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Merger of Parties to Be Considered

George L. Cleaver, member of the Prohibition national committee has received a call to attend a meeting of the Prohibition national committee in Chicago on March 5, at which the amalgamation of the Prohibition party, the Social Democrats who supported President Wilson, and the Progressives, into a new national party, to be known as the National Party, will be considered. Ira Landrith, who was candidate for vice president on the Prohibition ticket, is now chairman of the National Party organization which is now being perfected. In Montana the party is supporting Miss Rankin, Congresswoman, for United States Senator.

Mr. Cleaver is now president and general manager of the J. W. P. Tire Co., a new invention, of steel and rubber and he will have his headquarters in Portland until Spring.

In Hospital—L. A. Armstrong who has been visiting with his cousin, Harold Mathews, returned home to Joseph this morning. Mr. Mathews is in the Grande Ronde hospital expecting to undergo an operation as soon as he is strong enough.

January Clearance Sale

SUITS - OVERCOATS - RAINCOATS

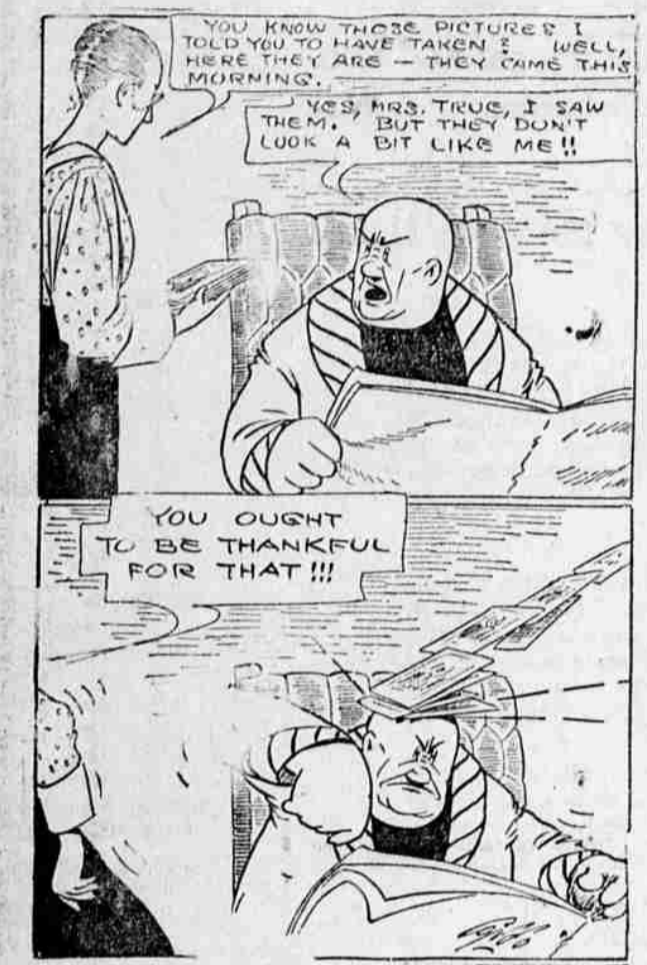
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OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE



WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT

After all, what the country wants is results. The people believe that we are making steady progress in the war. They are not discouraged or disheartened. They know we have tackled a big job. They want Congress and the President to work together, to get things done as quietly and as effectively as possible. This is what the President is doing with the material that he has in his Cabinet and in his executive positions. There are lots of barnacles. We know it and we know that politicians put them there. They are still trying to do it, to get fat jobs for incompetent people. They always will try to do it. But what we need now is more of the big men of the country who will serve in executive positions, cut red tape and get things done. The incompetent, inefficient, the bureaucrats will have to go. This is no time for any scruples or tenderheartedness. The people expect that the soldiers and sailors at the front will be backed up to the fullest extent by everyone at Washington from Congress to the janitor.

INDISCRIMINATE SOLICITING

This is written, not to hit at anyone in the past or at any present-already-started project. The fact is that the merchants, business men, professional men and laborers are pestered to death by indiscriminate soliciting. They should be protected. Organizations not engaged in war work should finance themselves without resorting to ticket selling. This is not only a local but a national evil. The public has been deluged with many projects to help the soldiers and sailors. Many of them were unwise; many of them dishonest.

Here is what should be done. A local committee should be formed to pass upon all ticket-selling soliciting projects. Unless O.K.'ed by this committee, the ticket selling should not be permitted. The public is ready and willing to give, but the giving will have to be limited to the great big, important war undertakings and to caring for the needs of our own boys. There are such things as killing the goose that lays the golden egg.

- 250 table napkins.
- 250 tray cloths.
- 75 wash cloths.
- 35 hot water bottle covers.
- 10 ice bag covers.
- Patient's Clothing.
- 179 bed shirts.
- 155 suits pajamas.
- 39 bath robes.
- 10 bed socks.
- 14 bandaged foot socks.
- 95 handkerchiefs.
- 59 suits lined pajamas.
- Refugee Garments.
- 270 undershirts.
- 273 drawers.
- 78 pairs socks.
- 2 sweaters.
- 2 quilts.
- 3 caps.
- Miscellaneous Articles.
- 367 ambulance pillows.
- 706 ambulance pillow slips.
- 200 gun wipes.
- 185 pieces old linen.

DR. WM. T. FOSTER LEAVES FOR LECTURE TOUR IN EAST

President Foster, of Reed College, left Portland for the East Sunday night, January 6. He will make addresses under the auspices of the American Red Cross and the National Chamber of Commerce at Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Buffalo, New York, Boston, Washington and other cities. He made an address January 10 at the annual convention of American Colleges at Chicago and spoke January 16, at the University of Michigan. On his return-trip he will meet a series of engagements in Montana at Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, Butte and Missoula, reaching Portland again about February 19. Since his return from France in the latter part of October President Foster has addressed American Red Cross meetings with an aggregate attendance of about 57000. Dr. Foster has been invited to speak here by the Red Cross chapter on his return 1918.

RED CROSS LADIES OF JOSEPH ARE BUSY

JOSEPH, Jan. 23.—(Special).—The Red Cross ladies are doing big things in Joseph these days. Work started at about 2:30 in the morning and ends at 10:00 at night. Besides the knitting which goes on in the homes, thirty ambulance pillows and 64 cases were sent to headquarters last week not to mention the

RED CROSS News Notes.

Following is a report of the La Grande Chapter, American Red Cross Society, composed of Wallowa and Union counties, showing the supplies shipped to Seattle during the month ending January 20, 1918:

- 24 Boxes.
- Surgical Dressings.
- 25,580 Gauze Compresses, 4 in. x 4 in.
- 676 Ointment pads.
- 8 Absorbent Pads, 12 in. x 24 in.
- 5,910 Gauze Compresses, 2 x 5 in.
- 456 Irrigation Pads, 16 in. x 24 in.
- 429 folded gauze strips.
- 345 head bandages.
- 185 T. bandages.
- 885 abdominal bandages.
- 1775 triangular muslin bandages.
- 390 scullion bandages.
- Knitted Garments.
- 227 sweaters.
- 269 pairs socks.
- 13 pairs wristlets.
- 29 helmets.
- 42 mufflers.
- Hospital Linen.
- 10 bed sheets.
- 29 hand towels.
- 59 dish towels.

BOY CAPTURED THIRTY GERMANS SINGLED



Richard Allen, son of R. E. Blount of New Orleans, captured 30 German soldiers while fighting with the 1st Marine Division. Young Blount joined the foreign legion a year ago and has seen heavy fighting. At the time he captured his father said he wanted him to fight for five Germans. The young American has exceeded his father's expectations and is still going strong. He was awarded the croix de guerre with palm for his heroic exploit at Verdun.

DRUGGIST CLEANS PENNIES

It will prevent the spread of sickness. A drug store of the city takes in a large amount of pennies and has been cleaning them for some time. "I have always noticed that when everything comes out of a drug store it is cleaner than anything else," said the druggist. "Pennies come from all sorts of people, just as do all other kinds of money. There is a difference, however. Hundreds and thousands of pennies are spent by children who want a penny's worth of this or that. Many

of the children have the habit of putting the penny in their mouths. What can happen to a coin when placed in the mouth is well-known. A penny or a dime could carry a million germs. These germs pass from hand to hand, and only too often from hand to mouth."

Mr. Floyd cleans his coins by rubbing them with Spanish whiting, which he says is the cheapest method. Any substance that scours will do, he says.

COFFIN BLOCKS SPEEDERS

Victim in Road Gives Mute Protest to Motorists.

Chinese coolies have devised an effective means of protesting against speeding automobiles. A few days ago an automobile belonging to a prominent Chinese official killed a child near the summer palace at Peking. The driver was arrested, but released upon payment of a very small fine.

In expression of their disapproval of the court's action the parents of the child and their neighbors erected a mat shed in the middle of the road, on the very spot where the child was killed, under which the coffin was placed. Inscriptions were fastened on the sides of the coffin denouncing the injustice of the court.

Since then the main road has been abandoned by traffic, but officials apparently have not dared to remove the body, which is watched constantly by friends of the bereaved family.

SUBSTITUTE FOR COTTON

Denver Man Finds Use for Common Wild Flower.

A wild flower, grown in practically all sections of the country, will be the means of supplying millions of manufacturers with sufficient "cotton" to keep Uncle Sam and his allies well equipped with fighting materials, according to Charles Gould, a Denver inventor, and Ben Brummett, who have no fear of a shortage in raw material for the making of men's clothing.

Gould says he has discovered that the wild flower known to youths all over the land as "cat-tails" has a bulb containing nearly a pint of silklike loss that can be substituted for cotton in the manufacture of ammunition, thus allowing the entire cotton crop to be used in the manufacture of clothing.

She Has 187 Descendants.

Mrs. M. A. West, eighty-six years old, of Salt Lake City, became great-grandmother to her one-hundred and eighty-seventh descendant, when her grandson, A. Denny, Jr., became the father of a homing baby boy. The baby and mother are reported doing well.

Patriotism and Business

Every good citizen at this time should do his share toward strengthening the Federal Reserve Banking System which our Government has created with its billion dollars of resources to stand back of its member banks and all their depositors.

You can contribute directly to the strength of this system, and at the same time secure its protection by depositing your money with us, since part of every dollar you deposit with us goes directly into the new system, where it is always ready for you when wanted.

This is a suggestion for prompt action.

Member Federal Reserve System
La Grande National Bank

Benefit Concert to Be Given for the Red Cross, Date Is Feb 4, Place L.D.S. Tabernacle

One of the most notable musical events of the season, and the first musicale for the benefit of the Red Cross, will be given Monday evening, February 4, at the L. D. S. tabernacle, by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, a prominent musician.

Mrs. Richardson and the artists who will assist her are donating their services to do their bit for the Red Cross.

The complete program is now being arranged and will be announced later.

Miss Harriett Young, a brilliant pianist, who studied three years abroad under great teachers, will come especially from Pendleton to appear on the program. Miss Young was formerly on the staff of the Walla Walla Conservatory of Music and is now one of the leading teachers of Pendleton.

The program will be varied and not confined to the classic; familiar ballads and heart songs will be included. Several new singers of talent will make their first public appearance.

hundreds of bandages which are being made. Mrs. F. H. Gault, the untiring worker, who is president of the Joseph branch is at her post morning, noon and night to encourage her sister workers and to do her share besides. Next Saturday night at Roup's Hall a Red Cross show and dance will be given. The show will consist of sleight of hand work by Prof. Wise, fancy dancing, singing, etc., and will be supervised by Miss Helen Wastell of the J-H staff.

RAILROAD MEN FORM A WAR AUXILIARY

MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED O.-W. EMPLOYEES JOIN COLORS

President Farrell, of O.-W. R. N. Takes the Lead and Appoints Committee to Administer Trust Fund.

Employees and officers of the O.-W. R. & N. company have formed a war auxiliary in recognition of the fact that more than 400 fellow employees have joined the colors. A canvass of the entire line will be made to enlist the support of every employee and officer in the work. An outline of the plan presented to J. D. Farrell, president of the company, says:

"Knowing that there boys have left comfortable homes, and perhaps dependents, and endeavoring to ap-

GOOD-BY, BOY

When he started at school with his little green book,
 With a shout—his cap awry;
 Mother stood at the door to catch his last look
 And called "Be a good boy—good-by!"

He's off now for France to tackle the Hun,
 To fight like a man, perhaps die;
 As of old, mother calls, while fast the tears run—
 "Go, son, be a good boy—good-by."
 Happy past prove a prophecy true;
 And if he returns, O leaders, placed high,
 Give him back as we gave him to you.

From the P. I.

For Hard-to-fit Women--

Some women are hard to fit in corsets; some just think they are.



There are certain types of figures, however—full bust and small hips, small bust and large hips, short stout figures—that require special designing in corsets.

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