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PROCLAMATION.

State of Oregon, Executive Department,
Salem, October 10, 1917.

Whereas, the American people have set themselves the task of raising a second Liberty Loan of from three to five billion dollars. Twentieth century war requires vast sums of money. The requirements are far beyond what the wealthiest country can raise by taxation. The great nations of Europe have been at war for three years. They have floated loan after loan successfully. It is unthinkable that this country should fall with its second loan, six months after the declaration of war; and

Whereas, failure to provide the necessary money would mean failure to properly provision and equip our troops. An army insufficiently equipped and supplied is led to unavailing slaughter. We owe to those who are to do the fighting to stand behind them loyally, to give them everything which will add to their efficiency and bring nearer the day of victory. Let us not fight this war half heartedly, with one hand behind our backs. Let us fight it manfully, in a manner worthy the best traditions of the Republic; and

Whereas, Oregon's share of the fund required is sixteen and a half to twenty-four million dollars. This is a sum too large to be raised without the cooperation of the whole people. Every Oregonian with an income should consider it a duty and a privilege to purchase one or more bonds, in proportion to his means. The Government asks us not to contribute, but to invest. There is no safer investment in the world than a loan to the United States;

Now, Therefore, By virtue of the authority in me vested, as Governor of the State of Oregon, I, James Withycombe, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of October 14th to 20th, 1917, as **PATRIOTIC WEEK.** Oregon has thus far responded to every appeal. We have given the flower of our young manhood. Let us not be a sordid people. Let us not place greater store by our money than by our men. If our people can only be coerced to the necessities of the situation we cannot fail to have the cooperation which will spell success.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oregon to be hereunto affixed, this 10th day of October, A. D. 1917.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE, Governor.

ONTARIO BOY HAS SERIOUS ACCIDENT

William Lees Badly Disfigured by Exploding Shell in Gun Last Sunday Afternoon.

While out on a hunting expedition last Sunday a most deplorable accident befell Billy Lees, the fourteen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lees of this city. The lad, accompanied by a companion, Lee Williams, were looking for game down in the willows near the T. H. Bronnan home and in some manner, which is claimed to be due to a defect in the gun, the breech burst and struck the boy full force in the head, breaking the bone of the nose, seriously injuring one eye and cutting a bad gash over his forehead well back to the crown of the head. The boy's parents had left Ontario about an hour before the accident happened by auto for a visit with friends about five miles out of Weiser. Realizing this the boy's companion, Lee Williams, ran to the home of Mr. Bronnan and informed them of the accident. Mrs. Bronnan hastened to the injured boy while Mr. Bronnan made a record auto dash for his parents in the vicinity of Weiser.

Mrs. Bronnan succeeded in getting the young man to her home when she called medical attention and Dr. Whitney at once applied first aid and awaited for further consultation with the parents who when they arrived conveyed the boy to his home here and the wounds were properly dressed.

The boy has been very sick owing to shock and nervousness and for a time his life was despaired of, but is now improving and it is expected that he will soon recover. While one eye has been injured so that the swelling has deprived him of the use of it, yet it is not expected that the sight has been permanently destroyed.

CARTER HOUSE WILL BE CONTINUED AS HOTEL

Last week J. R. Blackaby purchased the furniture and fixtures of the Carter House from former manager Whitworth and consequently the auction sale was called off.

Mr. Blackaby announces that the hotel will be continued under a temporary management until a permanent manager can be found to take charge of it.

HOW RED CROSS FUNDS ARE USED

To the many people who have contributed so liberally to the Red Cross fund it is interesting to know something concerning the manner in which these funds are expended. The following itemized account will give an idea as to the purpose toward which these contributions are devoted. At a meeting of the directors of the local Red Cross organization held Monday night the following bills were allowed:

Red Cross Supply Service, Chicago Branch, Hudson Gause	\$150.40
Red Cross Supply Service, San Francisco—Hudson Gause	235.07
Daisy Cloth	.33
Cotton	2.36
Fielchner, Mayer & Co.—Blankets	66.00
Daisy Cloth	5.30
Knitting Needles	4.50

The ladies of the Red Cross moved their furnishings from the rooms on Oregon street this week to the Commercial club rooms in the city hall. This move was due to the fact that the cold days of winter are drawing near and the new rooms are comfortably heated by furnace and as the commercial club members patriotically contributed the room the ladies gladly accepted.

Tomorrow, Friday, is Columbus Day and is also a legal holiday with the banks.

INVENTS MACHINE TO SORT APPLES

Ontario Resident Perfects Machine That Will Solve the Apple Packing Problem to a Large Extent.

A new model machine for sorting apples which has been devised and constructed by Messrs. A. F. Boyer and sons, A. N. and H. C., of this city, is drawing considerable attention from outsiders this week while it is in operation at the packing plant adjoining the cold storage building below Oregon street.

The sorting was begun last Thursday afternoon when the machine was first operated and that it proved to be a decided success is evidenced by the many boxes of apples, each of uniform size, that were filled while the "merry-go-round" revolved not to the music of the grind organ, but to the harmoniously low and cheerful tones of the apples dropping one by one into their respective receptacles, from which they are taken by the packer and rapidly placed into boxes for shipment.

The principle upon which the invention is based is that of weights, and, like many another invention, is extremely simple when it has once been evolved. The general idea consists of a long table, at either end of which is a revolving disc around the circumference of which are numerous little scales, the apples being received in a canvas pocket and as the disc revolves the scale containing the apple is carried around until the weight is adjusted to balance the apple, when a spring is automatically released, the pocket is reversed and the apple is spilled into the chute containing other apples of the same weight.

The apples to be sorted are first placed upon the table which connects the two revolving discs and after all fruit containing blemish or that is otherwise imperfect, is removed by two nimble workmen the apples are carried by endless chains to the sorters where they are received into the pockets of the scales which look not unlike fair sized soap ladies. Metallic adjustable bands are placed along the surface of the disc which gradually adjust the weights as the discs revolve until the last apple is dumped where the weights are again rubbed against a graduated circular metallic band which returns them to their original position.

Two discs or sorters are kept in operation for the purpose of simplifying the work when it is necessary to sort for fancy or extra fancy packing, and it also doubles the producing capacity of the machine while working common varieties.

The Messrs. Boyers have a similar invention for the sorting of lemons and from which they are now receiving royalties for its use in the south.

O. N. Boyer to whom much credit for the invention is accorded, is said to be talented with an inventive genius which manifested itself in his early youth, his curiosity for prying into the mechanism of things frequently getting him into difficulty. While a small boy he dwelt with his parents at Anacortes, Washington, on

OREGON HAS JUST 30 DESERTER-SLACKERS

Reward of \$50 Made for Each One—Every Citizen Asked to Help—Several From Malheur Co.

Portland, Oct. 10—Every man who failed to report to his local exemption board for military service when notified to do so is listed in the army draft records as a deserter. A reward of \$50 cash will be paid for the delivery of any such deserter to the nearest army camp or post.

Notifications of this reward and instructions to begin at once a state-wide hunt to round up slackers of this type have been received by the Adjutant General from the Provost Marshal General at Washington.

The instructions emphasize that the reward will be paid over upon delivery of the deserter, regardless of whether he is able to prove later that his failure to report was not wilful. The \$50 is to include expenses incurred in the delivery.

The Oregon has much better record in that respect than most other states, there are about 30 or \$1,500 worth of this kind of slacker-deserter in the state at present, that number of men who were called having failed to report to their local exemption boards. Their quick apprehension and delivery to the military authorities is on the program.

If ordinary methods do not prove adequate to run them down, individual descriptions and pictures of each man wanted will be sent out through the state. To permit one of these deserters to defy the call to military service would be unfair to every other man already drafted, or subject to the draft.

The military authorities are desirous that every police officer and individual citizen as well join in the campaign to catch these deserters and turn them over to the military authorities for punishment.

Of course, there are some cases where failure to report may have been unavoidable. The Government is determined to round up every deserter but it has no desire to be harsh with men who can prove that their failure to report was not wilful.

"If, after such persons are brought to a military authority," say the instructions on this point, "it appears to the military authority that their delinquency is not wilful, they will be forwarded to a mobilization camp and their local board will be given credit."

"If it appears that the delinquency was wilful, they be prosecuted before court martial as deserters."

"In either case the reward is payable."

There are several men in this class from Malheur County.

Arthur Holland, a former employe of the Argus, but who is now in the employe of an automobile concern in Boise, was visiting in the city this week.

Puget Sound, and here he acquired considerable mechanical knowledge among the boats, to which knowledge he has constantly added until he may yet be the means of solving the fruit conserving problem of the valley by later inventions for picking and packing the big red apple.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

What We Are Asked to Do For Our Country.

The men of the allied nations are not on the farms producing as once they were, but are now fighting, suffering and dying for a Democracy and Liberty which is ours. That we were not to be left in peace, we now all know; then our entrance into war, was only a selection of the battleground. Every drop of blood that has reddened France or Belgium's soil is ours by proxy. Then the women and children and armies of our allied nations, must not starve. We have the food which must be conserved and forwarded, for they tell us food will win the war.

The enemy says the same in action, and they are working 2,000,000 prisoners as slaves in food production at home, and are active in submarine destruction of ours on the seas.

Only the very fit young men may be soldiers; only the wealthy may buy Liberty Bonds; but every liberty loving man, woman and child in America can enlist in the world's greatest army—Hoover's food conservation army, that will in the last analysis win the war.

W. B. Ayer, food administrator for Oregon, has pledged that October will see our State signed up. From the 21st to the 28th is named for the campaign. Malheur County must as ever be in the front rank, and for this purpose we are calling.

We have a pledge card to be signed by every Home Manager in the County.

Everyone must realize what a task a few would assume to canvass every home. Some may be missed but if you will write, you will receive all instructions complete. We will not ask for money, but will ask you to follow directions. It costs nothing but self sacrifice.

Let us call back to memory the cost of American Liberty, and with it firmly resolve: That none of the blood was spilled in vain; that from the fallen hand of our fathers, we will grasp Liberty's lighted torch, and at any price, will carry it to the darkened world.

GEO. W. MCKNIGHT, Chairman.

BIG POTATOES GROW ON THE BOULEVARD

Pride of Multnomah Variety Measures Thirteen Inches in Length and Nine in Circumference.

C. A. Adams of the Boulevard came into the Argus office early this week bearing a potato. He had his hand full and if he discovers another potato in his patch before he is thru digging that exceeds this one in size he may be obliged to convey it to this office or the market in a wheelbarrow. Just what process Mr. Adams used to extract the tuber from the earth he did not state, but it is possible that he may have used a derrick. The specimen is of the **Pride of Multnomah** variety and measures 13 1/4 inches in length while the fleshiest portion of the spud measures 9 1/2 inches in circumference.

The potato's eyes are innumerable and it is without blemish appearing to be perfectly solid and mealy. The big baked potato should serve an average family with normal appetites for one meal and then have scraps enough left for an average flock of chickens to dine upon and in turn produce some eggs for the next meal.

Mr. Adams states that he has a Snow variety of spuds that commonly run to four pounds of tubers to the hill.

TELEPHONE COMPANY CHANGES MANAGERS

J. M. Lewis, who for the past nine months has been manager of the local telephone office, leaves this week to take charge of the office and business of the Inter-Mountain States Telephone Co. at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mr. Lewis' new position is in the nature of a promotion and places him in charge where the volume of business is much larger than in Ontario, Idaho Falls being a city of some eight thousand people.

Met Doling, formerly of Mountain Home, is the new manager of the local exchange and is now in charge.

New Pastor Arrives.

Rev. Blum of Emmett has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church of this city, he having preached his initial sermon here last Sunday. Mr. Blum and daughter are now located in the parsonage and Mrs. Blum is expected to join them soon.

Wm Roberts who is employed in this city, spent Sunday with Mrs. Roberts in Weiser.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET OCT. 19

Interesting Program Has Been Arranged for Meeting to Be Held at High School Auditorium.

The first meeting of the year of the Ontario Parent-Teachers' association will be held Friday afternoon, October 19, at 3 o'clock at the school auditorium. An interesting program has been arranged for the occasion and is as follows:

Music, piano solo, Miss Rena Biggs. Address of Welcome to Teachers, Mrs. T. W. Claggett, president. Response, S. M. Boucher. Music, vocal solo, Mrs. Earl Hanna. "The Aims of the Parent-Teachers' Association," Mrs. Irwin Trostell. General discussion.

Business. All parents are urged to attend this meeting and get in touch with the educational sentiment that inspired the organization of the association, as well as to enjoy the program.

Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 a fire alarm was turned in from the Multnomah rooming house and the firemen did some rapid sprinting for the city hall where they hooked the hose cart onto the first floor they could reach and were soon at the scene of the conflagration which proved to be of little consequence. A defective chimney that allowed the smoke to escape into the upper part of the building was responsible for the alarm.

J. H. Guerin and wife returned Tuesday from Newport where they spent a few weeks visiting with their daughter.

WILL SPEAK ON LIBERTY BONDS FRIDAY EVENING

Mrs. Alexander Thompson of The Dalles, has been secured by the Commercial Club of this city to lecture at their rooms Friday night on the subject of "Liberty Bonds." Mrs. Alexander is a woman of note, she being the only woman in the state of Oregon that has as yet been honored with being elected to the legislative assembly. She speaks in a most interesting manner and her subject is one in which everybody is interested now. A large attendance of the public is expected.

SAFEGUARDING CHURCH STATUARY IN FRANCE



Valuable statues being stored away in a church from the danger soon after having been taken from a church which was within range of the enemy's guns.