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EVILS OF MOB RULE

A mob may occasionally be justified in taking the law into its own hands, but very seldom. Its members if aroused to that degree of passion in which they will torture or kill are not in a state of mind to competently determine the guilt or innocence of the one suspected, and it is far better that ten guilty escape than that one innocent suffer.

A blot upon the nation was the crime in Illinois last week when a drunken mob hung Robert P. Prager, who tho of German birth, had repeatedly shown his loyalty to the United States. He had not only tried to enlist in the army and had reported a friend to the government who was guilty of making treasonable remarks, but had demonstrated in several other ways his "love for the country of his adoption. The following press despatch indicates that he died like a hero and to the very end reverently honored the American flag:

Joseph Riegel, an ex-soldier in the United States army, is said to have confessed to the authorities that he led the mob which hanged Robert Prager last Friday night for alleged pro-German utterances. He is said to have declared that small boys took the leading part in pulling on the rope and paid tribute to the courage of the victim, who neither begged for mercy nor shed a tear, except when he kissed the American flag. Prager is declared to have protested his loyalty to the last and to have made, as his last request, that his body be buried wrapped in the American flag.

The government and state officials are making every effort to apprehend the leaders in this outrage and intend to make an example of them. All of them need to be isolated from their fellow men a sufficient length of time that they may think deeply undisturbed, commune with their consciences and perhaps in the end become good American citizens with a love for decency and fair play.

MORE WORK FOR THE WOMEN

The women may be asked to do more in the war than they have been doing. It is hinted in semi-official circles that they be encouraged to raise long haired dogs; not to eat but for the "wool" upon the canines' back. This hair, it has been proved, is a near substitute for real wool and answers its purpose in many ways. Women of England are "raising" the dogs and tho the nights are hideous with howls and barks, our sisters in the British Isles are patriotically doing their bit. In America, thousands of little weazing pug dogs are petted and fondled like children. In this period of substitution, it will be suggested that the pugs be chloroformed and the "long hairs" be given a place in the parlor.

Will H. Hornbrook, of Albany, a Democrat of pronounced progressive views, seeks to be elected national committeeman in the May primaries by grace of his political associates. His opponent is a Portland politician. All the Democratic voters, who have the best interests of the party in mind, will not forget to vote for Mr. Hornbrook.

An Eastern paper suggests that Washington merchants better commence to advertise their special sales as the dollar-a-year men are about to draw their pay.

Os West has thrown not one, but two, monkey wrenches into the political machinery by becoming a candidate for U. S. Senator.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

MaJ. Gen. Peyton Conway March, lately appointed acting chief of staff, has the unofficial designation of speeder up. A man of quick decisions, as he has proved himself to be both in military campaigns and in the direction of semicivil governments in newly acquired American possessions, he is thought to be admirably fitted for the new role.

Participating in two expeditions to the Philippines, his name is associated not only with many of the decisive battles and campaigns in those islands, but with the names of some of the most notable of the Filipino leaders who were captured or forced to surrender.

General March is a son of the late Francis Andrew March, long a professor in Lafayette college, and his brother, Francis Andrew, Jr., is now a member of the faculty of that institution. Peyton Conway March is himself a graduate of Lafayette, but military life rather than the classroom appealed to him, and in the very year that he finished his academic course, 1884, he entered West Point.



Bumper Spring Crops



PUGILISTS SHOULD FIGHT—BUT IN FRANCE

The two heavy weight pugilists, Willard and Fulton, are wanting to fight for a big purse July 4 and it seems to be quite the unanimous verdict thruout the land that they should their fighting in the trenches of France.

But why should we object to Willard and Fulton pummeling each other while we let thousands of other pugilists in the country stage their mills? If the two big pugs should fight in France, why not recruit an army of the "little fellows" and send them over also? They have no visible means of support other than to beat each other up and their absence would not be a detriment to any industry.

It is more than likely that the Willard-Fulton "go" would be on the square while most of the bouts of the "little fellows" are fakes. If somebody is to be spared to preserve the "manly art" in America it should be Willard and Fulton for they number but two and the "fans" would probably get their money's worth while the lesser and little fellows number thousands and just now, like the shell game, are a useless expense to the public when there is a shortage of farm hands and liberty bonds to buy.

Frank S. Myers has concluded that he will not be a candidate for U. S. Senator, tho he admits himself that he would undoubtedly be nominated and elected. According to the honorable Frank he cannot be spared from the Portland postoffice in these perilous times and vaguely hints that should he desert his post the forces of democracy might be seriously handicapped. We must admit that it is rather surprising that no other Democrat in the big city of Portland could run the postoffice without possible detriment to the country. If that was all that kept him back from entering the august senate of the United States he should have made his fears known several weeks ago and his political companions out in the state would have come to his rescue. They would have sent somebody down to the Portland postoffice entirely qualified and properly equipped with spurs to keep his feet from sliding off the desk.

14-YEAR-OLD VETERAN BACK FROM TRENCHES



Sydney Jaffo, a New York boy, aged fourteen, has returned home from France after serving five months there in the British trenches. He enlisted at a British recruiting office in New York last June, giving his age as eighteen and being unusually large for his age he was accepted and sent to England. He celebrated his fourteenth birthday in the trenches at Ypres. After five months in the British army his mother succeeded in securing his release and he was returned home. The boy went "over the top" several times during his experience at Ypres and spent two months in a hospital suffering from a shrapnel wound received there.

Raising Big Fund. Reports from many sections of the

country indicate that the Salvation Army's drive for two million dollars to assist in financing the organization's war work in France, is meeting with success.

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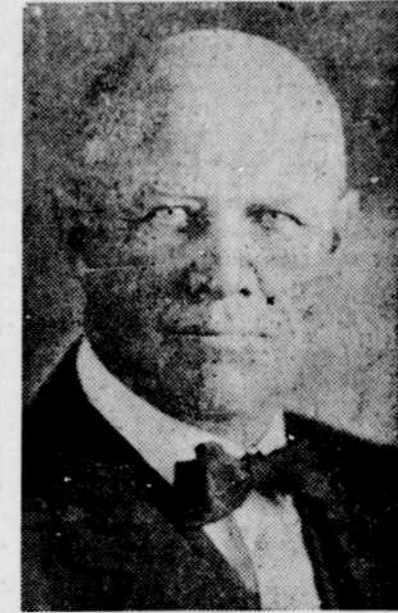
State Senator From Eastern Oregon Announces Candidacy For Chief Executive.

After due deliberations I have decided to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor at the primary election to be held May 17.

During my 35 years of residence in Oregon I have taken an active interest in public affairs. At present I am a state senator representing Union and Wallowa counties, and am now and have been president of the State Taxpayers' league since its organization.

My position upon most public questions is well known and understood. If nominated and elected governor, I pledge my earnest and unqualified support to President Woodrow Wilson and to the great effort he is leading to win the war. In this dark hour of our national life there is nothing else that counts. We must win the war or the principle that all governments "derive their just powers from the consent of the governed," after 140 years of existence, must perish.

I fear our people do not realize the seriousness of the present titanic struggle. It cannot be the end of free institutions. We shall win—and not a Prussian peace either, but a peace



WALTER M. PIERCE

that will insure for all time the freedom of all nations, great or small.

Every citizen in public or private life should give his loyal aid and assistance to the commander-in-chief of our army and navy—our president, Woodrow Wilson. This is no time to falsely criticize, find fault or play politics. The Hun, with the dripping blood of murdered millions, is at the door. He would treat our wives and daughters as he has treated the gentlewomen of Belgium and Northern France, if he could. Our boys wearing the navy blue in English waters and our boys in the olive drab somewhere in France are as truly fighting a defensive battle as though they were resisting the advance of the Hun up the Columbia river.

I pledge my most loyal support to all our boys who have or may enter the war and who may be called upon to shed their blood, possibly sacrificing their lives for the perpetuity of our free institutions. Thousands of our brightest, bravest and best have gone, and many no doubt will be called upon to make the supreme sacrifice for the triumph of righteousness.

I pledge myself to labor unceasingly to help alleviate the suffering so far as possible and administer to the needs of our country's defenders.

I believe Oregon should be organized from top to bottom for the winning of the war. No person's time is his own. Every man and woman ought to labor in some occupation that will help win the war. We should be so organized that farms, shipyards, and factories manufacturing war material should not feel the shortage of labor.

We must work together as a united people, with one purpose and one aim—or perish. Wages should be commensurate with the increased cost of living.

With these beliefs firmly fixed, if I were governor, I would ask all state institutions to limit their money demands to the very lowest point possible, so that this state's financial strength may be conserved to be used for our defense and to alleviate the sufferings of our people that must follow this terrible war.

I believe in prison reform so that the unfortunate ones we confine in our penal institutions may return to the walks of life better and not worse by reason of their incarceration.

I have been a laboring man most of my life and deeply sympathize with those who honestly toil, firmly believing that opportunity should be given to all to earn an honest living in some useful occupation.

My opposition to the American saloon in this state commenced with my arrival here 35 years ago. I rejoice that the saloon in Oregon is gone for good. I believe in the strict enforcement of the law, I favor national prohibition.

I have always favored woman suffrage and am in favor of extending the franchise throughout the nation.

I believe in the people's rule in the greatest possible participation by the people direct in all the affairs of government compatible with the practical and efficient administration of affairs.

I am a firm believer in the future greatness of Oregon. Portland should be one of the greatest ports of the world. With her inland waterways developed, steamship lines promoted and rural Oregon developed, her future destiny is assured.

I shall do everything in my power if governor to promote the business growth and development of our state, never forgetting the necessity for constant work for the moral uplift and educational opportunities.

My motto shall be: "Organization of Oregon for the winning of the war."

CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Judge to succeed myself, subject to the voters at the Primary election to be held May 17, 1918.

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