

LOTS OF WORK AT RED CROSS

PLENTY OF MATERIAL FOR KNITTING AND SEWING

The Soldiers in France Will Need Supplies for the Winter Regardless of Armistice.

Are you still working at that Red Cross room? This question is asked daily and has been ever since the armistice was signed.

Surely these questioners have not noticed the huge cases that come almost daily from division headquarters, filled with materials for convalescent robes, pajama suits and yarn for the soldiers, and dresses, petticoats and underwear for the children in destitute France.

Neither have the questioners noticed the wagon loads of boxes that are taken away from Honan hall to be shipped to the ever willing workers in all the branch and auxiliary societies in both Willamette and Union counties of La Grande chapter. Only this week, materials costing \$217 were shipped out to these societies in a "rush order."

This is the largest shipment made in one week in the history of the chapter. Although it is Christmas time and "flea" time, yet Mrs. Rosenbaum knows that the garments will be back in schedule time or before and will be perfectly made too. This doesn't sound like the Red Cross rooms were closed does it?

Remember there are many American soldiers who will winter in France. Shall we forget their needs?

Remember that signing the armistice will not clothe the suffering women and children instantaneously. The work is different from that of last winter, but it just as necessary and direct as at any time.

There is a large quantity of yarn and sewing on hand at Honan hall for the workers in La Grande. Why not call and get some of it and share in the reconstruction work.

With Self Forgo.

Greatness is achieved, not by direct and eager chase, but while we are looking for something else. It is the little things we get by hot endeavor. The great things come to us, as it were around a corner. We never become beautiful, or eloquent, or popular, or happy, or intellectual, or even good, by hard labor. Whatever we get of such things will come to us when we are most self-forgetful, and most absorbed in the service of our kind.—Edward Judson.

Optimistic Thought.

Hebes are a disgrace to him who bath kingsmen in want.

Observer advertising will bring results.

WILL BE REDUCTION

Rates Will Be Made Lower on Second Class Postage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP) adopting the finance committee amendments to the war revenue bill affecting second class postage and insurance companies, the senate Thursday cleared the way for disposal of the law other contested, but important, features remaining. Leaders have increased confidence of passing the bill before adjournment next Monday.

By a vote of 34 to 22 the senate approved the committee amendment proposing repeal next July 1 of the present zone system of second class postage rates and substitution of a rate of one cent per pound within 100 miles and one and one-half cents beyond. Most of the day was spent in spirited discussion of this amendment and one by Senator McKellar of Tennessee, for a modified zone plan, which was rejected without a roll call.

FAMILY WELL REPRESENTED

An unusual coincidence is that three members of the McCall family were recently elected as worthy matrons of Eastern Star chapters. Mrs. Florence McCall Bacon was elected as the head of Hope chapter in La Grande and her sister, Mrs. Marjorie McCall Francis, was elected worthy matron of the chapter at Sidney, Ill. and Mrs. Mildred McCall was elected the worthy matron of Cherry chapter O. E. S. at Cove.

RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON

Lieutenant and Mrs. Ernest Watkins and baby daughter, Mary Helen, returned this morning from Washington, D. C., where they have been for the past few months. Lieutenant Watkins has received his discharge. Mrs. Watkins was formerly known as Miss Alice Hill.

ELGIN COUPLE MARRIED

Jesse L. Merr and Blanche Billingham, both of Elgin, were married at the M. E. church in La Grande Saturday, December 14, 1918. Rev. N. Sheehy officiating. Mr. Merr is a farmer near Elgin and the bride has been engaged in school teaching in that locality.

OVERCOATS 50 PER CENT OFF

Fine wool overcoats at \$16.50 until Christmas. THE TOGGERY. 12-14-10

Pulsating with heart throbs and teeming with thrills, "Still Alarm" at Star Saturday. 12-19-31

The People's Fight.

The feudal system, like other stupendous fabrics of past ages, is known only by the rubbish it has left behind it. Crowned heads have been compelled to submit to the restraints of law, and the people, with that intelligence which makes the voice resistless, have been able to say to the prerogative: "Thus far shalt thou come and no farther."—Daniel Webster.

A WANT AD will do it

Commission Orders La Grande Closed

is merit to the vaccine and now requests that everyone be re-vaccinated immediately.

Reports kept on cases which have been vaccinated show the disease is of much lighter form and that death does not follow, whereas in many cases where the vaccine has not been used death has resulted.

Each physician will be supplied with a quantity of the vaccine by the state board of health.

Today at noon Dr. Richardson talked with Dr. Sealey, secretary of the state board of health, and was advised that the vaccine shipment would not be here as soon as expected. The public will be notified as soon as it arrives.

"I'M-THRU-ENZA" DANGEROUS SAYS STATE MANAGER WITHAM

State Manager Witham of the Red Cross Drive writes the Observer that a new disease has broken loose as "I'm Thru-Enza" and this is what he says among other things:

It appears to be working in some communities. It's so contagious these days.

I can't conceive how the public, if they have kept track of events at all, can settle back with a sign and exclaim: "It's all over, 'I'M THRU.'" Use the "Needle" on those people who appear to be suffering. They are mighty sick.

A good swift kick might help some of these sufferers. Diagnose you now or it may be too late and suffering with that other dangerous pre-war malady.

A bunch of people such as make up Oregon, don't quit for the flu. Our war record is too clean to dull it now with this apathetic "I'M THRU" stuff. It's up to you, Mr. C. M. "To feed 'em" rat poison.

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A magnificent "Block Party" for Christmas Eve in honor of the Red Cross and to aid the drive.

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mas Trees" on main street, decorated with Red Cross posters and symbols. Conspicuous in the decoration have a large Red Cross. Get your local band and chorus of vocal singers. Make it a night of thanksgiving.

This, however, may be a suggestion that you do not care to make use of.

A. E. WITHAM, State Manager.

BAKED GIRL HELD HERE BY POLICE

Elizabeth Hanson, who is said to have broken her parole given her by the juvenile court of Baker county, was taken from a west bound train, here yesterday by Chief Rayburn and held until the Baker Chief of Police could come after the girl.

Notes of the Roll Call.

Mrs. L. M. Russell and Mrs. W. H. Safford, lieutenant colonels, have turned in complete reports from all team captains in their respective divisions. Several others report their work nearly complete and all expect to turn in the finished list by this evening.

Has your place of business a window card showing 100 per cent Red Cross? If not, why not?

In the country the teams are working, but the territory is larger and the weather conditions hinder it some. Headquarters is issuing an appeal to all workers in the country to bring the matter to a speedy end.

Union county was, in all war activities, at the top, and the greatest possible percentage of Red Cross membership, measured against the total population, is the aim of all concerned.

METHODIST PASTOR RECOVERS

Rev. N. Sherman Hawk, pastor of the M. E. church, is on the road to recovery after a confinement of a week on account of illness.

Your only chance to see Mary Pickford and Fatty Arbuckle tonight. Arcade close tomorrow. Adv. 12-20-11

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This year people should buy useful Christmas presents. We have everything from a kiddie car for the baby to a Columbia Graphophone for the whole family. W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. 12-13-11

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