

Inventory Week at the Big Store

We will have something interesting
in the way of a REMNANT SALE for
you next week



SOLDIER NOT OF WAR, BUT OF THE CROSS.

Rev. T. H. Fertig Writes Interest-
ingly of War Impressions
and His Own Work.

The many warm friends made by Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Fertig during their fruitful sojourn in this field will read with pleasure and profit the following from the pen of this veteran, scholarly and broad-minded minister:

St. John, Wash., Dec. 28, 1918.

Dear Friend Conger: For a long time I have been intending to write to you not exactly for publication and yet you have my permit to make any use that you please of this epistle.

Mrs. Fertig is spending a few days in Spokane, so after getting my morning work done, I went to the office and among other things I received the Nezperce Herald. This number contains much news and some of it is quite sad.

Baseom Billup's homecoming makes me think of the beginning of our part in the World War. The recruiting officer was over from Grangeville and a meeting had been called for Monday night, April 2, 1917. As I came to the door of the opera house that evening, Senator P. W. Mitchell, asked me whether I would make a short address that evening. I had no time for reflection, but my soul was awake to the conditions facing our country. As I spoke for a few moments I found it necessary to feel my way with the audience, for the presidential campaign had been conducted the fall before and Mr. Wilson had been elected with the impression that he would keep us out of war, and I was greatly in doubt as to how much war talk they would receive; but I am glad to say that the people followed me with patriotic zeal. Less than three months after that night I was in a farmer's meeting west of Ho when a man made an ultra parlist address and I felt it my duty to answer him at once, and again I was much in doubt as to whether the people would follow me in advocating the cause of the president in his going into the fight; but again the people followed with a good warm spirit of loyalty.

I mention these two events to show how the American people awoke to duty in giving their sons for the defense of liberty. Lewis county has willingly given her sons for the defense of democracy. I am glad that I have lived thru this war and that I was with you people in Lewis county at the beginning and some times I have thought that I would like to be present and enjoy the spirit of the Nezperce people as they have assembled to give honor to the out-going boys and now I agree with what you say in your paper that the returning heroes should meet the same spirit of patriotism that they left.

As you know, I have but one son and I am glad to say that he went to the front with the spirit of loyalty that makes heroes. He enlisted and joined an old regiment (Battery "A", Second Field Artillery) hoping that he would get to the front early, but he reached France just in time to celebrate and is now over there doing his duty faithfully. While it was hard to have him give up all of his prospects for success, there never was a time when I would have had him possess a different spirit.

As I read John Booth's letter this morning, I could not stop the idea that would come as I think of the sacrifice of such a noble life as Will Booth and yet such is the price that the world has always paid for liberty. Will's parents are truly proud of such a son and while it is hard beyond expression, they would not have had their noble boy possess a different spirit.

As I was reading John's letter, I could not help thinking, what a letter! and, as John says, how the war has made men out of my boys! I think Mr. and Mrs. Booth may well be proud of having a son who can write a letter like this one.

Now the battles are over but the great opportunity of reconstruction is at hand. What an age to live in! How he should realize that we have men like John Booth and thousands of others who have such training and such experience and possess such noble character, that will enable them to meet the great work as it comes to us. When you people in Lewis county celebrate the home-coming of the heroes with proper spirit, please remember that one who was with you at the beginning of the war going to new places, but is with you in spirit. I hope the boys will soon be coming home and that the fruits of

peace will soon be manifest to a good degree.

I have been intending to write telling why I did not remain longer in Central Oregon, but will not take the time. I would like to speak of our little village and the good people and their fine treatment of us but will say but little. I am the only pastor in the place. Two of the churches have federated and I think all intend to co-operate in community church work. We came here September 14 and held three Sunday services and have been closed ever since. We closed hoping to avoid the "flu" but it came somewhat late. Mrs. Fertig and myself gave all of our time to the care of the sick for a number of weeks. Sometimes we would both be out all night at different places. Indications are good for resuming services on January 5.

I have thought much of retiring from the pastorate, but there seemed to be a shortage of men as so many of the younger pastors have gone to the front. I could not go on account of my age and so thought that I would fill in wherever I can so as to be of service in the age in which I live.

I still entertain hope that Leslie will be able to settle in farm life and I can be chore boy for him and thus aid in starting him and better enjoy his fellowship for a number of years.

We had just started in the work of grading our Sunday school and the people were greatly interested when we were compelled to close doors. I have gladly done what I could in the care of the sick. I sorrowfully have officiated at the burial of those who have been called from us. We are still hoping for a chance to do some good work this conference year. I cannot tell any difference in my people whether they are members of the Methodist Episcopal church or another. In the lives that we live who can tell whether we have received baptisms by immersion one time or three, or whether we have honestly surrendered our lives to Christ in the humble form of sprinkling. Christian citizenship is the great need of the age.

Sincerely yours,
T. H. Fertig.

The joint public installation of officers of the Masonic and Order of the Eastern Star lodges in this city last Friday evening was well attended, and the ceremony was impressively conducted for the Stars by Mrs. Manford Paige, Past Worthy Matron of the Local chapter, and for the Masons by L. J. Esslinger, Past Master of the Vollmer lodge. At the close of the ceremonies in the lodge hall, adjournment was taken to the dining room of the Nezperce Hotel, where the hotel management served an excellent supper and the Masons did the honors as hosts.

To Welcome Our Veterans.

Nezperce wants to make her returning soldiers know how glad she is to have them back. A meeting of all interested is to be held in the banquet room of the Fraternal temple hall tomorrow (Friday) night, where songs and means of receiving these young men will be the subject for consideration. Everyone who wants to provide a fitting welcome for the boys is expected to be there Friday night.

Word comes over that C. A. Jensen has retired from the newspaper business in Ho and has been succeeded by J. H. Martin, formerly editor and owner of the Annual Progress, but who has been in newspaper work in the vicinity of Seattle for the past several months. Mrs. Jensen's good wishes for both the outgoing and incoming directors of the Journal of The Register.

Odd Fellows Install Jan. 31.

The newly elected officers of Nezperce Lodge I. O. O. F. will be installed on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 31, after which ceremony a banquet will be served in the banquet room of the Fraternal hall. All members are urged to be present, and those who can are requested to bring the necessary supplies for the spread.

W. H. Johnson, R. Sec.

COMPARISON INVITED.

"You describe all the comforts of home."

"Yes," replied Farmer Goodson, "I'm not of those folks but comfortable home in the first place they wouldn't be here."

NATURAL SOLUTION.

"What do you suppose will be the end of the woman question?"

"There won't be any end. They'll always be asking them."

WIFEY DIDN'T GET MESSAGE

Careless User of Automatic Telephone Will Likely Have to Do Some Explaining.

Miss Alma Sickler, 220 East Eleventh street, has been speculating for several days on the grim possibilities which might result from an experience which she had.

Miss Sickler has the automatic telephone. The only disadvantage so far discovered in the automatic telephone is that the fellow who calls is not certain he is getting the correct number. He does not reason that, even though he calls his own number all human beings are fallible. His finger might slip; he might, with weighty matters in his subconscious mind, absently dial the wrong number—or forget one of the figures—or leave out one—alas; it has happened.

The insistently recurring, sharp ring of the automatic summoned Miss Sickler. A masculine voice, a strange voice, spoke hurriedly over the wire, almost before she could say, "hello." The voice, for to Miss Sickler it was only a voice, said:

"Hello, I shan't be home to dinner tonight, darling, I'm detained downtown and will be at the office until about nine o'clock—" and the receiver clicked before she could recover from the shock and disillusion the owner of the voice.—Indianapolis News.

NOT THE SAME



"I thought you said the bathroom had capacity for five hundred."

"No; I said it held 'em."

Hot Drinks

We are serving
Hot Chocolate,
Hot Coffee, Nec-
tar, etc.



Leo L. Robertson

Edwards & Monsen Contractors and Builders

Prepared for all lines shop and job work in carpentering. Guarantee satisfaction.

Shop Our Door East Postoffice
Phone 7234

Trade with
NEZPERCE HARDWARE CO.
and save money.