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### ASHLAND IS PATRIOTIC

Any doubt as to Ashland's patriotism has been removed. This city will be practically depleted of young unmarried men when the 1st company is called into service. Already probably fifty who make Ashland their home have enlisted in other branches. And the men and women who are unable to fight are showing an equally ready response to the demands which are being made upon them. The Liberty bond allotment of this city was over-subscribed \$11,550 and indications point toward a Red Cross donation from Ashland which will surpass even the fondest hopes of those at the head of the work.

To us the most gratifying feature of the response has been the "we are ready" spirit which has met the committees. In practically every instance the response has been greater than the amount asked and the workers have been met with open checkbook instead of an unresponsive attitude.

Ashland is patriotic and will be just as ready for the demands of the future.

### SERVICES ABSOLUTELY FREE.

Many lines of business have been complimented for the loyal work they have done in aiding the government in its great plan of preparedness.

Behind this all stands one industry, without which little could have been accomplished.

The newspaper made it possible to spread broadcast over our land in a single day the appeals of the government to its citizens in all walks of life.

The newspapers alone made it possible to explain to the nation the plans which permitted the registration of 10,000,000 names in a single day.

On the newspapers fell the burden of advising the public of the details of the Liberty bonds and educating the citizens to purchase these securities.

On the newspapers falls the work of informing the people of the Red Cross plans to raise \$100,000,000 in the United States.

All of this work is done freely, cheerfully and without pay.

Publishers are probably the only class of men who as a whole are furnishing their services free to the government.

Is there any other line of business exhibiting the same class of patriotism? Now is the time to give the publisher credit and not after he is dead.

## Heard and Overheard

(By Lynn D. Mowat.)

### Mostly About Policemen and Things.

No more of this corner cutting for the festive joyrider. "Keep to the right" will become necessary. Ashland is to have husky iron policemen at the corners. It is a great idea and has many features which recommend it. If an auto runs into an iron post it doesn't make half the bloody mess in the street that it would if it ran into a live policeman—especially as big a one as Chief Atterbury or some of the huskies he has lined up to act as specials on the Fourth. The iron post would put up husky resistance if attacked.

Iron policemen could be used in many other ways now that we come to consider the matter.

You could not bribe an iron policeman. Bullets would have no effect on him.

Every store in town could have an iron policeman at the front and back door to keep the burglars away. Same principle as a scarecrow.

Ashland could boast of "the healthiest police force in the world, every one having an iron constitution."

Talking about policemen, and not jokingly either, Ashland has the liveliest chief of police on the coast. We have a husky stranger's word for it.

The other night he observed a tall stranger, attired in overalls and cowboy hat, peering around down at the station. Just hanging around, and observing everything that went on in a most suspicious manner. Chief A. watched him for some time and kept growing more suspicious of his strange actions. Finally he decided that he was here for no good purpose and grabbed him.

"I'm going to search you," stated Chief A.

"You ain't got no right to search me," said the stranger.

"I'm going to do it just the same," replied Chief A.

"Go to it, if you are man enough," came back the stranger.

Chief A. proved that he was man enough and snaked the stranger around behind the depot so that he could do the matter up right.

Nothing in the side pockets of the coat. But look, here are some suspicious looking papers in the inside pocket.

The jerk deepens.

With a plot the papers were wrested from the stranger and opened. They proved to be—THE CREDENTIALS OF A UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE AGENT.....

After the stranger could control his laughter and the chief had admitted that the drinks (soft) were on him, the stranger remarked: "By George, at that you are the only police officer on the coast that has been on the job long enough to grab me, and I have sure done some tall snooping around in a number of cities."

Chief Atterbury will probably never let us attend another booze-porling-out bee for telling this, but it is too good to keep, folks.

Coley Coleman and Harvey Ling and several other young men of the city including ourself have exerted a wonderful influence over the trend of fashion in Ashland by wearing our last summer's straw hats. There are so many of us in on the deal that the whole town has begun to think that our hats which are all alike, are the latest thing. This took some tall headwork on our part.

But why should we buy a new straw hat every summer if our last year's hat gets through the winter in good shape? Of course if you hang your hat in the barn and the cow eats it, or if your credit runs out at the grocery store and you run your straw hat through the meat grinder to make breakfast food, or if you work in a hat store like John Enders does and have to wear a new one in order not to set a bad example, it is a different matter, but for us common ordinary run of high-salaried mortals to turn our perfectly good hats over to the Sunshine Society or place them in the hen house for the chickens to

lay eggs in just because they are wearing them a little higher in Hawaii, seems the height of subjection to the caprice of fashion. After all, summer hats and summer not.

Oh, yes. Our limerick contest will be judged during the next three weeks and the final results, from which there will be no appeal, will be published as soon as we are in the army. Then we would welcome having someone batter us up a bit so that we can get out of doing guard duty.

They tell us that some of the girls are wearing half hose. Would some well-informed person inform us whether half hose sells for half price?

Conductor Gill is a railroad man and speaks mostly in railroad terms. He is the father of two boys. One day he invited the minister home to dinner. The hungry boys wanted to pitch in, as usual, but Mr. Gill, in a stern voice, cautioned them to wait. The minister bowed his head to return thanks. The boys, innocent of what was being done, began to eat before the blessing was half said. "Excuse me a minute," said Mr. Gill, addressing the minister, "until I switch a couple of empties."

A Portland lady who is visiting in Ashland was startled a few days ago by hearing the words, "EX STRAW, EX STRAW, EX STRAW," and thinking the kaiser had been assassinated or peace had been declared, rushed around the house, found a nickel, ran out to buy an extra from the newsboy, but to her dismay, instead of the newsboy selling papers, she found an old Barred Rock hen had just deposited another egg in a nest nearby and was speeding the glad tidings by saying "Ex straw, ex straw, ex straw."

## The People's Forum

### Quicksilver in Jackson County

(By Alvah E. Kellogg)

For many years Jackson county has been producing in a crude manner quicksilver for local consumption. Now that this metal is absolutely essential in the manufacture of flaming caps for explosives the war prices have been an impetus to increase the production of this metal, and the deposits in this region are now sought to increase the supply. In view of the fact that a substitute for the metal in the manufacture of ammunition is nearly out of the question, the demand and high prices will rule during the war. Then there is a chance that the demand and remunerative prices will prevail after the conflict is over, as the metal is much used in the arts. At any rate, it means the permanent development of the quicksilver industry in this district.

California since the early history of the state has produced about 75 per cent of the metal yield of mercury in the United States, right on the border of Oregon. Since the new fields have been ransacked for the metal it has been demonstrated that

the mercury zone extended from the borders of California into Oregon, and discloses large and rich deposits of the metal, which expert and government reports show outclass anything yet discovered in the United States.

The history of quicksilver in Jackson county dates back to the year 1878, when an early settler in the Rogue river valley, discovered cinnabar ore in the Meadows district, 12 miles north of Gold Hill. From that time up to 1900 when the discoverer sold his claim he and others annually distilled mercury from the cinnabar by roasting it in a crude open furnace. They recovered less than 50 per cent by this treatment, which they disposed of to the local miners, who used it in their sluice boxes to recover the flour gold. The new owner of this valuable deposit let the property lie idle until experts sought the metal in this district when he, two years ago, employed H. A. Ray and G. L. Haff of Gold Hill, the discoverers of scheelite in this district, to exploit and develop the property. They exposed the vein at intervals by audits for 2000 feet, attaining a depth on the vein of 75 feet in several places. Since that time all available space on the extension of the vein has been located on, one corporation now controls a group of 35 claims contiguous to this property, which they are developing.

This vein is at an elevation of 2500 feet, occurring along a granite-sandstone contact, where the granite is in part pegmatitic. The mineralized zone is from 100 to 200 feet wide. It is not a well defined vein, but is mineralized along an irregular contact, with many faults in the vein. The ore or mass, contains cinnabar, native quicksilver, pyrite, gold, zinc, silver and a heavy black mineral resembling meto-cinnabarite. Samples taken from all the audits on this mass assay from \$5 to \$8 per ton in gold, \$5 in silver, 2½ per cent zinc, and 1 per cent mercury. The rich cinnabar ore appears all through this dyke, and in the hang-

ing and foot walls in the form of seams and kidneys. The seams are from 6 to 20 inches thick and average 17 per cent mercury. Last year the owner of this mine employed two miners in developing and during their employment they retorted and shipped 800 pounds of mercury from these seams using a bench of three 6-inch retorts four feet long. While several miners on an adjoining claim retorted and shipped 1200 pounds, using the same process.

Such is the description as to formation and contents which apply to the vast mercury producing dyke, which extends from California into and through Jackson, Josephine and adjoining counties on the north. This dyke makes its first appearance in Oregon in the bedrock of the "49" diggings four miles northwest of Ashland, but the extent of the deposit at this point is unknown, there it is in a calcite vein. These dykes which are very faulty, appear as laterals from the main strike on the west in the Applegate district, extending on down into Josephine county and on the east in the Butte creek country. The main vein makes its next appearance striking north in the above described Meadows district, with a recent discovery directly north over the Umpqua mountains in Douglas county, a few miles from Tiller post office in a new settlement in the mountains.

Mrs. O. W. Long went to Wheatland, Cal., on Tuesday to visit her daughter, Miss Violet Wilson, for a few days. Mr. Long's mother will keep house for Mrs. Long during her absence.

Harold Merrill returned Sunday from Berkeley where he has been attending the University of California. He is a member of the 1st company and will probably remain here until the fall.

Eugene—Lumber industry soon to enter upon great business era. Business of mills has revived after 15 years of depression.

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