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WHAT THE RED CROSS DOES.

Here are a few things done by the Red Cross, in which every citizen can assist by becoming a member: Equipping base hospitals for the army and navy; securing the highest-class professional personnel of doctors and nurses; making surgical dressings and hospital garments; caring for soldiers' families that will need special assistance during the present war; mobilizing local resources so that relief may be immediate and efficient, etc.

Good Roads For Oregon

By E. J. ADAMS, State Highway Commissioner

Essence of Proposal.

If the cities of the State of Oregon should meet in convention and there authorize a proposition to the residents of the country to the effect

Present Mud Tax
\$3,500,000 a year
Cost of hauling per ton—
At present, 23 cents—
On paving 8 cents—

that the residents of the cities would pay 80 per cent of the cost of building roads wholly and entirely within the country, if the residents of the country would pay 20 per cent of said cost, there would not be a resident of the country that would oppose the acceptance of such a proposition.

Our last Legislature has, in effect, made exactly that proposition to the farmers and residents of the country

Farmers pay 90 per cent —
Others pay 80 per cent —

in this state. How any farmer, or other resident of the country, can oppose this program is beyond my comprehension. The automobiles will bear the cost of building these roads and 80 per cent of the cost of building these country roads will be paid by our city people. It is a grand thing for the people of our cities for the reason that the upbuilding of the country is a foundation of prosperity of business in all of our cities. Therefore, it is only proper and fair that the cities should help in building the

roads of the country that will do so much to increase the population and promote the growth and development of the country districts.

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION

I now desire to call your attention to some of the arguments used by our friends that oppose this bonding plan.

"Scenic Highways"

(a) They tell us "this is a scheme to build roads for the tourist and idle rich to enjoy—a scheme to build scenic highways."

Roads Laid Out by Pioneers.

Let me call your attention to this fact:

These so-called hard surface roads are, to a very large extent, over the first roads that were blazed in the state of Oregon by the earliest pioneers. These roads were laid out and located by the first settlers of the state and they certainly were not selected on account of their scenic value, but purely as economic service and market roads where they would accommodate the greatest number of people.

Serves Main Population.

If you will carefully estimate the population along this 970 miles of hard surface road, you will find that a very large percentage of the entire population of the state is being served by these very roads.

Great Father Generous.

If it is true that these roads are scenic and of value to the tourist, it is only because the Great Father has dealt with this great state so lavishly that it is impossible to build a road anywhere that is void of scenic beauty and for this we should be deeply grateful.

(To Be Continued.)

THE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MAN



uses the commercial bank extensively. Business could not exist without it. If you're not a client of ours there are many reasons why you should be. Our bank not only affords a safe place for your money, but pays interest as well. Let us explain our methods to you.

La Grande National Bank

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Social and club news for this department should be given to the Observer by phone or other wise, during the forenoon. Such news turned in after 12 o'clock, noon, will frequently have to be held for publication the following day.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. George T. Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirtley entertained the Kaffee Klatch Bridge club at the Cochran home. Master Fan and Little Martha Betty assisted in receiving the guests. The rooms were prettily decorated with large bouquets of narcissus. Eight tables of bridge were played, the three prize winners were Mrs. T. J. Scroggin, Mrs. T. F. Robinson and Mr. T. H. Goodhue. At a late hour delicious refreshments were served. The ladies of the club will be entertained next Friday at the M. K. Hall residence at 2 o'clock. Mrs. M. K. Hall and Mrs. E. E. Bragg will be the hostesses.

Friday evening at 8:15 Mr. Elmer Hucker and Miss Sue Miller were married by the Rev. G. L. Clark in the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Hucker are both residents of La Grande but will move to a ranch near Durkee. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Maxfield of this city.

Mrs. Turner Oliver, of La Grande, was a guest of Judge and Mrs. Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton Tuesday.

The Neighborhood club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, May 15, at 2 o'clock. At this meeting Mrs. Norman Frees will save "The Doll House" by Ibsen.

Mrs. E. T. Andrews, chairman of the Hospital Supplies committee of the Red Cross society, wishes to announce that work will begin on next Monday afternoon at the Maenic lodge rooms. The hours will be from 2 o'clock to 4:30 every day, except Saturday, until further notice. If necessary, later on, there will also be morning sessions.

The Bohnenkamp Co., Nash Electric Co., Mack Richey, Mrs. G. L. Larison and Mrs. Chas. W. Gero have kindly offered to loan the society sewing machines for this work. There will be a linen shower on Tuesday afternoon, May 15, and Mrs. Andrews asks that the ladies of La Grande send their discarded table and bed linen to the Red Cross work rooms. This linen will be used to wrap up the hospital supplies after they have been sterilized. The ladies assisting Mrs. Andrews on this committee are Mesdames T. J. Scroggin, L. A. McAllister, H. M. Bouvy, M. B. Donohue, G. L. Larison, A. V. Andrews and W. H. Safford.

Miss Thede Bollons entertained the E-Z club on Tuesday afternoon. Auction bridge was played after which delicious refreshments were served.

The out of town guests were Mrs. M. J. Buckley and Miss Ruth Buckley of Portland.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met with Mrs. O. E. Silverthorn yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Geo. Balser and Mrs. C. E. Anderson gave a very interesting report of the U. P. Board meeting held in Portland recently. Mrs. J. K. Wright gave a talk on Cuba and Porto Rico and Mrs. Lane spoke on Siam. Light refreshments were served.

Miss Mamie Geary and Miss Elsa Newquist entertained the Owassa club this week at the Hanford residence.

Mrs. R. F. Halfpaff entertained the F. A. F. club Friday afternoon at her home on Washington Avenue. Five hundred was played at which Mrs. Bert Hughes won first prize and Mrs. Lee Bellinger and Mrs. F. W. King being tied for second honors. A delicious two-course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Personal Mention

W. T. Emmett is in town for a few days.

Wm. A. Bradway left last night for Portland.

Mrs. E. J. Muir of Enterprise was a visitor yesterday.

J. R. Oliver went to Heppner last night on business.

J. G. Pace of Joseph was a visitor in Baker Thursday.

T. F. Davis of Wallowa was among yesterday's arrivals.

Attorney Colon Eberhard leaves for Heppner tonight on business.

Mrs. Dora B. Schilke, grand matron of the Eastern Star, left for Ontario.

Miss Ora Anderson leaves for Nyssa tonight for a short visit with her parents in that city.

Professor DeBusk, of the University of Oregon, was an arrival from Wallowa county last evening.

Frank Kerman, prominent cattle and sheep man of Wallowa, is in the city today transacting business matters.

J. G. Snodgrass is back on the job again, having been confined to the house the last few days with a bad cold.

Rube Zweifel has been riding a new Dayton motorcycle this week. He has the agency for these machines in the city.

Mrs. Saxton Bruce and little daughter Evelyn, of Enterprise, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Bruce's mother, Mrs. E. Rosenbaum.

Mrs. C. L. Thorne will entertain the Loyal Sisters of the Christian church at her home next Wednesday at 2008 Fir street at 2:30 p. m.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin, of Soldier, Idaho, a daughter. Mrs. Martin was formerly Eva Neil, daughter of Mrs. Nellie G. Neil of this city.

Principal Hampton, Mrs. Goodhue and Mrs. Cochran are in Elgin today in the interest of the Red Cross. They are holding a meeting in that city today.

Attorney R. J. and Mrs. Kitchen motored over from Union yesterday. They report good traveling as far as Hot Lake. The roads this side being rough.

The following registered at the Imperial hotel, Portland, May 10: J. W. Bush, E. Thomas, La Grande; Leo K. Couch, Wallowa; Mrs. E. D. Taylor, Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratican, of Palmer Junction, are in the city to spend the week end. Mr. Ratican is storekeeper at the Junction and is well known here.

J. D. Meyers, of the firm of Meyers & Leiter, was taken with appendicitis this morning and was operated on at 9 o'clock at the Grande Ronde hospital. Mr. Meyers had been ailing for some months past but did not take it seriously until he consulted his physician and an operation was ordered immediately. At last reports Mr. Meyers was resting easy.

Among those attending the Tri-County Association of the Principals' meeting held in Baker today were: Supt. A. E. Clawson, of Elgin; C. C. Conley, of Enterprise and Roy Conklin, of Wallowa. They spent last evening in this city.

F. O. Mott of Lyons, Kansas, agent of the Missouri Pacific R. R., is in the city over Sunday on his way to Seattle. He is here on a business and pleasure trip and is a guest of Ralph Beyer, who will accompany him as far as Portland.

F. M. Slagle, a prominent member of the Speed 'Em Up club and also local police traffic officer, is receiving congratulations over the arrival of a baby daughter at his house today.

Miss Ethel Hanley leaves for Pendleton tonight where she will attend the wedding of Vera Wells, formerly of this city.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Mrs. Nettie L. Frede, of Cross Timbers, Tex., who has had ten husbands, has just lost the last one by divorce. He said she was cruel to him.



A Vast Collection of Wash Goods

This is a year of white, and with the extraordinary demand prices of all desirable white goods have been constantly maintained on the market. Purchases under-price have been practically impossible among the favored goods.

We count it a great accomplishment to have secured the merchandise offerings which follow:

32-inch Batiste in pretty stripes, plaids and floral effects, yard	20c
36-inch Organadies in stripes and coin dots—also floral patterns	25c
34-inch Printed Swiss, yard	30c
38-inch Printed Voiles in stripes, plaids and floral patterns, yard	30c and 60c
Country Club Skirtings in stripes and checks. Some very pretty patterns at, yard	40c
40-inch Extra Fine Printed Voiles, large plaids, yard	25c and 30c
32-inch Cotton Foulards, dots and stripes, yard	60c
36-inch Silk Blazer, stripes and plain, yard	75c
36-inch Carreaux de Soie, yard	25c and 30c
Plain Palm Beach Cloth, yard	65c and 75c
Sport Prints in Palm Beach Cloth, yard	35c
Mercedized Poplins, Sport Prints, yard	

Your Money's Worth—And More!

AGATHA AND PIERRETTE
PERCALES are cloths that are well styled, with a nice soft finish. They are easy to cut and sew.

The patterns are selected with the greatest of care for the purposes for which they are intended. Agatha Percales come in light colors for aprons, house dresses, waists, mens shirts, etc. Pierrette Percales are in dark colors for house-dresses, wrappers, aprons, etc.

18c Per Yd.

The demand for female factory workers in New York, which was noticeable in December, 1916, was even more pronounced in January, 1917.

Women make good aviators and the profession is said to be very attractive to many of them.

Out of 3500 persons employed on the underground railways of London, 550 are women.

Miss Rosina Galli, who makes a fine living at stage dancing, laments that she has no time for play.

The New York legislature is considering a bill providing for "Maternity insurance."

The larger towns of Alaska at the present time contain about half as many women as men.

The object of the National Woman's Defense club is to teach women to shoot, and to shoot straight.

Industrial employment of married women has increased about 100 per cent in the last two decades.

Mrs. Joseph H. Blake, who was formerly Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, is doing a valuable work in the French soldiers' hospital at Neuilly, where she is actively associated with her husband, Dr. Blake, the inventor of the Blake splint now in use in all the government hospitals. By means of the device many wounded soldiers who would otherwise have been cripples will be restored wholly.

Thirty thousand English women are employed in army work at the present time and the military authorities are developing a scheme under which women will be substituted for men in non-combatant posts in the army both in Great Britain and France, such as cooking, canteen work, book-keeping and clerical work, thereby releasing thousands of men.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, the first woman elected to congress, proved recently in her first interview given in the east to be a master politician. She talked to ten reporters for nearly an hour and did not commit herself definitely to anything but woman suffrage.

An illiterate woman boarded a Southern railroad train with a company order, which she believed to be a ticket, and the conductor ejected her from the train without first suggesting that she get off and buy a ticket. The court has just decreed that she was acting in good faith and had a right to damages.

The Mother of the North is the cognomen which has been bestowed upon Mrs. Pullen, of Skagway, Alaska, who has befriended many stranded gold seekers. In addition to doing much charity work she has accumulated considerable money and owns the hotel which she is now the proprietor of. She started by driving a freight wagon.

During three years of secret admiration and two of courtship, Mario Korbel, a sculptor, has modeled his sweetheart a thousand times. She was Hilda Beyer, an interpretative dancer.

The Federation of Women's club is mothering a project to establish a woman's college in the state of New Jersey, where the present facilities for higher education of women are very meager.