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OH THAT MEN would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men—Psalm 107:1.

She Paid The Price

Germany's finance minister estimates the German national wealth today at forty billion dollars. At the outbreak of the war it was one hundred billion. If Finance Minister Luther is dealing in facts as well as figures, Germany should not have to seek further than her shrunken national wealth for a lasting lesson in peace. National wealth is computed on the basis of natural resources, industrial and commercial wealth and tangible property. Sixty per cent of her national wealth! What a price to pay for ambition and nationalism!

But it seems incredible that Germany could have consumed sixty per cent of her national wealth during the four years of the World war, so the figures of Germany's minister of finance may bear examination. In 1920 the London Bankers' Institute estimated Germany's national wealth as eighty-three billions. That figure probably approaches nearer the truth. Germany's war cost would still be stupendous and the peace lesson unmitigated.

However, if the Luther figures are based on fact and German wealth has actually shriveled by more than half, there emerges a formidable indictment of the German reparations policy. Granting that her war losses were thirty billions, it would mean that since the armistice the Germans have dissipated thirty billions of their national wealth. Her total reparations assessment was only thirty-three billions. It can reasonably be asked if Germany has been wiffully wasting her national wealth at the rate of five billions annually to avoid payment of her reparations?

Perhaps it is well for Germany and for her recent enemies that the reparations commission through the General Dawes committee is at last devoting all its energy to the reparations issue and Germany's economic ability to pay.

GOVERNOR AT GRANGE GATHERING

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county court to consider the matter of securing the services of a county agent for the agricultural interests of the county. Many of the farmers present expressed their views very much in favor of this, it being the general opinion among them that a man of this kind is very beneficial to the interests of the farmers. This part of the appropriations had been done away with by the county court, along with many other things in an effort to cut taxes. One of the county commissioners, present at the meeting, made it plain that as far as he was concerned, that anything along this line, which the farmers wanted, and were willing to pay for, was agreeable with him. A committee of four members consisting of Fred Hines, Harry Harmon, H. L. Fisher and P. L. Pearson, were named to meet with the county court at their next meeting, May 17, to see what could be arranged for regarding the matter.

Another resolution relative to the question of transportation problems, pointing out the need of cooperation between the shipping and railroads, was read. All the above resolutions were accepted by a vote of the meeting and committees appointed.

A report was given on the matter of the pure-bred dairy bull association. At a recent meeting of the members of the committee, on this measure, plans were discussed and a name for the association submitted. "Wallawa County Dairy Breeders' Ass'n," May 17, at Wallawa, was set as the date and place of the next meeting of the committee. At this time plans will be worked out for the possible completion of the association.

Pierce Welwood. Due to the fact that the train which was bringing Governor Walter M. Pierce, to address the meeting, was not due until 1:30 p. m., the dinner was postponed until his arrival. A committee consisting of C. S. Hayes, Rev. G. H. Brown, and G. H. Thas were named to meet the governor at the train and conduct him to the meeting. At the house of the Rev. G. H. Brown, there was met with a most enthusiastic welcome from the larger crowd waiting for him at the hotel. Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred persons were served to a beautiful dinner

years. He compared the distressing financial conditions to a drunken financial spree. Governor Pierce highly commended the work of the farm organizations, saying that the time was never so urgent for united action as today. He urged them to keep up the good work, claiming that success is bound to yield to steady efforts. Governor Pierce expressed himself very much in favor of the McNary-Haugen wheat expert measure, which he believed would help to remedy the wheat and livestock situation to some extent. He also touched upon the grave danger of the invasion of the droughted soil and moisture in the state, saying everything possible was being done to keep it from the hands of the state, but that it may come, and that it must be prepared to combat it. He also urged producers to grow more of the products which will find ready sale in this country, such as home milk products, eggs, sheep and wool, pointing out the fact that Oregon produces three times more than a third of the wool used here. People who were fortunate enough to hear Governor Pierce discuss these problems, were able to learn more within a short space of time, than would be possible in any other way.

Children of Japan Will Send Thanks to American Helpers

TOKIO (AP)—Letters of thanks are being written by children of the primary schools of Tokio and other devastated cities to children of other countries who sent sympathetic messages and gifts to Japan after the September earthquake. The teachers are leaving the subject matter of the letters entirely to the writers. They will be translated literally into English and sent to children in America and Europe, hundreds of whose names are in the hands of children or teachers in Japan.

NEW CHURCH DEDICATED ON SUNDAY

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nature of a home coming and was a union service of the local churches with the Rev. A. H. Stinson and the Rev. Elmer Grant Keith as speakers in addition to the out of town ministers. It was a most happy hour in its history. Following is the complete program of the day.

Dedication Service 11:00 A. M. Prelude—"The Hammer Art-Telling." Harlan, Mrs. W. W. Berry. Doxology, Invocation, Gloria. Scripture—Rev. William Baird, field representative, Grande Ronde Presbytery, Board of National Missions, "Ave Maria," Handel. Mrs. A. L. Hildebrand and J. E. Landess, with violin obligato. Greeting from former ministers and historical sketch, Rev. W. L. Van Noy, field representative, Board of Christian Education. Thanksgiving offering. Offering—violin solo, L. J. Lindsay. "Ave Maria," No. 7, in F Major, Dudley Buck. Offering, Mrs. A. L. Hildebrand, Mrs. H. K. Fuller, Mrs. W. H. Bohmkamp, Jr., Mrs. O. M. Silverthorn, G. L. Hutton, Frank Hayes, E. E. Towler, Dr. E. P. Moorman. Address—Rev. W. H. Blankney, Ph. D., Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash. Solo—"Ninety-Nine Psalm," Macfarlane, C. L. Hutton. Dedication of Church—Rev. William Crosby Ross, pastor and moderator of the Synod of Oregon. Prayer of Dedication—Rev. D. A. Thompson, synodical executive and stated clerk of the Synod of Oregon.

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WILL IMPROVE CLUB BUILDING (Continued from page 1)

chairman of the committee on interior improvements and Mrs. A. L. Richardson as chairman of the committee for exterior improvements and repairs. Mrs. Richardson announces the following as members of her committee: Mesdames Hal Bohmkamp, Bruce Dennis, John Thorton, H. F. Murphy and W. C. Perkins. This committee has arranged for a dance to be held at the club house on the evening of May 22nd, an admission charge of one dollar to be made, the proceeds from which will be used to defray expenses of their committee. One of the things planned by this committee is to provide for the painting of the club house.

Mrs. Stange has named the following as members of her committee: Mesdames Hecogin, Larson, Hoveler, Nelson, Crowe, Ashby, Hayes, Neelin and Uzer. This committee has also planned numerous improvements on the interior of the club house and are making arrangements to raise funds to carry on the work.

MAKES SWORN DECLARATION (Continued from page 1)

towards when this scurrilous attack was directed, also that this same matter has seriously injured me in an amount not less than \$10,000. "I make this sworn statement publicly, through the forum provided for such a purpose, saying that the reports are in no manner truly with intent to injure, or ignorantly with no thought or desire to know the truth or falsity of their speech; the result of both being much the same in that the integrity of a good citizen is questioned and his worth to the community just that much damaged. "I have a well approved farm home of 148 acres on which these springs are located, and prior to the giving of the option had asked more than \$100 per acre for the same, but in 1923 I reduced the price to that amount per acre, which totals \$14,800 the amount required to secure the transfer. This sale price given is for the entire farm not just the springs alone.

"Further, at the time of leasing the option, I was given to understand that no commission was expected, and that in fact no commission was taken for the benefit of the city of La Grande, and was to be turned over to them. This option has been on file with the city recorder since October, 1923, and an inspection of it will show the particular clause which drains commissions to be entirely eliminated, all in keeping with my understanding.

"Further, I will say that I have transacted business with Sherwood Williams for many years and have found that when he made a statement he believed it to be a fact; that when he acted in a position of trust he used his ability in advancing the good and welfare of his principals; and in the presence of his dealings his integrity could stand the test of any investigation. "On account of the information given me, I made a trip to La Grande a week before election and requested of him that I be permitted to make this public statement, but he demurred on the grounds that he did not think the rumors worth considering. However, since the election is over, and the water question is again temporarily settled, he has given his consent, and I wish to brand as false any report made by any person that I have

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