

OREGON G. A. R. N. SESSION AT ALBANY

National Presidents of Three Organizations Are All Visiting at State Encampment.

TOUCHING REUNIONS MANY

Total Membership of 62 Posts in State Now 1664—Loss of Membership by Death During Past Year Heavy.

ALBANY, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—The 27th annual encampment of the Department of Oregon of the Grand Army of the Republic, Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. began in Albany this afternoon for a session of three days. About 800 delegates from all sections of the state are attending the three conventions.

An unusual feature is that the highest officers of all three of the organizations are in attendance. This rarely happens at a state encampment. These officers are: Orlando A. Somers, of Kokomo, Ind., National commander-in-chief of the Grand Army; Mary E. P. Taylor, of Portland, Me., National president of the Ladies of the G. A. R.; and Mrs. North, of Ohio, National president of the Woman's Relief Corps. Robert W. McBride, of Indianapolis, assistant general of the National organization of the Grand Army, is also here.

National Convention in August.

There is added interest in the present encampment because of the fact that the National convention of the organization will be held at Portland in August. Patriotic decorations greeted the veterans here today, and the patriotic spirit of the organizations was everywhere apparent. Touching reunions of old friends were frequent. The Grand Army held its opening session in the Knights of Pythias hall this afternoon. It was devoted to receiving reports of officers, which showed the state organization and the various posts in good condition. There are now 62 posts in Oregon, with a total membership of 1664.

Loss of Membership Heavy.

The loss in membership by death during the past year has been rather heavy.

J. G. Chambers of Portland, commander; J. E. Peterson, of Grants Pass, senior vice-commander; C. E. Reynolds, of Tillamook, junior vice-commander; Dr. J. E. Hall, of Portland, medical director; Rev. N. E. Wade, of Portland, chaplain; C. J. Williams, of Portland, assistant adjutant-general and assistant quartermaster-general; W. N. Morse, of Portland, instructor; E. E. Covey, of Portland, chief of staff; D. W. Butler, of Portland, senior bearer.

Memorial Service Held.

The Woman's Relief Corps convention convened this afternoon in the Hicks Temple and a memorial service was held in honor of the members who died during the past year. This impressive service was the only session held by this organization today.

Officers and Committees Named.

Officers and committee members named to serve for this convention are: Members of executive committee—Cora M. Davis, of Union; Jennie B. Higgins, of Eugene; Minnie T. Norman, of Portland; Nellie Peters, of Ashland; Elizabeth H. Merrill, assistant secretary; Jennie B. Higgins, of Eugene, conductor; Bertha Drew Gilman, of Eugene, and Mrs. C. M. Williams, of Portland, guards; Beulah Cowin, of Woodburn; Louise Allen, of Clatskanie; Elizabeth Henderson, of Portland; Mary E. Carson, of Portland, color bearers; Louise Goodard, of Tillamook; Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union; Nora McNamee, of Forest Grove; and Susie Linn, of Hood River, musician. Mary Young, of Eugene, is secretary. Mrs. M. Babcock, of Clatskanie, is treasurer. Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union, is president. Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union, is president. Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union, is president.

Credentialed Committee at Work.

The convention of the ladies of the G. A. R. opened this afternoon in the Masonic Temple and after the credentials committee had completed its work the afternoon session was devoted to a memorial service. The active work of the convention will begin tomorrow.

Yale G. Benvie, of Oak Grove, the department president, opened this convention, and the other officers presiding and who will serve during this convention are:

Lovette Williams, of Milton, senior vice-president; Anna Parker, of Albany, chaplain; Belle Steward, of Portland, treasurer; Ella G. Himes, of Portland, secretary; Emma Thompson, of Salem; Katherine Smith, of Eugene; Elizabeth H. Merrill, of Oak Grove, council of administration; Mary E. Robinson, of Portland, secretary; Minnie E. Simmons, of Portland, treasurer; Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union, president; Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union, president; Mrs. M. J. Nelson, of Union, president.

Union Meeting Held in Church.

Nones of the organizations held conventions tonight, but all joined in a big open meeting in the United Presbyterian Church. Preceding this meeting was opened with music by the G. A. R. quartet, and then Dr. W. P. White, pastor of the church, pronounced the opening prayer.

L. M. Carl, Mayor of Albany, welcomed the visitors to the city and after a solo by Mrs. Dr. W. H. Davis, of this city, the heads of the various organizations responded to the address of welcome.

J. G. Chambers, of Portland, department commander, spoke for the Grand Army; Mrs. Minnie A. Baird, of Union, department president, for the Woman's Relief Corps; and Mrs. Valeria G. Benvie, of Oak Grove, department president, for the Ladies of the G. A. R. The Hammer quartet, of this city, then sang, and Orlando A. Somers, of Kokomo, Ind., National commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, delivered the address of the evening. The meeting closed with the singing of "America."

F. E. Moore Elected at The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Felix E. Moore, of Ashland, Or., was elected principal of The Dalles High School at a special meeting of the School Board Saturday night. The directors will meet next Saturday evening to fill remaining vacancies in the teaching corps.

Read Harley's article, page 6.—Adv.



The Man Fighting for Oregon's Development.

Why I am for Light Wines and Beer But Against Saloons and Whisky

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR EXPENSIVE ADVERTISEMENTS TO PUSH THE PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN.

The "Strengthen America Campaign," in charge of Rev. Charles Stelzle, a Presbyterian clergyman, and backed by the "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," publishes a full-page display advertisement on page 51 of the Saturday Evening Post of March 16, 1918.

An advertisement of this size in the Post costs forty-five hundred dollars per issue. A similar page advertisement has been running for two issues in recent numbers of the Literary Digest, which probably cost not less than five hundred dollars per issue.

These advertisements are but samples of duplicates that are being or will be printed in other expensive advertising journals throughout the country.

Thus, it is plain, that the advocates of National Prohibition are determined to spend an enormous fund in influencing the minds of legislators in various States for the purpose of securing ratification of this proposed revolutionary amendment to the Constitution.

The charge that this agitation (unnecessary at this time) will cost a very large sum of money is justified by the initial expenditures that have been made by the "Strengthen America Campaign." That this gratuitous advice to legislators will compel those who oppose the ratification to equal expenditures goes without saying. Thus, we shall witness the diverting of hundreds of thousands of dollars into a useless political campaign which might wisely have been expended for direct war work.

STRENGTHEN AMERICA.

This is the great opportunity for the man or woman with the 10-cent piece, the Dollar Bill, the \$50 Liberty Bond, the \$1000 Liberty Bond, or the \$50,000 Check. All get together now, and the thing is done with for all time.

MAKE YOUR LIBERTY BOND WORK TWICE
You sought it to make the best Army.
Give it to fight the worst enemy.

Lloyd George said: "We are fighting Germany, Austria, and Drink—the greatest of these deadly foes is Drink."

The money raised will be spent to bring the necessity of prohibition home to every man, woman, and child in America, and especially in those states where it is important that the Legislatures vote for the prohibition amendment.

Advertising space will be used because that is the only space which we can absolutely control, and advertising space must be paid for.

The only way to put the liquor traffic out of business is by getting the States to vote for the ratification of the prohibition amendment.

The only motive power sufficient to induce the great mass of people to do a big thing, is a wave of collective emotion which makes them all feel the same thing at the same time.

WHAT THE OWNER OF THE SATURDAY EVENING POST PERSONALLY THINKS OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Perhaps, in this connection, it may be pertinent to quote the opinion of Cyrus H. K. Curtis, owner of the Saturday Evening Post, the Ladies' Home Journal, the Country Gentleman, and editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger. This statement was published in the Evening Ledger during the discussion of the amendment in Congress. Mr. Curtis says:

"We have repeatedly pointed out in these columns that to prostitute the Constitution to purposes of legislation is to undermine the authority of that instrument and imperil thereby the stability of the Government. Prohibition is a policy, not a principle. The Constitution has never been the vehicle for declaration of policy. Not even the Monroe doctrine has been incorporated into the fundamental law. To compel all the states to conform to the police regulations of a majority of the states would be to destroy local government, which, within the corpus of vast sovereignties, as well as in colonies, has been found by human experience to be vital to contentment among citizens."

In spite of his personal views, of course, Mr. Curtis publishes the advertisement of the "Strengthen America Campaign," which is diametrically opposed thereto; for Mr. Curtis is a business man and his publications are open to proper advertisements of every character.

The "Strengthen America Campaign" preachers, who pose as the synonyms of honor, honesty and fair play, would not, of course, quote in their advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post the personal views of the owner of that great journal. Dear, dear, no—to show that there is any other side to the question but their side would be fatal; yet they are "honorable men," and pose in defense of truth.

WHAT HARLEY SAYS:

SAVE AMERICAN LIBERTY

The Battle for Liberty is on in America—for Liberty to think, to act, to govern, under the simple system of democracy.

While the martial hosts of the Nation's bravest sons are fighting on European battlefields to "make the world safe for democracy," an Autocracy more sinister than Prussianism is seeking to destroy individual Liberty and the tenets of democracy in America.

This is not a question as to the RIGHT OR WRONG of the saloon. It is a question as to the RIGHT OR WRONG OF FANATICISM TO HAVE ITS WAY WITH THE PRIVILEGES OF A FREE PEOPLE.

It is a question of the RIGHT OR WRONG OF 36 STATES (HAVING PROBABLE MINORITY POPULATION) DOMINATING 12 STATES (HAVING PROBABLE MAJORITY OF POPULATION).

It is a question of making THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES THE VEHICLE OF EXPRESSION OF A POLITICAL POLICY OF A SECTION OF THE ELECTORATE.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT FANATICISM DOES MORE HARM THAN GOOD—HELP STOP IT!

SAVE AMERICAN LIBERTY
I do not ask you to send me your Liberty Bond or your money. I do urge you to devote them directly to war purposes by SUBSCRIBING TO THE NEXT LIBERTY LOAN.

It occupies the time and energy of hundreds of thousands of workers which might better be employed in war industries.

It takes hundreds of millions of dollars annually from the pockets of its users which ought to be expended for shelter, food and clothing and direct war expenses.

It occupies hundreds of thousands of buildings for factories, warehouses and wholesale and retail stores, which ought to be used for war purposes.

It requires thousands of railway cars and tons of cargo space for shipment, which would better be used for war purposes.

It ties up hundreds of thousands of acres in production that should be planted to cereals or grasses or used for grazing.

Cigarettes impair the throats, lungs, hearts, brains, nerves and muscles of our soldiers, and reduce their physical efficiency and marksmanship.

Make America tobacco free and help win the war!
After tobacco, with these reformer-Pacifists, naturally will come theaters and dancing.

Theaters and dancehalls monopolize hundreds of thousands of buildings which should be used for war purposes, they will argue. Theaters and dances take the money of the people which ought to go into the war fund. They use hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of electrical current, which requires coal to produce, besides vast quantities of coal for heating. This coal should be used in war factories or sent to our allies.

Theaters employ hundreds of thousands of men and women who should either enlist or be directly engaged in war industries.

Prohibit the theaters and help win the war!
Dancing, they will say, is pernicious. It ruins young men and depraves young women.

A popular evangelist recently said in Washington City, with righteous indignation: "I'd rather shake hands with a saloonkeeper than a dancing-master!" The next day, Vernon Castle, a Captain of the Royal British Corps, the most noted and popular dancing-master in the world, sacrificed his own life on an American aviation field to save the lives of two of his fellow aviators!

Did this fanatic have the courage to withdraw his remarks and pay homage to this gallant hero?

Dancing, they will argue, demoralizes the soldiers, renders them an easy prey to designing women and is the open door to the social evil.

Dancing compels its devotees to expend hundreds of thousands of dollars on expensive garments. This money ought to be devoted to war purposes!

Prohibit dancing and help win the war!
Next in order, logically, will come cards.

Cards promote gambling, and gambling is a curse. Even women are coming under the blasting influence of bridge-whist and poker.

Millions of dollars are lost annually at the card table. Gambling leads to embezzlement, disgrace and suicide. The manufacture of playing cards is one of the biggest items of the printing industry. It is a waste of paper and ink and energy and time, all of which should be used in the war industries!

Prohibit card playing and help win the war!
Prohibit carbonated soft drinks.

They injure the stomach and affect the nerves. They take up the time and energies of hundreds of thousands of people in their manufacture and sale and waste millions of dollars annually.

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NOTE:—

To the Good Women of Oregon:

By Thursday night I shall have the political hypocrites and booze-loving candidates smoked out of the bushes. They are groggy now, and in sheer desperation they are spreading the rumor "Harley Has No Chance."

Tell these political "wiseacres" that good citizens vote according to the dictates of their consciences; not according to the predictions of booze-guzzling lieutenants.

Tell them to quit paying \$10 per quart for squirrel whisky; to clear what little brains they have left and refute my arguments if they can.

These booze-loving hypocrites are responsible for Oregon's law-breaking and our so-called bootleggers' paradise.

The Harley-tide is stronger than ever, and the weak-kneed, feeble-minded politicians know it—that's why they are spreading the "No Chance" rumor. Kill it.

NOTE—Thank you, Mr. Telegram, for the free advertising. But—we cannot BOTH be right. I have offered \$1000 reward if you can disprove what I say. Why don't you claim it? It's still open.

Paid Adv. by Harley for Governor League, 802 Portland Hotel, Portland.