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TO
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*It is but right—and a great joy to me—to
dedicate to you this book which deals with men
and places familiar more or less to both of us
during the half century that our lives have been
so closely and happily joined.*

PREFACE

In the closing chapters of this book I have told the tale of our part in the slow development of a backwoods county in the far west of Oregon. Here in the winter months the air is filled with the reverberation of the roll of the great Pacific on the not-distant shore. Our neighbors are, as a rule, small farmers, ranchmen, dairymen and stockmen. Among us are many homesteaders, working hard and long on the clearing of the brush and stumps and logs from their rough acres. The aim of these men's lives is to secure the Government title to the home that they are living to create.

That all these men should have the will and courage to subscribe their full share in the quota of our country in the first, second, third, and now the fourth Liberty Loans is to me a revelation of clear patriotism. I know the sacrifices so called for. Money is the least of their possessions—hardly earned, and apportioned to the family needs with the strictest economy—for the State and County taxes, and the bills at the little country store, must needs be met: and the surplus is painfully slender.

Remember also that until recently the war was to the most of us here in the backwoods a distant tale. That the United States was at war with Germany, and was raising a great army to "lick the

Kaiser" we knew, and that heavy taxes would be needed to pay for it we accepted as a fact. But that our "Bill" or "Jim" should be called on to leave his home in a month or so, and that quite possibly we should never see him again, we did not realize until the notice came to him to show himself at Camp Lewis the next week.

And yet there was neither grumbling nor hesitation, in parents nor sons. The mothers shed a few natural tears at home. As for the boys, their faces fully shone, as they crowded to the windows of the cars for a farewell handshake to the friends who had driven in farm wagon or buggy to see them off.

That Oregon, as a whole, would be prompt to fill her quota of all, even of the fourth loan, I was fully prepared to hear, for she is a proud and generous State. But I admit that there was a faint doubt in my mind as to the response of our county and district. But I blushed for my scruples when the newspapers told us that Lincoln County was the second in Oregon to report her quota filled, and even doubled—and this at the end of the second day after the opening of the subscription.

As to the Red Cross, the contagion of willingness has rapidly spread over Oregon, not only in the cities and towns, but in the farthest corners of the State. Each little community hurries to enlist a full membership, and all are at work.

This story, then, is the answer that more than satisfies me with the transfer of citizenship and allegiance from the old country to the new, of which I have told.

September, 1918.

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NASHVILLE, OREGON.

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