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The First Meeting of Grant and Lincoln

An Interview With the Only Surviving Member of the Famous Body Guard of the Great Emancipator—Grant Was Man of the Hour

(Written for Malheur Enterprise by M. Elizabeth Perley.)
"I remember well President Lincoln's first meeting with General Grant. It occurred on the 8th of March, 1864, at a public reception in the White House."
This statement was made by Hon. Smith Stimmel, of Fargo, North Dakota, one of the few surviving members of Abraham Lincoln's body-guard, and the only one of the company who is talking about this experience on the lecture platform. Last summer he went to Norway as a member of the commission appointed by Governor Hanna, who in behalf of the citizens of North Dakota, presented a statue of President Lincoln to the kingdom of Norway. On this occasion Mr. Stimmel was one of the speakers of the delegation.
"I was standing near the doorway of the president's reception room," he continued, "when General Grant came in, accompanied by Secretary Seward. His picture had been in Harpers' Weekly and we recognized him at once—medium height, thick set, a closely cropped brown beard, square jaws and a kindly eye. His uniform contrasted with the brilliancy of the company, for this was a dress parade occasion. Grant's coat was faded, and the buttons and straps were dingy with dust and smoke. He gave the impression of an officer coming straight from the field. The president recognized him at once and probably, like ourselves, by his picture, for this was their first meeting. He did not wait for the formal introduction, but stepped forward and grasped the General's hand saying, as

WAR'S EFFECT ON COTTON MARKET

Fleecy Staple Must Pay Ransom into Coffers of War—Nation Feels Shock

(Written for the Malheur Enterprise by Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.)
King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king!"
People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; mildred has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has pleaded with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating hold lung plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of the European war has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter a European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.
Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.
The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to cooperative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.
The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.
All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America. If, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

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PRESS GLEANINGS FROM OVER THE STATE

Building permits issued by the city of Salem during the year totaled \$268,410.
A carload of flour is to be Klamath county's donation to the Belgian relief fund.
Irrigationists from all over Oregon gathered at the Imperial hotel in Portland Thursday, for the fourth annual session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress.
The Ashland sub-station of the Oregon-California Light & Power Company, situated across Bear Creek, outside the city limits, was burned with a loss of \$15,000.
A special short course for the teachers of Oregon whose terms of school end early has been announced by the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, to commence on April 5.
Press Lewis, president of the Grand Ronde Cash company of La Grande, was admitted to \$1000 bond following his arrest at Burley, Idaho, on a charge specifying larceny by bailer.
The completion of the new \$125,000 high school for The Dalles, which will be ready for occupancy February 1, will give that city the best and most complete educational building of its class in the state of Oregon.
All pawnbrokers and second hand dealers of La Grande must keep a record of all articles purchased or otherwise acquired, the ordinance being the result of petty thieving which was reported in the last few months.
The prune acreage in Polk county has been increased greatly this fall by the planting of many young trees in each of the prune districts, according to a recent survey of the various sections of the county.
Extensive plans have been made by the Polk County Association for the eighth annual show which will be held in Dallas, January 18, 20 and 21. Numerous cash prizes, a number of valuable ribbons and eight silver cups are among the prizes offered.
Howard R. Woods, manager of the Weinhard ice and storage plant at Springfield, was arrested in that city, charged with violating the state white slave act. He is accused of transporting two women from Eugene to Springfield for immoral purposes.
George Mear, one of the oldest pioneers of Yamhill county, died at the home of his sister in Lafayette, on December 29. Mr. Mear was born at Lafayette on December 28, 1831. He was the son of Oliver and Hester Mear, pioneers of 1843, and one of a family of nine children.
The loss of the motor vehicle department of the state totaled \$77,582 for 1918, according to a report of Secretary of State O'Connell. Fees are paid for registrations of dealers, chauffeurs, motor vehicles and motorcycles. In 1918, they totaled \$54,873, making the gain for 1918 \$22,715.
According to data assembled by Colonel Lawson, warden of the state penitentiary, 228 life-termers have been received at the institution since it was established in 1854, and to the total Multnomah county has contributed the greatest number, 51, and Marion county the second largest, 15.
That the action of the state board of health in attempting to remove Dr. J. A. Van Hook, an osteopath, as health officer of Clatsop county, was illegal, was the decision of the supreme court in an opinion by Justice Hoar. The court affirms the findings of Circuit Judge Campbell.
People will never be satisfied until Mondays are abolished.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Live Legislature Topics Discussed by Enterprise Representative at Salem

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Bass—Quartet from Ernani, Isle D'Amour, Those Endearing Young Charms.
Violin—Second Mazurka, Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes.
Baritone solo—I Love You Truly.
Trombone solo—Cedar Cool, by G. R. Aylsworth.
Bass solo—Oasis and Ostrich, Rolling Down to Rio, Songs My Mother Used to Sing, musical reading by L. E. Spring.
Quartet—Single Gung, Tra La La Yama.
Bass quartet—Tachauer.
Circus Quart—Big Cornet Band, Colored Band Chorus, Red, German Band, Act, Da Luster Agreement, The Steam Calypso.
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