

LEAGUE IS DEFENDED

C. E. Spence Takes Exception to Questions Asked.

NONPARTISANS ARE LOYAL

Remarks of Writer Signed "An American Citizen" Unfair and Insinuating, Declares Champion of Cause in Answer.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(To the Editor)—I would like to see your valuable paper to answer some questions and statements that were published in The Morning Oregonian of the 23d, over the signature of "An American Citizen."

In the first place, I would like to pay my respects to the writer of that article.

The questions are asked in an unfair, insinuating manner, seeking to carry with them the weight of an assertion and without the moral courage on the part of the writer to make that assertion and assume the responsibility therefor.

In answer to the first question: "Are the people of Oregon to understand that the Oregon Agricultural College has identified itself with the National Nonpartisan League?" I will say "No," not any more than it would identify itself with the Prohibition, Democratic, or the Republican party, if one or more of its faculty exercised the right of an American citizen and participated in the activities of one of those parties.

The function of the Agricultural College is to render service to all the people and especially to the agricultural interests of the state, and if the farmers of the state need the advice and assistance of any experts of the college in their crop problems, marketing, drainage or legislative problems, that expert knowledge should be at their command.

The next question carries with it a poisonous insinuation—"Are we to understand that an institution supported by all the people of the state is to foster a movement for political control of the state by a small clique which does not hold its meetings in the open?"

League Not Small Clique.

"No," again. In the first place, the league does not propose that a "small clique" shall control the politics of the state. The league would require a majority of all votes in the state before it could control the state. It asks for nothing but majority rule.

If "An American Citizen" were to awfully shy of control by small cliques, he would be jumping sideways all the time in Portland.

In answer to the other questions I will say that: The league is a non-partisan organization for the purpose of securing control of the political power of several states by a majority, in order to get a fair deal for producers and consumers.

It captured the politics of North Dakota, and the North Dakota State Grange at its annual session last December state in a resolution that the "league accomplished in a short session more for the farmers, politically, than any local state organization could have accomplished in ten years."

The league did hold a "producers' and consumers' convention" at St. Paul last September, at which LaFollette spoke and criticized the authorities for permitting women and children to sell on the Lusitania when, as he asserted, it carried ammunition.

Would you mind reading what the "Nonpartisan Leader," the official organ of the league, said regarding the LaFollette speech? Here it is in part: "A few persons took seats in the gallery the night LaFollette spoke, for the purpose of heckling him. These few persons would not let him go on with his written speech, but they heckled him with insulting epithets and pined him with questions about things not referred to in the speech he was making."

The Senator foolishly began to reply to the "hecklers" and finally laid aside his written speech to enter into a defense of himself for his opposition to the declaration of war. The provocation was, of course, great, but in his heated defense of himself under the sounding of the "hecklers," the Senator said things he should not have said, no matter how honestly he holds those views—things for which those in charge of the programme of the convention and the convention itself take no responsibility whatever."

But of course, Mr. LaFollette's speech served the purpose of those who "heckled" him, and of the papers that wanted to brand the convention as unpatriotic.

Resolutions Are Test.

But the true test of the attitude of the convention on war matters and other up-to-date questions should be its official action as set forth in the resolutions of the convention adopted at the close of the convention.

Have you read those resolutions, Mr. "American Citizen"? If not, you owe it to yourself, claiming as you do to be an American citizen, to be fair and let each organization speak for itself, and not take for granted what the enemies say of it is true.

The leaders of the league did not oppose subscriptions to liberty bonds. North Dakota did not subscribe its full quota of the first liberty bonds, because the farmers had a short crop, from five to twelve bushels of wheat per acre, and all available funds were used for seed and equipment. But on the second liberty loan, North Dakota subscribed over 175 per cent, while in Minnesota, the city in which live the grain speculators who have grown rich off the farmers, less than 100 per cent, was subscribed.

The leaders favor placing a greater war tax on war profits and issuing no more bonds than are necessary. Senator Borah, or Idaho; Senator Johnson, of California, and Senator McNary, of Oregon, voted and worked for an 80 per cent tax on excess profits, and I have found no one to question the patriotism of those gentlemen, and when the votes are counted you will find that there is a majority of real

Where Shall We Go for Sunday Dinner?

ANSWER this question by taking your family to The Portland today. The Portland with its cheerful surroundings is a relaxation. Everybody will enjoy it. Such good music, too—an hour of real enjoyment. The dinner—oh! well, we'll leave that to you. Won't you come?

Sunday Dinner At The Portland, \$1.00—With Music

The Portland Hotel

Richard W. Childs, Manager, Albert S. Robe, Assistant Manager.



VICTROLAS advertisement showing six different styles of gramophones with their respective prices and a mail order special offer.

G. F. JOHNSON PIANO CO. advertisement listing 149 Sixth Street, near Morrison, Portland, and mentioning Mehlin, Packard, Bond, Lindeman Pianos and Welte-Mignon Players.

It Pays to Advertise advertisement explaining the benefits of advertising through photographic cards, including brevity, force, novelty, and truth.

red-blooded American citizens who think they are right. The leaders did not oppose subscriptions for the Red Cross.

GIRL ESCAPES ASSAILANT Oscar Hilgen Accused of Attack on Ethel Walsh, of The Dalles.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Miss Ethel Walsh, who is employed as piano player at the Salvation Army headquarters, was waylaid last night while on her way home after the services.

BOMBING RAID EXTENSIVE British Aviators Drop 2 1/2 Tons of Explosives on Enemy.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The War Office, in an elaboration of the official report of the bombing raids made by British aviators into Germany January 26, tonight disclosed the fact that machine gun fire was directed on searchlights, trains, moving lights in the roads and on buildings in each of the districts visited, and also into villages in the Moselle Valley.

Army Orders. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The following order was issued at headquarters of the Western Division of the Army here today: Captain Lee D. Davis, 10th Infantry, is relieved from further duty at Anchorage, Alaska, and will proceed to Fort George, Wright, Wash., for duty.

Granite contains nearly all food necessary for many plants. Therefore, fresh-ground granite is a good fertilizer.

THE GARDEN OF ALLAH advertisement for a nine-reel movie showing a love story of the Sahara Desert.



LIBERTY

ALPHA ZETA AT O. A. C. NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL FRATERNITY GRANTS CHARTER.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The oldest agricultural honor fraternity, Alpha Zeta, has granted a chapter to a newly organized group of men at O. A. C.

Reimer, Mr. Withycombe and County Agents Jones, Robb and Tweed.

Big Loan Company Fails. TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 2.—The Dominion Permanent Loan Company, organized about 20 years ago as an enterprise looking toward the development

of Canada's Western provinces, closed its doors and applied today to the courts for liquidation. The company has branches in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Nova Scotia and Guelph, J. R. Stratton, former provincial secretary of Ontario, founded the company and it was capitalized at \$10,000,000.

Nearly Every Disease Can Be Traced to Constipation. DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN The Perfect Laxative.

Advertisement for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, describing its benefits for constipation and various ailments, and providing contact information for a trial bottle.

Clear, Peachy Skin Awaits Anyone Who Drinks Hot Water.

Advertisement for hot water, claiming it helps with constipation and various ailments, and provides a list of symptoms it treats.