

**ATTEMPT TO SWINDLE FARMERS IS EXPOSED**

Another scheme for swindling the farmers of the United States has been discovered by the Federal Farm Loan board. A man advertising himself as an authorized organizer of national farm-loan associations is sending out advertising matter emblazoned with the national flag, stating that he will organize such associations at \$500 each, and will teach others the trick for a certain sum of money. His advertisements have reached farmers and business men over a large part of the United States. He claims to be so busy organizing national farm-loan associations that he needs help, but will take time to teach others for a monetary consideration.

All such representations are fraudulent. In order to borrow under the farm-loan act, it is necessary for farmers to organize cooperative national farm-loan associations in their local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the Federal Farm Loan board, published more than a year ago, for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land bank to spend any money for promotion purposes. Associations thus organized will not be chartered by the Federal Farm Loan board. Farmers are warned therefore against anyone asking a fee for his proffered services in connection with applying for a loan under the federal farm loan act.

**MEMBER OF COURIER STAFF ESCAPES BUT IS LOCATED**

"To the Editor: No doubt you have missed the Firwood items of late as I came here several weeks ago on short notice to see my brother, A. C. Milliron, formerly of Firwood, before he sails for France. I had no time to inform you and since coming here I have been continually going, by auto mostly, so am seeing the country proper and have had no time to write. I have relatives in Los Angeles, Pasadena, La Verne and San Diego. I am seeing the country from these points in all directions.

All of the main roads are macadamized and make auto riding a pleasure.

We motored to San Diego, a distance of 140 miles, many miles along the coast. Saw the sun set at Sunset cliff, San Diego, which was grand. Visited Coronado, the tent city, a beautiful place. There are rows and rows of tent houses with palm leaf roofs, which make one think they are in the Philippine islands. I also visited Camp Kearney, 20 miles from San Diego. It was very interesting to see how our soldiers live.

Many of the roads have rows of palm, pepper, eucalyptus and camphor trees on both sides, which make most beautiful drives.

The famous Euclid avenue double-tracked pepper drive through Ontario and Upland is beautiful. The Busch gardens at Pasadena are wonderful, the Arroyo Seco transformed into the most beautiful garden. Scattered through the grounds are groups of statues arranged to represent old fables, such as "Little Red Riding Hood" with her basket of provisions meeting the wolf; "Cinderella" and such. Some have miniature houses equipped to represent that particular story. These are pleasant surprises to one walking through the garden.

The ostrich and alligator farms of Pasadena are very interesting.

I have been through the La Verne orange and lemon packing plants, the largest and best equipped in the world. The orange groves are beautiful beyond description.

The weather here is fine and the name "Sunny California" is very appropriate. I went bathing in the ocean at Venice. It was rather cold but fine sport nevertheless.

It is impossible to tell all that I have seen, so might as well stop one place as another. All of the people that I have met here are exceptionally friendly, accommodating and make one feel at home.

The beauties of California are so different from the natural beauties of Oregon with its snow peaks towering above the fir-covered mountains, the crystal-clear rivers, creeks and waterfalls that there is no comparison.

Yours truly,  
MRS. IDA M. HART.  
2116 W 31st St., Los Angeles, Feb. 12, 1918.

No other paper in Clackamas county publishes as much Clackamas county news as The Courier.

**About the State**

Resume of the News of the Week from All Parts of Oregon

Eugene—Thomas W. Munroe, Spanish war veteran and junior member of the firm of Munroe and Son, furniture dealers at 120-128 Eighth avenue west, has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for county treasurer, who announced that he will not be a candidate.—Daily Guard.

Albany—"The 27 county agents in Oregon will cooperate during the coming harvesting season with State Farm Help Specialist J. W. Brewer, who has been assigned to Oregon by the U. S. department of agriculture to assist in working out plans of relief of short shortage of farm labor," said W. L. Kaddery, assistant county agent of agriculture, Friday morning.—Daily Democrat.

(Note: Kaddery is the man slated to succeed Dick Werner as Clackamas county agricultural agent.

Astoria—Ten of the 23 modern bungalows now under course of construction for the Hammond Lumber Co., in the east end of the city, have been completed by Contractor J. L. Burges, and the 15 dwellings remaining are being rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. These bungalows are being erected for the accommodation of the married men employed at the mill.—Portland Record-Abstract.

Eugene—Melvin Hansen, formerly of this city, but who has been living in Montana for some time past, but who is now in Eugene, Thursday began suit in the circuit court against the Great Northern Railway company, the S. P. and S. Railway company, and the Oregon Electric Railway company for damages on account of the alleged injury to a large number of cattle which he shipped from Eugene to Montana.—Oregon Register.

Marshfield—The Riverton coal mine, idle for the past two or three years, is to be reopened soon by M. W. McCormick and C. A. Peterson for a company of California capitalists and will be known as the Eureka mine. There is a small amount of development work to finish before the mine will commence production. The mine is situated on the Coquille river, seven miles below the county seat, and the coal is to be delivered to the Southern Pacific trains at Cedar Point, from barges. The operators expect to handle 100 tons a day when the new machinery is installed. The output will be sold in the California market until the war ends and makes it possible to renew Australian coal shipments.—Portland Record-Abstract.

The Dalles—All of the Wasco county boys who were aboard the torpedoed transport Tuscania are safe, according to the government's report of the survivors. The local soldiers who were rescued are: Albert F. Amen, The Dalles; Philip E. Wetmore, The Dalles; Lewis C. Blehm, Dufur; Clyde A. Whitlock, Wapinitia; Carl E. Nys, Grass Valley.—Chronicle.

Klamath Falls—The committee which was appointed at the last meeting to investigate the advisability of installing a paving plant here, reported that this move was found to be inadvisable at this time.—Portland Record-Abstract.

Estacada—Tom and Bob Morton, formerly of Estacada are now both in the aviation service, the former being a corporal, in charge of Squad 1, 2nd Training Brigade, Line 1, Kelly Field, South Antonio, Texas.—Eastern Clackamas News.

Portland—Further indications that road work in Multnomah county will not be hampered this spring because of the controversy which has arisen between Roadmaster Yeon and chairman Holman, of the county board, were given when the board adopted a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$65,000 in the six road districts of the county. This money is to be spent in maintenance and is distributed about equally among the different districts.—Daily Record-Abstract.

Albany—Captain Olin Stalaker, of the Halsey Home Guards, was in the

city recently and took back with him the portion of army rifles assigned to that place. Capt. R. Kuhn, of Lebanon, also came over and returned with the allotment for his company. Both Halsey and Lebanon have active organizations and are prepared to give trouble to any troublesome factions that might invade their peaceful midst.—Daily Democrat.

**NEWELL EXPLAINS HIGH COST OF 'CHEAP' MEAL**

A question that is frequently asked at the Federal Food Administration office is why, in the face of a "bumper" crop of corn, the price of corn meal should be so high.

"It is true that the 1917 corn yield was a heavy one," said Assistant Federal Food Administrator W. K. Newell in explanation. "Plans had been made for a plentiful supply of corn meal for the entire nation to use as a wheat substitute, and the corn growers had responded splendidly to the request of the Food Administration by planting every possible acre to corn. The almost unprecedented corn crop that resulted had been commented upon far and wide, but it is not so generally known that unfavorable weather conditions, including several early, warm rains, rendered most of this crop unfit for milling.

"Only the first-class, dry corn can be milled. The least moisture means mildew and rot. The 'soft' corn cannot be made into corn meal, although some of the better grade can be converted into meal after a slow process of kiln drying. Such of the corn as can be milled, including all the prime grain and some of the second-grade soft corn, is now being ground into corn meal. One of the first elements in the high price is the greatly increased demand for the meal. Every corn mill in the country is working night and day at capacity, to supply demand. Every mill has sold its full output for weeks ahead.

"Another element contributing to the price is the added cost of the kiln-drying process for the moist corn, which is being used this year to supplement the first grade dry corn. Traffic congestion, which was the cause of great delay in moving the crop from field to mills, contributed further to the high price. This is the corn situation throughout the whole country, and here in the Northwest, because our great distance from the corn belt and the greater difficulty of securing transportation facilities by which to ship in our supply, our corn meal prices are even higher than those of the Middle West and Eastern states. A little serious study of these facts should make it clear to anyone that talk of 'profiteering' as the cause of high corn meal prices is unfounded.

"Any by the way," Mr. Newell concluded, "an interesting development of the over supply of soft corn was the discovery of an entirely new and very fine vegetable oil—corn oil. Corn oil, now being made in great quantities from this soft corn, is pronounced by experts to be among the best, most palatable, and most nutritious vegetable oils on the market. It offers substantial help in the solution of our conservation problems. Corn syrup is also a good conservation product that is being extensively manufactured from the soft corn. Both of these fine conservation commodities may now be had in abundant quantities and at reasonable prices. Oregon housewives are urged to try them."

**THRIFT STAMP MOVE IS WELL UNDER WAY LOCALLY**

For a community whose population totals exactly 134 people, Peete's Mountain, west of Willamette, certainly is setting a record in the "Thrifty Stamp" campaign.

A week ago Wednesday, John Kaiser, A. J. Hart and James Robertson, citizens of that district, decided to see what they could do to boost the campaign, Saturday morning they reported to headquarters at Oregon City with \$1182.18, and reported that the campaign at Peete's Mountain was just getting fairly under way. To date they have sold 286 "Baby Bonds" and 4 "Thrifty Stamps."

A "Thrifty Stamp Banquet" was held Friday night at the Clairmont school, and was well and enthusiastically attended. The proceeds of the banquet itself are to go towards completing the school auditorium.

An entertainment by the school children was one of the features of the affair. Speakers for the "Thrifty Stamp" movement were Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and J. E. Calavan, superintendent of county schools. Miss Lorene Parker lectured on "Food Conservation."

**MILLION BY MARCH**

This State Aims for \$1,000,000 in Stamp Sales

With Thrift stamp and War Savings Stamps sales in the state for February to date well over the \$100,000 mark, and with total Oregon sales over \$851,000, the war savings campaign executive committee has set \$1,000,000 as the goal for March 1.

The state at large, following the complete organization of county organizations, is responding vigorously to the thrift appeal.

Especially good work is being done by the school children, who are entering into the campaign with all the enthusiasm and effort of patriotic young Americans.

French-Speaking Women Wanted

Women with a fluent knowledge of French are being trained in several cities for work in France as telephone operators with the Expeditionary forces. They will not be sent over in one unit, but ordered to go in groups from time to time. No information can be given as to the locality in which the telephone operators will be stationed.

**WHERE WAS WILSONVILLE WHEN LIGHTS WENT OUT?**

The citizens of Wilsonville who were out after dark last Thursday night looked like a flock of Diogenes' twin brother on a still hunt for the fabled Honest Man. Each was armed with his little lantern, although, at last reports, nobody had found the Honest Man.

The reason for this reverting to primitive means of illumination is that a large handle in the power plant worked loose and fell into the armature of the generator, causing a short circuit and throwing the entire plant out of commission and the entire town into darkness.

It was several days before the plant could be repaired. It is operated by a private corporation.

**TWO MORE ARE "OVER THERE"**

Earl Bradley and Stanley Scott Write From France

T. J. Bradley has received word from his son Earl, who is "over there" with Co. B, 162 Infantry, that the lad has reached his destination safely after "a great trip across the pond" and is enjoying the best of health and having the "time of his life." The Bradleys recently moved to Oregon City from Weiser, Idaho. The boy's sister, Nettie, is living here with her father.

Another soldier boy to write home of a safe passage to France is Stanley Ross Scott, age 18, only son of Mrs. Eva Scott, teacher in the local schools.

Stanley Scott was formerly employed on a local morning paper. He is at present with the 107th Aero Squadron, for a long time stationed at Santone.

**TIME IS EXTENDED**

Soldiers May Take Federal Insurance Till April 12

The following telegram has been received by the Oregon State Council of Defense from George F. Porter, Chief State Councils Section, Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C.:

"The time for filing applications for war risk insurance has just been extended by Congress to April 12th. Automatic insurance, however, has ceased entirely and no man is now insured by the government unless he has applied. This makes voluntary application doubly important."

**"REMARKABLE REMARKS"**

Editors of Oregon Have Amusing Views of Current Topics

It's fine to see all these girls going into remunerative jobs. It will be so much easier after this for a man to find a wife able to support him in the style to which he has been accustomed.—Albany Daily Democrat.

Nobody is responsible for the high prices, of course, except the other fellow.—Gresham Outlook.

The kaiser, telegraphing to the king of Saxony, says he begins the new year full of hope. There's a typographical error somewhere; "full of hop" would more nearly describe it.—Oregon Register.

We are told that there is not sufficient shortage to warrant advance of prices. Shucks, it does not take a shortage to raise prices, all it takes is nerve.—Harrisburg Bulletin.

A girl there was, and she wore her clothes

So short and thin she almost froze; And the price she paid for her Hooverism Was six months in bed with the rheumatism.—O. A. C. Barometer

A letter to Mayor Steelhammer of Woodburn is reproduced in the Independent:

Onerabel Mare Mr. Steelhammer, dear sir in regard to those dogs running over town Coles has one. Dr. Shorey one which is a teral pest as well as a filth to not one neighbor but all. As we must try to raise all we can in or small lots to help win the war that practically spoil it from use all we can raise. As we all look to



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The German crown prince wants to visit these shores after the war. Wouldn't you like to serve on the reception committee?—Gresham Outlook.

The boss has just pasted an advertisement for War Savings Stamps in the window. The lithograph depicts Mrs. Joan of Arc all dressed up in a tin suit, and reminds us of what Bill Cuddy said in the Weekly Oregonian when he first lapped a similar picture: "Wonder if she dresses with a button-hook or a monkey wrench?"

We don't know, Bill; but we'll venture a guess that if she ever was out in the rain and got the hinges of that suit rusty, she'd have to undress with a can-opener.—"Our'n."

A case filed in a neighboring state is entitled "State vs. Marie Pretty Wildcat, et al."

Poor Al! But let his untimely end serve as a lesson to us to let them there wild women alone.—"Likewise our'n."

*In Keeping With the Big Thought of the Day*

The daily press reflects a sentiment throughout the nation which clearly indicates a new condition.

Men are wanted everywhere. The work of this war is being carried on largely by those who never before have been in public office or in public work. Men who have been too busy, too engrossed with their own tasks, are leaving their work to others and giving their time and ability to the cause which is ours, yours, everybody's.

It is a time when politics in the ordinary sense must not be considered. It calls for all the ability that can be mustered.

Oregon to be a successful part in this unit plan for the defense of Democracy, must likewise place the thought of the times before everything.

In another part of this paper appears the announcement of L. J. Simpson as a candidate for the nomination for Governor on the Republican ticket. Mr. Simpson was urged to become a candidate by his many friends in every part of the state, because of his business record, his understanding and knowledge of Oregon's resources, industries and needs; because of his public-spiritedness, which of recent years has led him to tasks which have been more important to him than his own affairs.

**L. J. Simpson is clearly the man who can give Oregon the administration necessary to this plan of National Efficiency.**

His campaign will be directed straight to you as voters, as individuals who do your own thinking.

We are firmly convinced that you will not allow politics to influence your decision, and that you will vote for the man who is best fit to help the people of Oregon, develop the state's vast resources, and to prepare for, and participate in, the great reconstruction that is to follow.

We believe you will weigh issues more closely than ever before, and that L. J. Simpson will be your choice.

**L. J. Simpson**

**What You Can Do**

First—Talk over his candidacy with your friends.

Second—If you believe that L. J. Simpson is worthy of your support write a letter to this committee.

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