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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

THE SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

Finally the crux of the fight for Republican nomination for United States senator is on and R. N. Stanfield and Charles N. McNary are hotly contesting that nomination.

This particular political fight portrays the Eastern Oregon spirit and the Salem spirit. The Stanfield campaign is along broad, constructive lines, free from obnoxiousness and malicious attack—open and fair in every way just as the great Eastern Oregon country is open and fair in all affairs of life. While the McNary campaign is one contemptuous line of back biting, scandal mongering, petty whining, such as only can emanate from Salem.

McNary, through his Skiffs and other mouthpieces, shouts "Profiteer" at Stanfield because Bob has made some money in the last few years. They do not, also say, "but he has done the fair thing in asking the government to take his wool at any time since the war began." They do not say a word about profiteering in ship-building—no, hush, must not mention such sacred profits as those for they fall into the laps of some Salem people.

Then comes forth a well-organized line of scandal-mongers who use the hackneyed old expression, "they do say" and among this array of fine talent is some of Portland and Salem's "prominent" men. These are the stormers—until late in the campaign—parently it is their duty to kick-out blow.

One after another the McNary gals shells and stink bombs come along only to react and cause people of merit and worth to first frown at such ridiculous charges and then laugh at the folly of the whole Salem movement.

As for Stanfield, he contends that such campaigning is amusing, for it harks back to the days of long-ago—days which have since passed and with them passed not only the custom, but most of the people have died from old age who practiced such things. Salem still clings to such methods and those are the methods that Charles N. McNary, the mediocre corporation attorney, the bosom friend and appointee of Oswald West, is permitting to be used in his campaign to retain a seat in the United States senate, which an Oregon governor, in a moment of seemingly absent-mindedness, presented to McNary.

Election of McNary will mean retention of a small man in the United States senate. It will mean the small town councilman has been sent to Washington by Oregon to do a big man's job. It will mean that Oregon has a senator who lacks qualifications for the place and one who has not grown in public life.

Stanfield represents the big Oregon country. He is a man who will grow the moment he enters congress and will arise to the needs and demands of a state that is sorely in need of representation in the senate from the Republican side of the house.

ALL FOR THE CAUSE.

Communities as well as individuals are becoming more and more imbued with the idea that private as well as community efforts should be turned chiefly in the direction of helping win

Portland Rose Show, which has heretofore been made an event for the boosting of Portland—a matter that is perfectly right and proper—will this year turn the occasion to advantage in aiding the Red Cross fund.

Instead of the usual rose festival there will be a "battle of the roses." A local contest will be staged between the "reds" and "whites" (roses) and the scheme is to develop a merciless struggle between the two forces for Red Cross honors.

So the peaceful rose, once an insignia of the most bitter rivalry in warfare, is to be made to do its part in sustaining the allied forces in a struggle of a more moment to the world than that of the houses of York and Lancaster in the historic "battle of the roses."

FRIENDLY CHAT

(By Bruce Dennis.)
It is a disappointment to think that only half a million American soldiers are now in France. From the Secretary of War's statement, however, it may be possible there are more than that for he was careful to say he could not give exact figures, but assured the country that a half million of our boys are "over there." Let us hope there is nearly twice that number ready for duty in France.

We have been told by such military authority as ex-President Taft that five million men will be necessary and England and France have repeatedly stated that they could hold the Germans until we got there with at least two and a half million men.

But let us be cheerful even though our number on the fighting line is not what we hoped for. Nothing can be gained from criticizing, and criticism at the present time is very dangerous from many angles. Doubtless, the next few months will see tremendous numbers of our boys on the way now that the big machine is organized and running.

With the winter wheat crop promis-

ing to be a bumper all the Allied powers have ample cause for rejoicing. Wheat is a decided factor in this great conflict, and if America's great wheat producing section is blessed with a crop along with Hoover to save it, there will be plenty for some time to come.

Fifty more wooden ships have been awarded to the Pacific Coast and the concrete boat is yet to be heard from.

Dr. Foster, of Reed College, is taking an advanced step when he urges erection of hospitals for the returned wounded. The returned boys need advanced preparations right now before they get here, for we will have them. No war of this size can be waged without our percentage of loss.

What will women do after the war? The elevator girl, the messenger girl, the street car girl, the taxi girl—what will become of them when male labor settles down to normal conditions? Don't worry. There never was a girl who would let a taxi, an elevator or a street car stand between her and a good home.

Get ready for the Red Cross drive. Oregon will give \$600,000 and every county must do its part quickly. And every county will do it. Have no fear.

If war was not the all-absorbing topic Baker's "church" hole campaign would spread throughout the state. Every advocate of good roads cannot but favor the movement. It is sane and economical. We repair the roof before it falls to pieces, we half-sole our shoes before they cease to be of value, but in the past we have individually and collectively refused to repave a road until the hole was so big that the road was impassable. With the "chuck" hole club and "chuck" hole education miles and miles of Eastern Oregon roads in the summer months could be driven at thirty miles an hour in safety. In the state of Washington a system of road tenders has been established and when a road begins to wear a man with some gravel appears and fixes it. All of which is the right plan and is in keeping with Baker's "chuck" hole campaign. Only Washington state did not coin a catchy name for the work as has Baker.

Governor Withycombe is coming to the front. The moving pictures started his sudden burst of popularity for in many of the show houses there is a picture running that shows the Governor with the Oregon troops. The picture is one of continual cause for applause from the first to the last and through it all the Governor is seen bowing and saluting. He has been given the title of war governor and this film carries out the title very well. More Withycombe sentiment has been heard in the last few days than all through the campaign and the picture in which he appears is often mentioned. Senator Pat Olson, who has the governor's campaign in charge, is sure of the chief executive's renomination, and if Pat were a betting man, which of course he is not, it is quite likely he would put up some money on his judgment.

Echoes which resemble sonorous tones from the state house indicate the truth of Olcott's disappointment and contempt for his wild and woolly brother-in-law. Oswald West. Olcott probably realizes that West's candor will not do him (Olcott) any good and besides West has "jimmied" the whole parade by entering the game. The Secretary of State made statements early in the campaign based on the presumption that his brother in law, West, was possessed of some little degree of fairness and that West's word was good politically. Now Olcott is forced to admit that some of the things he has told his friends and the public generally were based upon his expectation of West's action, but that expectancy did not materialize, for the brother in law spilled the beans, became office thirsty and butted into the political game without warning or consultation.

Observer advertising will bring results.

POTTER SLATED TO SPEED AIRPLANES



WM. C. POTTER

Potter is slated to be put in charge of the entire production end of aviation work, according to Washington dispatches. This work has previously been under the direction of Maj. Gen. George O. Squier, chief of the signal corps. Potter is one of the big figures in the firm of Guggenheim Brothers and is depended upon to speed up airplane production.

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MEN!

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The Bookworm

There is in the library a very beautiful and attractive book of present interest. "Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres" by Henry Adams is first a book on France. It is also a book on architecture, containing fine description of details of some of the French cathedrals. It also interprets the middle ages to quote the editor, "To say that the book was a revelation is inadequately to express a fact; at once all the theology, philosophy, and mysticism, the politics, sociology, and economics, the romance, literature and art of the greatest epoch of Christian civilization became fused in the alembic of an unique insight and precipitated, by the dynamic force of a personal and distinguished style." The volume is finely illustrated.

Patriotism is the subject of most of the new children's books which are being ordered for the public library. Adopting the suggestion from the work of the public schools, a special effort is being made to buy an adequate supply of books on American history and biography. There should be enough copies of the popular books so that no child need ever be turned away who asks for the life of Washington, Lincoln or other great patriots. Eleven copies of Hale's "The man without a country," will be none too many to supply the demand for

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