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PRAISE FOR THE ARMY.

A belated telegraph report yesterday evening told of the fact that soldiers of the United States had been engaged in battle. While the news was devoid of particulars there was one element of interest that appeals to all true citizens and patriots and that was the fact that "many were killed." This is the direct uncovering of the world-old tragedy of death in the service of country. It will probably be some time before their names are known, their relatives and friends notified and in the end their names revered.

It is good to hear a few words in praise of our much-maligned army. Gen. Pershing's statement that the troops in Mexico endured the march through a parching alkali desert without any deterioration in morale is a striking tribute to their excellent condition, both physical and mental. Infantry, which can march under a scorching sun over a trail through cactus and chaparral 27 miles, carrying a heavy equipment and blown upon by storms of acrid dust, knowing that at the end of the day they will endure the contrary extreme of cold only ten degrees above freezing, must consist of prime soldiers. And that is what the American infantry regiments in Mexico had to do.

The men complained, no doubt. They said naughty things about Villa, and cursed the occasion that took them from the comparative comfort of New Mexico and Texas. Yet each man knew that this was what he had enlisted for, that this was what the country expected him to do. And he did it, putting mind and body

against the forces of nature, just as any sportsman does, knowing that when it is all over he will be glad that he came through.

In the midst of alarms, our ears are deafened by cries about the inefficiency of our army. Gen. Pershing's statement that no similar body in any army could have done any better is as welcome as a water-hole in the desert of Chihuahua.

THE IDLE MAN'S DEFENSE.

Charity workers in New York have charged that bread lines encourage idleness. Men have declined jobs, it is charged, preferring to subsist on the loaves and coffee doled out by the city and by philanthropists. It might be assumed straight off that there is something radically wrong with the man or with the job if the bread line's gratuities tempt to idleness.

A meeting was held in a Bowery mission to get at the truth of the situation. Three hundred unemployed men attended and several of them testified on behalf of the workless. "Most of the men were past middle age," a disinterested reporter wrote. "They did not look like a bad lot."

What the men said was that the jobs offered them were too much for their strength. Partial starvation does not fit a man for hard labor. Employment agencies prey on the casual worker and such free nutriment as he finds is no more than enough to keep him alive.

The loafer is an exception. The man who will not work in many cases is unable to. Charity in this country is not so generously dispensed as to lure anyone from the paths of industry.

SOCIETY PAYS.

It has been estimated by social scientists that \$840 a year is the lowest income on which a family of five can live in decency in New York. The wages paid by New York city to her laborers is \$480 a year. This is \$360 below the mark. But is it \$360 saved? It is not. There is a law, a natural social law, that when society refuses to pay the price of decency and justice, it pays the price of indecency and injustice—and the latter is the heavier price.

Take the case of New York. The worker who earns \$360 less than a living wage still lives, but he takes the difference—and more—out of the community. When his children are sick, the public doctor attends them. When his child is injured, a public hospital cares for it at public expense. When work is not to be had, public

funds buy the family its bread and fuel. When the moral fruits of such a life manifests themselves in crime, society pays the policeman and supports the penitentiary by which legal expiation is made. And when the wretched parents die, society pays for the funerals and supports the orphans. This is not to mention the moral and physical menace to the community which such an unearned for family may become.

Count these public "charities" and it becomes clear that the \$360 which New York city saves on each of its laborers is taken out of New York city's treasury and orderliness and health—and more, too.

The present progress of society is in the direction of learning the plain laws which govern these matters, and in seeking for some method which will permit a general obedience to these laws. Laws of society are like any other laws of the material universe; they are inviolable. Society cannot break them, but society can bruise itself against them. And that is what society has been doing. With this consolation, however, that every brute society inflicts upon itself awakens its intelligence and concern in that particular direction.

We have improved conditions very much, shall improve them much more. A great deal has been done through human sympathy and charity. These are great and wonderfully valuable forces, but they will not have their full swing until it is apprehended by the social reason that social health—which includes a general and rational prosperity—cannot be attained until the laws of social living are recognized and obeyed. We are fortunate to live in a day when the Social Conscience has been deeply stirred. We are approaching a time when the social intelligence also shall be stimulated. And in that time our progress will be accelerated because our purpose will be intelligently definite and directive.

Society has never yet "made its get away" with any system of social injustice. It has always paid up the balance somehow. This fact is beginning to gain a serious prominence in our thinking, and this is an exceedingly hopeful augury for future improvement.

Skeptical

"Jack vowed that his love for me was like the sea."
"And what did you say?"
"I told him that I took it with a good many grains of salt."

In War Time

Parson (to newly wedded couple)—The marriage state imposes various duties. The husband must protect the wife while the wife must follow her husband whithersoever he goes.
Bride—Lor's sir, can't that be altered in our case? My man is going to the trenches tomorrow morning.

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POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For County Superintendent.
I wish to place my candidacy for nomination in the hands of Union County Republicans and ask that a thorough investigation of my record as superintendent shall be made before they render their decision. My entire time is given to the school work and I sincerely believe that the schools of Union County have continued to strengthen during my administration.
MRS. A. E. IVANHOE.

For Representative in Legislature.
Pat Foley—Direct Vote of People is Law With Me.—Republican primaries, May 19, 1916.

Fair and Equal Assessment.
Upon the platform named above, I hereby announce my candidacy for assessor of Union county, on the Democratic ticket. The vote of the Democratic party at the coming primaries, is respectfully solicited.
W. A. MAXWELL.

For Public Service Commissioner.
I hereby announce my candidacy for Republican nomination to the office of Public Service Commissioner for Eastern Oregon district, asking the support of all Republicans.
ED. WRIGHT.

For County Clerk.
To Republicans of Union county: I hereby ask your support for the nomination to the office of county clerk and pledge you the best that is in me should I be nominated and elected.—"A dollar's worth of service for every dollar spent."
CASS M. HUMPHREYS.

For Sheriff.
Candidate for Republican nomination for sheriff of Union county.
H. C. (HAL) REES, Deputy Sheriff.

For County Clerk.
I ask the Republicans of Union county to consider my candidacy for county clerk favorably at the coming primaries. I have been deputy coun-

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ty clerk under Mr. Wright for some time and am familiar with the work of the office.
KENNETH McCORMICK.

For Sheriff.
Democratic candidate for sheriff of Union county, Ore., subject to primary election, May 19, 1916.—"For the people."
LEE WARNICK.

For Sheriff.
I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff, subject to the primaries to be held on May 19, 1916.—"Competent and faithful service."
T. H. WILLIAMSON.

D. H. Procter.
Republican candidate for county clerk desires the aid of the voters for that office. If nominated and elected will continue to give best services to the county as he has in the past as County Recorder.

For Representative.
In complying with the wishes of my friends I announce myself a candidate for the nomination for Joint Representative of Wallowa and Union counties. I solicit your support.
Yours respectfully,
H. B. DAVIDHIZER.

For Representative.
To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for representative of this county. If nominated and elected I will stand squarely and openly for the rights of the common people. I am a defender of the Oregon system; I believe in the initiative, referendum and recall, and shall do all in my power to perfect these channels of popular rule and to prevent their discredit by abuse. I believe in liberal compensation to producer and in justice to labor; I shall gladly give my support to every just measure in the interest of organized workers and producers. I pledge opposition to legislative extravagance and will fight for lower taxes.
ALBERT SMALL.

Prosecuting Attorney.
To the voters of Union County: I hereby announce myself as candidate on Republican ticket for the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Union County, Oregon. If nominated and elected I will endeavor to enforce the laws without fear or favor and to prosecute the guilty as well as protect the innocent, ever mindful of the rights of the tax payers of this county. Your support is respectfully solicited.
RODNEY J. KITCHEN.

For Sheriff.
I wish to announce to the Democratic voters of Union county that I will appreciate their support for the nomination to the office of sheriff at the primaries on May 19, 1916. Being familiar with the work in that office and having a record of service to stand upon I ask favorable consideration.
TOM B. JOHNSON.

For County Clerk.
I hereby announce my candidacy for nomination for county clerk on the Democratic ticket subject to the decision of the primary election on May 19, 1916.
J. A. GATES.

For District Attorney.
To the voters of the Republican party: If nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, conduct the affairs of prosecuting attorney with the very least possible expense and along business lines; ever appreciative of the majesty of the law and mindful of the rights of the people. "Conscientious and Intelligent service."
H. E. DIXON.

For County Commissioner.
In response to many requests to be a candidate for County Commissioner I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination to that of-

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W. M. COUGHANOUR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for School Superintendent of Union County, subject to the Republican primaries, May 19, 1916. If elected I will faithfully serve the best interests of Union County schools. Your support of my candidacy is earnestly solicited.
AUBREY G. SMITH.

For County Representative.
(Subject to Republican Primaries) State Government Is Not Politics; It is the People's Business. If elected I will work for simplification of legislative procedure, more efficient and responsible administration of state affairs, fewer and better laws, lower taxes, consolidation of related commissions, rural credits, protection of labor's rights, and a state highway through Union County.
Having always been a supporter of the Oregon System and of State Prohibition, I will labor to prevent any changes in these laws unless clearly in accord with their basic principles and for the general betterment of the people of Oregon. I favor no radical legislation, at this time, aiming either at new changes or a return to old conditions, and I will follow the advise so generally given to the public.
"When in Doubt, Vote No."
GEORGE HUNTINGTON CURREY

For Joint Representative.
I wish to announce my candidacy for Joint Representative for Union and Wallowa counties subject to the will of Republicans of the two counties at the primaries on May 19. My reference are any reputable farmer or

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other business man in Wallowa county.
FRED S. ASHLEY.

For County Assessor.
I am now serving my first term as county assessor. During that time I have endeavored to conduct the affairs of the office, as economical as consistent with good service with the special view of assessing all property on an absolutely fair basis and believe the records of the office will bear out the claim. I ask for re-nomination at the hands of Republicans on May 19th and pledge continuation of my policies if nominated and elected.
U. G. COUCH.

For County Commissioner.
Having served as County Commissioner by appointment to fill an unexpired term and become acquainted with the county business I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination to that office subject to the will of the Republicans of the county at the primaries on May 19th.
W. J. TOWNLEY.
4-8-16.

For State Senator Twenty-first District.
I wish to announce my candidacy for renomination to the office of State Senator for the Twenty-first district comprising Union and Wallowa counties, subject to the will of Republican voters at the primaries May 19th. I stand firmly opposed to bonding either the state of Oregon or Union and Wallowa counties, and I ask that my record during the past term as senator be carefully investigated by all voters.
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ED. E. KIDDLE.

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