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

There Is Plenty of Reason For Being Thankful.

Last year it was easy to be thankful. The whole world was happy perforce. The war was over. There were no more guns and deaths and maimed bodies and ruined towns. The world could breathe and look ahead. This year, the world is in a bitter state of discontent and petty fretting. Everybody seems to have his mind on money and luxury, and getting something out of the other fellow. And nobody is happy.

It is a time to sit down calmly and count one's blessings. It is a time to forget the raise one hasn't got and remember the salary one has. Last year the flu was raging. This year it is heard only in isolated cases, and those not severe.

The first Thanksgiving was established to show gratitude for a plenteous harvest. Never was harvest so bountiful as this year. True, we pay heavily for food. But we have the food. No one, in this land at least, is starving. And no one abroad need starve. There is food enough in the world to feed all mouths and to spare.

The Bolshevist menace has proved a flash in the pan. Loyal Americanism will have none of it. The French have shown the same spirit in their elections. So have the people of Italy. The Reds have it in their power to cause much annoyance, as vermin do when they get even the smallest hold. But we know them for what they are, and have started to clean out their nests.

There is a deeper spiritual feeling everywhere. Perhaps that fact is responsible for some of the fretting. People realize vaguely that the goods of this world do not satisfy. They are in the position of Kipling's Mahbub Ali—"I, too, am a seeker, but Allah alone knoweth what I seek." The seeking makes them restless. But it is better and more hopeful than dull content. For in time, "He that seeketh shall find."

Listen, too, to the children. Life is wholly normal to them. Dromedaries and cranberry sauce and being good for Santa Claus absorb them. The future cannot be hopeless in the hands of that sturdy brood.

The world is a good place, after all. The sun shines and the stars keep their serene places. All the world needs is to put itself in the attitude of thanksgiving, and presto, the troubles cease. "God's in his heaven. All's right with the world!"

Be Thankful You Haven't a Troublesome Income.

Mary Pickford is all worried about her enormous income. She went to Washington to have her income tax return adjusted. She felt that her attempts to figure it out for herself were contributing greatly to the paper shortage, and she wasn't getting any where with her computations, anyhow.

One of the things most people have to be thankful for is that their incomes put them in no such distress.

Also, it might be well to make a note of these facts and produce them twenty years from now. The public will respond to appeals for benefit performances to keep the wolf from the door just as generously as of yore, no doubt, but it will be entitled to some amusement and vast quantities of gray-bearded moralizing.

The Chances of Naming Our Language.

An editorial in the American Legion Weekly urges a change in the name of the language used in the United States. The writer points out that there are many accepted words which have been coined in this country. There are also differences in accent and usage between the language as spoken on this side of the Atlantic and in Great Britain. "Why not," the writer concludes, "quit press-agenting John Bull and have our own language—the American language?"

There is one difficulty here which the writer overlooked. That is the looseness of the meaning of "American." We in this country like to consider ourselves the only original Americans. Yet during the war so many resemblances were discovered between the Canadian troops and ours that persons discussing them in comparison with European troops frequently classed the fighters from both the great North American democracies as "Americans."

Then there are all the South Americans. Their ways and manners are very different from those of the northern continent, but they are at the same time different from those of the European parent countries. And in the Old World they are frequently looked upon as "Americans." As a more complete understanding and harmonious relationship is established between the two Americas this similarity will be increased, not lessened.

To call our language "United States" is awkward. And if we insisted on a special designation for it we would simply be naming a colloquial language. The written words of literature would still be English. No change of name could alter the fact of its being essentially the language of all the English-speaking nations.

If somebody gives you a money order with a number anywhere from 19201 to 20000, don't try to cash it. Hold the giver until you have telephoned the police. The blanks bearing these numbers were stolen from a bank at Jeffersontown, Kentucky.

Elks and W. S. S.

Let it be hoped that the Elks will win their campaign to supply the citizenry of Oregon with seven or eight million dollars worth of War Savings securities before the first of the year.

When a brotherly minded Elk sells a War Savings Stamp he gives in exchange for the money the evidence of a highly desirable investment, a lesson in thrift and the badge of willingness to aid the government. The man who owns War Stamps possesses a testimonial to his citizenship. He shows that he is not a trifler and a waster.

The woman who economizes on her household and clothing accounts to buy War Saving securities is not apt to be among those who throw hard-earned money away on uselessly expensive shoes, hats and dresses.

The boy or girl who buys Thrift Stamps is paying tuition to a school of industry and frugality that will return not oly the original investment with interest, but open the way to successful living.—Editorial in Oregon Journal.

A TALK WITH A LA GRANDE MAN

Mr. A. J. Larm, Ranch Owner of Jefferson Ave., Tells His Experience.

There is nothing like a talk with one of our own citizens for giving hope and encouragement to the anxious sufferer from the dead kidney disease. We, therefore, give here an interview with a La Grande man:

"Doan's Kidney Pills have been used with wonderful results in our family for kidney disorders and I gladly recommend them," says Mr. Larm. "I know, from my own personal use, they are all that is claimed for them. Whenever I have my pain across my kidneys, or my kidneys aren't acting as they should, I take a box or two of Doan's Kidney Pills and they never fail to fix me up in good shape."

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New Picture.

There are many heart-stirring moments in "A Heart in Pawn," which is Hayakawa's most recent Haworth production for Exhibitors Mutual.

The charm and pathos of these play, "Shadows," from which $12 to $15 a quart. The real whiskey is believed to come from Canada where it is sold for from $2 to $3 a quart.

No need suffering any with catarrh. The La Grande Pharmacy guarantees that if a Hyomei outfit does not relieve you, they will pay for it themselves. 11-26-1t

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THE MOST PRACTICAL GIFT FOR A LADY

Ask to see our Combination Package of Hudnut's Three Flowers, Cara Y—?— and Jonteel, specially put up for Christmas.

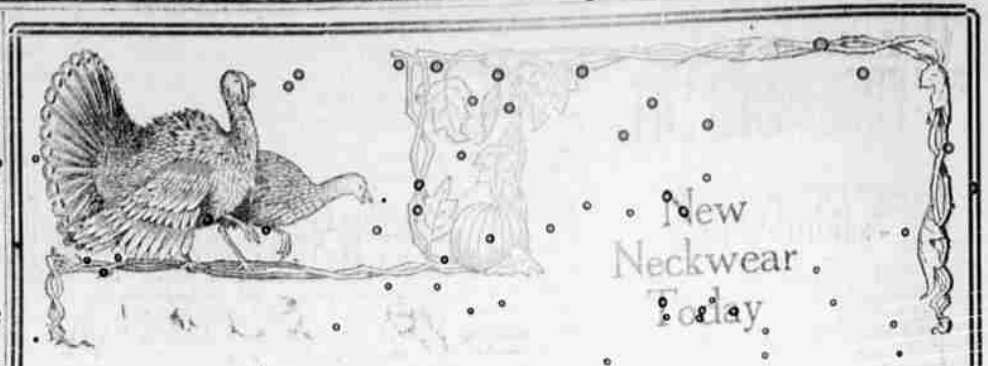
PUTMAN'S DRUG STORE
The Rexall Store

The members of the Methodist Sunday School have been fattening

100 TURKEYS

—during the past five weeks and we will cut them open (the turkeys, not the members) in the basement of the church, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The one who brings the fattest turkey will be given a "sure enough, honest-to-goodness live turkey. Come and see the fun.

Refreshments Served. Everything Free



New Neckwear Today

Added to our already extensive stock of beautiful neckwear, this late shipment makes the variety beyond compare. There are styles more varied, more extensive than anything ever shown in La Grande. Everything that the new Fall and Winter styles in tailored suits and dresses call for is here, finishing effects to lend a softening touch to the severity of the dark materials. There are shawl collars, jabots, vestees, dutch collars and many combinations and exclusive creations in both counts and collar and ruff sets.

Vesting to be sold in 2 high ends at $2.50 and $1.75. Also ready-made vestees at $2.50 and $3.50. Collars of Georgette, Lace and a way of Lace and Organdies.

We invite you to see this most useful display of Neckwear. The prices range from $1c to $2.50.

LADIES SUITS
ONE FOURTH OFF

There are still many suits in this sale. Suits of highest quality offering, of the best materials and made by the makers of the

LA VOGUE GARMENTS.

The most exclusive label to be found in any of our garments. La Vogue suits are to be found at this store only. If you want a high individuality of style, you will be satisfied with nothing but LA VOGUE 'one-of-a-kind' garments. $1,000 and are saving now from $10 to $35 on each suit. Prices $29.75 to $75.00.

Lots of New SILK HOSE

Arriving in time for the holidays, this week several hundred pairs have arrived in small lots making a steady stream from several different mills. Black, white, champagne, pearl medium grey, and African brown are the colors.

DROP STITCH hose in Black, White and Brown. Others are full fashioned with lisle tops and reinforced toe and heel.

PRICES $2.25, $2.50 and $3.00.

DOLLS

Lots of Toys at prices to $2.00. Charming [illegible] for holiday gifts. [illegible] are in. See them when you enter the store. [illegible]

[illegible] & Co.

New Kimona Silk

Beautiful Japanese Kimona Silk in dark blue with a large, bright butterfly design. 36 inches wide, priced $2.65 yard.

Also Mercerized Kimona cloth in large floral patterns—blue, grey and rose are the colors. Price 70c yard.

Humility.

The only true independence is in humility. . . . But humility is not the virtue of a fool; since it is not consequent upon any comparison between ourselves and others, but between what we are and what we ought to be.—Washington Allston.

Observer advertising pays.

Sold in La Grande and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by D. Putman, Levy Vogel Drug Co., and Red Cross Drug Co., Snapps La Grande Pharmacy.

Fall and Winter [illegible]

The [illegible] come to the [illegible] prices of [illegible] forty [illegible] sixty and [illegible] common. In [illegible] countries, [illegible] tons per acre to the [illegible]

Daily Thought

Were [illegible] let the sun [illegible]

Quiz [illegible]

All [illegible] are [illegible] to a virtuous life.

Job Printing, The Observer, Main 37.

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Closed cars meet all trains and answer all calls. All-night service.

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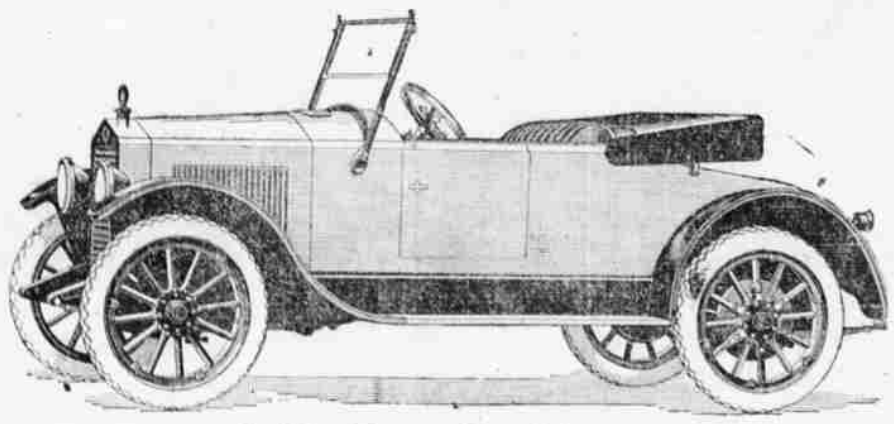

The Essex Roadster

Essex Prices Reduced $100

We have just been advised that the price of the Essex Touring car and Roadster has been reduced $100.00, to take effect immediately.

This reduction is made possible by reason of the fact that Essex production has reached a point where the cost of building each car is reduced this amount.

Although price has never been an important factor in the selection of Essex cars, yet this reduction will be welcomed by the many who are determined to own one of these high class cars.

This makes the price in La Grande only $1695.

The late model Touring car and Roadster is now on Display.

UNION MOTOR COMPANY

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Who is Your BANKER?

This question is often asked in the course of your business. We invite you to identify yourself with this bank and assure you the best of service.

La Grande National Bank

Capital and Surplus $250,000.00
RESOURCES $2,100,000

This Thanksgiving--- and next!

If you are the proud possessor of a growing bank account that spurs you on to bigger things—be glad; you have just cause for thanksgiving!

If you cannot count this among your blessings, NOW is an opportune time to begin an account in this institution. Add to it, not spasmodically with large sums necessarily, but systematically with regularity, even though small deposits—

And next Thanksgiving you'll rejoice that you started when you did, and be thankful for the benefits which will inevitably have followed your action.

United States National Bank
La Grande, Oregon

BISCUIT BAKING

is always a success if our flour is used. No worrying about how the biscuits will turn out. They are always splendid. If you haven't tried our flour you have been missing a lot of baking goodness. Order a sack today and your baking will be lucky with the first trial of the sack.

La Grande Milling Co.