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FATHER O'ROURKE ANSWERS LETTER FROM EVANGELIST HOWARD FAGAN

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Editor, Heppner Herald,
Dear Sir:

One would imagine from the letter of Evangelist Fagan printed in your last issue, that the controversy in regard to Martin Luther was forced upon him. He was quoted in your issue of Jan. 16 as stating that Luther was a "Mighty man of God". I took exception to that statement, basing my claims on biographies of Luther and contended that judging from Luther's character, morals and language, as told by these biographers, he was far from deserving any such title as "Man of God". My authorities were, Hausrath, Jurgens and Janssen, the two former being Protestants.

Evangelist Fagan injects the note of personal animus into the discussion, and alleges that I made "Insinuations as to his ignorance". Yet, however, in his communication, he makes good what he says I claimed regarding him, for he exposes his want of knowledge regarding the proprieties of discussion by putting Father in quotation marks. All Catholics, and all educated non-Catholics call the priest, father.

With regard to the motive which prompted me to take exception to the title bestowed on Luther, that motive was, as stated before, the cause of truth.

But Evangelist Fagan admits my contention in the beginning of his letter, for he says, "Luther's life was not always exemplary" and "there was a coarser vein in his character". This is what I contended in my communication of Jan. 23, viz. that Luther was not a "Man of God" since his character, morals and language were far from exemplary. Though admitting, this eulogist of Luther argues on Luther, he says, "was disgusted at the awful state of corruption in Rome, so he undertook to clean up the whole thing." Now Hausrath, a German (the German historians should best know of Luther's life) and Protestant historian, and one of the most scholarly of Luther specialists, says of Luther's journey to Rome, "He returned from Rome as strong in the faith as he went to visit it" (Martin Luther Romfahrt), and Bayne, another Protestant historian, in his Life of Martin Luther, says, "In his conferences with Cardinal Cajetan, in his letter to Pope Leo, nay, in his tremendous broadside of invective and accusation of all things Roman, in his "Address to the German Nation and Nobility" there occurs not one unmistakable reference to his having been in Rome. By every rule of evidence we are bound to hold that when Luther described from a distance of ten years upward the incidents of a journey through Italy to Rome, the touches of light in his picture are more trustworthy than its black breadths of shade." Much that he relates as personal experience is manifestly the product of self delusion" (Opere citato). Who is going to accept the Rev. Fagan's testimony instead of the scholarly Protestant writers just quoted.

In regard to the doctrine of indulgences, which Evangelist Fagan sees fit to attack, it is evident that he has never studied the Catholic doctrine concerning them. Yet one of the cardinal

points in a discussion is that a person should know where-of he is discussing. The Rev. Fagan from his expression "seller of indulgences" clearly shows that that he understands nothing whatever of Catholic teaching in regard to indulgences or the infallibility of the Church. His knowledge of Catholic doctrine seems to be on a par with that of those gullible innocents who tell that Catholics pay for the forgiveness of their sins. These legends of Tetzels and indulgences do not stand the light of critical history. They pass for the genuine with people who do not read or reason, but by the student of history they are regarded as myths.

Does Evangelist Fagan know that the posting by Luther of his "Ninety Five Thesis" was simply an academic challenge to a disputation, not as he puts it "an effort to stop the enormity of the traffic."

I stated, Mr. Editor, in my last communication that the historicity of Luther's declaration before the Diet of Worms has been successfully challenged and rendered inadmissible by Protestant historians. See Burkhardt, in his "Theological and Critical Studies," Elter in "Luther und der Wormer Reichstag," Maurenbecher, Wrede, Kalkoff, Kolde and Hausrath. The retention of this declaration in some of the larger biographies and histories, seldom if ever, without laborious qualifications, can be ascribed to the deathless vitality of a sacred fiction, or an absence of historical rectitude on the part of the writer.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for giving me the use of your valuable columns, and assuring you that to all who are willing to observe the rules of courtesy in discussion, and abide by the verdict of impartial history, I will return an answer, I remain,
Yours in the cause of truth,
Father O'Rourke.

Saturday afternoon the Farmers Union and many other farmers of the county met at the court house in Heppner and talked over plans for the betterment of marketing conditions as they are affected by them. The Union attended to its routine business and elected officers. G. Lansing Hurd and Prof. Hy slop of the O. A. C. made interesting and instructive talks during the afternoon on the handling of grain in bulk.

During the evening a banquet was served in the Old Fellow's Hall, and, as in the afternoon talks and speeches pertaining to methods for the betterment of the farmer were the program.

Lon Reid of the foot hills was a business visitor in Heppner.

Rev. Dr. G. B. Van Waters will preach at the Episcopale Church in Heppner both morning and evening next Sunday.

Thursday morning W. Claude Cox received a Silver Cup from from Moscow, Idaho, representing the prize for the highest scoring bird in the Panhandle Poultry Show. This prize was won by a pullet scoring 94, the same bird which tied for highest honors at the Dayton, Wash. show.

NOW LET'S GET TOGETHER

WHAT will the year 1917 mean to this county, to this city, to this state? To produce results we must co operate. The efforts of the individual citizen may accomplish something, but the co-operation of a collective people, all working together towards the great end of a better prosperity, a better Heppner, a better Morrow County, a greater Oregon, will produce notable results. But to have this splendid asset, COLLECTIVE CO-OPERATION, confidence and good-will must exist and a determination to utilize this combination to the ultimate good of all.

Let us make this a year of action, of deeds, of results. A year of loyalty, aggressiveness, success, a whole community working together shoulder to shoulder to the ultimate good of all.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MORROW COUNTY FAIR BOARD PRESENTED

The Herald herewith submits the 1916 report of the Morrow County Fair Board.

Since filing the following report the Board has received the \$1,150. appropriation from the County and applied it on the outstanding indebtedness, reducing it to \$1,273.40, which is the total present indebtedness at present.

This indebtedness is covered by the ground and buildings valued at \$5,000. By an act passed by the 1915 Legislature all county school superintendents are made members of the Fair Board and have charge of the school and educational work.

Financial Report of Morrow County Fair Board

From November 1st, 1915 to September 30th, 1916

Balance on hand Nov. 1st, 1915	\$ 55.56
Money Borrowed	1,513.62
State Appropriation	596.48
County Appropriation	1,000.00
City of Heppner Appropriation	250.00
Public Subscriptions	477.00
From Concessions	\$ 263.05
From Dance Pavillion	371.05
From Gate Receipts	1,444.00
From Rents, Refunds etc	131.29
Loans	1,200.00
Feed Sales	16.50
Total	\$6,093.55

DISBURSEMENTS

Premiums for 1915	\$ 15.50
Premiums for 1916	926.80
Labor	839.70
Notes	906.10
Interest	50.00
Salaries and Expenses of Board	331.70
General Expenses	330.55
Advertising and Printing	181.10
Repairs on Buildings and Grounds	109.70
Merchandise, (bunting, hardware, etc.)	239.03
Free Entertainments:	
Band \$456. Aeroplane \$450. Ali Zada \$60.	
Ad Club Quartette \$150. Entertain. Com. \$20.	* 1,136.00
Insurance on Buildings	41.25
Irrigation Exhibit	60.00
Express and Freight	26.81
Industrial Club Donation	50.00
Rent on Grounds	30.00
Lights and Water	72.25
Land Show	100.00
Cash Paid Out	10.00
Lumber bill 1915	243.82
1916	363.01
Cash on hand Sept. 21.	30.25
Total	\$6,093.55

Outstanding Unpaid Accounts:	
Money borrowed	\$1,200.00
Lumber	25.00
Note 1914, Lumber	1000.00
Note School Dist. 1 stoves	60.00
Interest	110.00
Total	\$2,395.00

W. W. Smead, Sec'y.

GERARD RECALLED. VON BERNSTORFF GETS PASSPORTS. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE BROKEN



WOODROW WILSON.

Will we fight? Will war be declared against Germany? As the Herald is being prepared for the press this is the topic on every tongue. Germany has resumed the submarine method of warfare; a plan which our Government saw fit to call the Imperial Government to terms many months ago, and which they discontinued at that time with promises not to further use the method. On Jan. 31, the President was notified by the former German Ambassador Bernstorff in a note from the Imperial Government, that beginning Feb. 1, all vessels of any nationality entering certain zones would be sunk. The sinking of the Housatonic, an American ship with an American crew, Saturday afternoon followed. The President called on the Congress of the United States Saturday, and his speech to that body left little doubt as to what would be the attitude of the United States. The President said: "I think that you will agree with me that, in view of this declaration, which suddenly and without prior intimation of any kind, deliberately withdraws the solemn assurance given in the Imperial Govern-

ment's note of the fourth of May 1916, this government has no alternative consistent with the dignity and honor of the United States but to take the which, in its note of the eighteenth of Apr. 1916, it announced that it would take in the event that the German government did not declare and effect an abandonment of submarine warfare which it was then employing and to which it now purposes again to resort to."

"I have therefore directed the secretary of state to announce to His Excellency, the German ambassador, that all diplomatic relations between the United States and the German Empire be severed, and that the American ambassador at Berlin will immediately be withdrawn; and, in accordance with this decision, to hand to His Excellency his passports."

"I cannot bring myself to believe that they will indeed pay no regard to the ancient friendship between their people and our own, or to the solemn obligations which have been exchanged between them, and destroy American ships and take the lives of American citizens in the willful prosecution of the ruthless naval program they have announced their intention to adopt. Only actual overt acts on their part can make me believe it, even now.

As it now stands the United States is on the verge of war with Germany. If the war comes we can fight without fear or reproach for it has been forced on us, it is not of our making. President Wilson gave the only answer that could be honorably given the German Government's last arrogant note. One thing is certain, the whole 100 million of us are backing President Wilson.

Carrying the best wishes of the Christian Church of Ione, of which he has been pastor for two years, Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Reynolds left last week for California where they will make their future home.

PENDLETON AUTOMOBILE SHOW NEXT INLAND EMPIRE EVENT

The Pendleton Automobile show, which is scheduled for Feb. 15, 16 and 17 which is being arranged by the Pendleton Automobile Association with the usual Pendleton Spirit, promises to be one of the greatest winter events which will be held in the Inland Empire this year.

Arrangements are complete for a very extensive exhibit of of the 1917 models and styles of a large number of the best known makes of cars. In addition to the car a comprehensive exhibit in accessories, repairing, and the general auto industry and its allied lines will be presented. Many Heppner dealers and auto enthusiasts are figuring on being among those present. At this time it is impossible to state just who will go but the dealers who will probably attend are representatives from Gilliam & Bisbee, Studebaker, Vaughn & Sons, Chalmers and Case, Mr. and Mrs. Bowker, Buick and Chevrolet, Mr. Clark

or Mr. Irwin of Minor & Co., Overland, Steve Irwin, Oakland, Rev. Rasmus, Ben Priterson, Cadillac Eight, Leo Hill, Viehle and many Heppner auto owners.

The Henry Blahm farm was sold during the week to Frank J. Parker. Until recently Mr. Parker has been farming the Hughes place on Willow Creek below Heppner. He recently relinquished his lease there and sold his outfit. Mr. Parker shows his confidence in Morrow County in expending \$15,000 in cash in taking over the Blahm farm. This farm is well equipped with machinery and stocked well with cattle. It is considered one of the ideal places hereabouts. Mr. Blahm has not made public his intentions for the future but it is understood that they will move to the state of Washington where they hold extensive interests near Walla Walla.