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Parents Urged to Teach Patriotism

At the request of the interstate committee of the Y. M. C. A., Governor Withcombe last Thursday issued a message urging the people of Oregon to observe "Father and Son week" between February 11 and 17, the dates set aside for a national movement. Governor Withcombe, who himself has a son in active military service, points out that the 20,000 young Oregon soldiers who have already gone forward are entitled to "constant thought and prayer" and that their younger brothers at home "deserve the fullest possible measure of parental encouragement and counsel." The governor's message, which, it is understood, will be followed by messages by the mayors of the various cities and towns of Oregon, follows:

"Mindful that there is now greater occasion than ever before to cement the bond of fellowship between fathers and sons, the Y. M. C. A. officials have set aside the period of February 11 to 17, to be observed as 'Father and Son week,' and I am indeed glad to commend the idea to the hearty support of the patriotic people of Oregon.

"Oregon has thus far furnished 20,000 of the flower of its young manhood to the service of our country in the world's great cataclysm. Just as these noble boys who have already shouldered solemn responsibilities for this nation and for the world are entitled to our constant thought and prayer, so their younger brothers at home deserve the fullest possible measure of parental encouragement and counsel. It is through the hearts of our young people that the fervent spirit of loyalty to our country and devotion to our flag are to be communicated to posterity.

"Never in all history have the young men been called upon for such important work, and never have indications been surer that the young men of today are to be accorded tremendous opportunities as they grow into manhood. Therefore, I urge the adult men of Oregon to call their boys and the boys from other homes to their firesides and there impress upon them an appreciation of their responsibilities, and tell them in a friendly way how deeply we are interested in them and how much we are depending upon their mental, moral and physical fiber. Fathers of Oregon, ask your boys to study the life of the immortal Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is to be observed on the second day of 'Father and Son week,' and try to inspire them to pattern their lives after his example."

Late Wedded Cases Will Be Appealed

District Attorney George Neuner, Jr., of Douglas county, received instructions from the adjutant general to appeal, as the government appeal agent, all of those cases where the registrant has been classified in Class 2 or Class 4 on account of marriage which occurred since May 18, 1917. All of the boards and authorities hold that the presumption is against the registrant who has married since that date, as all were notified of the imminence of the draft. The appeals will be taken in all these cases in order to make the action in all uniform and to make it impossible for any such cases to be passed without having careful investigation.

C. I. C. to Serve Meals to Soldiers

Arrangements have been made whereby the Civic Improvement Club will furnish meals to the troop trains which are expected to pass through Ashland in the near future. This will be an arduous task, as the movement of the troops is expected to be continuous for an extended time, necessitating the production of meals at almost any hour of the day. The Elks dining room has been secured by this band of energetic women, and committees are being formed to take charge of the arrangements for each day's service. The women of the Civic Club expect to have everything in working order when the time arrives for the furnishing of the meals so that all soldiers detailed to them will have the benefit of the excellent service for which this club is noted.

Phone news items to the Tidings.

True Patriotism Of Ashland Man

John F. Rocho, one of the most respected and influential citizens and property holders of Ashland, owing to the shortage of help, has through Agent Kramer tendered his services to the Southern Pacific Company, while the war lasts, to take an eight-hour "trick" in Ashland, either as a telegrapher or in the capacity as a clerk in any department. Mr. Rocho is an old-time telegrapher and station agent, having done service on most all the leading railroads in the middle west. He has also established the Ashland Farm Loan Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer, which is the largest and most prosperous in the state. He has not only tendered his services, but will divide his salary between the Ashland Red Cross and the Progressive Thinkers' motor ambulance fund, the leading Spiritualist paper, located at Chicago, who have already taken two motors on their contract with the Ford company and is now on the third one. No doubt Mr. Rocho will soon be seen jerking lightning behind a "ticker."

Remarkable Case Of Skin Grafting

Upwards of sixty persons contributed 150 square inches of skin, which the attending physicians believe will restore Harry Gladstone Weigar of the United States forestry service to health and usefulness. Some time ago Weigar sustained severe electrical burns, for which an appeal was made for contributions of skin to be given voluntarily to replace that lost by the unfortunate man. In response to the appeal a band of men and women, drawn from all walks of life, visited the St. Vincent hospital in Portland Friday morning and heroically submitted to the loss of strips of skin aggregating about three square inches, which were placed upon the limbs of the burned man. The surgeons commended the people who donated cuticle for the injured man on their heroism during the operation, as the paring process is extremely painful and no local anaesthetics were used.

Bankers Ready For Next Liberty Loan

Organization for Oregon's part in the next Liberty loan drive will be undertaken without delay. This was announced Saturday morning by Edward Cookingham, president of the Portland Clearing House Association and chairman of the executive committee of the state campaign organization, on his return from a conference at San Francisco, called by the governors of the federal reserve bank for this district. There was full representation from all of the coast and intermountain states composing the district. Besides Mr. Cookingham, the Oregon delegation was President A. L. Mills of the First National Bank, who served as chairman of the state committee for the first Liberty loan campaign; R. G. Smith, editor of the Tax Liberator, who probably will be campaign manager for the next drive, and Edgar B. Piper.

In the absence of any official announcement from Washington, the opinion prevailed at the conference that the third issue of war bonds may be for an amount equaling the first and second issues and that the interest rate would not be higher than 4 per cent, although the new bonds might run for a longer period and sell on a different basis than either of the former issues were offered at. The understanding is that the campaign for the third war loan will open in March and run about a month before subscriptions close.

Charles Hosley Died This Morning

Charles Hosley, a well-known resident of Ashland, died this morning after a lingering illness. The deceased had lived in Ashland many years and has been identified with the growth and development of the city. Funeral arrangements have not been made at the present writing.

On account of discussing the furnishing meals to the troop trains soon, a full attendance of the members of the Civic Club is requested at its meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Constituent Assembly Precipitates Fresh Crisis In Russian Affairs

The long-awaited convening of the constituent assembly has apparently precipitated a fresh crisis in Russian affairs, with renewed disorders as a possibility.

The Bolsheviks evidently are not taking kindly to the legislative body, in which the very first vote of the opening session on Friday revealed a decided anti-Bolshevik majority, which easily elected its candidate for chairman, 244 to 151, and this without the help of the constitutional democrats, who were not present. The Bolsheviks and their supporters, the extreme social revolutionists, thereupon withdrew from the assembly.

This break with the majority social revolutionists, who showed their control by electing as chairman one of their leaders, M. Tchernoff, minister of agriculture in the Kerensky cabinet, is interpreted as a probable prelude to an attempt on the part of the Bolshevik government to assert itself in supreme control, regardless of what course the present assembly may desire to take. The forcible dissolution of the assembly or its reorganization as a Bolshevik body are among the possible courses forecast. The peace conference proceedings

Ashland Wins Two Basketball Games

The result of last Friday night's game with Grants Pass was a score of 3 to 9 in favor of Ashland. At the end of the first half the score stood 20 to 4 in favor of the local team.

A preliminary between the high school girls' team and the alumni girls ended in the defeat of the alumni girls, the score being 8 to 7.

All the members of the boys' team played so well that no one can be said to have starred. Even the Grants Pass Coach, Kenneth McWilliams, says we have the best team since 1911.

The game at Central Point Saturday night between Ashland high and Central Point high ended in the defeat of Central Point to the tune of 25 to 10. "Deke" Bryant was the star of the game.

The girls of Ashland were defeated by the small margin of 8 to 7.

Ashland plays Roseburg in the high school gym next Saturday night. This is the first of a series of games with the northern teams and promises to be a lively one.

Lieutenant Watson Writes of Camp Lee

Judge C. B. Watson is in receipt of a letter from his son, Lieut. C. W. Watson, who is stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he holds a first lieutenancy commission in the engineering corps. The young man gives the following interesting history of camp life in the east:

"We are working furiously and, I think, to good purpose. There is a mighty substantial bunch of men in this training camp (which, by the way, is a very small part of Camp Lee). A great many of the men have had a good deal of military training and the rest of us can't stop a minute if we expect to keep up at all. The schedule leaves practically no time from Monday morning to Saturday at 2 p. m. The rest of the time I find I have to study.

"Yesterday I jammed one of my ribs scuffling with another man for a gun (it was part of the physical drill). I feel pretty sure, though, that I can keep up the pace. Just rebrued an old break and got it strapped up. It's a strenuous pace, all right, but it's good for us. Competition is keen—many men are already pretty well advanced in this training, but we can only keep plugging. It does not seem to me possible to learn all they have us scheduled to learn in three months, but I feel that if the average man here can do it, I have no excuse for not making it too. Am feeling fine and am enjoying it."

Ferguson's Bargain Store is being moved today from the Camps block to the new location on the corner of Main street and North Pioneer avenue. The store will not be opened for business until Wednesday.

La Grande has yearly disbursements to labor of over 2,000,000.

at Brest-Litovsk again have been suspended and Foreign Minister Trotsky is reported to have returned to Petrograd. Foreign observers in Petrograd believe that the negotiations are working to a final break and the fact of the price of the German mark in neutral markets is pointed to as an indication of loss of confidence among the neutrals in the success of the peace parley.

The Russians apparently are sticking firmly to their demands along the lines that Teutonic troops be withdrawn from Russian territory.

Only one spot on the military map is showing any activity outside the ordinary for the winter—the right flank of the Italian river front on the lower reaches of the Piave. Here the Austrians have made further effort to drive into the Italian lines near Capo Sile and wedge their way further towards Venice.

The latest assault appears to have been no more successful than the other recent efforts, the Italians meeting the enemy with a devastating artillery fire and wiping out with machine guns and rifles the few detachments that succeeded in getting across No Man's Land to the defensive barricades.

Hardships of War Are Not Felt Yet

"Just because you can't get all the sugar you want you think you are a real war sufferer," remarked an Ashland resident in a conversation with his fellowmen recently. "But mere inconvenience is neither hardship nor suffering, and you may be all the better for it. It is true that war usually brings suffering, the beginning of which is inconvenience, after which it grows worse and worse until it spells suffering. We are only in the inconvenience stage as yet, but with fair prospects of suffering later on. This is not pessimism, but merely a suggestion concerning a probable condition not far distant.

"One year ago you would have laughed at any one who would have hinted at present conditions," the resident continued, "and yet we are not in the war in an active sense. We are only preparatory. If the preparations are so trying, what will the activities be? Here is something for everyone to think about, and to think about seriously, so we may as well begin now.

"Thus far this war has been a play game, not only here at home, but in the training camps. None have complained of real hardships or sufferings, but instead have been enjoying themselves at receptions to departing soldiers, or engaging in agreeable Red Cross work. You can't fully imagine how different it will be when the boys have gone across and are engaged in the effort to go over the top, and a shipload or two a week will be coming back disabled, and some will not be coming back at all. This is not only the possibility, but the almost assured probability. Sad and serious as it seems, we have to think about it, and sometimes talk about it. But above all, we must prepare for it. Now is the time to knit, prepare hospital supplies and get ready for the time ahead of us when we may need these things. If we don't, some one somewhere else will, so each should do his share cheerfully and willingly, for if we don't we may have to do it unwillingly."

Social Service League to Meet

The Ashland Social Service League will meet at the Presbyterian church next Tuesday night, January 23, at 7:30. Among the features of the evening will be the following: Rev. H. J. Van Fossen will read "The Son Thou Gavest Me." R. P. Campbell will read "The Trail a Boy Travels." Both of these stories are written by H. S. McGowan and are of intense interest. In connection with these numbers the real purpose of the meeting will be presented by the chairman of committees which have been appointed to investigate new activities which the members could well take up for the betterment of the community. Every man in Ashland is most urgently requested to attend this meeting.

Church Societies Elect Officers

At a joint meeting of the Sunday school board and Epworth League cabinet of the Talent Methodist church held last Monday evening the following officers for the coming year were elected:

Sunday school—Superintendent, J. H. Fuller; assistant superintendent, H. C. High; secretary, J. E. Bickerdike; assistant secretary, Lucille Holdridge; treasurer, C. E. Frohman; pianist, Helen Adamson; chorister, Mrs. J. E. Fuller; librarian, Anna Anderson.

Epworth League—President, P. L. Spencer; first vice-president, Mrs. Edna Holdridge; second vice-president, Lucille Holdridge; third vice-president, Helen Adamson; fourth vice-president, Miss Dinges; secretary, Carl Frohman.

The new officers in the various organizations began their terms Sunday under auspicious condition despite the fact that the church has recently undergone a four weeks' quarantine for measles.

Y. W. C. A. Drive Starts Next Week

The Young Women's Christian Association drive will not be conducted until next week, as more time is needed to formulate plans.

The government is planning to raise \$3,000,000 to build headquarters for the Y. W. C. A. to have a place where women may go to stay all night, get meals and meet their soldier acquaintances. There are many problems coming up all the time, the Y. W. C. A. has worked out at American Lake and demonstrated their usefulness, so now the war officials will have these workers at all cantonments.

Y. W. C. A. have been organized for fifty years and can supply able, efficient workers.

Ashland, including Talent and Phoenix, are asked to raise \$500.

This drive is under the Woman's National Council of Defense, with Mrs. E. C. Gard, president; Mrs. C. B. Lamkin, vice-president, and Mrs. Grace Turner, secretary.

Grants Pass Will Unite Churches

Grants Pass, in common with many another community has been compelled by the exigencies of the times to many a re-adjustment of conditions, says the Observer. Most of them have been in the direction of a utility and efficiency basis. In the majority of cases someone has had to suffer because of what in military parlance is known as "shortening of the lines," but generally the changes have been for the better.

Like the majority of towns, Grants Pass has been suffering from a plethora of religious denominations. There are not too many to provide for the great body of "unchurched," but too many for the available material. Some of them are just sufficiently discernible to have a local habitation and a name, but haven't any real excuse for their existence, unless it be to stand as warning examples as to the handicap of being too closely bound to past-age traditions and dogmas. Most of them have been too busy keeping their machinery in operation to devote much time and energy to the expected product of an evangelistic body.

Happily the day of denominational differences and unpleasantness is past and there are very few of the old school who were wont to consign members of an opposing denomination to perdition because of a difference as to scripture interpretations. For many years there has been a marked degree of fellowship among the denominations of this city, and it is as natural as it is gratifying that out of the enforced retrenchment of the times there should come a proposition for a working agreement among three of the leading churches of the city. While the plan of federation is as yet merely tentative, there is nothing to prevent it from developing into what will amount to denominational amalgamation, with one capable, energetic pastor serving the needs of all three.

If nothing else evolves from the experiment, the members are likely to discover that the partitions of doctrine and usage and government are very flimsy affairs after all.

Normal Committee Plans Campaign

The normal school executive committee, composed of F. C. Homes, Mrs. D. Perozzi, Mrs. E. D. Briggs, C. B. Lamkin and F. D. Wagner, has been busy arranging plans for the 1918 campaign for passing the measure submitted by the last legislature. Benj. C. Sheldon has just recently returned from a trip to the northern part of the state, where he investigated conditions at the request of the committee and will make a report of his findings to the general committee at the city hall Wednesday evening, January 23, at 7:30 o'clock. This is a matter which concerns the whole community and a general invitation is extended to all persons interested in this proposition to be present at that meeting.

We are coming to realize as never before that a well-developed and enlightened rural life is necessary to the national security and prosperity. In order to obtain this the rural schools of Oregon must be treated more fairly in the matter of trained teachers. The three-normal school plan must be put over if these results are accomplished. The Month-mouth normal school is pitifully inadequate to supply the need. We have already lost too much in Oregon on this score. These arguments must get into the hearts of our Oregon people sometime, and it is up to us to put them there, and when we have done it, it will have been a good work well done. Our children and our children's children cannot say that we were slackers on this deal. The third time is a charm—over the top we go in 1918.

Placer Property Has Changed Hands

W. A. Sharp of Grants Pass and L. C. Sharp, representative of the Western Machine Works of Platts-mouth, Neb., recently purchased from Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of this city the placer property known as the Hydraulic Mining Company on upper Jump-Off-Joe creek. It is the intention of the Sharp Bros. and the Western Machine Works to install their hydroelectric precipitating value recovering machine on this placer with a view to expediting the complete cleaning up of this section and recovering the lower values. Considerable improvements and expenditures are contemplated on this property with new and special machinery now being constructed and on the way.

Grants Pass Men Knit for Soldiers

Grants Pass men are not allowing the women to do all the Red Cross knitting, several men already having turned in very creditable work.

Alan Wise, a farmer, has completed two sweaters, the last one being started and entirely finished without help; Philip Heimer, merchant, has turned in one sweater; T. M. Renshaw has completed two pairs of socks; H. C. Lawton, rural mail carrier, is now working on socks.

U. S. Department of Weather Bureau

Forecast for the week beginning January 20. Pacific coast states: Some probability of rain Sunday in southern California, and occasionally after Monday on north coast; otherwise fair. No decided temperature changes.

Ben Sheldon Plans An Eastern Trip

The records and office of the Chamber of Commerce have been turned over by Ben C. Sheldon, retiring manager, to Edward G. Harris, recently elected to that position, says the Grants Pass Courier. Mr. Sheldon has recently turned over his records as secretary of the Red Cross to Mrs. Jennie Moss, the Boy Scouts to D. B. Reynolds and the Secretaryship of the Patriotic Service League to Fred Williams. He severed his connection with the Courier the first of the year. Mr. Sheldon will return to Medford for a few weeks prior to a contemplated trip east.