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

RECEIVING HIS OWN PEOPLE.

Chancellor von Hertling was quoted
in a report Saturday as saying:
"We only want a place in the sun.
We are fighting for our existence and
long for peace."

All this is to delude the home peo-
ple of Germany. There has been all
along quite a conservative element
of Germans who have been very
lukewarm on the proposition of try-
ing to crowd things any longer on
the western front. In order to bol-
ster up the civilian morale it has
been necessary for the military lead-
ers to resort to misrepresentation,
the chief of which is to make it ap-
pear to the masses that this is a war
of defense of the Fatherland. This
speech of the German chancellor is
on that same line. They dare not
come out in the open and the only
recourse left is to make it appear
that a life and death struggle is
on for the preservation of the Ger-
man people. The people are to a
very large extent deluded by the
military leaders. The chancellor
wants it to appear that they would
not fight at all if it were not that
they are compelled to in order to
preserve "a place in the sun," mean-
ing that they must fight as a mat-
ter of national defense. This may
go with the German people. They
have been misled most egregiously
on all the important phases of the
conflict from the very beginning. A
few samples of the way the people
have been kept in the dark is the
way they have been deluded into
believing that London and Paris have
been practically demolished by air
raids; that the submarine is destroy-
ing all the British shipping and that
America can send no force of con-
sequence to France.

But what consummate asininity is
the declaration "We are fighting for
our existence and long for peace."
In what way was their existence
threatened when they entered Bel-
gium? What dark menace preced-
ed the Kaiser's boast that they
would be in Paris in three weeks?

There may be some bit of truth
that the German militarists long for
peace, and they will get it when it
is made impossible for them to precipi-
tate any more such trouble as they
started in 1914. That is the kind
of peace they will get and they will
get it good and plenty and their
"place in the sun" will be like a re-
frigerator compared to the temper-
ature that is due some of the Ger-
man military leaders.

A GREAT OUTLOOK

The weather and crop conditions
the country over are the most en-
couraging. The average expectancy
is at least ten per cent over that of
this time last year and the acreage
is also probably more than ten per
cent previous to the 1917.

Locally, there is some uneasiness a-
bout lack of moisture, but that is
nothing unusual. Last year there
was a dry period. It extended for
over a hundred days in a stretch, but
there was a fair yield of nearly all
kinds of grain just the same. As
far as this part of the country is
concerned there is little need to fear.
If the country as a whole is in good
shape it would seem, from past ex-
periences, unnecessary to waste time
in worry over Grande Ronde.

A good crop output throughout the
whole country is one of the most op-
portune pieces of good fortune that
could possibly happen. With the
grain fields turning out a bountiful
yield, there will be small trouble in
the furnishing of the other necessary
things which will combine to help
win the war.

The Bookworm

The following book review has
kindly been written by Mr. Gibbs
at the request of the librarian:

"BLACK SHEEP", by Miss Jean
Kenyon Mackenzie: The black sheep
are not of the variety celebrated in
nursery rhyme, nor are they the kind
white families produce, but they are
the natives of the German Kamerun
colony of the French Congo in Africa.
The authoress is the daughter of a
presbyterian minister, who went out
to these regions as a missionary in
1904. The book is made up of ex-
tracts from letters which he wrote
home. This makes it rather more like
a diary than a narrative, on this
account, more personal and intimate.
In fact we sense better the conditions
as they seemed to the writer.

The book will dispense anyone of
the idea that the missionary's lot is a
bed of ease. After reading a descrip-
tion of the way in which they live,
especially when the isolation from
white companionship is remembered,
one is forced to the conclusion that
only a strong compelling motive could
cause a refined woman of culture to
live in such surroundings.

The book gives us a glimpse of the
lights and shadows of the mission-
ary life. At first it would seem a
hopeless task, but more unexpected
responses are surprisingly encountered.
The heathen heart is moved by
love and kindness and the message of
the Gospel of God's love for mankind
finds a sympathetic hearer who of-
tendevelops into an eager inquirer.

The old idea that missionary aid
consists in furnishing flannel waist-
coats and colored handkerchiefs to
negroes is refuted completely by the
record of what the missions do in a
practical way, and the total elimina-
tion of eleemosynary aid except in
the case of absolute necessity. No
child is received into school unless he
pays the fee, which is a quarter for
a term of ten weeks. And for every-
thing supplied, the children have to
work in payment.

The question suggests itself on
laying down the book, does it pay?
To which the rejoinder may be made,
"did it pay to carry the Gospel to
the erstwhile savage inhabitants of
Great Britain, France, Germany and
other European countries?" In view
of the war between these nations,
a cynic observer might declare it
was labor lost. But this war is a
testimony to Christianity, for the
philosophy which generated the war
and of which it is the product, of
anti-christian through and through.
The war is a reversal to savagery
while the two ameliorating institu-
tions at work in its zone, the Red
Cross and the Y.M.C.A. are, as their
names imply, of Christian origin.

Upton H. Gibbs.

A shipment of new books has been
received at the public library. A more
complete list will be published next
week.

A few of the most attractive vol-
umes are:

Great Possessions, by David Grayson.

Poetry of American Wit and Hum-
or, by F. L. Knowles.

How to draw, by Leon Barritt.

The Little Grandmother of the Rus-
sian Revolution, Catherine Bresh-
kovsky.

Progressive Poultry Culture, by A. A.
Brigham.

Model Aeroplanes and their Engines,
by G. Cavanaugh.

John Masefield's "Gallipoli" is re-
cognized as one of the outstanding
literary production of the war. It will
without doubt be one of the classics
of this period. Besides a literary
masterpiece, it is a truthful account
of one of the most heroic military
campaigns of all ages; a story which
should make us proud to be the allies
of the British and French. One para-
graph is: "Our army had won their
hold upon the Peninsula. On the body
of a dead Turk officer was a letter
written the night before to his wife,
a tender letter filled mostly with per-
sonal matters. In it was the phrase,
'These British are the finest fighters
in the world. We have chosen the
wrong friends.'"

NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS

Any desiring to order Spray Ma-
terial may do so at the office of
County Agricultural Agent, in the
Post Office building.

C. D. HUFFMAN,
Instructor



ALL ANIMALS ARE GOOD PEEPS IN THE SCHOOL.

"To market, to market,
To drive a fat pig,
Home again, home again,
Jig-a-ty jig."

So exclaims old Mother Goose as
she drives her porcine team to the
palace of comedies in the Al G.
Barnes' wild animal circus coming
to La Grande on May 25.

Old Mother Goose is hooverizing
on pork the same as all the rest of
us so instead of putting his precious
carcass in the boiling pot she used
to take him to market where more
economic purchases may be made.
Instead of being shoved about in
dirty pens and made the butt of all
sorts of abuses Mr. Pig, and his
family, are shown due consideration.

In the play grounds of the Barnes'
circus, chutes are provided for the
pig family and twice daily patrons
to the Barnes' circus can see the
comical antics these cunning crea-
tures display as they go through
their side splitting act.

Whoever thought the goose was
really a comedian? Well, he is.
Al G. Barnes this season presents
a whole flock in military comedy.
The captain squaking out his com-
mands in a manner that only the
goose family can understand.

Monkeys, dogs, horses, kangaroos,
bears, and elephants assisted by a
corps of clowns make up the laugh-
ing features of the circus. The
program has been made over from
beginning to end this season, many
unusual and absolutely new features
introduced. Much of the military
prevalts throughout the entire per-
formance. The military horses in
greater number and added features
an inspiration to all. Over 600
people are needed to put the big
Barnes' circus over this season,
due to the increased number of en-
tertaining features and enlargement
of the circus in general.

From the big entree fea-
ture "The Conquest of Nyanza" to
the closing spectacular "The Royal
Hunt" the Barnes program is chuck
full of punch and ginger being in-
structive, educational and enter-
taining to every individual patron.
The humorous, the grave, the mili-
tary, the spectacular, the pictures-
que, the thrilling, the serene, the
sublime and the ridiculous each
come in for their share. The pro-
gram being so arranged that no jar
is felt but a gradual letting down
of each emotion to a perfect shading.
The big parade at 10:30. Doors
open at 1 and 7 p. m.

A VERTICAL SPUD PATCH

A resident of Kansas City, Mo.,
named Hendricks, has invented a
new way of growing potatoes which
may turn out to be extremely use-
ful in these days of bare markets
and high prices. Mr. Hendricks'
way may be called "the vertical
method." The ordinary plan is to
plant potatoes in a spread-out
field. He plants them in a sort of
tower rising eight feet into the air.

Every city gardener has tried
the device of planting strawberry
vines in holes bored through the
staves of a barrel. If the barrel is
filled with rich earth and plentifully
watered with manure leachings it
will produce fabulous quantities of

loose stake in the eric halfway up
the side which he can pull out. By
inserting his hand in the hole he
can test the moisture of the interior.
The yield of potatoes is astonish-
ing. From a single crib Mr. Hen-
dricks got 40 bushels one year and
42 another year. This is at the rate
of a bushel of potatoes to about 12
cubic feet of earth. The vines grow
out through the cracks in the crib,
mature in the normal way and the
tubers are as large as could be
wished. It is not too late in the
season for any city gardener who
loves experiment to test this method
for himself. The results may re-
ward him richly.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of
Oregon for Union County,
GAYNELL SAXTON, Plaintiff,
vs.
EARL A. SAXTON, defendant.

To Earl A. Saxton, the above-named
defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon
you are hereby required to appear and
answer the complaint filed against you
in the above entitled cause on or be-
fore six weeks from the date of the
first publication of this summons;

You will take notice that if you fail
to appear and answer, for want there-
of, the plaintiff will apply to the Court
for the relief prayed for in the com-
plaint herein, to wit: for judgment
dissolving the marriage contract hereto-
fore and now existing between plain-
tiff and defendant and for an absolute
divorce.

You will further take notice that
this summons is published once a week
for six consecutive weeks, in the La
Grande Evening Observer, in the daily
edition thereof, a daily newspaper pub-
lished in the City of La Grande, Un-
ion County, Oregon, by order of the
Hon. J. W. Knowles, Judge of the above
named court, which order is dated May
4th, 1918, and the first publication of
which is made the 6th day of May,
1918.

R. J. KITCHEN,
Attorney for Plaintiff
Duly May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17.

WRESTLING MATCH TOMORROW

(Continued from page one)
Swart, an 85 pound, flyweight will
exhibit his wares against the best
local talent of his weight to be
found. Little Swart is exceptionally
aggressive and is recognized by the
boys around town to be a "tough
bird." He has never been beaten
by a boy of his weight.

Russell Pulp, the 150 pound pride
of Cove will be given an opportunity
to display his wrestling ability
against Pat Moss, an Indian wres-
tler of Montana. This preliminary

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