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

A Great Array of Battle Ships.

There must have been a strong array of battleships when four hundred of the allies' vessels met the surrendering German fleet. While not much of the fleet was American there were several dreadnaughts flying the Stars and Stripes. The vessels composing the "reception committee" are reported in the news dispatches to have been the biggest fleet ever assembled. And these are but a minor part of the ships that have in the past been on the lookout for the undersea craft of the enemy, which was depended upon to starve England and bring success to the German cause.

The German navy proper, never dared, after a slight brush with the British early in the war, to come out in the open, but were kept closely harbored behind the Kiel canal. The entire reliance was placed on the submarines and now all these are to be given up, and in fact many have already been surrendered and all will be put out of commission.

Of all the mistakes made by the military oligarchy of Germany, none were more fatal in the outcome than the supposed superiority of their fighting machinery. They had led themselves to believe that German soldiers and German weapons were invincible, and the disillusionment should be clear enough to them now. One of the evidences is that string of sea fighters that met the vanquished fleet off the Scottish coast at 9 o'clock this morning.

Railroad Men Do Good, But Say Little.

Railroad employes in late years have acquired a different attitude toward matters of general interest. They are automatically banded together not only for service to the transportation lines, which always comes first, but they have a fraternal feeling as well.

In this war they have been diligent workers and free givers; they have never failed in the bond issues, nor have they stepped backward on the war drives which were not investments.

But aside from all these undertakings there now comes to notice an organization of O-W. employes who contribute twenty-five cents each to a fund that is used for emergency purposes. Without telling the world of this, the employes have gone ahead doing good with the money so raised, and it is only by chance that the public learns of it. Not long ago they paid for the burial of the father of a soldier boy, and that is but one instance of the numerous splendid things they are doing.

The boys are to be commended for this inside feeling which prompts them to enact such service to humanity. The fact that they are doing these things quietly and regularly stimulates the faith in them and makes everyone appreciate the fact that the railroad men are a very important part of Union county and any other county where their work calls them to reside.

Must Be Hundred Per Cent American.

The question is now being raised as to whether or not Victor Berger, the recently elected congressman from Wisconsin, will be allowed to take a seat in the national house of representatives. Berger is a Socialist, but this is not the grounds for objection.

He is under federal indictment on several counts for violation of the espionage act, including the charges of obstructing the recruiting service, attempting to cause insubordination in the armed forces of the United States and for seditious utterances. The constitution says that each house "shall be the judge of elections, returns and qualifications of its members." Another provision of the constitution is that no one shall be entitled to hold any government office who shall have "engaged in insurrection, rebellion or to have given aid and comfort to the enemies thereof." But congress by a two-thirds vote may remove such disability.

Berger has not been tried and convicted on any of the charges made against him, so it is clearly a question of the judgment of the members of the house as to whether his citizenship is such as to warrant the holding of a place in congress. The power and authority lies with congress to either seat or reject him.

It is not the principles of Socialism that is involved, but it is a matter of Americanism, which now above any other time should measure up to the full standard of one hundred per cent.

FORUM

PRUSSIANISM HAS FALLEN.

It's head the Kaiser, said: "When the war is over I'll stand no foolishness from America." He had determined to rule the whole world. Together with his counselors, energized by demon philosophy, demon cunning, aims and purpose the great monarch was fast assuming the role of a superman.

His soldiers were taught that when they obeyed his will and voice—as expressed by his military machine—they were obeying the VOICE AND WILL OF GOD ALMIGHTY.

Had the Kaiser succeeded in carrying his plans into effect he would have established a FIFTH GENTILE WORLD EMPIRE.

This would have changed the truth of God into a lie! For God had revealed by the prophet Daniel, through Nebuchadnezzar's dream that there should be just four gentile world kingdoms beginning with Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom and to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to establish his own everlasting kingdom.

But the Kaiser and his great thinkers, forsook the infallible Word of God and have made the world familiar with GERMAN HIGHER CRITICISM. He went to war with the world to establish a fifth gentile world power or kingdom, when God's word says there should be but four.

Therefore he "left his proper Estate" and even declared that after conquering Europe he would come over and "put America in her place." When the Kaiser went to war with the world he went to war with Almighty God. His army is defeated, his machine is disintegrated, his country lies prostrate at the feet of the Allies, and God's critic, the German Kaiser has FLED HIS THRONE.

The great question now is what will we do with GERMAN HIGHER CRITICISM? Shall we foster it or shall we oust it with its author?

G. W. R.

NOTICE

Any subscriber in La Grande missing the Observer will please call Main 37. So many have been missed lately that the Observer has arranged to put on an extra carrier who will receive complaints in the evening over the phone and immediately deliver the paper to anyone missed. 11-18-18.

Daily Thought.

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.—Rousseau.

Bill Hart in a 6-reel Artercraft. Special Fri. and Sat. Arcade.

AUTO or HOME?

The possibility of becoming the owner of an auto or home, in which to take his wife, or wife-to-be, is made possible by the starting of a bank account with us, and adding to it little by little.

It is not what you earn, but what you save, that counts; and the bank is the safest place to put it.

Our bank offers you all the advantages in savings, and in checking accounts that are offered anywhere, and our time-tried, up-to-date method of handling your business, offers you

SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY

La Grande National Bank

Member Federal Reserve System

Designated Depository of the United States Government

SAMUEL M. FELTON



Samuel M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western, is the man who has rehabilitated the railroads of France. He has recruited seven construction regiments and their work has been one of the wonders of the war. He mobilized the country's railroad facilities for the invasion of Mexico, and that step been necessary, and that work put him in touch with the railroad man power of the country for service in France.

THRASHING SEASON ENDS IN JOSEPH VICINITY

STOCKMEN APPRECIATE GOOD WEATHER—C. G. HOLST A VISITOR IN PORTLAND—THE EVANS SCHOOL RESUMES.

The many stockmen of Wallowa county are thankful for the beautiful weather of the past week.

E. M. Calvert, local station agent has been making extensive improvements on his property in North Joseph.

H. B. Davidhizer and Hugh Wilson finished thrashing on their hill ranches last Saturday and have marketed their grain. This practically finishes the thrashing in this vicinity.

C. G. Holst left Saturday for Portland where he is visiting relatives and friends.

Misses Olive and Ora Horner were out from Imnaha last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed of Elgin arrived the first of the week to spend a few days visiting in Joseph.

Miss Ruth Jerris, who has charge of the Evans school, and who has been visiting at the home of C. E. Tarshaw since the influenza broke out left Sunday to resume her duties as teacher. Little Daisy Tarshaw accompanied her and will attend school in Evans.

Bill Hart in "Riddle Gann" at Arcade Friday and Saturday.

Know Whortleberries?

Very few people, we suspect, have tasted whortleberries, and many do not know what they are. There is an excuse for their ignorance, as experts were long in doubt whether the fruit was the same as the bilberry; but now they are agreed that they are one. The Scots call them blueberries on account of their color, which is a genuine blue, and so in the "Merry Wives" Pistol instructs the fairy to "pinch them, bluu as bilberry."

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WOMAN'S STATEMENT

WHLL HRLP LA GRANDE
"I hated cooking because whatever I ate gave me sour stomach and a bloated feeling. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Nothing helped until I tried simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-ika." Because it flushes the ENTIRE bowel tract completely Adler-ika relieves ANY CASE sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The INSTANT action is surprising. C. D. Putman. Adv.

Ladies' Men's and Children's Shoes
Shoes for every member of the family. We take as much pains fitting a pair of Children's Shoes, as we do with the Grown-ups. We have just received by express a lot of New Grey Shoes for Dress and Street—Taupe Grey, all Leather \$13.50
Taupe Grey, Cloth Top, Cuban Heel \$9.00
Taupe Grey, Cloth Top, Louis Heel \$9.00
We carry the Educator Shoes, for children and Misses from \$2.00 to \$5.50
Service Shoes in Ladies' \$3.65 to \$3.90 All sizes
Ladies' High Top Shoes, for outing, 10 to 13-inch tops, carried in widths \$8.50 to \$10.00
Store Closes Saturday 8:30 P. M.
N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE
Store Closes Saturday 8:30 P. M.

NOW CALLED NICKEL-SILVER

Well-Known Metal Has Been Relieved From the Oblivion of Bearing a German Name.

One of the largest metal-handling concerns in this country has recently changed the name of the alloy heretofore known as German silver, and is now marketing this commodity as nickel-silver, and a publication devoted to the metal industry suggests that the word silver be eliminated entirely, as there is no silver in the combination. This publication says: "If the nickel is taken from an 18 per cent German silver alloy only a 'two and one' brass will remain. Why not then call the compound 'nickel-brass,' or, if commercial objections are too strong to be overcome at once, why not call it nickel alloy? The various contents of nickel may be designated by utilizing the different percentages that the alloy contains. Thus, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18 per cent, etc., nickel-alloy. It is a fact that some manufacturers are already designating the material now being sold as 'Sheffield plate,' as 'silver-plate on a nickel base.' We see no reason why the same argument does not apply to the alloy being called nickel-silver."

Influenza—La Grippe.

The present influenza is now known to be our old familiar la grippe. Foley's Honey and Tar is just what every sufferer from influenza or la grippe needs now. It covers the rough inflamed throat with a soothing, healing coating, clears away the mucus, stops the tickling and coughing, eases the tightness and heavy breathing. Day and night, keep Foley's Honey and Tar handy. It gives ease, warmth and comfort from the very first dose. Buy it now. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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Just Think of It!

Think of the endless litigation which will probably be started when the meek inherit the earth.

All kinds of Eastman Kodaks and films and other kodak supplies are always in stock at Silverthorn's. 11-2117

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.

ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE



Most women who have perfect figures did not have them originally. They have acquired them. A woman gradually takes the shape of her corset so the corset produced by the most artistic designer is the right one to wear to secure a perfect figure.

MODART CORSETS Front Laced

are most symmetrically and artistically designed. They are comfortable, stylish and gradually mold the figure into those beautiful lines that every woman admires and desires.

PAULINE LEDERLE

WELCOME TO MY NEW OFFICE

I have just completed moving all my abstract records and office equipment into the building one door south of the Observer office where I shall be pleased to meet all my friends and business clients. Still have money to loan, make abstracts from complete set of records, write your insurance and do a general office business. Call in and see me at my new office, 1708 Sixth street. 11-19-18. J. R. OLLIVER.

The Difference.

The fool shows his folly and knows it not, but the wise guy knows his folly and shows it not.

How a Salesman Suffered

R. J. Porter, Sterling, Col. writes: "For six months I suffered with a painful weak back. As a traveling salesman, I had to stoop frequently

to pick up my grip, which I grew to dread as the pain when I straightened up was awful. Numerous remedies failed to reach my case. I was induced to try Foley Kidney Pills. Relief was immediate. Say, they are great! Any one afflicted as I was should try a bottle or two of Foley Kidney Pills." Good for pain in the back, rheumatic pains, aching joints, sore muscles. Sold everywhere.

A Saving Without Sacrifice

Demonstration of Columbia Oleomargarine and Nut Margarine. at PATTISON BROS., Friday and Saturday, from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M.

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When you select your phonograph be sure that it plays all makes of records—so that you can hear ALL of your favorites.
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