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RESULTS OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS DRIVE

Campaign Under Way In Real Earnest Country Points Awakened.

W. M. York, the colonel for that portion of Multnomah County outside of Portland and lying within his Road District, reports much activity at every point with reference to the War Savings Stamps Campaign. Principal Searle of the Pleasant Valley School reports that although it was a little difficult to get much momentum on as soon as some of the others started, that every one is pulling fine now, and they expect great results. They have sold about $10 worth to date, and have planned a rally next Monday night with Commissioner Holman, Superintendent of Schools Alderman and Mrs. Ritchie as attractions. He is confident that Pleasant Valley will do fully its share.

Miss Dahl of the Buckley School reports having sold $11 worth the first day, and everything looks bright for a strenuous campaign there.

The Lynch School, under the Principalship of Mrs. Sharpe have sold $15 worth already, and find that everybody is taking it up well.

Principal Ager of the Gilbert school has set some pace for the others to follow, having sold $77.19 to date. From all accounts the campaign has not become anywhere exhausted either, and more returns are expected later.

The Woodmere school, while actually nearer to the centre of Portland than the Lents school, is still outside the city limits, strange as that may seem. Professor Dickson reports that they have sold just $100 worth.

All these points are in W. M. York's territory and are out of the city limits, but probably most of them have bought their supplies from the Lents P. O. Postmaster John S. Howe reports to us that to date he has sold $590.19 worth of stamps all told this month. This total includes of course the Lents school, and all the individual purchasers in the district as well as these outside points.

WHY WAR GARDENS FAILED AND HOW THEY SUCCEED

Nine Reasons in New Bulletin.

Corvallis, Ore,, Feb. War gardens in 1917 failed in many instances for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Unfavorable weather. The late cold wet spring and hot dry summer, emphasized the value of irrigation.
2. Hasty planning. See suggestive planting plan in bulletin.
3. Improper choice of ground. Select suitable areas or prepare unsuitable better.
4. Poor handling of sod lands. Disk thoroughly before plowing, and work up well afterwards.
5. Lack of fertilizer. Give the soils humus and available nitrogen---stable manure excellent for both.
6. Inferior seed. Buy only good seed of right variety from reliable dealer; or test for germination.
7. Incorrect seeding. Follow directions in pamphlets; bulletins and especially as to depth of planting and number of seeds to the row.
8. Ravages of insects. Get and follow direction from department of Entomology. Also get bulletin 856, U. S. D. A.
9. Lack of experience of growers, who planted through patriotism. The year's experience should be valuable this year.

The new bulletin is the first of a new series being prepared by A. G. Bouquet, O. A. C. and can be had free on request.

TWO-BIT THRIFT.

Says Secretary McAdoo
I take my pen and write to you;
For since this Hohenzollern crew
Continues hell's own broth to brew,
Until the whole world's in a stew,
Their course we ought to make them rue
Says Secretary McAdoo.

Our boys will go abroad to fight,
And it is only fair and right
That we should help with all our might,
And so this letter I indite
To say, Please loose your purse-strings tight,
Says Secretary McAdoo,
Addressing me and also you.

Come, give your government a lift,
Invest, it's really not a gift;
Let's make in war's dark cloud a rift,
And set this Prussian crew adrift.
We can, if we will practice thrift,
Says Secretary McAdoo,
A-meaning me, and also you.

Two-bits I asked to beat the foe;
Two-bits to sink the U-boats low;
Two-bits to end this Hun-made woe;
Two-bits to let the Kaiser know
The time has come for him to go—
Satan complains that he is slow---
Two-bits, says William McAdoo,
Just take the hint, from me to you!

ELLIS MEREDITH.

Never try to clean yokes, collars or cuffs while sewed on the gown. Such things should always be made detachable.

Cherryville.

St. Valentine Day once more.

These gentle rains are much to be preferred to the frightful frigid weather or furious blizzards raging in the East.

Patriotic meeting at the school house on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 23rd.

The American people hold in grateful remembrance the memory, the life and public services of Abraham Lincoln.

The mill at the Brightwood school house will build a flume from their mill to the dam on the Sandy river, a distance of 3 miles, this spring. They figure this will pay for itself in one year as then there will be no loss from high water or the cost of drives, which are expensive, and besides all kinds of lumber— except the largest — can be sent to market at Bull Run via the tunnel. All mills are profitable these times.

People here are now talking of hewing out ties by hand as the price is attractive, 75 cents each and by stacking them up along the road they can be hauled to the railroad by teams or auto trucks as our roads are now pretty much all planked i. e., the main roads. Cord wood can be got to market the same way. When the timber is removed the undergrowth can be slashed and burned and the ground sowed to timothy.

The writer is very much opposed to war, being raised a Friend or Quaker, agreeing with Miss Rankin, our lady Congresswoman that war is a "very stupid and brutal way of settling difficulties," but when it comes to a madman destroying lives and property in the most inhuman and brutal manner then it becomes necessary for all civilized nations to crush the monster by all the means possible.

The government is now appealing to the people to come forward with means to carry on the war by investing in Saving Stamps and Liberty Bonds to all of which the people are responding nobly, but they ought to make the rich slackers do their part without evasion. A notable instance of this evasion is John D. Rockefeller, who, it is disclosed, has been paying but $2500 a year on a fortune of over $1,000,000,000. It is revealed that he has Standard Oil Stock and real estate in Ohio valued at $864,000,000 besides an immense sum in U. S. Steel in Colorado Iron and Fuel, and other industrial enterprises, and valuable property in New York, Florida, and elsewhere. The Democratic Mayor of New York City says he will see to it that he pays his taxes this year which he estimates, income tax and all, at more than $8,000,000. This old slacker will have to pay.

The government is sending out to the people and having hung up in the Post Offices attractive lithographs appealing for funds to carry on the war and one of the most attractive of these is a large portrait of Joan of Arc, a poor ignorant peasant girl, who led the defeated army of France more than 300 years ago and completely overthrew the English Army of invasion in a series of battles. The life of this remarkable woman has been written by Mark Twain, who visited France and had access to the testimony of 134 witnessess, who lived in her time and who were eyewitness to her wonderful career. She foretold just what she would do in a years's time, all of which was accomplished. Mark says, in conclusion, there is no other way to account for her work only that she was under supernatural influence.

Bellrose-Gilbert.

Great things are expected from the entertainment in the school house tonight where the James John Socio's and the Clinton-Kelly Boys' Chorus are aiding the Gilbert P. T. A.

Mr. Pike of the Deardorff Road, whose son was working in a sawmill, was injured in an attempt to save himself from machinery. Result is a painful injury to the serious shin bone.

Havn't seen any groundhogs, but it snowed Tuesday and yesterday. A little still visible on the hills.

Ten-cent Tea at Mrs. Thall's today (Thursday) from 1:30 to 5:00 given by the Ladies Aid of Bennett Chapel.

Great preparations have been made by the P. T. A.. for the entertainment to be held in the Gilbert School tonight. It was at first thought that a box social would be part of the program, but in response to requests to Hooverize this part of the program has been omitted.

Happy Valley.

Our balmy spring weather continues. If we have a few days of sunshine and wind, the farmers will soon be busy planting and seeding.

Emil Peterson is attending Franklin High. He walks from home to Lents and back every day.

Esther Rebstock has started to high school. Miss Esther attends the Jefferson High. and stays with the Hubert Good family.

Royal Zinser is improving quite rapidly. He was able to take his meal at the table Sunday for the first time since getting hurt by the rock crusher over two weeks ago.

A. L. Strickscott lost one of his work horses last week. Quite a serious loss these hard times.

Rev. E. D. Hornschuch of the First Evangelical church of Portland, preached a powerful sermon on "Prayer" to the congregation at the Happy Valley church last Sunday, which was enjoyed by every one present.

Mrs. J. Deardorff received the sad news of her mother's death last Saturday, at Santa Anna, California. Mrs. Best had been an invalid for thirteen years, but through this trial she was always contented and happy in her lot and afflictions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rushford received a telegram last Friday from the Government War Office to the effect that their son Glenn was sick in the hospital at Mare Island, San Francisco. All neighbors extend their heart-felt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rushford.

On Monday evening of this week, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ulrich were happily surprised by the members of the church and the Young People's Alliance, and the Light Bearer's class. About thirty were present, the occasion being a farewell gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich and daughter, Edna will leave in about ten days for Connell, Wash. The Light Bearer's class gave Edna a shower of handkerchiefs, and Mrs. Lennox, the teacher of the class, gave a farewell talk to Miss Edna. Mrs. Lennox, who is the President of the P. T. A., presented Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich with a beautiful engraved set of silver teaspoons, together with a presentation speech, thanking them for their hospitality to the young people. Their doors have always been open to the social gatherings of the young people of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich will miss their many friends of Happy Valley, but although parted, they will never forget the many kindnesses shown them.

The Joy of Work.

Instead of being a curse, work is man's greatest blessing. There is no one thing that has ever done so much for humanity that has given so much happiness, saved so many human beings from despair, and kept so many from suicide; no one thing that has called forth so many hidden resources, developed and strengthened so many powers of mind and body as has work.—Nautilus.

AGRICULTURAL COUNTY AGENT FOR CLACKAMAS ENLISTS

After Hearing of Chums Death.

R. G. Werner, County Agriculturist for Clackamas County, and well known therefore around Happy Valley and other Clackamas County points tributary to Lents, is leaving Friday for camp for he has enlisted in Base Hospital Unit No. 46. He has meant to enlist for some time, but refrained from doing so as his work seemed important also to the Government. When the Tuscania was sunk his chum William Williams was one of those killed and there were 23 former college mates also on the ship. Dick now thinks he can't get a whack at the Kaiser too soon. He expects to be in France within a couple of months.

His place will be filled by Wallace L. Kadderly, formerly assistant state leader of county agents.

"I wonder why they call them stag parties?" remarked the man who had just received an invitation to attend one. "It's probably an allusion to that well known quotation, 'The stag at eve had drunk his fill,' " replied his wife, meaningly.—Houston Post.

Save The Hens.

Every laying hen sold from the farms before the first of May means a loss of about 30 eggs to the food supply of the Nation. These eggs are valuable food, manufactured largely from insects, weeds, and grass, garbage and waste. The eggs, therefore, are almost wholly a net gain in human food. Moreover, the hen is just as good meat after she has laid these eggs as before.

Save the hens is the message that the United States Department of Agriculture is sending broadcast through press notices and posters, and through its county agents, especially in the southern poultry-raising sections.

Conservation Fruit Cake.

No wheat flour nor sugar is used in this cake. The recipe follows:

One cup molasses, two and one-fourth cups rye flour, one cup sour milk, two teaspoons cinnamon; one and two-thirds teaspoons soda, one-eighth teaspoon clove, one-half teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon nutmeg, four tablespoons shortening (melted), one cup seeded raisins. Mix in order given, beat well and bake as cup cakes, or as a loaf cake, in a moderate oven.