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## In Vindication.

After reading the account in the E. V. News headed "Found To Be Loyal," I thought it my duty to add a few words of explanation for it appears to me from said article that the people outside of my personal acquaintance were left in the dark and would have no means to know if I am loyal or not.

I first wish to say that the party mentioned as a committee was not a committee in the proper sense but a mob, and they were not represented by the best citizens of Eagle Valley. Indeed if I did not know that the sentiment of this community was not in sympathy with this dastardly act I would not live in the community any longer than it would take to dispose of my business.

I venture to say that there is not one good citizen in this valley that believes for a minute that I am disloyal or a traitor to my native country.

I will furthermore state (with few exceptions) the parties present were idlers and did not represent patriotism.

When the mob arrived I asked them their business and was told they came to plant a flag in my yard as rumors were afloat that I was disloyal.

I informed them of my loyalty and that flags were displayed all through our house and I would not object to have them float a flag but it would grieve me very much to think a flag would have to be raised by force. I asked all present how many had flags in their front yard. There was not a man present that could claim that honor (He who has no sin let him cast the first stone)—in a moment the accusers vanished.

I further wish to state that E. E. Holman and Bro. Johnson were present but did not represent the mob, but came as friends to notify me of their coming a half hour before the balance arrived.

I wish to say in my defense that I have done everything in my power to do my duty as a citizen in these days of trial. In the beginning of the war my children had small savings in the bank. I told them how they could help this cause by using their savings in buying bonds, and by selling some lambs raised by themselves and some help from me they are the possessors of a \$50 Government Bond each, besides \$30 or \$40 in Baby Bonds and Thrift Stamps. Also my boy six years old, sold a horse to the Cottonwood Sheep & Land Co. and being short of money I have not paid him for same; he insists on being paid so he can give it to the war as he says. Every cent my children had and received since is invested in bonds and stamps.

I will further state that I have tried to do my duty in subscribing to every drive that was made in the valley, such as Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Bond issues and Thrift Stamps. In fact, I helped to canvas the valley for one of the Y.M.C.A. drives. I also wish to state that we have our home decorated with the Stars and Stripes, also with pictures of our martyred presidents and President Wilson. I am sure no one ever seen a German banner or the Kaiser's photograph in our residence, and were I compelled to describe the emblem of the German flag or be executed I would be a dead dog.

I wish to state for the German element near my ranch: John Schnau and his partner, John

Sass, bought from me some years ago, 80 acres of land and they are raising wool and lambs and selling same to the Allies, and venture to say in this way they have helped this government more than the whole mob combined that visited my place on the 25th ult. John Knave and his family are working on my ranch and have been all spring and have never heard them mention Germany or the Kaiser and I think I have enough sense not to agitate such a question (knowing they were born in Germany and have a number of brothers serving in the German army.)

Julius Frahm is working for me in Idaho in one of my sheep camps. He has his first papers. I drove to the Seven Devil Mts. in my car to notify him that he was wanted on the 3rd inst. for physical examination.

So far as I know none of these men have committed acts of disloyalty. While they were born in Germany they are useful citizens and I think attend to their own business and do not have time to gossip as do some people of my acquaintance.

I was asked why I employ German help. The reason is obvious to anyone hiring farm hands and needs little explanation. (Especially in this community.)

In conclusion will say for my vindication: My mother was born in Pennsylvania; my father came to the U. S. when a boy; I was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, 18 miles east of Oil City, and do not know any other government except "This is my own my native land."

I commit myself to the public and where I am known I have no fear of the verdict.

THOS. SEIGEL.

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A terrific peal of thunder on Tuesday evening announced the fact that lightning had struck somewhere close. A number of phones were put out of commission and shortly thereafter a fire was discovered at the opera house. The "juice" had evidently run along the phone wires until in front of the building and then jumped to the hollow wire leading to the gasoline tank of the lighting system for the Odd Fellows hall. Fortunately the blaze was discovered and extinguished before any great damage resulted.

The full page advertisement on the back page makes our columns rather crowded this week, but the usual amount of local news is given just the same.

For breakfast try buckwheat cakes and Uncle John's syrup. Yum, but they are good; new supply at Raley's.—ad

A boy was born to the wife of Gid Holcomb at New Bridge on June 23rd.

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## IS SEEING THE SIGHTS

Tracy Matthews, who has been at Camp Mills, L. I., N. Y., in a letter written his parents, says: "While we were on the train I would stay up quite late every night to see the towns we went through, and the first few nights we were in camp we didn't have much beds to sleep on, and since Monday I've been in New York four nights so I haven't had much sleep the past two weeks.

Gee, I wish you were here to see the city with me. It is some little old burg, believe me. I have saw Fifth and Sixth Avenues and Broadway from 31st to 79th, Central Park, went through a museum, and put in part of two nights at Coney Island. And as much as I've been around here, don't you know I haven't saw a soul I knew. HA! Ha!

I've saw the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty, Woolworth Building, the Winter Garden, the Pennsylvania Ry. station (which is the largest depot in the town), the surface, the subway and the sub-subway car lines, several large camouflaged battleships, and from a distance the Curtis aeroplane factory (no one is permitted to go near the factory), and many other sights, but I'll tell you about them when I get home.

Celebrate the Fourth for me good and strong as I don't suppose I'll be over where they have the real fireworks by then and don't know how I will get to celebrate—on board a transport I expect."

Straw hats, shirts, underwear, shoes, etc., at Saunders Bro's.—ad  
Theodore Holcomb enlisted in U. S. service this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith, July 10th, a girl.

## WHEATLESS RECIPES

### Baking Powder Loaf.

1-2 cup sifted rice flour  
1 1-2 cup sifted oat flour  
1 cup sifted corn flour  
5 teaspoons baking powder  
1 1-2 teaspoons salt  
1 egg, well beaten  
2 tablespoons syrup  
1 1-2 cups milk (more or less as needed)

Mix about consistency of cake dough. Bake about one hour in medium oven. This makes one loaf.

### Corn Bread with Barley Flour

1 cup corn meal  
1 cup barley flour  
3 tablespoons syrup  
5 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup milk  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons fat

Mix and sift dry ingredients, add milk, beaten egg and melted fat. Beat well. Place in greased pan and allow to stand in a warm place 20 to 25 minutes then bake in a moderate oven 40 to 45 minutes.

### Gingerbread

1 1-2 cups barley flour  
1-2 cup molasses  
1-2 cup milk  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
2 tablespoons fat  
1-4 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon ginger  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1-3 teaspoon salt

Bake about 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

You may miss a bargain or a chance for a reward if you fail to read "What You Want" column.

Vic Wixom came in from Yakima last Thursday for a visit with old friends before entering U. S. service.