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FACE TO FACE.

The United States and Germany are face to face over the Lusitania affair. The gravity of the issue cannot be disguised. The German reply, though framed in conciliatory terms, does not retreat an inch from Germany's assertion of its right to carry on its deadly submarine warfare against its enemies without any regard to the rights or interests or lives of neutrals. If America gets in between Germany and her enemies, so much the worse for America.

President Wilson has notified Germany that the imperial government will be held to a "strict accountability." That is the language of war, though it does not necessarily mean that we shall resort to war, except as an ultimate necessity to protect our rights, our citizens, our honor and our sovereignty. It seems incredible that we shall progress into war, and, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory, uncompromising and unpromising nature of Germany's note, it is not likely that there will be warfare. We do not want it and we may trust the President to assert the National dignity without it, if there is a way it can be done. There might be severance of diplomatic relations and there might be a confederation of neutral nations to outlast Germany. The result would indeed be a situation approaching a condition of war, which would be different from active and destructive belligerency. It would be different because in the circumstances war would be difficult, and almost impossible, for both Germany and the United States.

It might be wished that Germany had assumed a different position. It appears desirous of keeping America's friendship, but it is obviously not willing to sacrifice anything to keep it. It is true enough that Germany has an enormous weapon in her submarines and has done incalculable harm to Great Britain. But no consideration that Germany may or may not through her submarine blockade be making headway against the allies can compel us to concede her right to destroy innocent American lives as an incident to her strategy. The United States cannot yield to Germany the power to alter or repeal the accepted rules of warfare merely because it is to her present advantage to do so. We have no such obligation to Germany; but we have a clear and imperative duty to ourselves.

The President has taken a firm stand, and he has the country behind him. It does not expect him to back down; but it does expect and desire Germany to acknowledge her error, and to cease her attacks upon American ships and her destruction of American lives.—Oregonian.

Mr. Clark Retires From Board.

The annual school election will be held on June 21st, as will be noted from the official announcement in another column. Mr. M. D. Clark, who served the district as director for the past six years, has announced that he will not be a candidate again. During his term of office there has been much improvement in our school, and Mr. Clark has stood at all times for progress, backing every move for the betterment of the school and standing behind every proposition to place it in the front rank of the educational institutions of the state. Not the least part of his work has been his strong support of improved buildings and grounds, and he can retire at the end of his term with the consciousness of duty to the public well done.

We are authorized to state that Mr. L. E. Bisbee, a native son of Heppner and a member of the firm of Gilliam & Bisbee, will be a candidate for director to succeed Mr. Clark, and it is not at all likely that he will have any opposition.

The "Hehlsch" is the title of the High School Annual issued the past week from the typographical rooms of The Gazette-Times and published under the able management and direction of the pupils of Heppner High School. The staff, composed of young men and young women, made a complete success of their work, and the Annual has received the highest praise from the people of this city. Having succeeded so well in their initial effort to get out a school publication of this class, the pupils plan to continue their work during the coming year, and get out another Annual. They will give more time to the preparation of the subject matter. The pupils have taken a fine interest in getting out the Annual and they greatly appreciate the splendid support accorded them by the faculty of the school and the business men of Heppner, which made it possible for the staff to wind up their work with all bills paid and money in the treasury.

You will note from the announcement elsewhere in this paper that the good people of Ione have prepared an excellent program for the Farmers' Union Picnic in that city next Tuesday. This, together with the opportunity offered to enjoy a social time among neighbors and friends, should call forth a large attendance from Heppner. Our people should take time to prepare for a day of recreation and go in large numbers. It is the courteous thing to do and we know our friends down the line will be pleased and will make every effort to see that you have a good time. Fill the baskets with good eats and join the farmers at Ione on Tuesday in the biggest picnic ever pulled off in Morrow county.

LEXINGTON.

Geo. Allyn made several trips to Heppner last week.

Phil Doherty of Wells Springs was

a Lexington caller Monday.

J. M. McKimney, of Heppner Flat was trading in town Tuesday.

Mrs. C. A. Morey was visiting at Louk Booher's for a few days.

Mrs. Anna Marshall left for Gervallis Thursday to visit her parents who live at that place.

Percy Jarmon of Butter creek and Jake Wells, county assessor, were Lexington callers Thursday.

Jos. Burgoyne has installed a new electric light plant for the lighting of his store and warehouse.

Mrs. Effie Carmichael was called to Portland on account of the serious illness of her daughter Merle, who is under the doctor's care at that place.

Dr. Issabel Sedgewick shipped a car load of furniture and some stock to Portland last week. Ed Duran had charge of the car, returning Monday.

Miss Eva Swanson, a teacher in the Ione public schools during the past year, is visiting friends in this vicinity for a few days, when she will return to her home in Mystic, Iowa.

Perry Helms of Vancouver, Wash., is visiting his brothers John and Jim Helms at this place. This is Mr. Helms' first visit in this part of the state and he will remain for some time.

Two of the teachers departed for their homes last Friday, Miss Anna Fern to Cherryville, Oregon, and Miss Mabel Smith to Ontario, Ore. They will return in the fall to take up their work again in the school here.

H. C. Gillmore, a prominent farmer and stockman of Hermington, Wash., is in this vicinity buying mules for ranch work in his part of the country. Mr. Gillmore is expecting to purchase two carloads of mules if he can find what he wants.

R. O. Teague returned Monday from a visit to the Exposition at San Francisco and reports very favorably the success of the Exposition. Mr. Teague is of the opinion it will be better later on when all exhibits will be in place for the inspection of the public.

J. M. White is having a well drilled on his farm north of Lexington. The work is being done by the well known well drillers, Buffington and Nicholson of Ione. Mr. White expects to obtain plenty of water at a reasonable depth and when finished will be a valuable addition to his farm.

Andrew Reaney has a new well on his ranch northeast of Lexington. He secured a good flow of water at a depth of 400 ft. The well was finished by W. D. Newlon, after a period of about one year. Last fall the tools became fast and after several weeks work they succeeded in removing them.

W. E. Leach has a force of carpenters working on the new addition to his store between the main building and his new warehouse. He is tearing out the two old store rooms. In this place he will have one large store room all under one roof. This will be more convenient than the old rooms.

For several days a high wind has been blowing, drying the ground out very fast since the rains have quit. As long as the weather is cool and cloudy it is prophesied by farmers no harm will be done to growing crops. North of Lexington grain is heading out very fast and is very rank. Cool cloudy weather will help grain to mature at the right time.

The past week has been a very busy one for the public school at this place. Friday night at the Hall the high school produced the play "Esmerelda" to a large audience. On Saturday night the graduation exercises of the 8th grade were held, there being nine successful members of the class who were presented with diplomas by the president of the board, W. E. Leach. The address was delivered by Dr. J. Perry Cender of Heppner. It is very gratifying to the patrons of the school to know the past year has been a very successful one, and general satisfaction has prevailed throughout the year. Upon this success the directors have retained all the teachers except one for another year, and is with regret that this one could not be here another year. From the school board it was announced that one teacher will be needed to fill the vacancy and a new teacher added to the teaching force for another year in order to maintain the increased attendance in the high school.

IRRIGON.

Mr. V. M. Ray went to Ione on business Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Patterson left for Portland the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorpes of Ione, were Irrigon visitors Thursday.

Miss Berdia George is spending several weeks with friends in Pendleton.

Mr. H. M. Lansdowne went to Coyote Sunday to take charge of government work there.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Carson spent last Sunday in their old home town, Irrigon, returning to Hermiston that afternoon.

Mrs. Tom Mooney and children came up from Portland Saturday and will make their home here. They will reside in the Doering house.

Mrs. L. B. Kicker and children, who have been at the Fred Riels ranch for the past ten days, returned to their home at Milton Wednesday.

IONE.

Rufus Cochran and wife went over to Pendleton last Friday evening in their jitney.

J. H. Blake moved his family out to the ranch last Friday where they will spend the summer.

E. J. Bristow and family and Miss Kitty Wilmot attended church at Heppner last Sunday evening.

Joe Mason, who has been down to Portland for some time returned to Ione Wednesday of last week.

Frank Engleman and L. P. David-

son went over to Condon last Tuesday to see the excitement there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare went out to Jacob Bortzer's last Monday and spent a few hours in the country.

Wait Puyear and family went over to Hermiston last Saturday where Wait caught a nice bunch of fries.

Mr. E. R. Higgs has purchased one of W. R. Cochran's houses. We do not know whether E. R. is bluffing or not.

Mrs. C. C. Chick and son Charles left for Portland last Sunday where they will have a vacation for some time.

W. J. Blake and three of his boys went over to Condon in their buzz wagon last Tuesday to attend the races.

Bishop Paddock, of Hood River, was an Ione visitor last week, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Knappenberg.

Leonard Carlson went down to Portland last Thursday morning to visit with his parents for a short time.

Ralph Hymer, who has been engaged with Dick Turpin for some time, went to Arlington last Wednesday.

Jack Hynd's two daughters from Ceell have been out at the Gus Reid ranch visiting with Mrs. Reid for a few days.

Mrs. George Henry of Toppenish, Wash., is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Walter Cason. She came over last Sunday.

The mandolin club of Ione went up to Lexington last Friday evening and played for the school entertainment at that place.

Some of the Ione members, of the Elk lodge were Heppner visitors Thursday night of last week. They got home early.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilt and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore were Heppner visitors last Sunday evening, attending church at that place.

Miss Dalles Perkins, who has been in Ione for some time visiting with her father, returned to her home in Portland last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Garfield and two of her daughters from the vicinity of Portland, came in on last Friday's train and are visiting at the home of Mrs. L. P. Davidson.

H. M. Olden, who has had a sudden attack of Porphyria, was operated on last week. He is now out of all danger and is running that new machine like an old timer.

Three of our last year's teachers departed for their homes last Thursday, Miss Romney going to Seattle, Miss Daniels and Miss Wattenburger going to Monmouth.

Miss Mohr, who has been teaching school here the past term left Monday for Portland. No wonder there is so much sorrow in Ione since all these good looking single ladies have gone.

J. A. Waters came down last week to put the finishing touches on the moving act. He got packed up in good shape, and now we are sorry to say we have a vacant house in Ione.

Walt Smith and a load of bold fishermen drove over to the Umatilla river last Sunday to get a mess of fish. We did not learn what the catch was, but the boys all say they had the time of their lives.

Miss Mabel Stanley and Mr. Wm. Black were married at the home of Jacob Bortzer Wednesday evening of last week. The young couple left for Marshfield on Friday's train where Mr. Black is engaged as a chemist.

Miss Swanson, who was one of our last year's teachers, is visiting in Lexington for a few days before going to the Rose Show in Portland. She will go from there to her home in Iowa.

Professor Doak and wife left last Sunday morning for Chicago, where they will visit Mrs. Doak's parents. From there they will go to West Virginia where they will visit with his people for some time.

The Ione ball boys journeyed over to Fossil last Saturday and played the same day with the Fossil boys. The game was 3 to 4 in favor of Ione. They also played again on Sunday, the victory being for Ione once more. The score was 4 to 8. The boys are playing very good ball this year as they have to be defeated for the first time yet this season.

The graduating exercises were held in the skating rink last Thursday night. There was a large crowd in attendance. Dr. W. H. Bleakney was the speaker of the evening and he is a very able speaker and said a great many things of interest to all who heard him. There were 13 graduates. A nice program was rendered by home talent and a good time was had by all present. Mr. Paul Rietmann presented the diplomas.

Don't forget the date of the Farmers' Union picnic to be held at Ione next Tuesday, June 8th. We can give you a partial list of the program. The morning will be spent with musical numbers and some good speaking. After that, the big feed. After dinner we will have a baby show and a prize will be given for the best looking baby under 12 months of age. There will be a ball game, after which we will have boys and girls races, fat man's race, lean contest for ladies, three-legged race man's race, ladies race, nail driving and a potato race. There will be enough other sport to make the day as enjoyable as possible.

Closing Out Sale
on Men's and Boys'
CLOTHING

500 SUITS IN ALL 500

We are cutting the heart out of them.

- Men's \$25 Suits : now \$18.00
- Men's \$22.50 Suits : now \$16.00
- Men's \$20 Suits : now \$15.00
- Men's \$18 Suits : now \$13.00
- Men's \$15 & \$16 Suits : now \$10.00
- Men's \$12.50 Suits : now \$8.00

Boys' Suits at half price.

This is no bluff sale, but the real thing. Come early to get your choice. All Sale Goods CASH.

THOMSON BROS.

SECOND ANNUAL MORROW COUNTY

Farmers' Union Picnic

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1915,
IONE, OREGON

Morning Program begins promptly at 10 o'clock.

- Music - - - Orchestra
- Introductory - W. T. McNabb
- Music - - - Orchestra
- Prayer - Rev. J. L. Jones
- Selection - - - Quartette
- Reading - Miss Catherine Jones
- Address - J. B. Brown
- Trombone Solo - W. F. Burger
- Address - Hector McPherson
- Recitation - - - Walter Gay
- Address - O. F. Dornblaser
- Music - - - Orchestra

Afternoon Program

- Girls Race, under 12.
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- Ladies Race.
- Potato Race.
- Three-legged Race.
- Fat Man's Race.
- Lean Man's Race.
- Nail Driving Contest for Ladies.
- Prettiest Baby, under 12 months.

JUDGES.

Ed Rietman, George Calkins, W. S. Smith.

You are cordially invited to Celebrate with the Farmers.

BASKET DINNER Bring Your Basket Well Filled.

A Good Time Assured

STAR THEATER—Coming Monday & Tuesday, June 7 & 8 "Tillie's Punctured Romance"

This great 6-reel Comedy ran 6 weeks in Portland, showing to 51,000 people in a single week. People who enjoy good comedy are seeing it every time they have the chance, some as many as three times and are anxious to see it again. This is guaranteed to be the funniest picture ever seen in this part of the country and if you live 20 miles from Heppner we guarantee you to be well paid for your time and expense in coming to see this wonderful picture. The prices of admission will be 35c for balcony, 25c, lower floor and 15c for children. Your money will be refunded if you are not more than satisfied.



A scene from "Tillie's Punctured Romance," a six-reel comedy—Star Theater, Monday and Tuesday, next week.