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Ashland Responding Readily to Call for Red Cross Membership

On Tuesday, December 18, the first gun in the big Red Cross membership drive was fired. E. D. Briggs and Rev. H. A. Carnahan, captains of the down-town action, went "over the top," with the result that 250 Red Cross subscribers were secured among Ashland's business men and women. Next day, Wednesday, the ladies' battalion mobilized. Under the able leadership of Mrs. E. D. Briggs, campaign manager, whose inspiring personality has called out the enthusiasm and spirited team-work of all her captains, more than fifty women began their advance along the various fronts. The town had previously been districted as it was for the Y. M. C. A. drive, according to Rev. Mr. Carnahan's clever idea, by cutting a city map into 25 sections and assigning one section to each pair of workers. By this means the "plan of campaign" was made clear and covering the ground, certain.

Mrs. Roberta Everton and her aides had the largest territory to cover, comprising a slice of the lower town near the railroad center. Their returns numbered nearly a hundred. Mrs. Clark Bush had charge of the "standing army," stationed in Red Cross booths at the postoffice, in the banks, and at Vaupel's store. About twenty young women were enlisted for this work, and the uniform adopted by this branch of the service proved so "fetching" that it kept the treasurer busy counting booth returns. Mrs. H. E. Huls also had a booth at the station the first two days of the drive. More than \$200 have come in from these booths.

The out-of-town captains, who took the outlying districts of Bellevue, Valley View, etc., have made particularly inspiring records. Mrs. Clay Smith and Mrs. Davenport of the Valley View section brought in \$47 from their own neighborhood and \$6 from Climax.

Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Fred Homes,

Jr., have carried the Red Cross through the Bellevue district. Mrs. Mary Tucker assisting them and reaching locations where even Fords turn balky, on horseback. Mrs. Homer Barron has made a canvass of the upper end of the valley, while Mrs. Elmo Neil has risked life, limb and a brand-new car in the cause, covering the territory east and north of her home. All these ladies have "hit the trail" to good purpose, too. Rev. M. C. Reed, assisted by Rev. C. A. Edwards, Mrs. Burgan of Talent, and others, and with Otto Winter acting as chauffeur, has made a business of giving everyone in Talent a chance to keep a Red Cross Xmas, while Rev. J. K. Baillie has done as much for Phoenix.

The official campaign closes Christmas eve, when it is hoped that every home in this vicinity will show an illuminated Red Cross service flag in honor of our boys "over there." Should any one fail to receive this service flag they can be obtained by applying to the local Red Cross rooms.

The latest figures available at this writing, Monday morning, are as follows:

Ashland and the upper valley	\$1,368
Talent	115
Phoenix	125

Total for the district, \$1,608

While our total membership has not reached the 3,000 mark set for it, it is felt that this was a quota absurdly out of proportion to our population. Fifteen million members for the United States means 15 per cent of the population of the country. Upon this basis our local membership has exceeded all just expectations, and we feel that our capable campaign manager and her efficient corps of workers are to be congratulated upon the results of their faithful and enthusiastic labors.



Farm Loan Ass'n Awards Local Man

J. F. Rocho, secretary and treasurer of the Ashland Farm Loan Association, is in receipt of a Christmas present in the form of a check from the Interior Department, Washington, D. C., designated as an "ex-emplification check," recommended by the bank attorney for the efficient manner in making out his report of the local association to the Interior Department, Washington, for the use of the next congress. The amount applied for by the farmers through the twelve farm loan banks to December 1 is \$219,760,740, of which \$195,136,529 has actually been loaned and approved on a 5 per cent basis. One thousand, eight hundred and thirty farm loan associations have been established through which the money is borrowed.

The Spokane district is second in number with 259 associations, of which the Ashland is a part, being the first and largest in the district, having to date 73 applications with a total amount of \$170,000 applied for, of which thirteen have received their money and have all taken up their old mortgages which were drawing a high rate of interest, thus replacing the same with farm loans at 5 per cent. This is certainly a worthy cause, helping the farmers, and a fine showing during these strenuous war times. This will be the means of saving many a home, thereby keeping the men on the farms to produce the necessary food products, which will win the war.

Kaufman Closes His Ashland Engagement

Nat. G. Kaufman, who has been managing the closing out sale of the Ashland Trading Company dry goods and men's furnishing departments, leaves for Portland tonight after one of the most successful sales made in Ashland. When he started on the stock about two months ago the stock invoiced nearly \$15,000 and he leaves it practically sold out. Unlike most sales managers who start out with a flourish and fall down in the midst of it, he follows up the work until the stock is sold. His methods are clean-cut and forceful and he pushes his sales aggressively until completed. Probably that is the reason he has so many return engagements to the same town from different merchants who wish to close out their stocks. He is one of the best advertising writers the Tidings has come in contact with.

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Barron Gold Mine Closed for Winter

The Barron gold mine, located about twelve miles east of Ashland, and owned and operated by Harvey Sallee of Kennett, Cal., closed down last Thursday. The mine started operations last summer when Mr. Sallee purchased it from the Barron people and is the only mining property actively engaged in this vicinity. The recent rains have made hauling ore practically impossible, and the mine has shut down for the balance of the winter.

In the spring operations will be resumed on a much larger scale. An air compressor will be installed and heavy machinery sunk to a depth of 500 feet, and a large crew of workmen will be employed. Power to operate the mine will be derived from the California-Oregon Power Company, which will be brought there by a branch from the main line about a mile distant. During the past summer five cars of ore were shipped from the mine, which was hauled to the spur at Mistletoe Junction.

Second Semester Starts January 21

The second semester of the public schools will commence January 21, 1918. It is important that all beginning pupils start school on that date. Those children who are six years of age or will be six by March 15, 1918, are entitled to enter school on the above date.

Any child, for whatever reason, that does not enter school at the beginning of the term is not only himself handicapped but is a hindrance to the entire class. For this reason the superintendent of schools especially urges all parents, having children for the beginning class, to make preparation to start them at the beginning of the term.

No new children will be received after Monday, January 23.

Cement Plant Shut Down for Holidays

Fires were pulled from the blast furnace of the Gold Hill cement plant Monday evening until after the holidays, pending making necessary repairs for an extended run the coming season. In the meantime a full force will be employed in the quarries, and 30,000 barrels of cement in the bins will be shipped as soon as cars are available. Orders are already booked for cement that will require a nine months' run the coming season. Scarcity of labor has hampered operations since the opening last October,

Italians Restoring Lines On Northern Front Lost Last Week

Not only are the Italian lines holding in the Monte Asolone region, on the northern front, where a threatening salient was driven in them early last week, but considerable progress has been made toward restoring the original position. This process, begun by the Italians on Thursday, was continued on Friday, the Rome war office reporting the recapture of further ground in the hotly disputed area.

The Austro-German command evidently has in mind the expansion of the Asolone wedge in a way further to imperil the entire Monte Crappa position to the east—the Italian bulwark against the intended drive into the plains—and this possibility still remains.

The Italians, however, have negated much of the enemy advance, and even the German accounts of the fighting concede that for the present the aggressive is on the Italian side, with the Asolone heights the objective of repeated attacks.

There has been no fighting of consequence in any of the other war areas, military activities being at a low ebb everywhere else. Even the artillery engagements along the French front appear to have lessened in intensity and there has been no indication of a revival of the infantry activity in Upper Alsace, where a German demonstration on Friday gave the enemy a temporary advantage which was quickly wiped out by the aggressive French reaction.

In Russia the strife for control is assuming broader aspects. The apparent solidification of the Ukraine-Cossack movement in southern Russia seems to be giving the opposition to the Bolsheviks a firmer hold on that territory.

The Petrograd commissioners themselves are considerably worried by the spread of the separatist movement, which prospectively is cutting huge slices off Russian territory, not

only in the direction of the Ukraine and the Don region, but in various other quarters.

Evidence of this appears in their sending emissaries to the numerous affected districts in an effort to line them up again in support of the Bolshevik regime at Petrograd.

The status of the Russian peace negotiations continues uncertain. Reiterated reports are coming out of Petrograd that the negotiations were broken off because of the objectionable nature of the German terms and that the Russian representatives have left Brest Litovsk. Up to a late hour there had been neither confirmation nor denial from official sources of these reports.

Some hint that the Teutonic officers were not of the acceptable nature the Bolsheviks had indicated they were expecting may be found in a declaration by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, that the Russians would fight rather than submit to the objectionable terms. This was coupled, however, with what appeared to be an admission of Russia's present military impotence and the assertion that if the Russians were thus compelled temporarily to submit they would join with German people in rising against German militarism—the familiar Bolshevik prediction of a German revolution being thus echoed.

The British admiralty announces the loss of the British armed steamer Stephen Furness, of 1,712 tons, which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Irish channel with a loss of six officers and 95 men.

A fire at the great Krupp munitions plant at Essen, Germany, appears to have been less serious than the early reports indicated. Apparently the damage was confined to the electric power station, where an explosion occurred due to a short circuit. The building, however, is reported by Dutch sources to have been seriously damaged.

Minnesota Boys On Way to Camp

Hibbing, Minn., has been receiving some free advertising from the troop trains that passed through Ashland Friday, having on board about 1,200 drafted men who were being transported to California. On one of the coaches was an immense banner, bearing an inscription, "Hibbing, the Richest Village in the World." It further credited Hibbing as sending 750 men to the colors; subscribing \$1,118,000 to Liberty loans; \$27,000 to the Red Cross and \$52,000 to the Y. M. C. A.

During the stop in Ashland the Minnesota boys had a chance to become acquainted with several residents of the city, who were at the station to welcome them here. The majority of these boys hail from the iron mines of northern Minnesota, and were a strong, hearty, wholesome lot, the very stronghold and prop of the nation. While they had been traveling continuously since Monday, they were in excellent spirits, and portrayed the American-born instinct of getting as much pleasure out of life as possible. They were particularly struck with the balmy weather of Ashland, as they stated that when they left Minnesota the thermometer registered 35 degrees below zero.

Accompanying the troop train was Vic Powers, a forlorn yellow "purchased cur dog," according to their statement, which some of the boys had picked up in South Dakota and had named after the mayor of Hibbing. Vic had several owners and was treated most royally, as befitted his station.

Bemidji, another Minnesota town represented on the troop train, had the distinction of having sixteen enlisted men accompanying them. The boys were en route to Fort Winfield Scott, where they will be put in training for the coast artillery. They were the first troop trains from the middle west passing through Ashland on their way to coast stations.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Barnhill and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick will leave the latter part of the week for southern California, where they expect to remain for four months. They will go by train as far as Redding and will make the rest of the trip by automobile.

Mrs. Walter Gorham went to Gerber to spend Christmas.

State Association Interests Teachers

Superintendent George A. Briscoe, president of the State Teachers' Association, announces that he has secured for the Portland meeting, December 27-29, two of the most noted lecturers in the educational world, Dr. Richard Burton, head of the English department of the University of Minnesota, will deliver two addresses before the general assembly—one on "The Literature of the Great War," and the other on "The Social and Educational Significance of the Theatre." The second speaker is Prof. Frank M. Leavitt of the University of Chicago. Prof. Leavitt is one of the foremost authorities in the field of industrial education, and largely responsible for the movement which culminated in the Smith-Hughes law.

The first day of the meeting will be taken up by the session of the representative council. There will be approximately one hundred delegates present. Every county in the state and every local teachers' association will be represented. The council will receive reports of the standing committees which have been at work during the past year. One of the most important reports will be from the committee on the thrift campaign, owing to the fact that Secretary McAdoo is asking all of the schools to join him in this work. The council will also adopt resolutions, elect officers, and transact all of the business of the association.

Wm. Farnum at Vining Dec. 25-26

William Farnum will appear at the Vining December 25-26. Read what the New York Tribune says of it:

"Sam Houston is the best thing that William Farnum has ever done. Thousands of horses and some stupendous battle scenes are a part of the entertainment. In fact, the picture quite beggars description, there is so much of it and it is so varied. But bigger than these is the dynamic, dramatic drive of 'The Conqueror.' The picture holds the audience tense, ever expectant of new thrills, as they watch the humorous, romantic, sometimes pathetic, ever human story of Sam Houston."

In addition will be shown a two-reel comedy that is really funny.

State Tax Levy 3 Millions In 1918

The total expense of administering the state government for 1918 will be \$3,454,252, and of this sum \$2,856,205 must be raised by taxation, according to the state levy by the state tax commission. The balance will be derived from other receipts, and totals \$598,047.05.

The total administration expense exceeds that of this year by \$121,160.59, and the sum to be raised by taxation exceeds this year's levy by \$156,955. In mills the average levy will be 30.76. The tax levy made absorbs all of the 6 per cent increase allowed under the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment.

Because of the \$50,000,000 increase in the valuation of the state the institutions dependent on a millage tax will enjoy larger revenues next year. The Monmouth normal school received from the millage tax this year \$35,150.56, while next year it will receive \$37,144.22. The state road levy next year will total \$232,151.39, while this year it was \$219,690.98. The millage tax of the Oregon Agricultural College this year totaled \$351,505.58, and next year it will receive \$371,442.23. The University of Oregon this year received \$263,629.18, and next year it will receive \$278,581.67.

Draft Board Held Meeting Saturday

With some 200 questionnaires in its hands out of approximately 500 mailed to registrants, the county draft board held its first meeting Saturday afternoon in the court house. Twenty-five questionnaires were examined and classified. These were placed in the various classes as follows: Class 1, 14; class 2, 3; class 3, 0; class 4, 8; class 5, 0.

Contrary to the situation in many other counties, Jackson county registrants are returning their lists made out in the proper order. County Clerk Gardner states that very little trouble has been experienced by the board in this respect. In a few instances classes designated by the registrants were changed by the board. The men have the right to appeal to the district board if they so wish.

Attention Service Station Created

An attention service station has been created in Ashland by the American Red Cross, and opened Friday at the commercial building near the depot.

Mrs. W. L. Maxey has been appointed by the military bureau of relief to have charge of the building. The primary object of the station is to afford a place where all manner of details may be attended to for the convenience of the soldiers who pass through Ashland. Here they will be able to write and mail letters, send telegrams and buy money orders. They will also be supplied with free postal cards. Mrs. Maxey, who was assisted by Miss Helen Connor Friday afternoon when 1,200 soldiers from Minnesota passed through Ashland, stated that they gave out 1,500 postal cards, sold \$12 worth of stamps and took two market baskets of mail to the postoffice to mail as a result of the afternoon's work. One big soldier wanted to send a present to a little girl six years old, but did not have the time to select it en route. Leaving the address and a dollar, he asked the ladies to buy the present and send it to the girl. Similar requests will no doubt be general, and the boys will appreciate the privilege of having these details looked after.

Would Still Fight Despite 94 Years

According to the Rogue River Courier, George Washington Cole of Galice, 94 years old, hale and hearty, and an old Indian fighter of days gone by, appeared at the recruiting office recently and offered his services to his country. When told by the officer that he was too old to be taken he cried bitterly, declaring that he would live to be 100 years old, and that he could do his share of damage to the Kaiser as well as any one, and again asked that he might enlist.

The argument for Christmas presents of cash to our soldiers in France seems to be that it will save trouble and give satisfaction at both ends.

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