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RED CROSS ROLL CALL NEXT WEEK

Everything is in readiness for the Red Cross membership drive, which begins December 16 and ends December 23. Oregon is preparing once more to go over the top and the state machinery built up by State Manager H. E. Witham, assisted in every county by the local chapters of the Red Cross, will be set in motion next Monday morning.

There will be no future drives of the Red Cross for war funds. The coming drive is for membership and it is the desire of the organization to have every man and woman in the Nation hold a membership in the great society which will go down into history as an unparalleled humanitarian institution. Throughout the nation it is the wish to enroll 50,000,000 members in the coming drive. This is more than double the number listed in the Christmas roll call of 1917 (22,000,000), and it means that all who became members last year should renew their memberships and those who were overlooked at that time should join now.

The official preliminary will be Red Cross Sunday, December 15, when every pulpit in Oregon will deliver the message. This department has been arranged by Mrs. Saldie Orr-Dunbar, state secretary for the National Tuberculosis Association, which is co-operating with the Red Cross.

With the signing of the armistice, the work of the Red Cross has not ended. The Red Cross will continue its work abroad until the last of the American troops are returned home, and the society already has a big peace time program to carry out, a program which will be as vital to the nation and its people as that conducted on the battlefields of Europe.

The Red Cross does not give charity, but supplies that helpful neighborliness which is due every fighter from the entire American people.

Another work undertaken by the Red Cross for the transition from war to peace is the re-education of mutilated soldiers and non-combatants in trades, which will enable them to be self supporting.

A heart and a dollar are all that is necessary in the membership drive of the coming week.

Pomona Grange Meeting.
Wednesday, December 18, is the regular meeting day for the quarterly session of Multnomah County Pomona grange. J. J. Johnson is master of Pomona Grange.
The meeting is to be held at Russellville, the visitors to be guests of Russellville Grange.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Lewis, 5416 Thirty-seventh avenue, November 14, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Mounce, 3829 Fifty-fifth, November 23, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde O. McCulloch, 6516 Fifty-seventh, November 29, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Carr, 4251 Fifty-eighth, December 1, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. John H. Engberg, one-half mile east of Lents, November 26, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takuichi Inzuka, 3715 Sixty-third, November 29, a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arnold H. Bringolf, 5904 Forty-first avenue S. E., December 4, a son.

DEATHS.

Albert Meyers, 4133 Sixty-seventh S. E., December 6, 31 years.

Mabel F. Bringolf, 5904 Forty-first avenue S. E., December 5, 29 years.

Helmer S. Nelson, 5917 Woodstock avenue, December 7, 29 years.

Ellen T. Nelson, 5917 Woodstock avenue, December 5, 26 years.

Helen Louise Stuart, 4639 Sixty-fifth street S. E., December 8, 16 years.

Ola May Clary, 762 East Sixty-fourth, December 6, 16 years.

Mary Elizabeth Thorpe, 274 East Eighty-fourth street, December 7, 41 years.

Funeral of Edwin Stewart.

The funeral services of Edwin Stewart were held at the family residence, 3809 Sixty-eighth street S. E., Wednesday, at 11:30 A. M.

BELLROSE - GILBERT

Saturday, December 7, Mrs. Minnie G. Hyde came from Clatskanie to attend to business in the city and paid a flying visit to her old friend at Gilbert and Bellrose. They gathered at the home of Mrs. Bateman, near Wilson Station. Meeting and greeting Mrs. Hyde were: Mr. and Mrs. Himebaugh and Mrs. Johnson, of Chicago; Mr. Henderson and daughter, Stella, Mr. and Mrs. Field, Mr. and Mrs. Casey and son, Mrs. England, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. A. A. Rindle. The gathering also was held to greet a nephew of Mrs. Bateman, Mr. Pettybone, from Duluth, Wis. Refreshments were served. A genial evening was spent.

T. B. Davis is reported sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan are both ill with influenza, while their son is sick with it, too, and is being cared for by Mrs. Buchanan, his grandmother.

The many friends of Mrs. M. V. Bristow will be pleased to learn that she is in Arkansas; as well, although the "flu" is very strong there at present. She sends greetings to her old home friends.

Telephone Charges Reduced

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company has announced that the arbitrary charges of \$5, \$10 and \$15 for installation of telephones have been reduced to \$3.50, with an additional charge of \$1.50 to be imposed if a patron changes address or name in the telephone directory or if the name in which the account is kept by the company is changed. The reduced rate became effective December 1, so if the increased rate has been collected from any patron for change made since that date a refund will be made.

Head of Grange Honored.

C. E. Spence has been appointed by Governor Withycombe as a member of the State Board of Forestry to succeed Austin T. Buxton, of Forest Grove, deceased. Under the law the Governor shall appoint a member of the board on the recommendation of the executive committee of the State Grange.

"Oregon Boys in the War."

A unique new book, "Oregon Boys in the War," containing a series of letters similar to that published last year, again has been compiled by Mrs. Frank Wilmot, a Portland writer, who arranged for the little booklet of last year which was sold for the Red Cross.

Livestock Show Marked Success.

The seventeenth annual exposition of the Pacific International Livestock Association opened Tuesday at the stockyards in North Portland. A large number of entries of fat cattle, hogs and sheep and many choice exhibits of full bred stock are being shown.

New Design for License Plates.

Chrome yellow background and black figures will be the colors of automobile license plates for 1919, offering a strong contrast to the gray-blue background and black figures of the 1918 license plates.

City Water Rates Unchanged.

Water rates for 1919 have been fixed by the council on the same basis as the rates for 1918 on recommendation of Commissioner Mann, of the Department of Public Utilities.

Grange Association Meeting.

The Masters', Lecturers' and Overseers' Association of the Grange will hold its regular meeting with Lents Grange, Saturday, December 14, at 1:15 P. M. All Grangers are invited to be present.

MARRIAGES.

Alfred Prudeaux, 170 Fourth street, and Edith Neal, 6206 Fifty-second street S. E.

George Jorg, 18, 758 East Eighth street N., and Lillian P. Williams, 17, 8923 Fifty-sixth avenue S. E.

Hans Andresen, 3823 Sixty-third street, and Hulda Olson, 3823 Sixty-third street.

Henry Grohs, 5609 Forty-eighth street S. E., and Lucille Mayea, 774½ East Ankeny street.

Lents Parents to Meet.

The regular monthly meeting of District 45, Parent-Teacher Association, will be held at the Lents school house at 3:15 o'clock Friday afternoon. All members are urged to attend.

MRS. W. E. BATES, Secretary.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors who kindly assisted us in the hour of need. Words cannot express the gratitude we owe to the Scheumman brothers and the ministers.

MR. AND MRS. RIENECKER AND FAMILY.

The American Red Cross sent 3000 tons of condensed milk to the children of prisoners in Archangel, Siberia, and 2000 pounds of powdered milk to the children of France.

"Dad" Gives Timely Advice to Men Who Failed to Reach Front Line Trenches

Somewhere in America, Sometime in November.

To Sergeant William Tibbs, Somewhere in Luxembourg—

Dear Bill: Your old friend Will McAdoo has resigned his position, to get one more lucrative in a law office somewhere. I never could see how the Government expected to buy first-class brains for ribbon-clerk salaries, but the Government has been gettin' away with it for a good many years. It expects a feller to work for a dollar a year, eat himself and furnish his own laundry. It seems as though the Government ought to pay a feller as much for directing the railroads as it does to the kid who directs the envelopes in the outside office. Of course, there is a lot of honor in it, but a feller can starve to death on that stuff. I tried it once myself. When I was elected constable of our place I made two dollars the first year, which was a hundred per cent better than directing the railroads, but it wasn't no princely stipend, at that. Will McAdoo made enough for a good haircut every year, whether he needed it or not.

We thought for awhile the Democrats was going to starve the Republicans to death by givin' them all the dollar-a-year jobs, but here and there a Democrat crept in and drew one of them. Late Higgins is puttin' the old town pump in order. Everything is going dry on July 1. I have always believed that what makes any locality go dry is lettin' fellers vote in the morning. Every feller that votes in the morning votes for prohibition. If all the elections was held in the evening there wouldn't be a dry spot in these here U. S.

Old Cale Prouty, our village philanthropist, sent to the mail-order house for a full set, upper and lower teeth, but they were a couple of sizes too large and they kept him grinnin' all the time. Old Aunt Jane Tibbitts is suffering from knittin'itis. They went and told her some time ago that the war was over, but she couldn't stop knittin'. They took

her yarn away one day and she well nigh went crazy, so they thought they might as well let her keep on knittin' for the next war.

Woodrow is getting ready to set sail for Europe and I suppose he will look you up as soon as he gets over there, seeing as how you won this war for him. But I never could figure out why any man takes his wife to Paris. Seems as that is one town where a feller would want to cut loose. We expected to have a turkey for Thanksgiving, but decided to buy a Victrola instead.

Your old side-kick John Ryan has resigned as head of the airship board. Air is all right to fly in, but it is difficult to live on it. He is interested in coppers. I could never get much interested in any of the coppers I have seen, no matter how handsome the uniform. I suppose Tom Marshall will be purty riddlin' busy while Woody is away. He will have to sign the payroll every Saturday night and will have to run the business every day that the cable ain't workin'.

Now that the war is over, this country has started in with its reconstruction work. Ren Binks is threatenin' to patch up the hole in his kitchen roof, which has been there since before the war—the Spanish war. Ren says he has always been on the point of fixin' it, but when it rained he couldn't fix it and when it didn't rain there was no use of fixin' it. Food is going up by leaps and bounds, because we have got to feed the soldiers. I often wonder if the soldiers didn't get anything before the war started. It seems to me you always had a purty good appetite before the army broke out. I never imagined there was two million guys in our midst who wasn't eatin' anythin'.

It beats all how society keeps goin' here in our midst. Mr. and Mrs. Abijah Totten sold their cook-stove last week to buy a new tire.

I never wished the flu microbes any luck, but now that they have got after William Hohenzollern I

hope they win. I see somebody dropped a bum on the castle where the Crown Prince is stayin' and knocked off a corner of the tower, but didn't get him. What is needed over there is more intensive trainin' in bum droppin'. The next guy that drops a bum and misses out ought to get fired out of whatever army he is in.

Deacon Stubbs has named his mule Hyacinth, after his wife.

Lettie Binks, who left here six months ago to get a job in the chorus in New York, drove through here last week in her Rolls-Royce limousine on the way to her new country estate. The city is the place to make money.

Mrs. Amos Hanks got her teeth stuck in some peanut brittle that her husband brought her from New York and can't pry 'em apart. Seven men in our village have sent to New York for a box of that brittle.

There ain't much news to write you, Bill. We are just waitin' for you to come home. By the way you are stickin' around there it looks like you intend to stay for the next war. Don't bring back none of them fancy things the gals here knit for you. It wouldn't be good taste. I know you ain't used 'em. You can just slip 'em to some Luxemburger on some dark night and he won't never know who did it. Your mother expects to buy a cannon and put it in the back yard and dig a hole out there for you to spend your nights in, and we will take turns gettin' up and shooting it off, so you can get your nights' sleep as usual.

You might begin shippin' your medals back now, two or three at a time, so you won't be all tired out luggin' 'em all home at the same time. Take care of yourself, old boss, and don't fall in love. Sherman described war, but he couldn't find no word to describe love, but you know what I mean. Sherman had a scant vocabulary. When you go to the boat to meet Woodrow, give him my best regards. With a heap of love,
Yours, DAD.

Every American prisoner in Germany received a big food parcel every week from the Red Cross.

Thirty-two thousand school children in the schools of Paris were receiving regular lunches from the Red Cross during the past year.

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HERE IS PHOTO OF ONE OF THE WAR'S EARLY TRAGEDIES



The British admiralty has just made its first official report of the loss of the battleship Audacious, which sank after striking a mine off the north Irish coast on October 27, 1914. The loss of the battleship was officially kept a secret at the urgent request of the commander in chief of the grand fleet. The photograph shows the Audacious as it was sinking. Destroyers are close to the doomed vessel rescuing the sailors.

BRITISH WOMEN WORKERS IN A GLASS FACTORY



British women glass workers are to be very useful in the reconstruction period in Europe. Photograph shows women glass factory workers removing the glass that has come from a broken pot.

STREET CAR FARE!! PROBLEM CHANGES

In view of the proposed increase in street car fares, the following letter is of interest to every citizen of the Mt. Scott district. The letter was written in 1910 by F. I. Fuller, then vice-president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, to the city council of St. Johns.

"Portland, Oregon, August 23, 1910.
—To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon, Gentlemen: Answering the inquiry made by some of your members in my office this morning, I beg to state in regard to the rumor that it is the intention of this company to charge an additional 5-cent fare between the city limits of Portland and the terminus of our line in St. Johns, that as far as my knowledge and that of the other officials of this company there is no intention to make any such additional charge and that the matter of changing the rate between Portland and St. Johns from a 5-cent fare has not been under contemplation by this company.

Regarding the position that the city of St. Johns would be in should they grant a franchise to us permitting a 5-cent fare to be charged within the city limits of St. Johns, would also state that this would not change the present conditions. As we understand it, we have that right at the present time and have had the same for years. On account of the advice of our legal department it would be absolutely impossible for us to accept any franchise carrying with it a binding contract to carry passengers from the city of Portland to points beyond its city limits in any direction for a 5-cent fare.

In regard to the position under which the city of St. Johns would be in case a franchise was granted to this company which permitted them to charge a 5-cent fare within the limits of the city of St. Johns, in case your city was brought into the limits of the city of Portland, I beg to advise you that under the Oregon code section 2096, laws of 1901, page 23, section 2, that it would be a criminal offense for this company to charge more than a 5-cent fare anywhere within such extended limits of the city of Portland and that the provision of the franchise regarding the 5-cent fares inside of the city limits of St. Johns could not in any way allow us to charge more than the fare prescribed by the law above mentioned, viz.: 5 cents.

As the matter of the Fessenden street opening and improvement and its accompanying conditions and arrangements have been brewing so long and have been once knocked out by the passage of a state law during the working out of our first agreement, and as the matter of the improvement of Jersey street is contemplated by your city authorities, which if taken up without a franchise right on said street which would enable us to make a legal investment in the same, would require further negotiations and delay, I sincerely hope that the whole matter will be closed up at this time, believing as I do that the plan now under consideration works no hardship or unfairness to either party and leaves matters in such shape that both the Fessenden and Jersey street improvements can be carried along without further delay.

Yours very truly,
F. I. FULLER,
Vice-President."

GRADUATES OF SCHOOL CRITICISE PRINCIPAL

Lents parents are interested in the controversy which is disrupting the Benson Polytechnic School. A number of students live near Lents, and several graduates spent years in the Lents School.

Following an open discussion of the policies of C. L. Cleveland, principal of Benson Polytechnic School, in dealing with students and teachers employed under him and his alleged general lack of interest in affairs started by the students, the Alumni association of the school has passed a resolution condemning Cleveland's action and especially his attitude toward E. F. Williams, former instructor at Benson School, who recently was discharged.

Cleveland especially was condemned by the alumni for his alleged lack of interest in the service flag, which the association helped to present to the school in honor of boys who enlisted. It was said that Cleveland not only refused to look up the names of those students who had entered the service, but stood in the way of those who had been appointed to do the work.

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