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MATERIAL SCARCITY CAUSES SHUTDOWN

Red Cross Rooms Open Now But Twice Each Week—Appeal Made for Ton of Clothing for Refugees—Can You Help?

Owing to the scarcity of material the Red Cross rooms are open now but twice each week—Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ontario is not alone in this for Portland, Spokane, Boise and other cities have been closed for some time, completely.

The big work that is undertaken just now is the collection of refugee garments for Belgians. Ontario has been asked for one ton of clothing. This is an unusual request, for owing to the scarcity of cargo space on the ships the Red Cross can scarcely secure transportation of this class of goods. Care and judgment should be exercised in the selection of the goods to be offered. The following letter of appeal shows the worthiness of the cause.

Seattle, Wash., March 8. Chairman of the Chapter: Herbert Hoover has asked the Red Cross to lend the machinery for its organization to collect for the Belgian Relief Commission from the people of the United States a certain amount of selected, used and surplus clothing for the relief work of the commission in occupied territory of France and Belgium.

The Red Cross, speaking through Mr. Davison, has agreed to do so. The campaign will cause little interruption in the regular work of the Red Cross as the mechanical details have been reduced to a minimum and the expense involved is small. Chapters will collect such articles as are desired, inspect only to the extent necessary to eliminate worthless articles and those which cannot be used. Pack in any way which will secure safety in transit and ship P. O. B. cars to the designated warehouses of the commission.

This division is asked for 200 tons of used and surplus clothing. We assume that the greater part of this will come from the cities and larger towns, and have already allotted most of it on this basis. If you feel that your Chapter can undertake the collection of a ton or less of used clothing as part of this special campaign please notify me at once, and I will send full instructions for the work.

Please do not undertake the work until you have received the instructions as this is not a regular Red Cross activity except for this special occasion, and the Red Cross will have no use for the clothing unless it is collected in the manner prescribed, and shipped and reported according to directions. I should be glad to have you write to me definitely by return mail, if possible, stating whether your Chapter wishes to undertake the collection of one ton or less of used and surplus clothing to help meet this special demand.

Very truly yours,
EARL KIRKPATRICK
Director Bureau of Development,
Approved:
C. D. Stinson, Division Manager.

THRIFT WEEK.

At the present time Malheur county is the tail-end of the counties of Oregon in the sale of war stamps and thrift stamps.

But next week, i. e., March 19th to 23rd, is the week set apart by the national committee for a "house to house" canvass, and it is our hope that every family in the county will be waited upon by a patriotic solicitor who will appeal to them to "lend a hand" to Uncle Sam and buy a "baby bond" and also start the children with thrift stamps.

This is in no sense competitive with Liberty Bonds, but they serve the same good cause, and each form of loan has its advantages: with war stamps you get your interest in advance in the stamp is redeemable Jan. 1, 1923.

Every civic society, every patriotic league, every organization of any kind that is calculated to help win the War for Democracy, should vie in the race and make a showing for our county: will YOU do your part?

Organize—Work! Win!
W. F. HOMAN,
County Chairman W. S. S.

FUDGE AND A CIGARETTE MAKE HIT WITH SOLDIER

In a letter to Sergeant Fred Canfield, received this week, Herb Paul declares life in France is pleasing. He says:

With the American Expeditionary Force, Feb. 13.—Dear Fred: How are you and the old O. S. L. coming. Are you still working for it, and if so, how do you like government control? Does it make much difference in your work? I would like to drop in the old freight house tonight for a visit. Wouldn't want to stay long till the war is over, and then I am going to make a real visit. Just going to rest for about a year before I even think of doing anything, and believe me, I am some little rest.

I am going to see "Ship" tomorrow. He is only about 25 miles from here and am going down on a truck. Will see him and see the fellows again, as it has been some little time since I saw them. Would have been down there sooner but only found out today where they are.

We are building a new aviation field here and are pretty busy. It is pretty nice tho, as we don't have to work after dark, some nights, and are only ten miles from town. After work, all we have to do to amuse ourselves is to walk into town to go to bed. We are allowed to stay there till 5 a. m. You know when you hear that bugle blow reveille, "It's a grand and glorious feeling." Great stuff. Then you go to chow. At 6:15 you are working. They blow retreat at 4:30 p. m. and recall at 5:15. Inspection Sunday morning at 9 a. m., with no time off Saturday to clean up. Gee, I have had lots of times of how I used to abuse that bed in 231 Moore Hotel. Used to stay in it till 5, 9, 10 o'clock lots of times. To tell the truth, it is a whole lot better over here than I expected. I am surprised at conditions. Of course some of it is pretty hard, but nothing to what I was looking forward to. I have it pretty easy on account of being supply sergeant, the sometimes even I work.

I am sitting in the Y. M. C. A. writing this. It is a big tent with a dirt floor, a few benches and two board tables. Luckily I am at one of the tables. They got in a piano last night and it is the first one I have heard since December. One of the boys is playing "Yaka Hala" and a bunch of others are around him singing it and I am keeping time with my shoulders and have about one and one-half foot space to write in. That is one of the hardships of "an American soldier in France." When you feel like dancing you haven't even got room to shake your shoulders, so I am going to bed.

Write soon and tell me all the news. As always,
H. B. PAUL.
P. S.—Feb. 19.—Might also add that I was about froze that night and right now I feel just like a man feels just before he freezes to death. Am going to mail this now and then go get dressed for bed. You know, gloves, helmet, overcoat and all the other spare clothes that somebody else isn't using. Great day. Had a piece of fudge and an American cigarette. HERB.

HERB.



Photo by American Press Association. Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards.

LIBERTY LOAN MEN STIRRED BY SPEAKERS

Meeting at Vale Wednesday Attended by Men From All Over County—Unique Campaign to Be Waged.

Malheur county is going to be combed to the last precinct for the Third Liberty Loan. The drive for the great cause scheduled to commence on April 5, the anniversary of America's entry into the conflict, is to be notable indeed. There will be no sympathy for the slacker.

That was the message that the many Ontario, Nyssa and Dead Ox Flat men who attended brought back from Vale Wednesday evening following the conference called by J. R. Blackaby, county chairman, which was addressed by J. D. Zurcher of Portland.

Mr. Zurcher stirred his hearer with his message of service. He impressed upon them the need of making every man come forward to the limit. A complete record is to be kept and published showing what each citizen subscribes and every man will be classified. Blue cards will be given the loyal citizen who does his utmost or approximates that; red cards will go to the man who is half hearted or subscribes grudgingly, while yellow cards will go to those whose actions suit that shade.

Sam Cream is to have charge of the publicity for this section. Frank Rader is chairman of the drive in the city and vicinity. Mr. Cream announces the following as speakers: Ontario, Oregon, and immediate vicinity are: W. F. Homan, R. W. Swagler, W. W. Wood, W. E. Lees, H. R. Douglas, C. E. McGonigal, Judge Dalton Biggs.

Persons available for speaking tours to various parts of the state: J. W. McCulloch, P. J. Gallagher.

SUGARLESS CANDY IS LATEST FOOD STUNT

Prohibition Jumps Candy Demand While Hoover Says Less Sugar Oregon Becomes Supply the 3 Deficit.

What do you know about a sugarless candy? Just as much as most of us used to know about a meatless day, but then we are getting wise now. That is what I. H. Taylor of Salt Lake told his friend C. S. Watson the other day when he dropped into Ontario to sell Mr. Watson some of the "Sugarless Nuggets," the latest Hooverized confection sent out by McDonald's of the salty city.

"Candy eaters out in this section don't know how lucky they are," said Mr. Taylor, for they are able to care for their sweet tooth every day while the folks back east are wondering when it will all stop. Out here we have only 40 per cent of the sugar we need, but then the Oregon and Idaho bees furnish the deficit. The new candy is made from honey, corn syrup and New Orleans molasses, but it is the Oregon honey that counts.

"One of the biggest problems the candy men have is to supply the growing demand in all the dry states. This has been most marked in Utah during the past year. Just as it was in the other states, years ago."

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brown of Harney county are in town this week to do their spring shopping. They report that their son Glenn who is now in France writes that he is in good health and enjoys life in the army.

Mrs. S. B. Staley of Montpellier is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Fausness.

The Wednesday Bridge club met this week at the home of Miss Irvine Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hager of Council, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hager's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lew Adams.

Mrs. W. J. Wesse, detained at a luncheon this week at her home on Maple street.

FIRST CHAUTAUQUA IS THOROUGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Contract for Next Year Signed by Entertainers Give Free Program at Dreamland Sunday Which Nets Red Cross \$105.20.

Ontario's first Chautauqua was a pronounced success. The numbers were thoroughly enjoyed, especially the lecturers. Despite the handicaps of inadequate heating the crowds were enthusiastic and nearly 100 signed their desire for another course next winter so a contract was signed.

On Sunday afternoon at the suggestion of H. C. Smith of the Moore Hotel the entertainers gave a concert for the benefit of the Red Cross. It was first announced for the hotel lobby but later changed to the Dreamland at the suggestion of Mr. Jaquish. As the result of this enjoyable affair the Red Cross Chapter is \$102.20 richer. Following the concert the entertainers were the guests of the finance committee of the chapter including: Messrs. and Mesdames H. H. Whitney, E. M. Greig, W. W. Letson, R. A. Wilson, A. L. Cockrum, H. C. Boyer, and W. W. Wood.

Tells of Total Eclipse. Perhaps one of the most interesting of the numbers in the course was Prof. Carpenter's lecture on the total eclipse of the sun, which will be visible here in Ontario June 5.

WAR WILL AID WOMEN SAYS MRS. VERNON CASTLE

The war, deplorable as it is, will benefit American women just as it has benefited their English sisters, stated Mrs. Vernon Castle, when interviewed in her dressing room at the big Pathe studio. In her opinion the ideals of service and discipline which war brings forth cannot fail to be of service to women, many of whom now lead aimless and selfish lives.

"This is particularly true of New York women," the famous actress went on. "There has been such a constant tide of prosperity here of late years that women of the wealthier classes have become surfeited with the good things of life. They have thought only of themselves, and that isn't good for anybody."

"Why, many of my friends, who formerly didn't do a thing in the world but amuse themselves, bidding goodbye to their husbands in the morning and spending the day shopping, lunching, matineeing and teaing, now are busy as bees working for the Red Cross and aiding enlistings. They're all the happier for it, too."

"If I were a man I would like to be in the aviation corps like Mr. Castle. No muddy clothing or wet feet from standing in the trenches but the most daring and exciting of all the work of the war!"

Mrs. Castle's latest and best Pathe play, "Convict 993," will be shown at the Dreamland theatre on March 21.

W. C. T. U. APRON SALE.

At McDowell's Exchange store on Saturday, March 23, the W. C. T. U. will hold an apron sale. Remember the date, March 23.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Dick Davis at her home on the East side.



Governor James Withycombe

50-50 ON WHEAT FLOUR IS THE RULE FOR OREGON NOW

This is what the Ontario merchants were told this week by Food Administrator Ayer. Read it over and then don't kick when you have to pay 50-50.

In the President's proclamation of January 18, followed by the rules and regulations of the Food Administration, all sales of wheat flour were dependent upon the buyer purchasing at the same time fifty per cent of substitutes. On account of the scarcity of substitutes in this state, the Food Administrator in Washington permitted, temporarily, a reduction in the quantity of substitutes that must be purchased to one pound of substitutes to three pounds of flour. I am now in receipt of a telegram from Mr. Hoover, Federal Food Administrator, stating that on account of the imperative needs of the Allies, all states must begin Monday March 11 conform to the fifty fifty plan.

Therefore, all millers, wholesalers, retailers and other distributors of wheat flour in the State of Oregon, are hereby notified that beginning Monday, March 11th, they must conform to the rules and regulations as stated above. All retailers, wholesalers, millers or other distributors of wheat flour selling to consumers must sell one pound of substitutes with every pound of wheat flour sold.

The public should understand that, on account of the limited amount of substitutes the dealer has on hand, it may be necessary for him to refuse to sell flour in the customary one-quarter barrel sacks (i. e. 48 pounds) and to sell only in small quantities.

I fully realize that the enforcement of this rule is going to cause considerable inconvenience to the people of this state, due to the shortage of substitutes, but the people of most of the other states are equally inconvenienced, and after all it is not much of a sacrifice compared to those the boys at the front are making, or the deprivations the people of France are enduring so patiently, and when we think of the conditions that exist in Belgium, Serbia, Russia, Poland and Finland, we should accept cheerfully and without complaint any burden that is placed upon us, realizing that we are only doing our part to win the war.

Cordially yours,
W. B. AYER,
Federal Food Administrator for Oregon.

CITY BECOMING GREAT RANGE CATTLE MARKET

600 Head Sold Last Week—1000 Listed for Next Saturday and 150 for the Following Monday—Many Registered Animals.

Ontario is becoming a great cattle market as the result of the efforts of the Ontario Sales company and its associates. At the sale last week, which was transferred to the Fair grounds, 600 head of stock, including many registered bulls, were sold at figures slightly over \$30,000.

Among the buyers were A. B. Meacham of Preston, Idaho, who bought three carloads, R. E. Went of Vale, who took 75 head and a number of Idaho buyers.

1000 Head for Next Saturday.

For next Saturday 1000 head are listed and among them are 20 registered Durham and Hereford bulls. Buyers from all over Eastern Oregon and western Idaho are expected. This will be the biggest sale ever attempted in this section. On the following Monday a special sale will be held of 125 head of stock of one rancher in the Owyhee country, who is bringing his cattle here.

Mrs. Barnett was ill the first of the week at her home on Richardson street.

STRAYED.

From Fair grounds or from corral near stockyards Sunday night two Durham cows branded Jaws harp on left hip, one Durham cow branded circle Y on left ribs and one Hereford cow branded inverted quarter circle under bar on left hip. Finder please notify A. McWilliams or Carter barns, Ontario.

WATER COMPANY IS READY TO SELL OUT

Offer Is Indefinite—No Price Placed in Plano—Seek Arbitration Board.

O. G. F. Marcus, general superintendent, and J. F. Orr, division manager, of the Ontario Water Company were in Ontario Monday to attend an informal meeting with the City Council, when they proposed selling the present property of the Water company to the city. According to their plan the city would install the pumping plant, filtering system and main pipe line and connect with the present distribution system of the Water company. Mains could be installed and connected to the present pipe line to serve other parts of the city. This would insure a good water supply for the city at a minimum cost, and would also stop any competition in the water business, asserted the visiting officials.

The officers of the Water company declared that a great saving could be made by taking over the present property and using its distribution system until prices of material and shipments become normal.

No price was made on the property of the Water company but a proposition was submitted to the council that it appoint a man, the Water company appoint a man and these two in turn select the third and that these three determine the price at which the city could use the present property. No action was taken by the council, which has the matter under advisement.

OSBORN, REVIVALIST AT METHODIST CHURCH

Theo. H. Osborn, known as the "Drummer" Evangelist, began a revival last Saturday in the Methodist church and is holding services every evening except Saturday. He is advertised as a hard hitter and that does not begin to do him justice. Osborn has been on the American platform for 27 years and is a success. One must hear them to appreciate such rare talent in a town of this size. His pianist is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. Mrs. Theo. Dean Callahan plays any hymn in the books as soon as it is called. All she asks is the key it is written in. She is training a booster choir which will sing each Friday night and rehearse each Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school.

Rev. Osborn's sermons are more like Wesley, Whitefield or Moody. He is a story teller. Prof. Kerns and Mr. Callahan, who generally travel with the party, are not here. This makes double duty for these two people. They can only stay a short time as they are called by Uncle Sam to Houston, Texas. We are looking for great results, but Osborn says this meeting will be just what the ministers and good people of the church make it. Pershing is a great man, but his success is what we as soldiers make it, and if Uncle Sam is whipped we are the Bolsheviks that did it, and be sure your sin will find you out.

EARL HANNA, Pastor.

Mrs. Bessie Rodrigues and her mother unaided succeeded in extinguishing the fire which started in their home on the Eastside Wednesday afternoon. The clothes and bedding of one room were destroyed before the women conquered the blaze.

Sergeant Fred Canfield left Friday evening for Houston, Texas, after spending a week with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lyells received a card on Monday telling of the safe arrival over-seas of their son, G. F. Lyells.

L. Adam, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is reported as improving gradually.

Lem Christensen of Weber spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rader of Boise stopped off here on their way home from California to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rader.

The Ontario Music club will hold its regular meeting Saturday afternoon.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD.

The Men's Brotherhood will have their monthly meeting for dinner and talk Wednesday evening, March 20th at the church. Dinner at 6:30 p. m.