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THE FORUM

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WHY NOT BUILD A THEATRE?

We have heard so many things
mentioned for erection in honor of
Union county boys who offered their
lives, and some of them gave their
lives, in the great conflict, that it
seems right for a discussion of what
would be best and lasting, and at the
same time be of service. Union
county should have something the
boys who return can enjoy.

What does a piece of marble
mean?
What does a bronze tablet mean?
Nothing in comparison with some-
thing useful. Bear in mind most of
our boys are coming back live and
well, so why should we erect their
monument for them to gaze upon
every time they pass a stipulated
corner. For the ones who lost their
lives proper tablets can be placed
in the building that I am about to
mention.

Let Union county people build a
first-class, modern opera house—a
theatre—in La Grande so that all
may use it. Dedicate this play-
house to the soldiers and sailors.
Make it a building worth while and
one that the boys will be proud of.
Oh, the cost, you say? Well, sup-
pose it costs \$50,000, no one will
feel it if every one will give, or
take a little stock in the enterprise.

Select the most central point in
La Grande and build the theatre. We
will then have road shows, a place
of meeting that will accommodate
a large crowd and be happy with the
boys when they come home. Last
week the Neighborhood club gave a
concert at the high school auditor-
ium which demonstrated once more
the fact that La Grande has no
place for entertainments that will
accommodate the crowds who at-
tend. This city is growing. It is
no longer a village so let us take
this opportunity to do two good
deeds at once.

In support of my contention for
a building as a memorial to the
boys let me quote an editorial
from a recent issue of the Satur-
day Evening Post on the subject,
which urges people not to fritter
money away on useless things:

"The soldiers are coming home.
You would like to see a lasting
memorial of their service to the
nation and of the grateful admiration
in which you hold them. Many
communities will be moved by that
worthy spirit. Many communities
were so moved after the Civil war.
The movement mostly resulted in a
population of cast-iron effigies of the
volunteer leaning on his musket—
apparently all factory-made and
sold at so much a pound. In Boston
Saint-Gaudens designed a soldiers'
memorial that will be cherished as
long as the bronze lasts, because in
it a great artist fittingly embodied a
great feeling. There are a few oth-
ers, but mostly the Civil war sol-
diers are commemorated—with the
best of intentions—in a cheap and
tasteless and uninspiring way. Look-
ing over the national exhibit a for-
eigner would conclude that we
thought any sort of sculptural junk,
just so it had a proper inscription,
was good enough for soldiers.

"Our soldiers ought to have the
best—especially when good costs
no more than bad. That means
some care, some organization, some
expert guidance. The several
states might well take it up, appoint-
ing expert commissions with which
local communities could consult. A
fine road, a fine bridge, a fine pub-
lic building suitably ornamented and
inscribed, would make a most fitting
memorial—for a village or rural
township as well as for a metropoli-
tan. The movement, turned in that
direction, should be expertly guided
by a capable state commission. Es-
pecially in the very risky domain of
sculpture is expert counsel needed.

"It would be a great pity if the
fine feeling that prompts communi-
ties to commemorate their soldiers
should shoot itself off at random,
with results anything but fine arti-
stically. We urge every community
to take a little time, seek sound ad-
vice, make sure that it is going to
set a memorial as good as its inten-
tions."

The above is good, sound sense
and people who expect to make Un-
ion county their homes would rather
give a little more and have some-
thing all can use than to follow the
lead of some of the less thoughtful
communities.

THE SOLDIER'S FRIEND.

"ANTE-UP."

Editor Observer: If you will kindly
grant me space in your paper, I assure
you the same will be appreciated. In
writing the following article I dis-
tinctly hope it will be read in the
proper spirit.

To begin with, I wish to state that
La Grande is a city, in my opinion,
of bright enthusiasm. Its people
once aroused, will go the limit. I
have never believed the day that
some La Grande people when away
from home will register from Pendle-

ton, much as we all admire our sister
city of cow-girl and cowboy fame. We
must admire Pendleton for she has
found "herself"—found herself some
time ago, which has been her greatest
blessing.

In attempting to explain the mean-
ing of a town finding herself, I refer
you to Kipling's great story on the
"Ship That Found Herself."

I remember reading the story in
far-off Alaska on the banks of the
Yukon. The ship Kipling tells about
was sailing on her maiden voyage,
the owner's daughter having christen-
ed the boat. The young lady re-
marked after breaking the bottle of
wine across the bow that now "she
is a real ship."

But the captain with his larger ex-
perience, said it requires more than
christening to make a ship. He said
"she must find herself."

And then the good ship goes to sea.
She sailed in smooth water for a
time when all of a sudden a storm
appears. The waves mount higher and
higher. The ship begins to creak
and groan and to "talk," as Kipling
expresses it. The various parts of the
ship talk to each other—the captain,
the deck-beams, deck stringers, the
cylinders, the pistons, the frame, the
rivets, the screws, the engines—even
the steam which gives much fatherly
advice to them all.

Some of the parts cry out for more
room—more play. The rivets retort
that they are placed to hold tight and
they are groaning to do it.

But even the rivets find they can-
not hold absolutely tight, and they
give a little. Then all the parts of
the ship are eased up. Finally one
part calls out that all should pull
together. The cry is taken up—"pull
together." The ship is finding her-
self. Every part of her gives and
takes a little and they all learn they
must work in harmony in order to
render service. She has not only found
herself but each individual part has
found itself.

So it is with a community, each
individual is the same as a part of
Kipling's ship. We must all give and
take a little, so that the best service
may be rendered to the community.

Think this over and get in and
support the O-W, band as well as all
other good and useful undertakings.
JOSEPH DIGGS.

THE METHODIST CENTENARY.

(From a Layman's Point of View.)

It is not the purpose of this short
article to discuss theological doctrines
or differences or to enter into any dis-
cussion as to the relative value of the
different agencies that are working
for the betterment of mankind.

The centenary of the Methodist
church, that has for its goal the rais-
ing of millions of dollars, for the pur-
pose of carrying forward the work of
the church, both in the foreign fields
and at home, is but the seeking to do,
in a larger and fuller measure, what
we have been doing through the years
that are past, and expect to continue
to do, in the years to come. Thus it
is not meant that the work and gifts,
at this time, shall be the full of our
work and gifts for mankind, but that
we shall keep up the labors, in the
future as well as in the past, making,
however, this extra effort, at this
time.

From the earliest dawn of history
we find mankind worshipping a Deity,
or Higher Power, even the lowest of
savages have their beliefs in a power
greater than mere man. And at the
present time, the peoples of all the
earth believe in a higher power (that
is, all except a few scattering agnos-
tics and atheists). So that the pur-
pose of the centenary movement, as
far as the foreign field is concerned,
is to carry to the savage and to the
peoples that do not have our faith, the
word and message of the True God;
and its purpose in the home field, is to
bring the word home to the people
that have to a measure, lost their di-
rect contact with the church, and with
its works.

A great many people may say that
they do not belong to any particular
church, and do not take any part in
church work, and really have no pre-
ference; but ask them that in case of
death in the family, would they want
a minister of the Gospel to preach the
funeral sermon, and almost invariably
you will find that they do, and gen-
erally a preference is expressed. So
that we see that the great majority
of people, even though out of touch
with the church to some extent, still
hold to their beliefs in the Divine, and
in the hour of bereavement the church
is the only agency to which they turn
for comfort and relief. With all due
respect to the great work that is be-
ing done by other organizations, semi-
religious or otherwise, the fact re-
mains true and cannot be disputed by
anyone that the church has a field of
work that cannot be taken over by any
other organization; it can and does
reach the hearts of people as no other
organization can. So that the pur-
pose of the centenary is to stimulate the
church to greater work and effort, to
try and bring back into active relation
those, the people that have lost the
personal touch with the church.

It may be true that there are no
vital churches, or most any denomina-

tion that have lost the proper spirit
in the relation to the Infinite, but
the church as a whole, the church of
the great mass of the common people,
does and cannot will get closer to
the hearts of man and work therein, a
reconstruction, when the world is full of various
"isms," when men, looking only to
their own benefit, want to make oth-
ers believe as they do, and when they
try to foist all kinds of panaceas on a
long-suffering world, when anarchy is
rampant and human life is held in
naught, it is full time that our people
get back a little to the faith of our
fathers, and in the full belief and
practice of the brotherhood of man,
and the Fatherhood of God, get behind
such a movement as the Methodist
centenary and any other similar move-
ment by any other church, and by
their work and their gifts, by giving
of their substance, even as it is given
into them, help to bring about a bet-
ter era, throughout not only our own
land, but the whole earth.

J. E. DIXON,
Chairman, La Grande District
Methodist Minute Men.

SOCIETY

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and at a proper hour refreshments of
a substantial nature were served.

The Clio club held its regular meet-
ing yesterday afternoon with Mrs.
Elmer Stoddard, the guests, who made
up three tables at cards, passing the
afternoon most pleasantly at bridge.
Mrs. Walter Reuter won the prize, with
the highest honors.

So successful was the Elks dance
of two weeks ago that the social
committee of that order has announ-
ced another ball for Monday night.
The Haines Jazz band will furnish
the tunes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hunter, who had
rented the Dr. M. K. Hall residence
on Second, have taken Dr. Richard-
son's home for the time the doctor and
Mrs. Richardson are away.

The Thursday club held its usual
meeting February 27. A handker-
chief shower was given Misses
Leona and Mary Newlin. Dainty re-
freshments were served.

Dr. Pierce passed through La
Grande yesterday on his way to Ba-
ker, his former home. The doctor is
still in the service and his family is
now living in Tacoma.

Guy Miller, who had been in train-
ing with the Thirteenth division at
Camp Lewis for some months past,
returned this morning to his home in
this city.

Mrs. A. J. Hampton is seriously
ill at the Grande Ronde Hospital,
having taken sick suddenly a few
days ago. Her condition is very
grave.

Dr. Ray F. Murphy leaves tonight
for Seattle, where he is to study for
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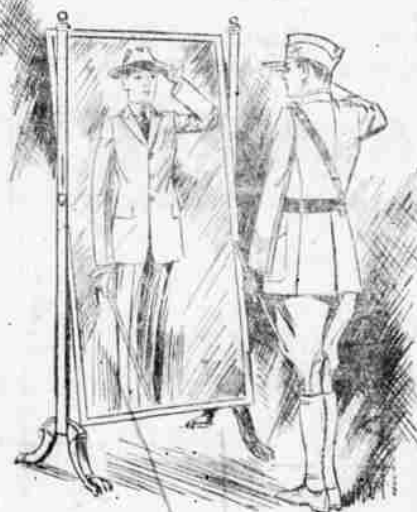
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