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January 8, 1942

Honorable Peter Zimmerman
Yamhill, Oregon

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:-

The interest aroused by my recent communication to the Oregonian has been a decided surprise to me. I do feel very grateful for the many expressions of appreciation, yours among the first.

It has been equally surprising to me that of all the many communications which I have received, there have been only three that have been unfavorable, and only one of these was insulting, a postal card, anonymous, as one would expect.

There has been such a flood of these letters that I have not been able to keep up with my correspondence. It is this which is responsible for the delay in my reply to your letter.

I share your wish that Herbert Hoover were in the White House. I have just received an autographed book from him, "America's First Crusade", which is a most enlightening treatment of the situation at the close of the World War of 1914-18. It was almost entirely written immediately after those events, and therefore uncolored by the present situation. But the way in which it fits the present situation is certainly interesting.

It is my earnest hope and prayer that those of us who are trying to be genuinely Christian, whatever it may cost us, will have wisdom, courage and persistency to advance truly Christian ideals, that we may help to build as rapidly as we can the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

Levi T. Pennington

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