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PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE

The North Dakota Farmers' Non-Partisan League has organized in said old state of Maine. This same organization is spreading its socialist propaganda over western states, says The Manufacturer.

Tentative platform adopted for Maine provides:

"Government ownership and operation of public utilities, especially of railroads, coal, iron and copper mines, telegraph, telephone and water powers." (Socialism).

"To lower cost of living government should regulate prices, and to make such regulations effective, advocate national, state or city ownership of grain elevators, stockyards, storage warehouses, flour mills, fuel yards and other agencies of distribution." (No mention of how to reduce prices or lower cost of farm produce or grain which is left under private control. Simply political ploy to buy votes).

"Farm and loan law to be so amended as to make it more within reach of all farmers and of all farm purposes." (Farmers are already extended government loans on long time and low interest, a privilege granted no other industry).

"All taxes to be assessed in actual land values exclusive of farm improvements. All land held out of use to be taxed at its full rental value." (Single tax).

"All war profits and all incomes in excess of \$10,000 to be conscripted by the government while the war lasts." (Would soon destroy all business).

The leaders behind this movement are not farmers, neither are they business men, they are professional politicians and agitators capitalizing the words "farmers" and "non-partisan" to promote a new political movement which offers rich political plunder.

They propose individualism for the farmer, socialism for the masses.

Once established their socialist program and how long would the farmer be allowed to own his farm land?

The same leaders seeking new fields of exploitation would then cry, "the state must own the land to protect the people from the land barons" (farmers).

Farmers beware! You are playing with dynamite, but you don't know it. You are backing a movement which will eventually make you a tenant instead of a land owner.

You are destroying the very foundation principles of our government.

POLITICAL PROFITEERING

Robert N. Stanfield of Stanfield, the millionaire sheepman, is candidate for the Republican nomination of United States Senator.

To further his candidacy, he is sending to the voters a four-page leaflet with a large halftone portrait of himself on the first page and a number of small "observations and criticisms" on the back page.

A BABY SAVING CAMPAIGN

Last year the number of deaths of infants under five was 300,000. To reduce this appalling loss of prospective national strength, the Federal Children's Bureau is to launch a Baby Saving campaign April 6.

spent nothing on its children. A Federal Children's Bureau has now been established, but only a beginning has been made toward saving wasted child life.

The business community has been far too indifferent to this loss. If children had been properly cared for ten and twenty years ago, we would not now be suffering from the scarcity of labor. Many families were the old people now suffer from poverty, would be comfortably supported by grown up children. It is economic folly to allow children, to the raising of which so much physical vitality has already been given, to slip away from us.

These deaths are of course largely among ignorant people who do not know how to care for young children. But these families will do a great deal more for the community, will work more contentedly and energetically, if they have good families of healthy children coming along. And that is only the economic argument. The pathos of this early death of young hopes ought to stir our hearts to active sympathy, and lead to measures to extend care and education.

A LEAF FROM "KULTUR"

Vice President Marshall's condemnation of men who voted for Mr. Lenroot in the Wisconsin election as "disloyal" is justly characterized as one of the dirtiest pieces of politics of this generation. It will be recalled long after the insignificant Marshall is forgotten. It has its counterpart in the denunciation voiced by Senator James Hamilton Lewis when Sherman Burroughs won the Congressional election in New Hampshire on the Republican ticket, and those who voted for Burroughs were dubbed "agents of the Kaiser," but the times were not then so acute and the charge of disloyalty was not so seriously taken, nor was the author of that lie so prominent in the public eye. That the Administration which, up to a year ago, was "too proud to fight," which brooked national insult, disesteemed responsibilities, made no preparation for our inevitable entry into the war, and relied chiefly on the "he kept us out of war" falsehood to secure popular indorsement, should cast reflection on the loyalty of 9,000,000 Republican voters for any failure to approve a conduct of the war which has become a scandal and a disgrace, shows the utter degradation to which the Wilson party has descended. No falsehood, no insult, no trickery is to be overlooked by the party in power which will yield a few votes to retain its discredited leaders in control of a nation which is reeling top-heavy and impotent bureaucracy. Vice President Marshall has served notice on the United States that he has borrowed at least one leaf from the ritual of "kultur," namely, that the means, he never so vile, are justified by the end.

PROSCRIBE THE SLACKERS

New Jersey, West Virginia and Maryland have enacted laws calculated to put an end to idleness and force the slacker to engage in some useful occupation. It is to be hoped that much success will reward the effort, for the purpose is a commendable one. It is apparent, however, that the enforcement of the laws will be attended with much difficulty and that rare tact and the backing of local public opinion will be necessary if the officers of the law are to accomplish the desired ends. In most matters, the slacker with no visible means of honest self-support can be reached under the vagrancy laws. The slacker most difficult to reach is the man who has an income independent of his personal efforts and who chooses to spend his time in idleness regardless of the needs of the country for the employment of every person able to engage in some useful occupation. In the case of the latter, clearly expressed public disapproval, even to the extent of social ostracism, will probably be most efficacious. We have heard and read much concerning the dignity of labor, but there has been too little manifestation of a real esteem for the man who earns his living by his personal efforts. We can help win this war by developing a keen public sentiment which attaches a real honor to useful occupation and a real disgrace to idleness.

EAGLETS

In planning to buy War Saving Stamps, do not forget to put the emphasis on the SAVINGS feature of it. You are expected to gather your thrift stamp money by saving small amounts that you ordinarily would spend. Your ordinary accumulations are to be invested in Liberty bonds. Every time you save a dime or a quarter or a dollar by going without some luxury or necessity that you were ordinarily buying, you are expected to put that saving in a thrift stamp—a War Savings Stamp.

GREAT CRY—LITTLE WOOL

A parliamentary by-election lately held in a district in Berlin has resulted in the success of a Socialist Democrat of the so-called majority group; and his triumph is hailed by the Junker press of Germany as a great omen of victory for the annexationists who have been opposing the dogma of peace without annexations or indemnities. We imagine the fact to be that this election is about as significant as it would be if a Congressional by-election in a district in Alabama should return a Democrat.

Gardner—New light plant going in to serve lower Umpqua towns.

Contract let to metal eleven miles Bandon-Curry road at \$49,416.

Fifty Years Ago

Taken From Oregon City Enterprise, March 28, 1918.

Reception—Any enthusiastic reception and ratification was given by the people of Portland on Thursday evening, Oregon City, Oswego and Milwaukie turned out to attend and chartered the steamer Senator, with Captain Kellogg, for the purpose. The Oregon City Brass band accompanied the excursionists from here.

Nonpartisan Troupe—The Nonpartisan troupe appeared in Oregon City on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Splendid music was rendered by the Oregon City Brass band.

Concert—A concert of vocal and instrumental music will be given by the musical talent of Oregon City in the Congregational church on Wednesday evening.

Died—March 17, at the residence of William Elliott, in Clackamas county, Robert H. Elliott, aged 24 years, 7 months and 23 days.

FIRST READING BEFORE COUNTY COURT ANENT ROAD

The proposed new water line road connecting Clackamas with Oregon City, came up for first reading before the county court Wednesday and was the occasion of considerable opposition. The matter will be heard further today.

The new road is to cut through the Hanson and Smith lands at the foot of the Chastanqua park hill on the Clackamas side, and travel along the water and railroad grade to the city limits of Gladstone. A petition bearing over 300 names was presented the court by those desiring the new highway.

Technical irregularities in the procedure were alleged by those fighting the road.

WITHYCOMBE WRITING ARTICLE FOR SPECIAL EDITION ENTERPRISE

Salem, Ore., April 2.—(Special to the Enterprise)—Governor Withycombe expressed keen interest today in the venture of the women who will have charge of a forthcoming issue of the Oregon City Enterprise and has started writing an article to appear under his name in that issue.

The article will be largely along patriotic lines and will be written by the executive himself.

The Governor has nothing but praise for the idea and expressed the hope that the issue would be productive of more than a tidy sum for the patriotic purposes for which it will serve.

He stated that the article will be complete in plenty of time to appear in the issue.

PRIVATE C. ROBBINS SAYS HE WANTS A CHANCE AT KAISER

Friends of Homer C. Robbins, of Molalla, were pleased to hear from him Friday and to know that he is well and getting along nicely in the army. Mr. Robbins left Oregon City to join the aviation corps and was sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. With him also went Lee Adams, Hugh Cuttings and J. Polson, all of Molalla.

Homer Robbins and Lee Adams were transferred to the signal corps and are now at Camp Devens, Mass. Hugh Cuttings has been transferred to Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. Mr. Polson is the only one of the four who made the aviation service permanently and he is now at Kelley Field, Texas.

County Clerk Ira Harrington received the letter from Homer Robbins. He says he does not care where the government places him just so he gets a "chance at the Kaiser."

MURRAYS SEEK TO INVALIDATE TAXES IN ROAD DISTRICT

Stanley and George B. Murray, farmers of the Wilsonville county in District No. 32, Wednesday filed suit in the court to enjoin the tax collecting department from collecting a special 5-mill levy voted in their district last November.

LETTERS FROM SOLDIER BOYS

Ted Miller and Everett Green Write From "Over There."

France, Feb. 18. Dear Mother—One of the Xmas boxes arrived tonight, the one with the helmet, towels, handkerchiefs and candy. It certainly had a long trip. The time it took to eat the nuts and candy was entirely out of proportion to the time they traveled. My bunk is near the door of the barracks, a lower berth, and everybody that came in looked at the things spread on the blanket. Not many boxes are seen here. We got them every day at Kelly Field, but not in France. Mail call is a bigger event than ever, but is pretty often disappointing, only a handful of letters, or maybe a few papers. I get mail once a week, anyway, which is a good deal better than most of the fellows can say.

We're having bright clear weather again. It's pretty cold jumping out at 5 o'clock A. M., pretty warm at noon and cold again by evening. We have a consolidated mess now, everybody eating in the same hall. The cadets and officers have separate mess halls. We sit down to tables where the food is waiting for us and help ourselves, which suits me a good deal better than passing by the counter and having it thrown at you by the K. P.'s (kitchen police).

We have a Lieutenant-Colonel for post commander. He inspects us on Saturdays. He had a pretty bad inspection last time, six men not being shaved. It pays to doll up pretty thoroughly for the weekly once-over.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a concert recently. The singers were a tenor, soprano and bass from New York, and a contralto from California, all fine voices. They gave "The Rosary," "My Laddie," "Sweet Kentucky Babe," "Invictus," and operatic selections. That bass got away with "Invictus" as if it was Briggs. We had a lecture Saturday night on Wilson's peace terms, by a Y man from Bordeaux. The Y is certainly doing splendidly, and is planning more entertainments all the time.

Love to all of you, Ted.

Feb. 26, 1918. Dear Folks—Had two days of rain, but its bright and clear again this morning. Work goes on as usual. The Y is showing moving pictures more frequently and expects to give a show every night after a while. The cadets will furnish talent for entertainments.

The cadets have started a weekly paper devoted to news of interest to this camp. One of the stars in a show they are putting on in town is "Dynamite" Royle, ex-chief of the Portland detective force.

I got letters from home dated Jan. 5, 16, and 21, but none between those dates. Just two days ago I got one written Dec. 10, and a batch of Companions, which were very welcome.

Cake, candy, and sweets of all kinds are not made in France now, and we are buying American stuff at the Y. The French have enough to eat though, and it is said they are much better off than the English.

We had an address by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick last week on "America in the World War." He said one result of our participation would be getting rid of our provincialism. Kansas and California would discover that they weren't the only states, and New Yorkers stop referring to the rest of the country as "the outlying agricultural districts."

France, March 2, 1918. Dear Mother—I got the other Xmas box last night. I felt ashamed to think of all the work done to send it, but was mighty glad to have the satisfaction of getting it. O. K. The things are all way ahead of anything I've seen so far, and will give more service. I got letters of Feb. 5, 7, and 9, which was pretty good time. They were numbered 6, 7, and 8, and I haven't seen 1 to 5 yet, but they will arrive in the next week or two.

We are having a wet snow, which melts as soon as it falls. This afternoon is a holiday on that account. There is work seven days a week, but arrangements have been made for a holiday each week for every man. Mine is Thursday. If you miss reveille or fail to pass inspection, or loaf on your job, you stand liable to lose your holiday.

The Countess de la Tours Saint Maurice spoke to us on Friday night on the Germans in Belgium, and she gave them both barrels. She is of American birth, but talks English with foreign accent. She gave out pipes as souvenirs, and we had a small riot getting them. I'll keep mine if it can be done.

Lots of Love,
Ted Miller,
98 Aero Squadron A. E. F.

In France, Feb. 14.—Dear Mother—At last we are in France, in fact we have been here for several days. I like it here just fine. When we left the States we left all our cold weather behind for the climate is just like that of the Willamette Valley.

Can't say that I enjoyed my trip across the water very much. I was not sea-sick but traveling conditions were not exactly the same as I have been used to. Our trip was uneventful and the weather was very good considering the time of year. It took a great deal longer to make the voyage than I expected. But that was for military reasons.

We are not in the port at which we landed. It took quite a long ride in the funniest little cars for us to get to our present camp. One of our railway coaches would make about three of these French cars. They are divided into compartments, each compartment seating ten persons. The doors are on each side and there is no way of entering another compartment when the train is once in motion for there is no center aisle.

We still have the Y. M. C. A. with us and as in the U. S. it continues to be by far the most pleasant side of army life. We can buy tobacco, soap, matches, chocolate, toilet articles, etc. from them at prices that are lower than the battalion canteen in Maryland. Makes it pretty nice for us for the French prices are plenty high enough.

RED BLOODED CITIZENS

Nearly every able-bodied man in Oregon City with red blood in his veins has signed the membership roll of the recently organized Home Guards. Enthusiasm is running high over the new organization, which held its initial roll call in the Moose hall Wednesday night.

Arrangements were made Thursday for the leasing of Busch's hall for drill purposes and a drill has been called for next Monday night. Men who have joined the Guard, in addition to those previously published, are:

Harry Price, H. A. Bowers, E. E. Rayburn, U. G. Kellogg, B. Montgomery, W. D. Adams, E. J. Noble, Fred Mettner, H. S. Anderson, Clyde Mount, George A. Harding, O. D. Eby, Alvin I. Obat, John R. Humphreys, George H. Bannon, Clifford Hall, A. A. Price, C. Schaebel, E. E. Brodie, M. D. Latourette, A. E. Rugg, L. Stupp, F. J. Toose, Lloyd Riches, W. A. Huntley, Willard F. Hawley, Jr., C. A. Baxter, W. H. Smith, G. Jenison, F. A. Burdon, J. R. Hickman, J. B. Carter, L. R. Nobel, W. D. Andrews, E. C. Hickman, James D. Olson, G. F. Johnson, A. B. Buckles, J. L. Waldron, S. K. McLarty, E. Fredrick, J. A. Rombach, M. H. Mass, B. Montgomery, A. W. Rodgers, F. W. Humphreys, W. T. Milliken, Albert Kell, Henry A. Brand, A. F. Jack, R. H. Trullinger, Tom J. Myers, A. M. Sinnott, E. P. Randa, G. F. Anderson, Ray Welch, C. V. Graves, John Sievers, W. C. Godfrey, Irving T. Rau, R. B. Bittner, P. J. Verzig, Clyde Hughes, J. E. Calavan, H. Bicholz, J. W. Bigham, C. Helsby, J. R. Myers, H. J. Price, F. A. Hamerle, C. H. Wallace, P. E. Uppan, Ed Buscholz, M. A. Elliott, B. J. Staats, L. H. Allen, H. H. Johnson, George Hankins, J. S. Manning, F. E. Cramer, J. G. Seehorn, Emil Volpp, Alfred Tate, Thomas Patterson, J. C. Bradley, E. N. Brock.

C. Doremus, F. J. Thomas, J. Peterson, A. L. Lambert, L. V. Ronke, J. A. Ray, W. W. Laurie, George Callif, C. V. Carmichael, Joseph M. Justin, L. A. May, Frank B. Nelson, Marshall, T. Ryan, Joseph E. Heddes, Lloyd Bernier, Dave Anderson, E. J. Noble, George E. Swafford, Ed Fortune, T. P. Randall, Everett Stirewalt, W. R. Lelsy, G. R. H. Miller, Jack Bannan, M. G. Christensen, C. F. Libby, Joseph Sevek, Jr., C. G. Miller, W. P. Tipton, Raymond P. Caulfield, L. G. Ice, Steve Chambers, L. A. Barry, E. C. Tall, C. L. Limbocker, P. Heitman, Charlie Promong.

Harry Wolrich, H. E. Cross, Ross Nicholas, Charles Legier, Edward Rayburn, W. D. Laughary, W. Morgan, H. L. Martin, John Collie, A. L. Barnes, Clifford Williams, T. Barnes, Ed Edwards, F. B. Haworth, H. F. Tschirg, R. Cooper, H. W. Heath, P. S. King, E. C. Latourette, L. E. Bentley, E. R. Brock, B. McCormick, E. C. Kyler, A. de Moy, D. W. Midiam, Fred A. Miller, John H. Hoffman.

W. Lettenmaier, A. A. Munden, H. T. Brady, F. W. Gardner, W. S. Baker, J. M. Rhodes, E. L. Johnson.

Between 125 and 150 bulk elevators will be constructed in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Brownsville cannery enlarged by purchase of Corvallis plant.

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Smith is of splendid physique, weighing when he left this city, 156 pounds. He celebrated his 21st birthday anniversary St. Patrick's day. He is a member of Company B, 116th Engineers of 41st Division.

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"Somewhere in France, February 27, 1918
Dear Father and Brother:
I will drop you a few lines, as I have a little spare time now, and let you know that I am enjoying the best of health.
I thought I had seen the world when I arrived in the east, but "not yet." There is so much to see after leaving home in Oregon, and no one knows what dear old home is until they have to leave it. It is the best place on earth, and all of we boys who have come over here, will certainly appreciate it when we return to the United States again.
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"Is Terry going to school now? Tell him that Dan said to be a good boy.
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"Well goodbye, until next time,
Your loving son,
Daniel J. Finucane.

SENDS HOME MANY INTERESTING GIFTS

Sergeant Kent Wilson, well known Oregon City lad and University athlete, has sent a miniature "Croix de Guerre," the French official honor badge, which he has picked up in France, to his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Wilson. An American "fatigue" cap, a French military silk handkerchief, and a small French doll, comprised the other interesting trinkets which were received by Sheriff Wilson from his son.

Sergeant Wilson stated the doll was given him by a sad faced French woman who lost everything in the bombardment of Rheims.

Sergeant Wilson, who is in the medical department with the American engineers, is enjoying the best of health, according to his letter.

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Ferguson is 23 years of age. In his letter to his father a few days ago, says "atill well and happy, but that there isn't much news to write, so you will have to be contented with but a short note once in a while.
"Durham is somewhat scarce here, and if you like you can send me a little, as it will be greatly appreciated. I wonder if you could get me some blades for either an Enders or Gem safety razor, as I can't get either make here.
"The weather is very nice here, but still the winter is not over. It snowed for two days and nights the first of the week.
"Well, Dad, I can't think of anything else to say, so may as well close now. Give my best regards to everyone, and tell them I said 'goodbye' in case they may hear of me no more, so it's goodbye, good luck to you.
"Write when you can, as you know that letters are always greatly appreciated by we boys.
"As ever your loving son,
Oliver Ferguson, Mechanic, Battery D, First Anti-Air Craft Battalion.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hodgson, of Twelfth and Madison Street, received a cablegram from their son, Carl Hodgson, on Thursday saying that he had just arrived safely in France.
Carl Hodgson is in the 375th Aero Squadron, formerly at Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas. The following is a copy of part of the last letter he wrote before leaving the United States sometime after March 1st:
"We were one hundred and twenty hours going from Waco, Tex., to Hemstead Field, N. Y., but all enjoyed the trip very much. We were routed through the larger cities—Memphis, Charleston, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia and New York, and were out for exercise and marched in formation through principal streets. The Red Cross treated us royally with sandwiches and coffee. Just before leaving Camp McArthur I received a comfort kit from Miss Cis Barclay Pratt. It was just what I wanted and I wish you would tell her I appreciated it very much."
Carl Hodgson

Miss Pratt received a letter a few days before the young soldier left for Europe thanking her for the kit which he has greatly appreciated.