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CLEAN-UP, WAGE WAR ON FLIES. Clean up week is here. An able and patriotic lot of public spirited men and women are back of the movement. It means health. No one is too big or too small, too old or too young to take part in it. Let's clean up all places that are full of germs and that will breed flies to pester us later.

A GOOD LOAN. The United States will lend Belgium \$150,000,000. Belgium is the one nation for whom we should have sympathy and whom we should most willingly aid.

DRAFTING MEN FOR THE ARMY. There won't be much red tape to the drafting of men for the army. It will be a good deal like drawing jurors. The eligible men will register and then be examined. Those exempt will be discharged. From the balance, the names of those who go to the front will be drawn by lot.

MAKING GOOD. Henry L. Corbett is starting in well as president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is taking an active interest in the ship-building movement, is a member of the State Council of National Defense, and is helping stimulate all development movements in the state. He will no doubt make a name for himself as a builder.

HOW TO HELP THE FARMER. To produce more food, three things are needed, farms, labor, money. The farmers will provide the farms, the banks will provide the money. Providing the labor is the most serious problem. If we were handling the situation, we would draft a separate army of farm laborers and put them to work where they would do the most good. The farmers will do their part.

OUR OX GORED. Six manufacturers of news-print paper have been indicted. They constitute the paper trust, and control 55 per cent of the news-print paper produced. They have raised the price of "news", as this paper is known in the trade, from 2 to 3 cents a pound to 3 1/2c for big newspapers, from 2 from six to ten cents a pound for small newspapers. We hope that the government will severely prosecute this trust and its allies on the Pacific Coast. We will admit frankly, in this instance that our ox has been gored.

TO ENCOURAGE THE GERMAN PEOPLE. Germany's new peace offer will be largely for home consumption. The German people are weary of war.

For Women's Convenience. Some women are just a trifle timid about going to a bank to transact business. Why? Simply because they are not familiar with the rules of banking. This bank is calculated to be of special convenience to women; a place where they can come and feel at home. We aim to make every transaction so clear and so plain, that dealing with our bank soon becomes to them an easy habit. We appreciate the patronage of women. Their business with us is already large and steadily increasing. If you are not already a patron, then please consider this an invitation to become one. La Grande National Bank

COMPANY M WILL BE HOSTS TO-NIGHT AT MILITARY BALL.

The boys of Company M expect a large number of guests at their military ball tonight. The hall has been beautifully decorated for the occasion and everything is in readiness for this ball which promises to be the hit of social activities of the season. The boys say they are giving this ball to repay the kind hospitality and good the people of our city have shown them.

Not Loud but Deep. The Constable (to townsman who had been knocked down by motorist)—You didn't see the number, but you could swear to the man? The Townsman—I did, but I don't think he heard me.

Reverse English. "Did he start anything when you asked if you could marry his daughter?" "I should say so. He started to shake my hand off."—Life.

They see the Kaiser's dream of the conquest of England and the world dominion has gone glimmering. They have tightened their belts, sacrificed their sons, spent their treasure—to what end? Merely a bloody holocaust—misery without end. Blinded as the German people are by a rigid censorship of the press, they know that the continuation of the war can only mean ultimate ruin. So to check socialism and discontent over the distribution of food and the reckless slaughter of brave men on the front by cruel and heartless generals, Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg will propose new terms of peace.

SIGNIFICANCE OF RED CROSS WORK. The Red Cross movement embraces four fundamental elements which are of value to us all and with which we all should become familiar. First, it is humanitarian in its nature. In case of local disasters of any sort which call for more professional help than is available then the Red Cross steps in to furnish the aid and necessary money. In case of National disaster or disaster abroad, the organization is ready to render assistance. In the event of war, it does not show any partiality but gives relief to both sides, thus evincing its neutral nature, which is the second element. Third, it believes in preparedness. It equips base hospitals for army and navy; secures highest class professional personnel as well as non-professional, makes surgical dressings and hospital garments, cares for soldier's families that will need special assistance during time of mobilization or war. Fourth, it conserves human life, it educates the public in first aid, home care of sick, dietetics and water life saving.

A FREE PRESS. The present splendid achievements of Great Britain on sea and land are the products of a free press and free speech, though these have at the same time revealed the British nation's weaknesses to the enemy. A free press exposed the need of high explosive shells, and that type of shell is now blasting holes in the Hindenburg line. A free press told the need of industrial organization, of abrogating labor union rules, of female labor, of enlisting scientists, for the production of vast quantities of guns and ammunition, and British guns now outnumber those of the Germans three to one, while a deluge of shells mows down the German battalions and reduces British losses to one-half the ratio expected. A free press drove the reluctant Asquith cabinet to adopt conscription, and British armies are now winning victories in France, Macedonia, Palestine and Mesopotamia. The shameful blunders of the first campaign in Mesopotamia were denounced by a free press. It is not too much to say that intelligent, unrestrained public criticism has been the prime agent in making Great Britain the backbone of the alliance.—The Oregonian.

The American press is free. It will stay free. Its freedom is guaranteed by the constitution. No man or set of men censors or what not, will succeed in abridging the freedom of the American press, which is patriotic and discreet but unmuzzled.

Personal Mention. Leon Levy of Union is a business visitor in the city today. Mrs. Marshall Huffman of Union is in this city today visiting. William Waters and wife of this city left last evening for Coaling, California. Mrs. C. C. Carey and Mrs. L. S. French of Enterprise are at the St. George.—Pendleton Tribune. J. P. DeLong, who has been spending the winter in Portland, has returned to his home in Alicel.

BABY WEEK April 30 to May 5. A complete line of infants' coats for spring and summer prices \$2.75 to \$6.50. Infants' saques in plain, pretty patterns and style, 50c to 60c. Infants' dresses made up with dainty yokes and tucks. A great many styles, 65c to \$2.50. Booties, knitted in pink and white and blue and white 35c to 60c. Better Clothes for Better Babies. April 30th to May 5th will be "National Baby Week" throughout the entire country. We have a splendid variety of infants' wear for this occasion a few of which are noted here. Infants' Shoes. Infants' soft soles in plain dull and patent leather. Also with colored tops. Prices 50c to 75c. Baby walks in dull and patent leathers \$1.00 to \$1.25. Infants' stockings—Fibre silk 25c Pure silk 50c Silk and wool 50c Woolens in blue, pink and tan and red 25c Cashmere 35c Lisle 15c and 25c Infants' wool squares . . 90c Infants' vests \$1.35 Infants' stork pants . . . 25c Infants' tub bands 25c, 50c. n.w. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE

The following were registered at the Imperial hotel, Portland, May 1: E. G. Olson, La Grande; J. J. Quinland, La Grande; E. E. Kirtley, La Grande.

J. G. Tape of Hood River leaves this city tonight for Kansas City where he will attend a fraternal convention, going from there to Chicago to attend the head camp of the M. W. A.

Word received today by Mrs. Lena Groupe from her son Adolph, who joined the marines, that he successfully passed examinations in Portland and was on his way to San Francisco.

J. J. Broughton, H. E. Coolidge, Norman Frees, Ralph Huron and Andrew Martin, prominent La Grange men who recently have taken the examinations for the officers reserve corps have received letters recommending them to this service.

Father Driscoll left for Boise, Idaho, last evening where he will visit Miss Marie Rafter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rafter recently of this city. Miss Rafter has just went through with a serious operation but at present is improving rapidly.

Geo. T. Cochran and R. C. Coddington, who have been in the Powder River country attending an irrigation meeting returned last evening. Mr. Luper and H. K. Donnelly who also attended this meeting are in Unity at a water inspection meeting in that vicinity.

Senator Walter Pierce has been confined at home for the past few days from an accident. While working on his farm he was severely kicked by a mule below the knee. The bone was not broken but the bruise has caused considerable pain. Mr. Pierce was out last night to the banquet for the first time since the accident.

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after meeting the busy end of a mule, and then launched into a brilliant address upon the crisis that is confronting the nation. He told of the wonderful things that the Modern Woodmen of America with their million and a half of membership could do to help the nation, and he won great applause by declaring that he was in favor of paying in full all of the death claims of Woodmen who lost their lives in their county's service (which, he said, God forbid) and predicted that this would be authorized at the Chicago convention. He closed with a peroration on "Old Glory" which thrilled and aroused the patriotism of all present.

Following the splendid address by Mr. Pierce, Ralph Winters and the sextet favored the guests with some more delightful music. K. Dyal gave a stirring address on "Sacrifice." Mrs. Bert Oakman represented the Royal Neighbors' order in an excellent address on their work. Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of the M. E. church told of the impression that woodcraft had upon one that was not a member.

The rest of the evening was given over to rapid gun fire talks limited to two minutes, after which E. P. Mossman, first venerable consul of camps west of the Rockies, responded. The secretary of the Commercial club of Bend gave a short address and David Link of Eugene told of his pleasure of being with this delegation.

Girls Who Served Banquet. The daughters of the Woodmen who so prettily served the guests of the banquet were: Misses Avis Vinacke, Miriam Wheatley, Iva Wilson, Helen Posten, Marjorie Kline, Lulu Johnson, Ruth Trill, Mosdames Landrum and Disqua.

The splendid effect carried out in the forest decorations is credited to H. C. Vinacke and his committee. In

every detail it was perfect even to the small cub bears placed near the entrance.

After the singing of "America" by the audience the guests adjourned and escorted the delegates to their trains. Mrs. Bert Oakman, Mrs. E. J. Brown, W. D. McCarthy, Geo. H. Currey, Mrs. George H. Currey, Mrs. J. L. Richardson, Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, Lloyd Perkins, J. E. Reynolds, Walter M. Pierce, Clarke Leiter, Mrs. U. G. Wilson, Grant Wilson, J. A. Wright, Mrs. L. Carter, Mrs. J. Earl Clark, Mrs. J. L. Kline, J. L. Kline, Mrs. Dennis, Harry N. Dennis, John Bennett, Ray Bennett, Geneva E. Bennett, Mary L. West, Ruth Alma West, Roscoe A. West, Mrs. Anna Henry, Mabel F. Tut, J. L. Munnhall, Mrs. J. L. Munnhall, Mrs. J. I. Gharst, J. I. Gharst, Leila Deborah Smith, Cecile Hindman, Gladys Winters, Jewel Tozier, Essie Payton, J. B. Protzman, Cottage Grove, D. A. Jones, Marshfield, Mrs. W. D. McDonald, Mrs. C. W. Bunting, Mrs. C. B. Johnson, C. B. Johnson, Henry Wendt, L. J. Barnes, Louis Larson, Lewis Evans, L. McCullough, H. P. Shanks, W. C. Kinyon, David Link, Dr. W. E. Lewis, A. B. Potter, Klondike, N. G. Clark, Jas. W. Rogers, H. M. Elder, C. E. Secoy, R. A. Titus, C. W. Starr, Grant Froman, Albany, Dr. J. B. Roth, Portland, L. VanderZanden, G. S. Bryant, H. F. Richardson, M. M. McMurry, Mrs. O. B. McMurry, Mrs. Harry Mohr, Harry Mohr, C. W. Van Fleet, E. J. Brown, O. Volswinkler, J. L. Perry, J. A. Whitby, Mrs. J. A. Whitby, Mrs. A. W. Nelson, Ralph Winters, W. F. Landrum, C. R. Harding, E. O. Payton, E. D. Gilson, F. E. Eames, E. R. Corbett, J. L. Robinson, J. W. McDonald, G. C. Dallas, H. J. Atlee, L. J. Cool, Frank Carver, R. W. Foster, A. C. Marsters, F. J. Darlington, J. G. Tate, H. C. Vinacke, La Grande, Jay W. Simmons, A. W. Nelson, Charles A. Edwards, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. C. H. Bidwell, Mrs. W. W. Wade, Mrs. A. E. Huff, A. E. Huff, Warren Vinacke, S. R. Hawthorn, Chas. Disqua, Mrs. H. C. Vinacke, K. Dyal, Mrs. K. Dyal, Mrs. Wm. Day.

City Recorder. (Continued from Page 1.)

the amount of \$18.60 as per treasurer's receipt on file. The treasurer's report follows: Receipts—From Water Rents \$ 331.23 Water Tap Installed 5.00 Interest on Imp. Assmts. 243.02 Installments 503.22 Electrical Permits 4.00 Licenses 18.60 Taxes (county treasurer) . . 6,994.41

Total receipts \$8,099.48 Disbursements—For Water Warrants paid . . 12.94 Interest on Sewer Bonds . . 1,000.00

Total disbursements \$1,012.94 Recent high water caused the pipe line extending under river to Palmer Mill to wash out on the east side. The river has been too high to permit repair of line. While the thaw was on water superintendent sent men to dangerous points on pipe line. Found pipe was safe. Caretaker Rogers reports slight thaw and then another freeze. Beaver creek furnishes enough water for city's needs but reservoir is not filling. Chief of police has put pound man to work, who is also collecting dog tax licenses.

City Recorder Newlin having resigned, have combined office of city recorder with that of city treasurer and have appointed Miss Nora Ar buckle to assist Mr. Collier at \$50.00 per month. Mr. Newlin is to retire from city service May 5th. Traffic ordinance is being enforced. Poultry owners instructed to keep poultry within own premises. Have had city arch painted at cost of \$16.00.

Yours respectfully, F. B. CURREY, General Manager.