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A PUZZLING DECISION.

That was a very puzzling decision of the Portland Library Board when Miss Louise Hunt, an assistant librarian, refused to buy Liberty bonds because she was against the war, and yet the board decided she was standing upon her own rights and agreed that the dictates of her own conscience should guide her.

Every member of that Library board is a splendid citizen and every member is at work in this war doing some work that causes him personal sacrifice. Why the board should take such a stand is so perplexing to a person 200 miles away from Portland that we are forced to believe the entire story has not been told.

It is agreed that Miss Hunt is a very bright, capable girl; that she is efficient in her work, and that her popularity up until this outbreak of her conscientious opposition to the war, has been very pronounced. W. F. Woodward was the only member of the board that did not agree to let Miss Hunt off without criticism. Mr. Woodward is an emphatic, positive character, but so are the other board members, and why they should view the matter as they do is hard to determine.

As the facts appear here, Miss Hunt is drawing \$175 a month salary from the public as assistant librarian; she positively refuses to assist in any manner to win the war and turned down Liberty bond sellers who respectfully called upon her. If these are all the facts we know what would have happened in Union County. Miss Hunt would have been dismissed from her position without further parleying and her case would have gone to the public as an example for any others who might share her opinions.

"BUD" McALLISTER.

There are few who knew the familiar character of this community Hon. Daniel Allison McAllister, by any other name than "Bud" McAllister. While he repeatedly held positions which entitled him to the prefix "Honorable," any other title than "Bud" or "Uncle" Bud seemed out of place. This seemed to fit in harmony with the straightforward, democratic bearing he held toward all of low or high degree.

Not many years ago the feeling of partisanship was much stronger than in recent years and while "Bud" McAllister was in the minority party the most of the time, his nomination to represent Union county in the state legislature was invariably equivalent to his election. In the days when United States senators were elected by the state legislatures and other party considerations would lead the voter to stick to his ticket, D. A. McAllister went repeatedly to the state legislature with a certificate of election in his pocket. Why did they vote for him, regardless of the political issues at stake? Because they knew his unyielding honesty.

It is a matter established beyond any question that in one of the senatorial contests when members of the legislature were commonly swayed by the blandishments of dollars, Hon. D. A. McAllister was absolutely unapproachable. He refused to absent himself from one of the sessions just for the purpose of breaking a quorum. Although at a time when his private affairs were in such a shape that he needed the money, he would not stultify himself even to this proposition.

When his own county was stirred up over local matters his endorsement at the polls was the same—because, they always said—"We know we can trust 'Bud'." It was the same way in all other affairs. One of his greatest hobbies was a good horse, and he certainly had some of the best. Many of the Northwest records on the turf were by horses from his farm. But on the track things had to go "on the square." The jockey's job was lost that undertook anything but clean, straight business.

In a crowded dining room in the city of Portland, not a very long time ago, a prominent turfman of the Northwest, who happened to hear the name of "Bud" McAllister mentioned in connection with some racing event, declared with more feeling than delicacy of expression that "Bud" McAllister was the squarest d—n man in the state of Oregon."

He passed through and was a contributor in all the advancements the country has made from the day of the very earliest settlers to the present. He always helped as much as he could and frequently to a greater extent than others with more ample means.

Since the death of his wife, four years ago, Mr. McAllister has been in varying conditions of health, and the end has not come as a surprise. He leaves as one of the highest tributes to his memory, the unstinted respect and esteem of those who enjoyed his association and acquaintance.

"WITH OUR BACKS TO THE WALL"—HAIG.

Yes, with our backs to the wall we are fighting what may be the decisive battle of the present war.

When Haig said: "No further retreatment" he meant that a stand should be made against Germany, such as has never been made before. He meant that Great Britain and France, with America's assistance, are to battle to the death of every soldier if need be to prevent the Huns from further advancement. He meant that the desire of the Germans to break the British and French armies in two, annihilate the British army and seize the Channel ports, must be met with stern resistance—a resistance which means the death of everyone of the troops before such a German desire should be accomplished.

This also means that General Foch will bring on the French troops for an attack upon the Germans and within the next four days the world should know whether our Allies have the strength to withstand that greatest of all offensives ever attempted by Germany.

We cannot help believing Haig's forces will hold the Huns and Foch's forces will nip them on the flanks until they will be glad to retire. We believe that Germany's strength in this battle is at its greatest and her effort will be her herculean effort of the war. When she is prevented from advancing, when the French begin to cut into her flanks, Germany will see that her anticipations of victory on the west are not to be realized. What will she do then?

No one knows but Germany can she plan another campaign and a series of attacks? Yes, but never with the force that she is using in this campaign. This is the supreme effort. If she fails, we believe Germany's strength will gradually diminish and her people at home will realize that the war leaders are not making good. This will cause the beginning of the great upheaval in Germany which President Wilson has very wisely said must come before a world peace is a certainty.

No agreement and no treaty signed with the present house of Hohenzollern would be effective or lasting. The world will never again take the Kaiser's word or the word of his sons sincerely. The people of Germany are the ones who must deal in the final peace conference, be that soon or late.

That the Y. M. C. A. is playing a very important part in this war is shown by the hurry up call just issued for 100,000 more Y men for secretaries.

FRIENDLY CHATS

About Men, Events and Things in General that Affect the Welfare of Oregon and Oregonians.

(By Bruce Dennis.)
 Running for office is about the last thing in the world that the writer ever expected to do. Nothing has been further from his mind. We happened to be in Portland the last day for filing and learned that Ralph E. Williams had succeeded in sidetracking every one who had expected to run against him for Republican National Committeeman, and it looked like a shame for Ralph to make that race alone, for many requests have been made us of late to contest this office with Ralph. Or, probably a better way to put it, the people of Oregon should at least have an opportunity to vote for someone other than a man who has flattened himself out over the National Committeeman's office for eight or twelve years during which time the Republican party of Oregon has slowly but surely retrograded until now it is very difficult to get good men to enter party organization work.

We remember Ralph in his halcyon days of 1912, when he proved his adroitness; we remember him in later contests of lesser importance during which he thought he was fooling everyone.

We also remember that while every individual is working to assist President Wilson in war work no one has heard the head of the Oregon Republican party say to the President: "Our party is with you so far as I can guide it." Ralph may have meant this very thing, but it would not have cost him anything to say it and mean it, too.



THE BOY

Now is the best time to clothe the boy. Clothing for fall will be 25 per cent higher than now, and you will find many wool substitutes used.

New Trench Hats for Boys, \$1.50

You need good, heavy Wool Clothing for the boy—if he's going to school; cotton mixed clothes don't wear long, and you pay more for them than their actual worth. Come in and let us show you some real values in boys' clothing.

Returns Guaranteed

There was once a farmer who said to himself, "My neighbor paid too much for his cultivator. I can buy one for \$5.00 less"—and he did. Two years later he had to buy a new cultivator, for the cheap one didn't last; the neighbor was still using his old one.

You can do the same thing in clothes. You can buy \$5.00 or \$10.00 cheaper than ours anywhere—the making and tailoring are even cheaper than the price.—But, if you want clothes that last, that will be serving you when the cheaper ones are worn out, pay a few dollars more and get clothes that will wear twice as long.

WHEN YOU PUT YOUR MONEY INTO THESE CLOTHES YOUR RETURNS ARE GUARANTEED.



NEW MERTON CLOTH HATS

A cloth hat that is a real hat—no camouflage about them. They keep their shape and will last as long as the season.

These are in green, grey, ar-mee, and green and white checked.

Price \$4.00 and \$5.00
 Also a cheaper line of cloth hats, in greys and light colors.
 Price \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50

It is common knowledge that Oregon's Republican organization with Mr. Williams as national committeeman, is not an active institution for the many but has every appearance of being a Williams organization for Williams.

These are the reasons why we have finally listened to the requests of Republicans of many counties to give them an opportunity to vote for some one for national committeeman other than Mr. Williams, whose long tenure of the office has forced the belief that he looks upon the office as personal property, when as a matter of fact it is of great importance to the Republican party of Oregon and of the nation.

To give further information on this matter let us quote the statement which will appear in the state pamphlet for Oregon voters issued by the Secretary of State.

"Republicans of Oregon have been dissatisfied for years with the manner in which the office of national committeeman has been handled, and it is in response to requests from all corners of the state that I ask the support of party members for this non-salaried office.

"I contend this is a time when the Republican party should be kept thoroughly organized in order that loyal support as a party may be given the recent national administration in all war work. And this should continue vigorously unless inability is shown by the party upon which depends the life of this nation and the freedom of our people. If you agree with this principle, support me, for I sincerely promise that President Wilson will have undivided loyalty of the Republican organization.

"In state affairs the Republican party has been led into the by-paths and shady nooks by some men who have assumed leadership, where trading and trafficking for personal advancement and aggrandizement have reflected upon the party of Lincoln and Grant, McKinley and Roosevelt, until it has been turned into a vehicle for a few 'fixers,' causing 'a great task and file of its members to lose interest in party affairs and shrink from taking active part in Republican organization work. This condition should not be permitted to continue and will not if someone is elected national committeeman who be-

lieves in changing the Republican organization of Oregon from a closely woven personal machine of a few men to a broad progressive and constructive institution in which every Republican can take part. The weight of Republican principles will then be felt and men for office will be selected by party members with great care because of the responsibility which true Republican principle attaches to any agency dealing citizen.

"Col. Roosevelt is today rightfully the dominant character in the Republican party, and I know that Oregon Republicans, with possibly a few exceptions, agree with me that he is our greatest statesman, and that his wisdom in governmental affairs should be heeded by all members of our party. Should you choose me as your National committeeman Oregon's Republican organization will have the benefit of Col. Roosevelt's counsel and advice.

"I ask your support that you and I may have a Republican party that is thoroughly progressive, thoroughly sincere, thus changing it from a lifeless, nameless organization of a few to a vital, active institution of the many."

Money to Loan.
 On improved real property in Union county. No delays. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co.—Adv. 11.

PIMPLY? WELL, DON'T BE!

People Notice It. Drive Them Off with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

A pimply face will not embarrass you much longer if you get a package of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The skin should begin to clear after you have taken the tablets a few nights.

Clears the blood, the bowels and the liver with Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the successful substitute for calomel, there's never any sickness or pain after taking them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do that which calomel does, and just as effectively, but their action is gentle and safe instead of severe and irritating.

No one who takes Olive Tablets is ever cursed with "a dark brown taste," a bad breath, a dull, listless, "no good" feeling, constipation, torpid liver, bad disposition or pimply face.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil; you will know them by their olive color.

Dr. Edwards spent years among patients afflicted with liver and bowel complaints, and Olive Tablets are the immensely effective result.

Take one or two nightly for a week. See how much better you feel and look! 10c and 25c per box. All druggists.

Mr. Grain Farmer:

Are you prepared to handle your grain in bulk? Do not wait until Spring and Summer when you are buried with work and worried with labor shortage, but build your granaries now.

You can buy the lumber and roofing paper for a first-class 1000 bushel portable granary for \$54.58 and it will last for years. Sacks for the same amount of grain will cost you \$125.00 and this would be a dead loss against this year's crop.

A granary of this size can be moved anywhere and can be filled directly from the threshing, doing away with high priced labor handling and sewing sacks.

The boys in the trenches need the sacks for sand bags for the protection of their very lives and perhaps your boy is among them.

Spend your money in your own valley by buying lumber manufactured at home. When you buy sacks part of the money goes to India.

BUILD YOUR GRANARIES NOW

Be prepared by building them before the farming season opens up. Be sure to get good lumber, well seasoned, as low grade lumber will give you trouble in a few seasons. Don't use green lumber.

Save money—keep what you spend at home—prevent loss and damage from exposure to weather—leave the sacks for our boys in the trenches; help win the war by building granaries now.

Portable granaries of this type are universally used in other sections. One trip with a good team will haul the material for one granary. For particulars as well as prices on Union County lumber for all farm purposes, see

The George Palmer Lumber Co. LA GRANDE, OREGON

New Millinery Display

Save on Hats and Buy Thrift Stamps, and in order to help you do this we are placing on display several dozen new, nifty, trimmed Hats for Ladies, Misses and Children at very close Cash Prices.

The Walling Millinery

NEXT DOOR TO SILVERTHORNS

Pick Your Sport

WE HAVE A FINE NEW LINE OF SPORTING GOODS AND ARE ABLE TO SUPPLY EVERYTHING NEEDED TO PLAY THE POPULAR OUTDOOR GAMES.

NEWLIN BOOK & STATIONERY CO.

OIL BURNERS

Your wood is gone, the summer is here, that oil burner that you have longed for is ready to install in your Range—FREE TRAIL and guarantee cover your dollars.

Furniture Exchange

Best Prices Paid for Used Furniture

Your Evening of Life

Did you ever stop to think how you will spend the evening of your life?

What is a more deplorable sight than an aged person struggling for a mere existence; battling against great odds, fighting the cold icy blasts of winter, and the scorching rays of the summer sun; with a worn out, broken-down constitution.

STOP AND THINK IT OVER

Think how you and your loved ones will spend the evening of your life. There is one sure way to avoid being one of the vast army of unkept, in your declining years, and you can do this too: Start a bank account today, and add to it little by little, and you will not be on the mercy of the public in your declining years.

Why not commence today?

Member Federal Reserve System

La Grande National Bank LA GRANDE, OREGON