Walling Millinery. 5-31f

Phone your Want Ads to the Observer, Main 37.

"You'll Never Get a Single Irishman by Compulsion!"



John Dillon, who succeeded the late John Redmond as leader of the Irish Nationalists, is the leader of the Irish fight against conscription of the Irish. On April 9, when Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons that conscription must be applied to Ireland, Redmond led the tumultuous demonstration that followed. He arose and, shaking a finger at the premier, shouted: "You'll never get a single Irishman by compulsion!"

TAKE NOTICE!

Blackmon's Millinery Stock Slaughtered

Miss Blackmon's health having failed and being advised by her Physician to quit business, she has requested that her entire stock be sold at once. She has established the reputation in La Grande of giving the people the very highest grade millinery and most exclusive styles at reasonable prices, and now the stock must go.

TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED HATS, FLOWERS, FANCIES, FRENCH TIPS ALL AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

NOTHING RESERVED AND NOTHING BOUGHT CAN BE RETURNED.

Mrs. J. N. Armour, in Charge

WRIGLEYS



Helps teeth, breath, appetite, digestion.

"Give it to me, please, Granddaddy."
 "Why Bobby, if you wait a bit for it you'll have it to enjoy longer!"
 "Poo-poo! That's no argument with WRIGLEYS 'cause the flavor lasts, anyway!"

—After every meal

"Freedom-All"

A new garment for women for work or recreation

More comfortable, more convenient and more desirable in fit and appearance than any similar garment yet devised for women's wear.

Freedom-Alls are one-piece garments

The newest creation of Levi Strauss & Co. They look and fit like two piece suits, and are much more convenient. Can be slipped on in a moment.

THERE ARE TWO STYLES

off Freedom-alls—a tight leg made of khaki, an ideal outing garment; and a loose leg model for indoor work, made of washable materials in lighter weights.

Fast colors in stripes, checks and solid colors. All Sizes. Call and see them on display.

SANDALS

For Boys and Girls

A big shipment of these Sandals arrived this morning, and are now in stock all ready for your inspection. They are in black, tan and white.

TAN AND BLACK
 Sizes 2 to 5 95c
 Sizes 5 1/2 to 8 \$1.25
 Sizes 8 1/2 to 11 \$1.50
 Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 \$1.65

WHITE
 Sizes 2 to 5 \$1.25
 Sizes 5 1/2 to 8 \$1.30
 Sizes 8 1/2 to 11 \$1.70
 Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 \$1.95

Men:---

We have just received a new dark brown English last, rubber sole shoe. Case of the best we could find—This shoe has the new "Rinex" sole. Something entirely different from ordinary rubber soles. Call and let us show you these new ones.



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Why not Your Tires?

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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.

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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.

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La Grande National Bank

LA GRANDE, OREGON