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

America Has an Ireland.
The Philippine situation inevitably reminds one of the Irish situation, because it is so different, Ireland is seeking its independence, by what violent means and in what bitter mood everybody knows only too well. The Philippines are seeking their independence, and the method and spirit of the quest are admirably shown in the words of Senator Quezon, chairman of the mission now visiting this country.

"We are here to emphasize the loyalty of our people to the United States," he says. "There is no plan to revolt, as the Philippine Islanders have no grievance against America."

"We are seeking our independence now, and feel that we are not only well deserving of it, but are equipped from an educational point of view for self-government. A committee of my countrymen will shortly appear before congress and argue the matter fully, and we have no doubt of the result."

The Philippines are loyal to the United States; they have no grievance; but they feel that they are now grown up politically, and in all friendliness would like to break away and shift for themselves. The United States has promised them their freedom when they were ready for it. They are confident that the promise will be kept.

It will be, of course, just as soon as congress is honestly convinced of their readiness. American pledges are not scraps of paper, and the congress soon to assemble will undoubtedly approach the question with an open and honest mind.

A situation which otherwise might be embarrassing, in view of American advocacy of the principle of "self-determination of peoples," is friendly and comfortable for both parties concerned. While Great Britain is paying the penalty of wrongs inflicted on Ireland in times past, the United States is facing her own "Irish problem" with entire equanimity. It is a striking vindication of the policy of squareness and generosity adopted by this country when we took over the Philippines twenty years ago, and consistently followed ever since.

Uncle Sam Will Sell Lots of Wheat.

There is a great disappointment in store for those glum sprayers who predicted that the United States would go broke on wheat.

The winter wheat crop as forecast on April 1st is the highest ever known in the history of this country, being estimated at 857,000,000 bushels by the department of agriculture. This is 422,000,000 bushels more than the highest previous record.

The tremendous yield is due to the increased acreage planted, and to a winter of unusually favorable weather conditions.

Were there no foreign market in sight, as has been feared by the pessimists the United States treasury, under the guarantee of \$2.50 per bushel, would be called upon for an enormous sum to make up the loss. But there is a foreign market, and long before the grain is harvested there will be a better sign.

The dreaded Australian crop is short and compared to the needs of Europe, the Argentine surplus has a drop in the bucket. American wheat also practically will have to feed the world. Spring finds Russia, the great granary of Europe, still unopened, her fields given over to anarchy and war. This means that the European crop will increase, not lessen, as the months go by, and wheat not immediately needed the United States crop

well afford to store for future emergencies.
Tremendous as the present crop may seem, there is a present indication that it will be needed to the last bushel, and that America, far from losing on wheat, will profit as never before.

Brighten Up and Be Happy

A few days ago it appeared, from Paris dispatches, that the peace conference was in hopeless deadlock and the League of Nations was doomed. Suddenly the situation changed. The atmosphere of Paris cleared.

One problem after another that had so long defied settlement was amicably solved. The league constitution was overhauled and amendments were adopted meeting with nearly all of the important objections made by American critics. It is said now that the conference is nearly through. The peace treaty may really be announced, as has long been desired, as an Easter message to the world. Germany is to be invited to Versailles to receive and O. K. the peace terms no later than May 1—a very desirable consummation, because such promptness may forestall widespread labor troubles scheduled to break out on May day.

Maybe it was really the darkness before the dawn. And it may be remembered that in any well-constructed drama there is always a hitch near the end—everything seems about to go to smash just before everything is happily concluded. Maybe this was such a dramatic obstruction as that, made only to be swept away.

Anyhow, things seem to be ending more happily than most of us expected. And spring is here. Crops are miraculously good. Improved business is virtually assured. Away with gloom!

Boy Scouts' Animated Thrift Stamps.

The honor boy scout of the United States sold \$77,165.25 worth of Thrift and War Savings stamps in 1918. As a result he is known in his community as the "Animated Thrift Stamp."

This boy's record is an indication of the big work Boy Scouts all over the country have done in the W. S. S. selling campaign. The total amount of sales made by these American lads last year was \$42,257,250.50. Over two million people signed cards pledging themselves to systematic saving as a result of Boy Scout efforts.

Such work is worth while in many ways. The money value speaks for itself in the totals piled up. There are other gains to the boys themselves that come with the regular effort put forth in a good cause. The boys who have done this successful campaigning know a good deal about the stamps they sell. They have learned to invest some of their own money in sound securities. They have an increased self-respect in the knowledge that they are helping to put across an important government proposition.

Boy Scouts and W. S. S. make a pretty good combination which will mean a straighter, bigger outlook for the future business life of many of those boys.

The Hood River News has changed ownership and now Hugh C. Ball, who for some time was connected with The Observer, has assumed the editorial chair of that newspaper. In the future the News will contain some will written editorials and the international questions will likely be handled by the Hood River weekly newspaper in a way that would do credit to the large dailies which pay men for research work. Mr. Ball is a well-versed man on international topics and especially does he understand the Japanese situation, as he was located in that country for several years. Here is good luck to the new Hood River News editor and his associates.

That Hungarian brand of Bolshievin is an unrecognizable gaulsh.

TURK AFFAIRS CAUSE ANXIETY
LONDON, April 17.—The anxiety here that the situation in Turkey is causing grave anxiety. Reports from Rear Admiral Webb, R. N., at Constantinople, it is feared there will shortly be outbreaks and massacres of the Armenian population on a large scale.

The situation at Smyrna, where the Turks and Greeks are ready to spring at each other's throats, is typical of the situation through Turkey. Bands of brigands are dominating the country, even within a few miles of Constantinople, and are committing atrocious murders.

The committee of union and progress, the Young Turk organization, which was driven from power in Constantinople as a result of the allied victory, is reported to be secretly conducting an energetic reorganization movement.

Spring's Here!! BUILD A BIRD HOUSE

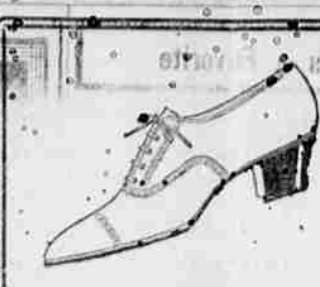


Say boys, how about a bird house or houses for our feathered friends. They are easy to make. Any boy with a work bench can make this model and build a home which appeals most to the robin. Check bags by the million are destroyed annually by our bird friends, so make homes for them. Do not paint the inside or entrance to a bird house. Put sawdust or excelsior on the floor. Next week, the wrens' home.

Mrs. T. N. Murray, whose intention to leave La Grande was announced following the closing of activities in the Red Cross store, intends leaving on No. 6 tomorrow for Idaho, where her future residence will be.

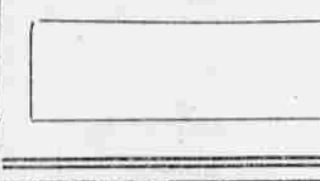
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that N. K. West has been appointed administrator of the estate of Edward M. O'Brien, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to N. K. West at La Grande, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated at La Grande, Oregon, April 18th, 1919. a 18 25 m 2 9 16 N. K. WEST, Administrator.

Any one owing the La Grande Pharmacy will please call and settle their account at once, either by paying cash or giving note. We have discontinued credit business and must close all accounts. All accounts not settled at once will be placed with collection agency. 4-14-19 La Grande Pharmacy.



CHILDREN'S ONE-STRAP PUMPS

We have also received the following numbers in children's low shoes for the coming season:
Black Patent one-strap pump—ribbon bow. Sizes 2 to 5, \$1.75; 5 1/2 to 8, \$2.25; 8 1/2 to 11, \$2.85; 11 1/2 to 2, \$3.25.
Black Calf one-strap pump, leather bow. Sizes 1 1/2 to 2. Price \$3.50.
White Canvas one-strap pump, sizes 5 1/2 to 8, \$1.85; 11 1/2 to 2, \$3.25.



COOKED FOOD SALE

The ladies of the Catholic church will hold a cooked food sale on Saturday, April 19, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Snodgrass grocery, 4-13-19

MONEY TO LOAN.

On improved real property in Union county. No delays. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co.

RESIDENCE FOR SALE

Close in, one block from Elks' club. Good income property. For particulars call at No. 2 Fourth and Depot, or call Black 1681. 4-15-19



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April 19 at 8:15 P. M.
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CALL AND GET ACQUAINTED

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Observer, La Grande, Ore.
Please find this coupon and four others, together with 50 cents, enclosed, for which send "History of the World War," to:

OXFORDS BY FREIGHT
EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN OXFORDS CAUSED BY LATENESS OF SHIPMENT.

is a most tiring and disgusting situation we have had to deal with this season. They arrived at last after a month on the road, too late for the real selling season.

In view of this fact we are offering these Oxfords now at a great cut in the regular price. You who have been waiting for low-heeled Oxfords will find just what you want here at a great saving.

BROWN—Cuban heel, best welt sole, Oxford, regular \$8.50 value, Price \$6.00
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WHITE CANVAS—Cuban, leather heel, best welt sole, regular \$7.50 value, Price \$4.50
WHITE CANVAS—Low heel, best welt sole, leather heel, \$6.00 value, Price \$3.75

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FAMILY DRUG STORE
LA GRANDE, OREGON.

BAD BREATH
Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets Get at the Cause and Remove it

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for colonic, act gently on the bowels and positively do the work. People afflicted with bad breath find quick relief through Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The pleasant, sugar-coated tablets are taken for bad breath by all who know them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets act gently but firmly on the bowels and liver, stimulating them to natural action, clearing the blood and gently purifying the entire system. They do that which dangerous calomel does without any of the bad after effects.

All the benefits of nasty, sickening, griping cathartics are derived from Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets without griping, pain or any disagreeable effects.

Dr. F. M. Edwards discovered the formula after seventeen years of practice among patients afflicted with bowel and liver complaint, with the attendant bad breath.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are purely a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil; you will know them by their olive color. Take one or two every night for a week and note the effect. 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

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NOT M'ADOO THIS TIME, BUT THE GOSPEL
United Evangelistic Services Every Night This Week.
TONIGHT—At the Presbyterian Church, W. B. Smith will bring the Message, and Mrs. D. C. Kelless, a gifted and noted woman of Eugene, Oregon, will also speak.
TOMORROW NIGHT THE UNION SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE SALVATION ARMY HALL.
Good Lively Singing by the United Choirs.
COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS
Remember—Special Easter Services at All Churches Sunday Morning and Evening.

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