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Our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equel

Give me liberty or give me death. Patrick Henry.

CONCORD HYMN

By the rude bridge that arched the Their flag to April's breeze un turie.i.

Here once the embattled farmers And fired the shot heard round the

World. The foe long since in silent slept;

Alike the coqueror silent sleeps; And time the ruined bridge has

Down the dark stream which seaward crees On this green bank, by this soft

stream, We set today a votive stone; That memory may their deed re-

when, like our sires, our sons are

Spirit, that made those heroes dare To die, and leave their children free Bid time and nature gently spare

The shaft we raise to them and

THE BATTLE OF LEXING-

On the 19th day of April 1775, the British government threw down the gage of battle at Concord bridge. It was taken up by the farmers of the Old Bay Colony and the shot fired that was heard round the world. One year, three months and fifteen days later the representatives of the thirteen colonies subscribed to the Declaration of Independence and years later forced the unwilling signature of Great Britain.

In 1775, four million people, thinly scattered along the Atlan tic seaboard made good their contention that all men are created me a ten pound hammer, to free and equal. One hundred pound upon a drill, says he "If and other security holders, holding I and forty two years later The you don't like this you may take per cent or more of total amount of Junior Endeavor st5.30 P.M. Nation that at its birth num- your shirts and go, but I'm keepbered a scant four million souls, ing your blankets for your called to shoulder arms four board," way out in Idaho. (Oh! million men, participated in the greatest struggle of recorded them and the first man came history and sealed again with along and went to work without the sacred blood of her sons, the a bed, he would sell the blankets solemn declaration and covenant to him and charge him two prices of freedom.

In the space of time measured by a century and a half, four Oh! it filled my heart with pity million people had increased to to a hundred and ten million had To see so many working men added to the thirteen original states, till they numbered forty eight; had conquered a savage continent and made it as the garden of the Lord; had given to the world more labor saving and humanizing inventions than all other nations of the world combined, and had made the name America to be a synonym for progress.

We people of America do well to pause on each recurrance of the date of the skirmish at Lexington, ponder the words and recall the deeds of the fathers of the Republic As we do it let us remember that upon our shoulders have fallen the mantle and the burdens of the heroes of the ancient days and that the patrimony of great fathers can only be preserved by the tireless devotions of worthy sons,

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THE IONE INDEPENDENT WINDSOR CASTLE NEWS

Windsor Castle, Rock Creek Hills, April, 11. 1925. Editor Independent:

I will send a few lines to the Independent. Wheat fields and grass hills are green out here, and the last few days are like the good old summer time. live along the line of the farming and stock country on the north boarder of the Rock creek and John Day stock country, but that is no reason why I should be a border ruffian and this border line is different from the Kansas and Missouri line during the Civil war, we are more peaceful out here. I am old raid through Missouri, his poor horses and long haired men, the

enough to remember the Civil war in Missouri. Pap Prices canons roar at the Boonville battle, stone chimneys standing on the praries, where the houses were burnt away, soldiers coming home from both Northern and Southern armies, great talk about the James and Younger boys, and a poverty stricken country old Missonri was at the wind-up of the war.

In the spring of 1874, I left old Missouri to plow corn no more, I took advice from the great Horrace Greeley and drifted out West. To the land of the free and home of the blest, where the churches had no steeples, and the men were all equal. A good many took Mr. Greeley's advice and went West, mas, yes, some wheat raised but did not grow up with the country, but I guess it was because they were not built that

I went to Colorado territory in the spring of '74. I was in that country about 5 years most of the time in the Cache LaPaudre valley about 40 miles south of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Fort Collins and Greeley,s country. 1 left that part in the spring of for Haylor the Jeweler, Heppner. 11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. 1879 and went to the Black Hills, I was in and south of the Black Hills till April 1882 punching cattle and skinning mules, brother and I pulled off the Sidney and Black Hills' freight and stage line, two 8 mule teams and shipped out free transportation to work on the Oregon Short Line way out in Idaho. They sent me out to work with a cranky cuss called, Bill, he gave by heck! you bet he would keep me this first day of April, 1925. for them. That was the O. S. L. Style.)

as I walked along the track, with their blankets on their backs They said the work was heavy

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and the gruh they couldn't go Around the railroad tables, way out in Idaho,

Let us all arise and sing, Way out in Idaho, way out in

Where they keep your blankets for your board, way out in Idaho part of an O. S. L. song and plenty of truth therein.

Brother and I, quit the railroad game at Pendleton, in July 1883 and worked our teams in the harvest fields at Pendleton, rendleton looked pretty good to us after over a year in the sage brush, sand and lava beds of southern Idaho.

Pendleton was a live burg surronded by a rich country. I caught sight of the Umatilla county farming country between Pendleton and Meacham and it was a grand sight, square fields of wheat and square fields of bunchgrass, not much of the bunchgrass left now, the land is worth more for wheat.

Wages in the harvest fields that year was a \$1.00 a day a span for teams, \$1.50 for box drivers, \$2.00 a day for loaders and stackers. Men and teams well fed.

Highest price paid for wheat that fall was 74c, plug of tobacco cost 50c, heavy blue overalls without bib 75c, good meals 25c, pork chops and beef steaks 10 to 124c a pound, best brand of flour gin hauling wheat in August and hauled till the day before Christthere then, but a good deal more now, we hauled ten thousand bushels for one rancher, 7 miles north of Pendleton, from the Mumm and Strew Ranch.

Adios for this time, Old Tillicum, or Bill Windsor.

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Church News

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations.

The Union Christian Endeavor meeting will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday. Carl Linn is the leader.

At 5:30 P. M., the Junior C. E. Soc. meets at the Baptist church.

Easter was observed by appro priate services in Ione churches, last Sunday. The Baptist Sunday school and friends enjoyed a pic nic lunch in the park after the pro gramme.

The Rev. Mr. Schoonover of Eugene Bible University, preached very acceptably to the congre gation of the Disciles church last Sunday. Elder Schoonover was ac companied by his wife.

The Rev. James N. Pendleton and wife of Condon will be iu Lexington and Ione Sunday, Apr 19. Mrs. Peuleton comes for a missionary conference with the ladies of the churches at Lexington and Ioue. Mr. Pendleton will preach at lone in the evening.

Rev. James N. Pendleton will preach for the congregation of Bethel Chapel, Heppner, next Sun day morning at eleven o'clock.

A number of the members of the Dorcas Society of the Congrgation went to Heppner. Thursday of this week to meet with the ladies \$1.00 a fifty pound sack. We be- of Bethel Chaqel, After a very enjoyable programme, lunch was

> A number of the members of the Discipes chcurch have been spending their eveings this week improving the church grounds. One more step toward the Town Beautifu!!

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