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RED CROSS SEALS

How much is it worth to you to save the life of a child? Ask yourself that question this Christmas season when you see the little Red Cross seals on sale. We have been awakened to a new knowledge of the dread of tuberculosis through the report on the disease in this county read before the Live Wires of Oregon City on Tuesday.

NO WONDER

No wonder life is tough for the underdog when there are 206 men in the United States with minimum incomes of more than \$1,000,000 a year, or more in one day than the average wage earner earns in two years of steady work.

No wonder there are socialists, striving against this wealth itself, to alter the scheme of human affairs. Looking at it from our angle, a man with an income as high as that is not a good citizen. He is one of the people who make anarchists; he is one of the men who make it hard for government of the people, by the people and for the people to flourish on the earth.

When as many as one, let alone 206, men can have incomes of more in one hour than a well-paid and skillful workman can earn by his greatest efforts in three months there is something wrong.

And when 10 men can make vastly more in one minute than the same workman can earn in three months something is rotten.

We are most heartily in favor of the absolute confiscation of all incomes over a decent wage, commensurate with position. Those who do not see the object of absolute confiscation may gain a new idea on the subject from the report herewith:

"Two hundred and six men with millionaire incomes, 10 of them with annual incomes of more than \$5,000,000 and 196 with incomes ranging from one to five millions, are shown in the income tax figures of the Internal Revenue bureau for the fiscal year 1917.

"While 437,036 persons paid income taxes last year, previous estimates set the number as high as 700,000. The number of married men subject to the income tax under the old law was 355,107; unmarried men, 47,461; unmarried women, 26,833 and married women making returns separate from their husbands, 7635.

The number reporting incomes between \$3000 and \$4000 was \$5,122."

Have you made Christmas merry for a soldier in France?

The important thing about your Christmas shopping is: "Buy it in Oregon City."

Oregon has given of her own flesh and blood to the war, and now her forests are at the command of the government.

The sugar famine is a mere trifle. Think what we would suffer if the government should shut down on the salt supply.

By the way, do you recall that eventful Christmas when the kaiser and his hosts were to take dinner together in Paris?

"Except for a little rain more or less, there's not much difference between Christmas and the Fourth of July in old Oregon.

But then, the world isn't all sad. A New York bell boy recently had his automobile stolen from the curb in front of his apartment.

The Y. M. C. A. war work fund went \$15,000,000 over the amount asked for. That is the way America does things, Kaiser "Bill."

We know a merchant who hires extra help each year to dust off the wares on his shelves and tables. He does not advertise in The Courier.

Speaking of early birds getting the worms, it occurs to about 10,000 newspaper editors at the same instant that the early shoppers get the Christmas bargains.

For a time the weakness of the Hindenburg line made things look like American troops would get to the front just in time for the big German funeral.

Question: If boys return at once to their evil lives when they are paroled from the Oregon state training school, whose fault is it, their own or the school's?

Food conservation campaigns have had no appreciable effect upon the sale of marriage licenses in Oregon City. The local divorce mill seems to be as busy as usual in exploding Vancouver romances, too.

Now if we could only put those state college football teams on the battle front to rush the Hindenburg line we would have a hole large enough for the French army to march through to its Christmas feast in Berlin.

Our good friend Bill Hanley of Harney county, has been smoking some more of that sage brush hop that has been inspiring his dreams, lo, these many years. Bill's latest dream is the creation of the state of Lincoln from the sand dunes and sagebrush of eastern Oregon. Bill, being the biggest man in Lincoln, naturally would be governor. Bill's heart is alright, but he has wheels in his head.

With the death in Portland on Tuesday of John F. Carroll, for many years publisher of the Telegram, Oregon has lost a notable figure from its long list of first class newspaper men, and the Telegram has suffered a loss that cannot be repaired on the instant. The least that can be said of Mr. Carroll is that he was not always in sympathy with the avaricious men who controlled his position and whose shares of stock dictated the policy of his paper. John F. Carroll was bigger than the newspaper he published.

The enterprise that has been shown recently by the Portland Spectator makes that well-edited journal of progress much more worth the reading than it ever was. And that is saying a good bit. Hugh Hume is espousing the cause of the specialty merchant in opposition to the gigantic department stores that are crowding the little fish out of the puddle. The department store is to metropolitan commerce as the mail order house is to rural merchandising, but The Spectator appears to be the only paper in Portland that dares to say so. More power to you, Mr. Hume.

Simon S. Dow's Newberg Enterprise says: "It wouldn't hurry us any to agree that the Oregon City Courier is not only the biggest but the best weekly newspaper in the state, but surely the editor never visited Newberg or he would not make such an extravagant statement as saying that Oregon City was the best town in the Beaver state."

Thank you, Simon. We have been in Newberg several times and are free to admit that it is one of the few towns in the state that even approach Oregon City. Take encouragement from that if you can, and let us add that the Newberg Enterprise is one of the best things about the town, as far as our careful inspection revealed.

POLITICAL MACHINE MAY NOT WORK SO SMOOTHLY

Last week the Oregonian had one of its usual pre-election spasms and used a column and a half of perfectly good space to tell the public exactly nothing about the democratic political situation. The article was supposed to be a summary of the possibilities and probabilities for the offices of United States senator and governor, but failed to even mention the name of the only candidate that had made any announcement of running for either office. This may have been due to the fact that Mr. Starkweather is a farmer, for whom the Oregonian seems to have so little use, or it may have been due to pure ignorance. It is hard to believe the latter, as they had carried an announcement of Mr. Starkweather's candidacy for governor less than a month before, true it was in a very inconspicuous place and was brief to the point of painfulness, but it was sufficient to indicate that they knew he was in the race.

The truth of the matter is that the Oregonian seems to be between the devil and the deep sea, and if the story that is going the rounds in Portland's political circles has any truth in it, it looks as if the gentleman in the tall tower has had one slipped over on him by what the Telegram calls "The Chamberlain-West-Olcott Political Machine," which machine is credited with having been formed and directed by C. S. Jackson, Portland capitalist and editor and owner of the Journal. If this is true it explains some of the smug smiles of satisfaction on the faces of certain gentlemen not far from the corner of Broadway and Yamhill streets.

Rumor has it that the Chamberlain-West-Olcott Machine is out to capture both offices, and in the event of this success, the machine would be further strengthened by the appointment of C. S. Jackson to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Chamberlain to a federal judgeship at San Francisco. According to the story, Sam White was to run on the democratic ticket, because he did not have a chance in the world, thus insuring the election of Olcott, providing he got the nomination. Mr. Starkweather rather split the beans at this point by announcing his candidacy without consulting the machine. Still the case was not considered hopeless until the Hon. Robert Stanfield started his boom, some anxious days were spent until the Hon. Robert was induced to run for the senate and not for governor. While we are not of the same political faith as Mr. Stanfield, we know the gentleman very well indeed and have the highest regards for him both as a man and a legislator and cannot help but feel that he has made a very grave political mistake, first because the Oregonian has seized upon him with tears of political joy, which is enough to kill any candidate, and next because it looks as if he were being used to further the interests of the Machine. With the republican split four ways—"Withycombe, Olcott, Moser and Stanfield,"—it was any one's fight, with Stanfield standing a chance of better than an even fight, conceded that the Stanfield would draw more votes from Olcott than from any other candidate. Rumor also has it that the name of Oswald West will be written in for United States senator and in the event of Stanfield getting the nomination, West will run independent.

This sounds all very well for a political story, but there are four things that the machine has to overcome and it looks like a big job for it.

First, Starkweather will make a whirlwind campaign and he has a host of friends in all parts of the state.

Second, Stanfield may come to the conclusion that he has been double crossed, then look out for gore, for while the Hon. Bob is everything a peaceful citizen should be, he is a fighting son-of-a-gun when he gets started.

Third, Withycombe has not been idle by any means and during the last year he has built a very nice little machine of his own, and while it has some of the ear marks of a flivver, and requires some very careful driving, still the "Doc" is getting to be quite a chauffeur despite the fact that his early training was all with hosses.

Last, but not least, the people of both parties are heartily sick and tired of machine politics, trading, jobbing and all kinds of political rottenness and they may take it into their heads to vote for A MAN and forget all party lines.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Osburn Funeral services for Mrs. Mary C. Osburn, who died at the home of a daughter in Portland on Saturday, were held from the Holman chapel here Monday morning and interment was in Mountain View cemetery. Mrs. Osburn was formerly a resident of this city and was 51 years old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Orlinda White Funeral services for Mrs. Orlinda White were held Friday afternoon from the Holman parlors, with Dr. W. T. Milliken, of the First Baptist church, officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery. Mrs. White, who was a native of Illinois, died at the Oregon City hospital on Thursday. She was 65 years old and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ethel Daily, Shelton, Wash., and Mrs. Grace Hasbrook, Oregon City.

WRITER SAYS DISTRICT DISLIKES COURT SYSTEM

Woodburn, Nov. 26, 1917. To the editor: A road meeting was held at Oak Lawn school house in road district 36 November 24. The tax payers came in the morning with the intention of voting down anything that sounded like a levy. The reason for their feeling is a good deal the same as Mr. Benson and Mr. Vogler interpret the condition prevailing in road district number 35, in regard to the court.

But before adjourning they voted a four-mill tax and at the same time snowed under the impostor supervisor, who has been one of the factors in blocking progress in road development in road district 36, which has 14 miles of blue print road, over half of the said number of miles never having the stumps and timber removed and not one mile of anything like a permanent grade.

The garages are already locked and the taxpayers have put on their hip boots in order to get to their respective mail boxes.

L. A. RALL.

A COOPERATIVE PLAN

The farmers of Clackamas county are not unlike those of most other sections, in that they have not yet realized the business value of the little newspaper that comes into their home each week. THE COURIER graces more farm reading tables than any other newspaper in Clackamas county, and with such a field for our sermon, it is not amiss to call attention to a few of the many things we KNOW.

We have in mind a middle western county where straw-berries profit frugal growers who have realized the value of advertising. They know the paper are not alone for their big merchant—but that advertising is just as much a necessity in their own business. It is a business builder, wherever and by whomsoever it is used.

The "strawberry" community leaders got together and fixed up an attractive advertisement, offering plants for sale. Purchasers flooded headquarters with orders. The farmers saw the wisdom of their course and continued to advertise. The net result last year was the sale of 30 MILLION strawberry plants and the creation of a new rural "industry" that gave employment to 600 men, women and children engaged in preparing the plants for shipment.

Mr. Farmer, put that business lesson in your old cob pipe! These few enterprising farmers have made themselves rich, own pleasure automobiles—and a couple of fine trucks to gather up the berry plants that are shipped to all parts of the country by parcel post. Some business, and YOU are neglecting a chance that offers just as much return.

Hog Increase is Necessary

To get an increased meat supply quickly, hog breeding must be increased materially throughout the country, and in certain states an increase of from 25 to 50 per cent in the number of hogs is recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In addition to the fact that there is an imperative demand for more meat as a war measure, it should be taken into consideration that there is now an abundance of feed crops—corn, oats and barley—with which to produce this necessary increase in the number of hogs. The demand for meat is certain and it will be profitable to the farmer to market some of this heavy grain supply on the hoof.

The increase in the number of hogs for various states, as recommended by the department, is as follows: Missouri, 50 per cent; Alabama, 30; Iowa, 25; Kansas, 25; Indiana, 20; Illinois, 20; Mississippi, 20; Arkansas, 20; South Carolina, 15; Ohio, 15; Kentucky, 15; Tennessee, 15; Maryland, 10; North Carolina, 10; Michigan, 10; Nebraska, 10; West Virginia, 5, and Georgia, 5. The increase needed for the entire country is 15 per cent and is covered by the above schedule. Other states than those named should breed no fewer sows than last year.

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Advertisement for Lion Special Suits, Overcoats, and Raincoats. Features an illustration of a lion and text: "LION SPECIAL SUITS -- OVERCOATS -- RAINCOATS at these prices offer the most your money can buy in Quality, Style, Fit and Lasting Satisfaction The long standing dependability of this concern is back of everything you buy for men and boys wear. Two Stores in Portland -- Morrison at Fourth and 166 Third St. Lion Clothing Co. GUS KUHN, President S. & H. Stamps given with all purchases. These are good for cash discounts. O. C. C. 124-47 'The Koppensheime House in Portland'"

Advertisement for Rebekahs Convenc. Text: "REBEKAHS CONVENE Lodges of Eastern Clackamas Hold Session With Boring Chapter District convention No. 32 of the Rebekah lodge I. O. O. F. of Oregon, embracing the lodges of Estacada, Gresham, Rockwood, Boring and Sandy, was held at Boring last Saturday when a large crowd was in attendance. Those representing Sandy lodge were: Mrs. Blanche R. Shelly, Mrs. Mira Revenue, Mrs. Mabel Beers, Mrs. Ella Baumbach, Mrs. Margaret Dittert, Mrs. Vera Smith and Miss Lena Thomas. President Mary Lankester, Mrs. Charlotte Woodman, superintendent of I. O. O. F. home, and Mrs. Allie Circle, of Portland, were in attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mrs. Nellie Currin, Estacada; vice-chairman, Mrs. Ella Baumbach, Sandy; secretary, Mrs. Cora Childers, Gresham; chaplain, Mrs. Liza Metzger, Gresham; marshal, Mrs. Vera Smith, Sandy; conductor, Mrs. Callie Kennedy, Gresham; inside guardian, Mrs. Mary Richmond, Rockwood; outside guardian, Mrs. Selma Bartell, Boring. The convention will meet next year at Estacada."

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Advertisement for The Bank of Oregon City. Text: "FITTING BANK TO NEEDS CHECKING, Savings and Time Deposit Accounts are only part of the complete facilities and services of The Bank of Oregon City. We also afford-- Telegraphic Transfers Letters of Credit Collections Foreign Exchange Travelers Cheques REASONABLE INTEREST ON SAVINGS THE BANK OF OREGON CITY 'Oldest, Largest and Strongest Bank in Clackamas County.'" Illustration of the bank building.