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ENLIST FOR THE WAR

Not everybody can go to the front in France to fight for his country. Everybody unable to serve in the army, however, can enlist in the Red Cross. There is important war work for all the men and women of America, and for youth under or over military age, right at home. No age limit bars enlistment in the Red Cross. It is the great organized force through which every one not on the firing line may play his part in the war for Liberty.

The chance to become a recruit in the greatest army ever mobilized to relieve human suffering, as well as to lighten the burdens and enhance the strength of the fighting men, is presented to all by the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign. In this week before Christmas it is planned to add 10,000,000 names to the Red Cross rolls. Fifty thousand recruiting booths are open throughout the United States to receive enlistments. It is planned to make membership in the Red Cross almost as universal as citizenship. To that end it is proposed that the way shall be made so open that no one can remain an outsider through lack of proper invitation.

Here is an opportunity to show the 1917 Christmas spirit, as well as to get into the war work that summons all patriotic Americans. President Wilson, in apt phrase, proclaimed that "Red Cross membership is the Christmas spirit in terms of action." Let the men and women of America make that sentiment ring like a cathedral chime throughout the land on Christmas morn.

RED CROSS SERVICE FLAGS

In thousands of American homes, in the days preceding the coming Yuletide, Red Cross service flags are occupying window space along with the wreaths of holly. These flags are a feature of the Red Cross membership campaign, which will run from now to Christmas Eve. A flag in a window means that a person in that home is a member of the Red Cross. Additional Emblems on the flag will indicate the number of members of the household who have joined the Red Cross. If not already a Red Cross member, a person living in a house that is as yet without the flag, may join in the Christmas drive and obtain one for display. The window service flags, which are transparent, will play a part in a nation-wide Christmas Eve demonstration that is to be the climax of the membership campaign. Candles are to burn behind the flags in every window on the night before Christmas, and at intervals church bells will chime in every community, while groups of Red Cross workers will parade the streets singing carols.

RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

God Save Them

God save the divers kings for whom the anthem rings from loyal throats; may they with wisdom choose all policies they use, and may they never lose their royal goats. God save all kings and queens, princes and horse marines, whose hearts are right; let us not choose and pick! God save the lowly hick, digging where bombs are thick, there in the fight. God save the nameless wight, buried at dead of night on foreign shore, buried in crimson mud, while like a ceaseless flood wavelets of human blood flow evermore. God save our noble boys, going where war destroys bodies of men; guard them by night and day, send them, from far away, when ended is the fray, safe home again. God save the widows all, widows in hut and hall, mothers and brides! Waiting for James or John, who is forever gone; and the red stream flows on in sobbing tides. God save the little lads, robbed of their loving dads, children who weep; kids at their mothers' knees, saying, "Where's daddy, please?" Lined up with such as these, monarchs are cheap.

Editorial Comment.

The President.

"Let there be no misunderstanding. Our present and immediate task is to win the war and nothing shall turn us aside from it until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether of men, of money, or of material, is being devoted and will continue to be devoted to that purpose until it is achieved."

What most matters in the President's message is that he makes clear that there can be no peace without victory and complete surrender of the Central Powers.

After victory and surrender, peace will be negotiated on certain lines if the Governments of Germany and Austria have abdicated and real representatives of their peoples take their places at the conference table.

If this is refused then the terms of peace agreed upon by the Allies will be forced upon the Central Powers, but these Powers may be shut off from commercial intercourse with the rest of the world, and that would mean gradually the drying up of the nations and an end of empires. No nation could thrive or even live as a nation, divorced from all industrial communication with the outside world.

This is the alternative which President Wilson puts up to the people of the Central Powers. They must give up their Prussian Militarism and their Intriguing Masters, or they must die of Commercial Starvation.

The peace, if negotiated, will be a just peace and shall include "reparation for damages done by the present rulers of Germany."

If anyone takes the pains to calculate them aproximately, those damages will rise to stupendous totals.

This is Justice.

Justice also includes the return of all territory wrested from other nations by the greedy, imperialistic brutality of the aggressor. It includes many other things which the Allies will insist upon.

But in the cold, calm light of peace nothing which Justice does not demand will be asked or even wished for.—The Bache Review, New York.

FROM EXCHANGES

Hay Coming Down.

Reports from the North Powder country indicate that the price of hay is falling and that hay is now offered at $15 per ton, whereas not long ago $20 was asked. The open winter thus far is supposed to have caused the drop.—Union Republican.

UNION NOTES.

(From the Union Republican.)

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis returned Wednesday night from Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Davis underwent an operation for goitre, in the Mayo hospital. She is recovering nicely and is assured by Drs. Mayo that she will eventually be all right again. Many Union friends rejoice with Mrs. Davis in the success of the operation.

The Eastern Star this week elected the following officers: W. M., Emily Cook; W. P., M. F. Davis; A. M., Hazel Green; Cond., Louisa Goodbrod; A. Cond., Vera Fox; Sec'y, Anna Maxwell; Treas., Jennie Davis.

Mrs. Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, is expected in Union Friday afternoon to meet with the local library board.

GLAD YULETIDE

Where You Can Find Useful Gifts For Everyone

One of the big leaks to be plugged is Christmas-giving. You cherish its spirit—and yet you do not care to indulge in useless gifts. Like necessities, gifts should be chosen with an eye to economy and solid worth.

At this store you'll find useful gifts for every one; the things they need and wear. Our mark in any merchandise is a credit to your judgment and a gratification anyone.

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OBITUARY.

Harriet Hendershott.

DIED—At Salem, Oregon, December 5, 1917, Mrs. Harriet J. Vincent Hendershott. She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, April 14, 1831; was married to James Hendersott in New London, Henry county, Iowa, December 7, 1849; came to Oregon in 1857 and on the 7th of December, 1862, arrived at her home at Hendershott's Point, Grande Ronde Valley, which place is now familiarly known to all first settlers and pioneers as "Hendershott's Point," and on December 7, 1917, was laid to rest beside her husband in Rose Ridge cemetery, Cove, Oregon, where she is silently sleeping with a host of dear friends who underwent the hardships and privations of pioneer life and early settlement of the Grande Ronde Valley. The anniversary of her marriage, her first settlement in the Grande Ronde Valley and her burial all occurred on the 7th of December.

She leaves to mourn her loss, three children, Mrs. Minerva Eaton, and Edwin Vincent of Salem, and Mrs. Mollie Breck of Baker; the last two being adopted children. There are also five grandchildren; Edward Patterson, of Heppner; Allen H. Eaton, of Eugene; Rufus Eaton, of Emmet, Idaho; Lester Eaton, of Portland; and Earl Eaton, of Bend, Oregon. There are beside, several great grandchildren, and she also had three other children who preceded her to the great beyond—Josephine, Grace and Lee Vincent, an adopted son.

The New Trench Dictionary.

By GEORGE MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—If Doctor Johnson and Daniel Webster could only see their dictionary now. War is somewhat of a word-maker itself; and has sprinkled enough strange language through the world's conversation to make both those bright lights of learning lay down between A and Z and give up the alphabet.

Herewith is a list of new trench words. Most of them came from the French originally, but what has been done to them by the British Tommy along the way is a sin. Doubtless by the time America's boys have been mingling in the scrap for a year or so this list will be obsolete.

We have beginning with

A

Abri—A Shelter.

Ace of the Air—A flying man who has brought down five enemy machines.

Ak Emma—Afternoon.

A BIT OF ADVICE

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache; headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney trouble. They are recommended by thousands. Can La Grande residents desire more convincing proof of their effectiveness than the statement of a La Grande citizen who has used them and willingly testifies to their worth?

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Mrs. J. A. Woodell who has been in town for a few days returned home this morning.

J. W. Brown of Elgin is at the Foley.

The Oregon News Weekly that has been shown at the Arcade each Thursday has been depicting what this wonderful state of ours has in the way of industries as well as showing some mighty interesting events. Have you been following it? A new one will be shown each Thursday.

Monroe Salisbury in The Savage, at the Arcade Thursday only. A gripping story of adventure in the Canadian Northwest.

Phone your Want Ads to the Observer, Main 37.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, at the hour of two o'clock, P. M. At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the year 1918, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before said meeting.

12-8 to 1-8 F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.

LEGAL NOTICE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration have been issued by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, to Anna Meloy upon the estate of John Meloy, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to her with proper vouchers at 1001 Second St., La Grande, Oregon, within six months from date hereof.

Dated this December 5th, 1917.

ANNA MELOY,
Administratrix.

Daily Dec. 5-12-19-26-31.

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La Grande National Bank

A Fight for Life

It has been fight or die for many of us in the past and the lucky people are those who have suffered, but who are now well because they heeded nature's warning signal in time to correct their trouble with that wonderful new discovery of Dr. Pierce's, called "Anuric." You should promptly heed these warnings, some of which are dizzy spells, backache, irregularity of the urine or the painful twinges of rheumatism, sciatica or lumbago. To delay may make possible the dangerous forms of kidney disease, such as Bright's disease, diabetes or stone in the bladder.

To overcome these distressing conditions take plenty of exercise in the open air, avoid a heavy meat diet, drink freely of water and at each meal, take Doctor Pierce's Anuric Tablets (double strength). You will, in a short time, find that you are one of the firm believers of Anuric, as are thousands of neighbors.

Mr. A. W. [illegible] says: "I suffered greatly with my back and kidneys. I called in doctors and they did me no good, but recommended an operation. I saw Anuric for kidneys and backache advertised so sent up to the drug store and got a package, and it cured me. This was one year ago. I was down in bed and had taken many different kinds of medicines but obtained no relief from them."

Mrs. Rosa Miklave, of [illegible], Wash., says: "I was troubled with the backache for the last five years. I sent for a package of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets, which cured me completely. I will recommend Anuric to all my friends who are troubled with backache."

Step into the drug store and ask for Anuric, or send Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10c, for trial pkg. Anuric—many times more potent than lithia, eliminates uric acid as hot water melts sugar.

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It is a privilege to show our beautiful Holiday Goods and you will oblige us by considering this a personal invitation to call and inspect our extensive NEW LINE of Christmas Novelties.

The Finest Sight in Town is our BEAUTIFUL stock of GIFTS, containing all that is BRIGHT, FRESH, NEW AND NOVEL in Holiday Goods of genuine worth and unquestioned value for really desirable presents.

We Can Meet Your Wants—Whatever your needs, come and let us show you a VARIETY of beautiful presents that will AT ONCE appeal to you as "JUST THE THING." We have genuine New Attractions for Christmas and we want you to know it.

Merit, Quality, Fair Prices are waiting you here in connection with a great variety of the BEST Holiday Selections of the year. Again we invite you to COME AND SEE THE SPLENDID STOCK OF THE SEASON.

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