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WELCOME, TEACHERS.

La Grande extends the right of fellowship to the teachers of the three counties who have congregated to discuss questions of interest to every citizen. When teachers meet the fathers, mothers and children of the three counties meet. It is the teacher who finally shapes the character of the youngster, the youngster wields a powerful influence over the parents and the home, thus the work of those who are our guests for three days penetrates every corner of the present civilization and education.

Welcome cannot be expressed in words to the men and women who are following the profession. Their work deserves more than words of welcome, it is a matter of common knowledge to every observing person that the compensation teachers receive is in no way comparable to the amount of work and effort they expend. There is a work for humanity, more so than many really think. The teacher who teaches school merely for the dollars and cents is a poor teacher and her work is of little value. But we have never in all of our life known such a teacher. Even though she may start in the profession with her eye on the money end, it is but a short time until the great labor of shaping the character of the young appeals to her and she finds her very heart and soul bound up in the children with whom she associates daily. To love the boys and girls of this nation is a privilege. It is a benediction and a sermon combined. And every good teacher loves the little chaps.

For the sake of the men and women of the future, for the sake of the homes in the three counties, and for the sake of the splendid personality of our guests let La Grande for three days lay aside every duty possible and make these teachers feel and know that we are glad to have them, which we surely are.

Again we say to those who have come, you are three welcome to La Grande, and should you not see what you want, ring the bell and the whole community is at your service.

THE REPLY.

President Wilson rose to the occasion. He did more than that. Instead of bandying words, instead of making a direct refusal, instead of indicting Germany as a murderer and pirate that she is, he left the beaten path of state paperdom and passed the whole situation up to Germany, asking questions which that nation, if she sincerely wants

His Masterpiece



peace, cannot refuse to answer.

Undoubtedly, America's answer, as framed by Mr. Wilson, is a step toward an honest and decent peace or it will show once more and for all that Germany holds no sincerity whatever. Germany's reply to Mr. Wilson's questions will determine whether or not peace is possible, or whether it will be necessary to annihilate the Hun and put him out of his place in the sun to end this war.

For the benefit of every reader, the Observer gives the exact words of the Wilson communication to the Central Powers as follows:

"Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge, on behalf of the president, your note of October 6, enclosing the communication from the German government to the president to request you to make the following communication to the Imperial German chancellor:

"Before making reply to the request of the Imperial German government, and in order that that reply shall be candid and straightforward as the momentous interests involved require, the president of the United States deems it necessary to assure himself of the exact meaning of the note of the Imperial chancellor.

"Does the Imperial chancellor mean that the Imperial German government accepts the terms laid down by the president in his address to the congress of the United States on the 8th of January last and in subsequent addresses, and that its object in entering into discussions would be only to agree upon the practical details of their application?"

"The president feels bound to say with regard to the suggestion of an armistice that he would not feel at liberty to propose a cessation of arms to the governments with which the government of the United States is associated against the central powers, so long as the armies of those powers are upon their soil: the good faith of any discussion would manifestly depend upon the consent of the central powers immediately to withdraw their forces everywhere from invaded territory.

"The president also feels that he is justified in asking whether the Imperial chancellor is speaking merely for the constituted authorities of the empire who have so far conducted the war. He deems the answer to these questions vital from every point of view.

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

"ROBERT LANSING."

How wise registrants are who take advantage of military training provided by Oregon State Guards, such as exists in La Grande, was emphasized last evening when Captain Burke of the Army addressed the members of Companies A and B at their quarterly muster and inspection last evening. "Some people haven't sense enough to take advantage of this opportunity," he said. "I observe you are doing some good work, and you display your good judgment and patriotism by doing it. The registrant who doesn't take these advantages is hurting himself and hurting his government."

Use Old Printing Methods. Some of the monks of Tibet are still printing books in the manner followed a hundred years ago.

JOSEPH FINDS A WHEAT MARKET

NEW METHODIST MINISTER TAKES CHARGE OF CONGREGATION.

Children Being Vaccinated To Stop Smallpox Epidemic Which Has Appeared Elsewhere.

JOSEPH, Ore., October 8.—(Special.)—The weather has cleared and there is prospect that the harvest may be successfully completed. The days are warm, the nights cool, and altogether the weather for this time of year is very satisfactory.

A. P. Alexander, publisher of the Up-To-The Times Magazine of Walla Walla was in Joseph on Monday. He is an enthusiastic booster of the Blue Mountain Road from Elgin to Milton.

District Superintendent I. R. Aldrich, the newly-appointed superintendent of the La Grande District of the Idaho Conference, M.E. church, will preach next Sunday morning at the Little Stone Church in Joseph. There will be special music under the capable direction of Mrs. F. D. McCully, who has developed a very competent and musical choir.

E. M. Calvert is on the sick list this week. During his absence from duty as station agent at the depot, W. P. Trumbull, former agent, is taking his place.

Frank Earls and family are spending ten days visiting with Mr. Earls' mother, Mrs. R. N. Fisk, of Joseph. Their home is in Salt Lake City.

C. C. Herbert, of Enterprise, was looking after business in Joseph last Saturday.

George and Daniel Cheney of Enterprise were in Joseph Saturday.

Mrs. M. Fitzgerald of Elgin came in last Wednesday and spent a few days visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Ellis Marr.

George T. Coyne of Portland, transacted business in Joseph last Saturday.

A. M. Rinnella and wife returned last Friday after a week's stay in Portland, where Attorney Rinnella transacted business before the District Court.

G. L. Hurd returned last week from Portland and other points, where he found a market for the grain from the Joseph Elevator. Owing to congested traffic, it was hard to secure transportation and ready market for the grain being stored here, but Mr. Hurd has overcome this difficulty.

C. W. Mobley of Portland transacted business in Joseph last Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Friday, October 5th, 1918, a son.

Dr. W. E. Brownell and wife returned to Elgin last week after having spent six weeks in Joseph, working for the Joseph Drug Co. Hattie McClain is clerking in the drug store and will be assisted by the proprietor, S. L. Burnough. Dr. Davidson worked there for a few days the first of the week.

Sheriff Rinehart was up Monday on business. While on a trip to the Imnaha country the latter part of last week, he lost a hub to his Ford and had to come on into Enterprise in Walker Franklin's car, returning Monday to bring his car on in.

Many of the Joseph school children are being vaccinated, and if the smallpox epidemic makes its appearance here they will all have to be vaccinated. So far there is not a single case reported in Joseph.

The school children had a brief vacation this week, school being dismissed Tuesday noon for the week on account of the teacher's institute at La Grande.

A very enjoyable party was given by the Seniors and Juniors of the Joseph High School last Friday opening the social season for the school. The event was in the nature of a hard time party. All wore old clothes and the room was decorated with rustic decorations. The party was given as a welcome and initiation of the Freshmen class.

Guy Davis from O.K. Gulch was in town the first of the week. Mr. Davis has entered the ministry, preaching his first sermon at Enterprise last Sunday.

The Epworth League is growing, new members being added and the work entered into with a more hearty spirit than for some time.

Several new students have entered the Joseph High School.

R. L. Lilly from Arden was in Monday looking after business matters.

Gladys Sprague is back in school again after a spell of sickness.

October 10th last day to pay water rent without a penalty. 10-7-3t

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DON MYERS MADE SERGEANT
Word has been received from Don Myers, who is in Camp Lewis, stating that he has just been made a sergeant. His La Grande friends send congratulations.

LA GRANDE COUPLE WED.
At the parsonage of the M. E. Church South, on October 8, Rev. W. B. Smith joined in wedlock Mr. Kenneth McMillan and Miss Ruth Booth, both of this city. Mr. McMillan is connected with the American Express Company.

DINNER, 35 CENTS.
The ladies of the M. E. Church will serve a 35-cent dinner tomorrow in the basement of their church. The public is invited. Adv.10-9-1t

Breezy.
Controlled by a wild vane so that it will be pointed in the right direction, an electric light outfit has been invented to illuminate flags flown at night.

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