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GRANGE AND NON-PARTISAN LEAGUE

Following editorial appears in the National Grange Bulletin for April published at Springfield, Illinois, official organ of the National Grange:

Some of the best friends of agriculture in the United States, who have proved by their works that their devotion to its welfare is sincere, are seriously disturbed over the spread of a movement in the Northwest which bears every indication of containing a positive menace to the highest progress of the real farmers of the country, and which is destined to injure the very causes which it professes to espouse.

Reference is made to the so called Farmers' Non-Partisan League in several of the states in the Northwest, which by whirlwind methods, by extravagant promises and by radical pronouncements, has been gathering great momentum in some sections, while the movement is also gaining a foothold in some of the Eastern states. The very nature of the new organization does not point in the direction of permanence, nor does it contain those elements of strength that assure any abiding service to the farm people in any state; while the unfortunate entanglements this organization has permitted, with those whose purpose is clearly to undermine the American government, to reduce its fighting efficiency and to give aid to the enemy, is an indictment against the Non-Partisan League from which it can never clear itself in the estimate of patriotic, red-blooded American citizens, farmers and otherwise.

If the Non-Partisan League has not actually surrendered itself to disloyal practices, it has at least trifled with its reputation to a degree sufficient to put it under suspicion, in the eyes of every true American.

But the chief purpose of this article is to make clear that the Grange is not identified in any way with the Non-Partisan League and that the Grange stands sponsor in no way for its principles or its results. Efforts that have been made, in countless cases, to so entangle the Grange should be repudiated at every point, for the Grange and the Non-Partisan League are moving from absolutely different viewpoints and have no common basis. The Grange was here, doing valiant service for the farm people of the United States, long before this new movement of the Northwest was here after that movement has been even dreamed of; and it may still be forgotten.

The Grange is non-partisan in the true, broad sense. Its service is unselfish and continuous for the farm interests of America. The Grange seeks no class legislation or special favors for farmers, simply because they are farmers, but names as its supreme ideal "The greatest good to the greatest number." The Grange is absolutely loyal to its government and tolerates within its meetings and among its leaders no spark of even the suggestion of disloyalty. On these four decisive issues the Grange and the Non-Partisan League are as wide as it oceans separated them. Let this fact be here and now made clear to everyone, that whatever may be the future of the Non-Partisan League, no responsibility for that future rests upon the Grange or upon the real leaders of the Grange. As the two organizations go on, the fruits of each shall prove it, of what manner it be.

WHY THE CAMOUFLAGE?

Requests are being sent asking cooperation of the press in placing before the public the platform and program for constructive democracy as fathered by the new National Party, organized October 3-4, 1917. Enclosed with the letter is the program and platform.

On reading it all through we find it the old story camouflaged under a new name—"National Party" sounds better than "Socialism."

When this party was organized it seemed to be closely affiliated with the widely advertised Non-Partisan League.

Here is another case of camouflage for the name "Non-Partisan" covered the rankest socialistic program ever exploited in America.

On close study of the new party program the only difference one can see between it and the Non-Partisan League is that the National Party is better camouflaged in that its socialistic propaganda is clothed in better literary style.

Its program is more dangerous, however, as it is much more far reaching. It advocates everything the Non-Partisan League does but goes much farther in favoring paternalism and bureaucratic control of individual liberty. It prates about freedom of speech and democratic control of all utilities and then turns right around and advocates public worship and operation of steam and electric railroads shipping, telegrams and telephones, coal and metal mines, water-power, natural gas and oil wells, light and power plants, timber lands, terminal warehouses and elevators, packing plants and flour mills and all other public utilities and basic industries which depend on franchises, or require large scale operation. In other words it favors public ownership of anything bigger than a peanut stand and if you happened to own two peanut stands the public ought to own the business. It favors single tax, government insurance of several different brands, continually shorter working days, etc. etc.

It would remove all incentive for individual activity and make every citizen and workman subject to the bureaucratic rule of an official aristocracy. Shades of George Washington, are

the American people ready to give up their birthright of individual activity and be satisfied to exist under a system of paternalism that would transform them into mere cogs in a wheel of officialdom which would cause Germany's highly centralized and autocratic form of handling the individual liberties of its people to pale into insignificance.

We are indeed drifting far away across the Pacific Coast Manufacturer, from the safe and sane principles of American democracy when an American college, as is being done in this case, apparently allows itself to be used for the exploitation of these European ideas of socialism and paternalism.

NEED OF HASTE

Anyone who doubts the imperative need of haste in getting troops over to France, need only look at a map of the trench line to be convinced. Here we find the British army dug in on a line about 40 miles at every point from the English channel. If at the southern end of their line, they should lose as much territory as they lost in the German rush beginning March 21, they would be surrounded by the Germans and compelled to fight it out alone against superior forces.

If the British should lose a considerable part of their army now in France, which may number 1,500,000 men, it would greatly prolong the war and increase our casualties.

The war would not necessarily be won by the Germans even if they did drive the British back and capture the channel ports. But our difficulties would be terribly augmented. The British supply factories in Calais would be gone, and the work of equipping their army greatly impeded.

Furthermore, the control by the British of the straits of Dover has enabled them to block those straits to the submarines. To get the open ocean, the U boats have had to go around the northern tip of Scotland. Now if they capture Calais and can slip through the straits, they will save a sea voyage of about 500 miles. This will make it far easier for them to get at the United States transports loaded with our boys. There will be nests of them awaiting our ships on their passage to France.

The time to step on the German snake is now. One soldier in France today is worth two next year. Every laboring man who holds up the war work with strikes or who fails to do his level best to speed up, every manufacturer who obstructs by profiteering, is an enemy to his country. Every government official who is trying to run a great war on a peace time basis, may be doing his little best, but he is worth more to the foe than a battalion of spies.

ALWAYS DELIGHTFULLY FRANK

Those Democratic newspapers who tried to camouflage Roosevelt's truth-telling by charging him with political bias were ignorant of history—and not so very remote history, either. It is less than twenty years since Roosevelt, then an officer in the American army in Cuba, joined in framing and signing a round robin which enjoyed much fame in its day and the contents of which were a biting criticism of the way in which some things were being done in the conduct of the Spanish War. McKinley was then President, a man of Roosevelt's own party with whom Roosevelt was later glad to run for the Vice Presidency. But that fact did not prevent Roosevelt from speaking out. Neither will the charge of politics prevent him from speaking out now.

SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL RIGHTS

The commandeering of colleges, museums, libraries, and other public buildings under the powers granted in the housing bill is specifically provided against through an amendment to the measure proposed by Senator Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota, and accepted by the Senate without opposition. Another safeguard to individual rights is furnished by Senator Kellogg's amendment in prohibiting the taking of any occupied dwelling unless it is determined by a judge of a district court that such action is necessary. The occupant of the dwelling in such cases is to be given ample opportunity to appear and present his contentions.

TACOMA COUPLE MARRY

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Joseph F. Blakely and Mary F. Schiller, of Tacoma, Washington. They are friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Doolittle, of this city and were quietly married at the First Baptist church Tuesday night.

George C. Brownell, Republican candidate for State Senator, has nailed the campaign lie that has been quietly circulated around Oregon City assailing his position on the prohibition question at the last session of the legislature. Mr. Brownell writes to Dr. J. E. Anderson at The Dalles for a statement. Dr. Anderson is the author of the Oregon prohibition law, and is a recognized leader among the prohibition forces in this state. He sent Mr. Brownell the following telegram Monday:

"Answering your telegram, I am pleased to state that you supported the prohibition measure both by speech and vote. J. E. ANDERSON." (Paid Adv.)

Candidate For Senator Was Ardent Supporter of Prohibition

CANADIAN CORPORAL SERVED IN TRENCHES HAS A FAMILY HERE

Corporal S. David Long, who has been in Oregon City visiting his wife and little daughter Lillian, has started for France to resume his duties in the Canadian forces.

Corporal Long was one of the first men to enlist in the Canadian army in 1914. Although he was born in the United States, he was in Canada when men were called for the service. He responded to the call of the colors, and left for the front August 12, 1914. He has been in France and fought in the trenches. While in Oregon City on his brief furlough visiting his little family and other relatives, he thoroughly enjoyed his trip home. On one occasion he gave a talk before the pupils of the third and fourth grades of the Eastham school, of which his little daughter, Lillian, is a student, and told the children of the Belgian children's sufferings, also of some of his experiences while in the trenches.

Many startling experiences were told by the soldier, and although he has had four years' experience at the fighting line, he was anxious to return to his post of duty. He expects to arrive in France soon.

SUPPORT RED CROSS IS PLEA OF GOVERNOR

SALEM, Or., May 15.—Governor James Withycombe of Oregon today issued a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the state to support the American Red Cross in its second war fund drive, set for May 20 to 27.

In handling the original proclamation to a representative of the American Red Cross, the Governor said that he could be afforded no greater pleasure than to do a service for the Red Cross.

The militant message of Oregon's "War Governor" to the people of Oregon follows:

Citizens of Oregon, Greetings! Whereas, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross, again has called upon the people of the United States to support the great institution of Red Cross, and:

Whereas, he has proclaimed the week of May 20 to May 27 for the purpose of soliciting funds;

Now, Therefore, I, James Withycombe, Governor of generous Oregon, call upon all citizens of this State to set aside this week to the holy purpose of serving in this humane cause; and I urge all private citizens, if called upon, to serve as workers, and to let no private occupation hold them back.

When citizens of Oregon are asked for their gifts let them remember they are helping suffering humanity.

Oregon never fails. Let her lead again!

Given under my hand this 15th day of May, 1918.

JAMES WITHYCOMBE Governor of Oregon

BIG LOYALTY LEAGUE FORMED SATURDAY CLACKAMAS HTS.

Clackamas Heights is 100 per cent loyal as was evidenced Saturday night at the formation of a Loyalty League. Judge Grant B. Dimick gave a rostrum patriotic address preceding the organization. Officers were elected as follows: Ed Leek, president; H. S. Clyde, vice-president; I. D. Taylor, secretary and Otto Mendel, treasurer.

Dog Joins Red Cross Barks For Freedom Seeks Scent of Hun

Clackamas county has some patriotic dogs that are deserving of special mention. One of these animals, "Bonny Belle," has become a member of the Red Cross Auxiliary of West Linn, and owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Davenport, of that place, both of whom are members of the new organization. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have no children, and in order to have the "family" to go 100 per cent, decided on taking out a membership card for their pet. His name appears on the list of members, and his barks will be the same as his master and mistress, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport.

Another dog, whose mistress believes to be the homeliest in the state, and is a cross between a Spitz and Japanese poodle. His owners, the children of Mrs. F. W. Gardner, the latter secretary of the Red Cross Branch of Oregon City. When "Mutt" is asked "Are you mad at the Kaiser?" he will growl and snap, and when asked if he is a German spy, he will bark most ferociously, and you would believe he was going to tear the house to pieces. "Mutt" is not a member of the Red Cross Branch yet, but all members of the Gardner family are.

PARKER ARRIVES AT AVIATION CAMP AND TAKES UP TRAINING

Ralph Parker, a member of the firm of Miller & Parker Company, left a few days ago for Berkeley, Calif., where he has entered the aviation training camp. A large number of friends were down to the depot to bid the young soldier farewell, and a safe return. He has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parker, of this city, saying that he had arrived safely in camp, and that orders were given that they be allowed a good time for one day, and the remainder of the time to be devoted to study.

A number of young men from Portland, who are to take up similar work in the service, accompanied Parker to Berkeley. With the departure of Ralph Parker, this makes seven young men from Miller-Parker Company, who have enlisted in the service of Uncle Sam.

AGE LIMIT IN TO 50 YEARS

BOSTON, Mass., May 14.—The British army has raised its age limit for volunteers for infantry service from 45 to 50 years.

Major Kenneth D. Marlatt, head of the British and Canadian recruiting mission here, was notified today that under the new regulations British subjects between the ages of 18 and 50 would be accepted, instead of from 18 to 45, as heretofore.

HOFF IS OPTIMISTIC

SALEM, Or., May 13.—An optimistic view of the farm labor situation is taken by Labor Commissioner Hoff in a statement issued today commenting on the results of the recent crop and labor survey of the state. While a shortage of from 15 to 35 per cent is indicated, the commissioner believes that a sufficient number of laborers will be in the state to harvest the crops. The commission again urges that men familiar with farm work, but who are now engaged in other industries, be released by employers during the harvest periods so they may assist in gleanings the crops. For the harvesting of war products the statement suggests the release of soldiers in training camps.

JUDGE THOS. F. RYAN

Present Assistant State Treasurer

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR

State Treasurer



THOS. F. RYAN

"For seven years he has served Oregon as Assistant State Treasurer with exceptional efficiency. To him is largely due the present high standing of the treasury department. The National examiners have given the department credit for performing more work with less money than any other treasury in the Union, and also with having the best regulated and most efficient office." —Evening Telegram.

As an active member of the Grange, he has worked consistently for the building of good roads from farm to market; for horticultural and agricultural legislation; and for practical drainage, irrigation, and rural credits law.

(Paid Adv.)

3D OREGON REGIMENT REUNITED IN FRANCE WRITES ITS CHAPLAIN

After being scattered over Western Europe for nearly six months the old 3rd Oregon regiment, now a part of the American expeditionary force in France, is probably now reunited, according to a letter received by Mayor Baker, of Portland, from Major William S. Gilbert, chaplain of the regiment. By this time the regiment may be on the fighting front, as the major said that the troops were moving at the time of writing his letter, which was in April. His letter follows:

"Thinking somebody might be wondering what disposition is being made of the money sent to Colonel May and myself, I thought I would drop a line just to say that neither of us has used any of it yet. We have it in the bank subject to check, and will use it only when emergency arises. Colonel May and I will act together in the matter.

"Things are beginning to hum now and look like business. We are moving. The regiment will soon be together again after being scattered since December 12. Can't read the future, thank God. All we ask is that this hellish war will end right; and it will.

"Can't tell you more. We are all right."

KERR TO TALK FOR RED CROSS ON SATURDAY

Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, will make an address at the Estacada high school building Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, will leave at 8 o'clock for this city following his address there.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock Dr. Kerr will give an address at the Bush hall, marking the opening of the Red Cross drive, which commences Monday morning. Clackamas county's quota for this drive is \$15,000.

Dr. Kerr is one of the able speakers of the Northwest, and has been appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Houston to tour several of the Northwestern states, including Oregon. Besides talking on the Red Cross drive, Dr. Kerr will give the facts direct from Washington, D. C. on food production, food conservation, labor shortage, etc.

Dr. Kerr is directly representing the government and is delivering the message of the Nation to its loyal citizens. All who have the welfare of their country at heart are asked to come out to the meetings and help create a sentiment of saving for victory in this war wherein the liberty of mankind is at stake.

This is one of the disquieting possibilities of the food shortage mentioned by Dr. Kerr, in his series of talks on food and the war, which he is giving in Oregon as a representative of the United States government.

How America, and especially Oregon, can best respond to the demands for increased food production, in securing the food supplies essential to the successful prosecution of the war, will be dealt with in the most practical way by Dr. Kerr, who has just returned from Washington, where he went over the entire question of increased food production and conservation with the officials of the department of agriculture and the federal food administration.

With the co-operation of the Red Cross subject and the food administration, there is no doubt but that the meetings to be held at Estacada and in Oregon City will be of much interest and to draw large crowds from all sections of the county, for no subjects are more important at the present time than these two.

SULLIVAN RED CROSS CHAIRMAN FOR DRIVE

Permanent organization of the campaign committee for the next Red Cross drive in Clackamas county was effected Thursday night at the Commercial club, with the selection of T. W. Sullivan as campaign manager, and working details were referred to him and to his associates on the committees that were appointed. It was announced that the minimum quota for this county is \$15,000 net, and that all expenses incident to the drive will have to be borne through other contributions.

It is expected that the large corporations doing business in Clackamas county will contribute toward the local fund in this drive, and the express companies, railroad and railway companies, telegraph and telephone companies, paper companies and all other concerns that have large interests here but whose main offices are located in another section of the state, have been asked to give to Clackamas county their pro rata share of their whole contribution.

The drive opens May 20 and ends May 27. E. G. Caulfield acted as temporary secretary of the meeting Thursday night and the following committees for the campaign were named: Speakers—J. E. Hodges, chairman; G. B. Dimick, George C. Brownell.

Publicity—E. E. Brodie, chairman; C. W. Robey, R. M. Standish, Estacada; W. W. Woodbeck, Milwaukie; G. J. Taylor, Molalla; Charles S. Clark, Canby.

Transportation and entertainment—L. L. Adams, chairman; M. D. Latourrette, J. W. Loder.

Headquarters (Liberty Temple)—Dr. H. S. Mount, chairman; E. G. Caulfield, Thos. A. Burke.

Captains for the respective districts will probably be announced Sunday morning.

CANDIDATES REVEL IN LOVEFEST Rivals Shake Hands and Make Impossible Pledge to Live Wires

Today was Political Day at the Live Wires and candidates for the legislature were gathered to tell the Wires of their virtues. For the first time during the campaign all of the legislative candidates were herded in one room, with the sole exception of Dr. Dedman of Canby, and each of them told his little story in a limited time of four minutes. The county division question had its innings, as was expected, but no blood was shed and as every aspirant for legislative honors declared his intention of voting against county division at Salem, there was really no chance for an argument. W. A. Dimick and George C. Brownell shook hands, each man holding his left hand over his hip pocket, and Harvey Cross, C. Schuebel, John Lovell, Gordon Taylor and H. C. Stephens were among those present. David Loggren, candidate for Joint Representative, was also there. The climax came when O. D. Ely administered the following oath, to which each of the candidates subscribed:

"I, one of the many and diverse candidates on the Republican ticket for the legislature, realizing that in the event I am successful in securing the nomination in the Republican primaries on May 17th, 1918, that I will not have any democratic opposition in the November election, in which event I will surely be elected, and having just made and

completed a canvas of Clackamas County, seeking the votes of Republican electors for such office, and having to the best of my ability peddled the bunk to such Republican electors knowing that they are susceptible thereto and early influenced, and realizing that untried democracy and Live Wires do not deal in hot air and are not susceptible to the kind of bunk I will ever be peddling, and that I am now surrounded and confronted with a bunch of stalwart Live Wires and a few scattering democrats, do most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that during my term of office I will ever be faithful and loyal to the flag of our country, and to the United States, and to the State of Oregon, and particularly to Clackamas County, that I will do all within my power to help win the war and to lick the Kaiser, and to bring about an honorable peace, and that I will not either directly or indirectly by vote or otherwise be a party to any movement that has for its purpose the division of Clackamas County, to all of which I most solemnly and sincerely promise and swear, under the penalty of being electrocuted by a Live Wire; PROVIDED, always and with the reservation herein stipulated that I shall be nominated and elected, a question concerning which I frankly admit at the present moment, that I have a serious doubt."

PATRIOTIC MEETING AT MOUNT PLEASANT FULL OF INTEREST

A patriotic meeting was held in the Mount Pleasant school house Thursday evening under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association. The meeting was largely attended, and was opened with a patriotic song by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades.

Miss Lorene Parker, food demonstration agent for the government, gave an excellent talk on "Food Conservation," giving the women in attendance instruction as to canning and packing fruit for the coming season. She also gave a number of excellent recipes for cooking.

O. D. Ely gave a patriotic address, and not only of interest but instructive as well, and he was well received, as was also Miss Parker, who preceded him with her address.

County School Superintendent J. E. Calavan gave a good talk on the work of the pupils of the schools of Clackamas county in the way of making war gardens, and assisting Uncle Sam in other ways.

The meeting closed with "Star Spangled Banner" by the audience, and those participating in singing our National song, manifested great enthusiasm.

The interior of the school room was decorated with Old Glory.

Farmers Are Urged To Grow Cheaper Feed and Erect Silos

A patriotic meeting was held at the New Era schoolhouse Friday evening by Judge Grant B. Dimick and R. W. Arens, county agent. The school building was filled to capacity with an enthusiastic audience. Judge Dimick and Mr. Arens talked on livestock growing in Clackamas county. They urged the farmers of the necessity of growing cheaper feed for the livestock, and also advised them to erect silos for the storage of the corn and other products of the farm.

The children of the school rendered an excellent program.

CLACKAMAS SERVICE FLAG UNFURLED FOR SEVENTEEN SOLDIERS

The unfurling of a service flag will take place at Clackamas May 18. Seventeen boys are represented on the large flag to be dedicated at the I. O. O. F. hall, Clackamas.

The program is being arranged by Mrs. Ofis Welch, president of the Clackamas Red Cross Auxiliary. There will be several prominent speakers from out of that town, and the program will also embrace patriotic music.

The boys having enlisted from Clackamas, represented on the flag are Captain Hoskenyos, Harry Hargreaves, Edmond Hargreaves, Arthur Johnston, E. Street, Albert Johnston, Homer Krawhaber, Albert Roadman, Gilbert Hansen, Carl Jones, Sergeant Arthur G. Elkins, Hans Wyttemberg, Fred Leuenberger, Ray Williams, Carl Manning, Tony Ackerman, Ralph Boyer.

BALLOT NO. 47 J. B. SCHAEFER Republican Candidate For Water Superintendent Division No. 1

Practical Knowledge and Experience in Irrigation. Forty-one Years Resident Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon.

S. BENSON ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY OF HIGHWAY LOCATION

PORTLAND, May 13.—(Editor of the Enterprise.)—In regard to the vitriolic attack which Dr. Hugh S. Mount made upon the State Highway Commission, the County Court of Clackamas County and various individual officials in connection with the highway between Oregon City and New Era, at the budget meeting in the Court House on or about December 22, 1917, anyone who realizes the relationship of the doctor to the tract of ground in question knows full well the animus that is behind his remarks and the prejudice on his part that was back of them.

The statements which the doctor made relative to the State Highway Commission, or any county official playing in with the Southern Pacific, in order to move the road to its present location, are absolutely false. The Southern Pacific Railway Company has had absolutely no connection with those who located the road where it now is.

The location of this road is in the hands of the State Highway Commission. The County Commissioners of Clackamas County are not responsible for the present situation. No one who is responsible for the road's present location has in any way made any deal with the Railway Company and the Railway Company has not been taken into consideration in locating the road.

S. BENSON

HONOR GUARD GIRLS REALIZE BIG SUM FROM ALLIED BAZAAR

The Bazaar of Nations, held by Oregon City's Honor Guard Girls Saturday, was one of the most complete patriotic events of the season. A rough estimate of the total receipts was placed at \$325. This did not include the sale of dance tickets and it is conservatively estimated the total will reach \$400 when all funds are collected complete.

There were seven allied booths, presided over by members of the Honor Guard arrayed in costumes of the respective nations. Contributions from many Clackamas county people were sold in these booths. The rough estimate of the respective booths receipts are: French, \$70; American, \$14.05; Italian, \$21.30; Belgian, \$46; Irish, \$75; Fortune, \$1; British Isles, \$45.

Thirty-five soldiers from the Vancouver cantonment attended the Bazaar. Upon their arrival in Oregon City, the soldier boys were the guests of the Eastern Star, under the leadership of Mrs. P. D. Forbes, worthy matron.

BARCLAY BALL TEAM WINS FROM CANBY GAME A CLOSE ONE

The Barclay school team played a match game of ball with the team from the Canby Grammar school Friday afternoon on the Canby grounds. The game was called at 4 o'clock. Nine innings were played with a score of 16 to 15 in favor of the Barclay school. The features of the game was a three base hit for each side.

Canby pined up seven runs in the first inning and the Barclay score was a blank at the end of the eighth inning the score was Canby 15, Barclay 5, and the Canby rooters were jubilant when Barclay lined up for the last inning. The boys buckled down to business in this inning and piled up eleven runs.