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OREGON IS NOT A SLACKER.

If there were no Red Cross—America's part in the world conflict would only be ruthless warfare. We would be sending forth forces solely to lay waste, destroy and kill. For our soldiers and sailors, we would give no evidence of the concern felt at home for their welfare. In our selfish clinging to convenience, comfort and luxury, we would give no sign of the "Spirit of '76" or the splendid quality of sacrifice that strengthened the fingers of our women in the Civil War as they tore their delicate garments into bandages. Our dollars would be slackers and the soldier boy you told good-bye to, probably would not come back again. But there is a Red Cross—America has unsheathed the sword and elevated the Red Cross. On every battlefield, our soldiers will not go further than the stretcher bearers of the Red Cross, will not risk their lives more splendidly for our liberty than the stretcher bearers do for mercy. Our ally will not love us better for the strength we give his fighting arm than the healing we lay upon his wounds. Our boys will fight more heroically, confident that if they fall, the Red Cross will carry them back of the trenches and do all that skill and love and devotion can do to save their lives. Knowing too, that if a little cross in a foreign land must mark their last resting place, the Red Cross at home will be keeping want from mother, wife or children. Wherever war makes need, the Red Cross serves. The service of the Red Cross demonstrates above all that we do not brutally fight to beat down and break a foe, but for liberty, not so swayed by lust of battle that we cast from the hand of love the symbol of mercy—the Red Cross. Thus, even as America fights, America's heart thrills in response to the Red Cross appeal and American pocket-books open wide. Thus, even as Oregon gives her young men to the army and the navy, she gives her money to the Red Cross that our defenders may be defended. Throughout the state the emergency appeal of the Red Cross has set in motion an army of volunteer workers that are getting enthusiastic, patriotic, generous response everywhere. Oregon's dollars are not slackers.

Support The Government!

At this critical period in our history our manufacturers are offering their mills, and our young men are offering their services to the United States Government.

Do your bit by subscribing to the Liberty Loan. This bank can furnish Bonds in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1000. You can pay for bonds in installments.

Come In and Talk It Over

La Grande National Bank

Personal Mention

Mrs. Catherine Cowery, who has been in the Grand Ronde hospital for the past three weeks has returned to her home.

Twenty couples enjoyed a barn dance given at the Reynolds farm last evening. They made the trip in automobiles and all report having had a pleasant evening.

Gladys E. Oesterling and Lucian L. Douglas were married at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. B. W. Grandy, of 2002 Fourth street, last evening, Rev. G. L. Clark reading the ceremony. The bride was gowned in white organide, wearing a tulle hat. She carried a bouquet of white and pink carnations. The color scheme of white and pink was carried out in decoration of the room in which the ceremony was pronounced. Miss Sarah Smith sang "I Love You Truly" and during the ceremony Miss Hilda Anthony played Nevins' "Venitian Love Song" on the piano. Mr. and Mrs. L. Douglas will be at home to their many friends after July 1st.

Change of Venue Denied. Circuit Judge Knowles yesterday denied the application for a change of venue filed by the six Chinese charged with second degree murder in connection with the killing of William Eng, a Chinese, in March on the streets of La Grande. The trial of the first one is set next Wednesday, as they have asked for separate trials. Another Chinese trial is set for Monday next in another Chinese case.

YOUR DOLLARS AND MY BOY.

(Written by L. R. Parsons, Chicago)

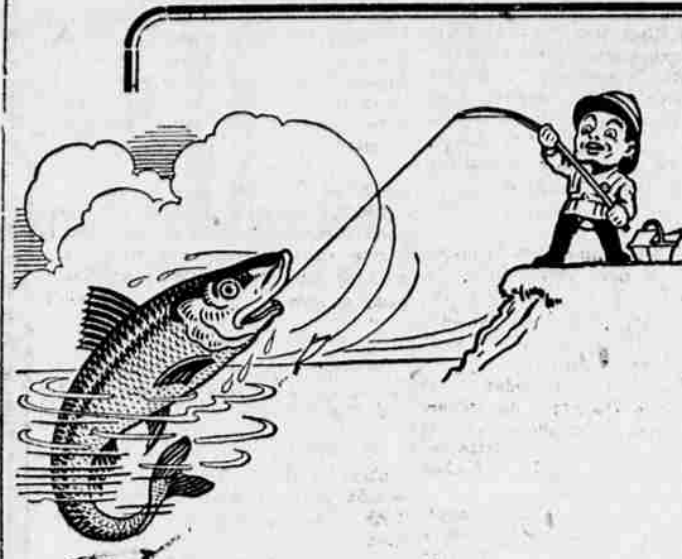
I want to thank you, friend. You must know the heartfelt gratitude of a father with an only boy. He went with the troops, and I was proud. But I've had many a headache since. They say he'll pull through now all right—because they found him just in time. Did your dollar bring my boy back from No Man's Land? Did your dollar take the stretcher so close to the thick of the firing? Did your dollar give him the water he pleaded for in his delirium? Did your dollar bring him back to the base hospital where they gave him almost a mother's care? I want to thank you if it did—for your dollar has given me back my boy—it has brought him back to me out of No Man's Land, where many sons are going, where many will remain. Can I say this to you, my friend? Surely, I can if you are a member of the Red Cross—or if you send in your personal subscription to the Red Cross now—for many a father's son will come out of No Man's Land by the aid of the dollars that go to swell the subscription lists of that great enterprise of humanity. Join today—make this your Red Cross Day. No field service is required. Count this the chance to do your bit—for this country must have two million members of the Red Cross—\$100,000,000 in subscriptions. President Wilson, himself, is President of the Red Cross and asks that one million men and women enroll their names as subscribers to the Red Cross—at \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$100, \$1,000, \$10,000 or \$100,000. He does not ask that you do anything else but pay your subscription and then if you wish to secure 10, 25 or 100 new subscribers, do so if you wish. No further service in the field or elsewhere will be required. In this hour of the nation's and all the world's need, every American who loves his country and his fellow men asks: "What can I do? Where can I help?" For stalwart youth the path of duty is plain. Our country and humanity need men to fight and die for them. Yet of our 100,000,000 only a small fraction now and but a tithe at most, or worst, can thus serve. For all who cannot enlist to seek "the great prize of death in battle" or who are not needed in those ranks, as yet, there is another enlistment. It is under the banner of the Red Cross. Enlisting there all, old or young, man, woman or tender child, can proudly say: "I too am serving humanity and my country." "I too am deserving well of the Republic." "Fight or Give" is our Battle Cry! This is Red Cross week and we ask that you do this by becoming a supporter of the Red Cross. Send your cash or your check today—\$5, \$10, \$100, \$1,000, \$10,000, or \$100,000—give to your very utmost.

The small investor saved the day for the Liberty Loan. It was a great people's victory oversubscribing the loan by over one billion dollars.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

A Question of Fact

Whether the railroads are entitled to increased freight rates because of advanced operating costs is a question of facts rather than of principle. Not being possessed of full knowledge on this complicated subject the East Oregonian has no advice to offer the public service commission. Except this, that if it is the truth that railroad costs have increased immensely without corresponding increase in revenue the roads are entitled to relief. The



GOING FISHING?

This is the time for fishing—Hundreds of them were pulled out last Sunday. Get your fishing togs and tackle and be out early.

We can fit you out completely for your trip—Coat, trousers, hat, and boots or leggings.

Khaki clothes are what you need on a fishing trip—Woolen trousers get heavy when they are wet, and easily snag in brush and fences.

- Khaki Coats \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25
Khaki Trousers \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25
Khaki Hats—Soft crushers that are cool and comfortable. 75c, \$1.50
Your Boots or Shoes are the last things to be considered and we have an excellent line of each—High top, medium and low. \$5.50 to \$12.00



situation calls for a decision based on justice, not prejudice. This is a time when the transportation companies should be at their maximum efficiency and any steps necessary to that end should be taken. This is a time for cooperation, not contention. It is no time to harass capital because it is capital nor to harass labor because it is labor. Last fall the East Oregonian applauded the eight-hour law for railroad men and is yet of the opinion those men were entitled to any improved conditions they secured. By the same token it is easily possible the railroads are hard pressed to make money at their old rates when cost of labor and supplies of all sorts are generally advanced.

Let the rate regulators ascertain the truth as to the situation and then act fairly and without fear, keeping an eye to the national welfare more than to anything else on earth.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

Aiding the Enemy.

Delegates representing thirty-one Socialist and Pacifist societies met at Philadelphia and organized the People's Council for Democracy and Peace. They passed a resolution to resist conscription and they plan to launch a campaign against compulsory military service by distributing literature and holding weekly meetings.

It will be well for this organization to quit before it begins. It is guilty of two crimes. The smaller is a conspiracy to nullify a statute of the United States; the larger is offering aid to the enemy—a crime known and recognized among all civilized nations as treason.

Everywhere there are a few people who value a theory above national duty; also there are a few—a very few—not of German birth whose sympathies are not with the United States. These two small groups must be made to understand that public expression of views that will give aid or comfort to the enemy are punishable and that it will be punished. It is the public voicing of traitorous views not the unspoken sentiment that constitutes the crime.—Portland Telegram.

A Real Citizen.

Charles Becker, of Westfall in a communication to the Ontario Democrat ament the difficulty in getting men to work the roads, says:

"I believe it would simplify the county road building problem if the next legislature would pass a law compelling every landowner to keep in good order all county roads along the full length of his holdings.

"It would work no hardships on the owner of the land and relieve our county court of much worry, besides giving it more time and money to buy engines and rock crushers. And it would cut down taxes materially.

"I myself and most of my neighbors are in favor of such a law being passed. In fact, I have been keeping up the road along my land for the last thirty years."

With citizens like this the road problems of a district would soon be solved. The man who will sit year after year by a mudhole in front of his place hasn't much cause for pride in his citizenship.—Jordan Valley Express.

Works No Hardships.

The food bill works no hardship on honest tradesmen. Its whole aim is to release food from the control of gamblers who capitalize the war and human suffering for inordinate private gain.

President Wilson was never greater than in this purpose to prevent the war from becoming a cash register war. All through these preparations for the grim business ahead, he has uniformly striven to guard the public against the wiles of dollar patriots. In it all, he has been admirable, statesmanlike and devoted, and he should have cooperation and support from the legislative branch.

It is the course, after full experience, that every belligerent government in Europe would advise.—Portland Journal.