

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, color 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 Astoria; and members of Merrill Assistant secretary, Jennie B. Higgins, of Eugene; Conductor, Bertha Drew Gilman, of Eugene; and members of Woodburn, Local Aid, of Union; Elizabeth Henderson, of Portland; Mary E. Carson, of Portland; Color bearers, Louise Goodard, of Portland; and members of Union; Nora McNamee, of Forest Grove; and Susan Linn, of Hood River; Musical, Mary Young, of Eugene; Treasurer, Alice Agnew, of Portland; and Emma Roberts, of Portland; Committee on courtesies, Ida M. Babcock, of Astoria; and members of Smith, of Portland; and Mary C. Hildreth, of Grants Pass; Members of program and messages, Hattie Four Square, of Oregon City; Lillian Wyatt Smith, of Salem; and Jack B. Williams, of Astoria.

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.

Valeria 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; Eva Crockett, of Albany, vice-president; Belle Steward, of Portland, treasurer; Ella G. Himes, of Portland, secretary; Emma Thompson, of Salem; Katherine Smith, of Eugene; and members of Oak Grove, council of administration; Mary E. Robinson, of Portland, secretary; Minnie E. Simmons, of Portland, treasurer; Cora High, of McMinnville, assistant instructor; Ella Thomas, of Clatskanie; Kathryn Horton, of Springfield, press correspondent; Leta Hanson, of Portland, corresponding secretary; Laura Hines, of Portland, registrar.

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:

THIS IS AN APPEAL
for everybody to join in rebuking intemperance in America. When the boys marched down the street with flags flashing in the sunlight and drums throbbing—did you get a tightening of the throat? Of course, you did. Perhaps your boy was in that glorious company—and you realized that he, with his fellows, was going forth to fight for Liberty!

When you bought your Liberty Bond and helped swell that great total of Seven Billion Dollars, the picture that was in your mind was Liberty—was it not?

You wanted to help end the war—didn't you?—and stop the tide of red ruin and outrage and killing, to the end that Liberty might be made secure throughout the world and especially in America.

You knew—didn't you?—that your Boy and his companions were amply protected (so far as America could do so) against the use of liquor, both by military regulation and the special power placed in the hands of the President to regulate the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors?

You knew that these regulations and this power did not relate to the use of tobacco and cigarettes by your Boy, of course. The President and "public sentiment" in America would not have supported the prohibition of these luxuries—and the boys themselves would have rebelled against such restriction.

You knew that, so far as the power of America is concerned, your Boy could not be protected against the use of drink in France, except by military discipline, and, even with this restraint, he would be constantly in contact with French soldiers (among the bravest and best fighters on earth) drinking regularly their rations of light wines; and of the British Tommies (also brave to a fault) sipping their portions of ale and beer.

When you put your money into the war fund you did not think of prohibition as a local issue in America, did you? You bought your Bond for the purpose of supplying your Boy and his comrades with clothing, food, shelter, arms, equipment and ammunition. Your thought on this was for Liberty throughout the world.

You didn't expect that as soon as your Boy and his companions were enrolled in the American Army or Navy, a company of inherent Pacifists would begin an attack on Liberty, the Constitution, the political rights of States, and individual initiative at home—did you?—and attack calculated to take the minds and energies of hundreds of thousands of people off the vital question of war and center them in a bitter contest of political opinion.

Least of all did you expect that these same inherent Pacifists would ask you to donate your Bond and additional money to undermine and destroy the principle of individual Liberty—so that when your boy returned victorious from the battlefields of Europe, having won Liberty for the world, he would find his own initiative as a citizen destroyed at home. You did not realize that the Congress of the United States would take weeks of valuable time (in the midst of war, when time is precious) to discuss and launch upon the country an issue which would reawaken untold antagonisms and require the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars and the time of other hundreds of thousands of citizens in campaigning, simply to gratify the whim of a school of reformers who insist that their particular recipe for preventing the use of drink is infallible.

LIBERTY AT HOME THREATENED
There never was a time when America so needed to use her good sense as now!

This is truly "A War Within a War." A war between intolerance and individual right—a war that will decide whether the American Nation shall or shall not be Prussianized by the iron heel of fanaticism.

The war will decide whether 36 states out of 48 shall forever coerce the police rights of 12 other great states; whether a probable minority population shall enslave the opinions of a probable vast majority population.

This war involves a momentous question in American constitutional procedure—it is the first attempt to write a principle of policy into the Constitution.

The issue is worthy of the deepest study, the most devoted action, of every American citizen, male or female. It is proposed by this amendment to write into the Constitution of the United States, for the second time, the term prohibited. The only case in which this term or its equivalent occurs in the Constitution is in Article I of Amendments to the Constitution, the first clause of which reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This provision guarantees forever to religious societies and people in the United States the right to drink alcoholic liquor as a sacramental exercise. Comment is unnecessary.

SILENT ABOUT OTHER IMPORTANT WAR ACTIVITIES
The hosts of Pacifism and Reform do not say one word about tobacco or cigarettes. They dare not, at this time. Yet any man or woman who thinks, must realize that the next industry if made bold by these Mad Mullahs, especially if made bold by victory over drink, will be the tobacco industry. They will argue:

Tobacco is a waste.

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.

(Copyright, 1918, by F. C. Harley.)

Prohibit carbonated soft drinks and help win the war!
Prohibit coffee and tea. They harm many people and are unnecessary. Pure water is better. Use the money, the facilities and the energies expended on these items for war purposes.

Prohibit candy. It serves no useful purpose. It rots the teeth and causes indigestion. It is the bane of childhood. It consumes hundreds of thousands of tons of sugar. Myriads of buildings and people are employed in its manufacture and sale. It wastes millions of dollars annually. Besides it is a commodity in which the enemy can secrete ground glass to kill our soldiers!

Prohibit candy and help win the war!
And so on, ad infinitum, ad libitum, ad summum, ad nauseam!

Will the Prohibition Pacifists carry their fanatical purposes to these extremes?
You give them the victory in this Constitutional amendment fight for prohibition and see how quickly they will mount another hobby.

This prohibition agitation at this time is in effect Pacifism in action, working for the success of Germany! Any unnecessary agitation involving the discussion and settlement of political or so-called "moral" questions, at this time, is in the interest of Germany!

Every dollar spent in this crusade, every hour of the people's time exhausted in this discussion, detracts from the sum total of the people's resources and energies for winning the war.

The crusade was not necessary. Congress had already clothed the President with power to deal with the liquor question for the period of the war. Many states have already settled the prohibition question in their own way. The remaining states are entitled to, and should have, the opportunity to settle it for themselves in their own way. The Constitution as it stands gives them that power, and that power should not be taken away from them.

AMERICA SHOULD AWAKE!
The danger is not from drink, or from any of the other activities or pleasures that have been mentioned. The danger is from the intolerant spirit which proposes to bind its car of conquest the individual rights of its fellow citizens.

Instead of concentrating their energies on direct war activities, the apostles of Prohibition are seeking to exploit, at the expense of America's war energies, their own vagaries. It is altogether fitting that the chief fuleman of this Pacifist diversion, William Jennings Bryan, should be the man who, when the time came to plainly tell Germany "where she got off," resigned his portfolio and ran like a rabbit to peaceful shelter.

Drink can be regulated, as can every other item mentioned above, and that is the reasonable and just method.

Prohibition never prohibits.
Tens of thousands of illicit "stills" are in operation in "dry" Southern states. Men will risk honor and court the prison cell in pursuit of the individual right to drink.

One of our honored attorneys of Portland recently said: "There are 20,000 breweries in operation in Portland." He meant that number of private citizens of Portland are making their own beer from materials openly advertised for sale by the drug stores. Recently the Multnomah County Jail authorities at Portland poured \$20,000 worth of alcoholic liquor into the jail sewer. It represented the defiance of citizens of an unjust invasion of personal liberty. The Portland jail authorities did not even have the sense to save enough bottles of wine from destruction to christen the warships that are being launched almost weekly from Oregon shipyards. Fanaticism gone mad!

DO YOU WANT THE HIDEOUS MONSTER OF INTOLERANCE TO HAVE HIS WAY IN AMERICA?
If you do not, use your mightiest effort to defeat the Constitutional prohibition amendment—for it is the nose of the wolf of fanaticism poked into the doorway of Liberty.

This contest is truly "A War Within a War." It will lead to the "divided mind" among our people—who should be a unit in war effort.

It will quicken personal and neighborhood antagonism that can never be healed.

Not only is this agitation at this time unnecessary and uncalled for, but it is a brazen effort to carry the American people off their feet by a gross ruse.

It should be rebuked—sternly and unmistakably rebuked—by the people and the Legislatures of the free states of the Union.

Put no Liberty Bond in a battle against Liberty.

If you want to dispose of your Liberty Bond, devote its proceeds to the purchase of another Bond in the next Liberty Loan. Do not give it to the fanatics to expend in a campaign for the shackling of conscience and the destruction of the Constitutional rights of the people.

Every ounce of energy which is expended in this prohibition campaign will help to win the war—for Germany! Could Pacifism do German kultur a greater service?

Yours for a Sane State,
HARLEY FOR GOVERNOR.

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.