

## Thrift Movement In Public Schools

The state committee on thrift said: "One of the greatest problems of our nation in this hour of her unprecedented expenditures of money, time and energy for the world's highest permanent good, is the practice and development of genuine thrift."

"America is classified as the most extravagant of all nations, with the highest wage scale and the lowest proportionate savings record of any civilized race, and so obvious has been our wastefulness, in spite of efforts put forth within the past two or three years to curb it, that President Wilson's first message to the nation, after the declaration of war against Germany, dealt with the necessity for real thrift. This effort has been increasing with every passing hour during the nation's struggle."

"All mankind must share in this carnival of colossal waste that is raging across the seas, requiring the current expenditure of billions of dollars of our money and of the money and credit of Europe."

"Millions of men are being annihilated and millions of widows and helpless children left, whose future must be provided for. To prepare for this, there must be put forth effective effort to train the future citizenry in the appreciation and practice of real thrift as a patriotic duty."

"The school room is the vestibule of the great tomorrow. It is the only point of contact between the present and the future. And it is through this avenue that we can best make our influence felt for today and posterity, and it is here that we must lay the foundation and train for the future leadership of the nation by every means within our power."

"The national and state organizations promoting thrift are many. Among them are the American Society for Thrift, the American Bankers' Association, the National Grange, the agricultural division of the United States government, the war department and all educational associations."

Every county in Oregon is doing its best through the schools to inculcate the idea of thrift. Thrift cards are given to every pupil. If a proper amount of interest on the part of

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parents and all the forces interested in the proper instruction of the young in thrift ideas can be enlisted in this movement, it is certain that the oncoming generation will be thoroughly imbued with the idea of producing and saving.

It may be true that the thrift cards given to the children seem difficult to manage. However, if it is understood that no child is expected to fill out all the items on this card the matter will be greatly simplified. Such items should be selected as the child is interested in and a monthly or weekly record kept of the activi-

ties selected. In fact, the card should just summarize the diary kept by the child.

We should think it strange if a bank or business institution of any sort were to go on from year to year without keeping an account of receipts and expenses. Yet it is as much the place of an individual to know what he produces and expends as it is of any corporation. The time to form the habit of accounting is in childhood.

The local school people ask the parents of Ashland to help the children to select such items as they think will best promote the habit of thrift in their homes and to assist the children in keeping these from month to month. This is not a requirement; it is merely an effort to teach every child to produce, to save and to keep such an account of his transactions that from day to day he may know just what he is doing.

## S. B. Huston to Be Principal Speker

The address of the evening at the Lincoln day banquet at Medford will be delivered by S. B. Huston of Portland, a prominent member of the Multnomah county bar. Mr. Huston has been a resident of Oregon since



1884, and has three times been elected to the state legislature. He has been a student of Lincoln, the statesman and the man, and his address will prove of abiding interest. The club made no mistake in inviting Mr. Huston to speak at this time, with var conditions uppermost in the minds of the people of the state.

## Josephine Co. Bank Organizes Pig Club

The Josephine County Bank of Grants Pass is co-operating with the Live Stock State Bank of North Portland in organizing a pig club in that city. This club work is now becoming a recognized factor in the country in building up the livestock potentialities of the land, and it is being fostered by many of the banks in the country. They encourage the hog industry by offering the boys money with which to purchase pigs, the money to be repaid when the hog is sold at maturity.

Government estimates of the production of petroleum in the United States in 1917 place it at nearly 14 per cent greater than any previous year.

## Automobile Show Is an Education

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—No event to be held in the whole Pacific northwest this year is of more importance in a practical and educational way than the coming big Portland Automobile, Truck and Tractor Show which will open in the new Portland city Auditorium on February 7 and continue to February 13, inclusive.

This is one of the few show events to which the railroads have granted reduced rates this year. Special round trip low fares will be in effect to show visitors from Oregon and northwest points during the week of the automobile show.

The particular importance of this Automobile, Truck and Tractor Show lies in its emphasis of improvements that have been made in the efficiency of the automobile. Beautiful body lines and refinements adding to the comfort of motoring will have their place, to be sure, but they will be relatively in the background at this year's show as compared to improvements tending to increase the all-around value of the automobile.

Ever since the United States entered the war, automobile engineers have been concentrating their efforts on adding to the already great efficiency of their cars. The result has been many betterments, such, for example, as improvements in motors whereby they utilize low-grade gasoline and make more mileage to the gallon, thus adding to the war resources of the country.

The very latest of these improvements will be seen in the passenger cars, trucks and farm tractors on exhibition at the show. The show will be a liberal education in itself.



**Directors' Meeting.**  
The directors of the local Red Cross held their monthly session last Monday evening. Much important business was transacted, Miss Lillian Patterson, vice-president, ably presiding in the absence of the chairman, H. L. Whited.

There were several important gaps in the ranks of our workers at headquarters this past Friday. Mrs. J. M. Wagner, our popular and most efficient work directress, is away and Mrs. F. S. Engle, who is well qualified for the position, is acting as her substitute. Other noticeable absences were those of Mrs. J. K. Choate and Mrs. E. V. Carter, two of our most faithful and expert workers, both unavoidably kept away by illness.

**An Acknowledgment.**  
The work directresses of the local Red Cross feel that public acknowledgments are due to C. H. Vaupel for his generous co-operation in allowing them to buy goods at wholesale prices, without a cent of profit and without any middleman to get a percentage of the purchase. This has enabled us to lay in a stock of materials that would otherwise have been beyond our means, and to take advantage of a price list that will seem like a "bargain list" in a few months, considering the daily ad-

vance in value of cotton goods. Mr. Vaupel has added to our obligations, too, by volunteering to store our stock for us and to care for it as he does for his own, and also by offering to relieve us, at its purchase price, of any of these goods which we may not use or need. Such splendid co-operation as this has been invaluable to us, and is much appreciated by Ashland's Red Cross Auxiliary.

**On Our Gift List.**  
Mr. Eli Albert presented our local Red Cross with a check for the noble sum of \$25 this last week, while Mrs. Loosley, as a parting gift before leaving for the winter, gave \$10 for the purpose of outfitting some needy soldier boy, soon to be ordered to France, with a knitted outfit. If any Ashland boy needs such help, he will be the one to benefit by this thoughtful provision.

**School Committee.**  
A school committee consisting of Superintendent Briscoe, Chairman Dr. Gregg, Miss Ila Myer, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. F. S. Engle, has been appointed to take charge of plans for organizing Ashland's Junior Red Cross, which will undoubtedly be one of the "lifest" departments of local Red Cross activities in the near future.

**A Correction.**  
Last week this column made a mistake in speaking of Mrs. Benton Bowers in connection with the Bellevue sewing circle for Belgian relief. Mrs. Bowers belongs to a group of women organized among her own immediate neighbors, while the circle of the Bellevue district, under Mrs. Fred Homes, Mrs. A. C. Joy and Mrs. Ed Gowland, is a quite separate and distinct organization.

**MANY COLORED MEN  
CALLED INTO ARMY**  
Eight per cent of the 9,586,508 men registered under the selective service law are colored. Of these, nearly 209,000 have been called and more than 75,000 have been certified for service.

Out of every 100 colored men called, 36 were certified for service and 64 were rejected, exempted or discharged, while out of every 100 white citizens called, 25 were certified for service.

## ARMY SIX TIMES AS LARGE AS LAST WAR

There were 1,428,650 enlisted men and 119,865 officers in the United States army at the opening of 1918, more than one and a half times as large as any force ever before mobilized by this nation, according to a statement by Secretary of War Baker.

During the war with Spain the army of the United States at its maximum strength aggregated 272,000 men and officers. The army in the field and in training now is practically six times as great as the maximum number under arms in the Spanish-American war.

About 45,000 officers were commissioned from civil life in the two series of training camps, nearly eight times as many as the number of officers in the regular army April 1, 1917.

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## The Men's Store

## Talent Tidings

Lloyd Turner left Tuesday evening for Vancouver, B. C., where he will be in training camp. Lloyd enlisted as stenographer in the quartermaster's department.

Chas. Chapman was elected marshal at council meeting Monday night.

H. J. Wright of Medford was a business caller in Talent Wednesday. Miss Mattie Turner is ill at her home with pneumonia.

N. O. Powers is loading a car of apples this week.

Ernest Jeffrey is home from Ashland, where he underwent an operation.

Red Cross met Tuesday afternoon. A good number of the ladies turned out.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Estes are the proud parents of a big ten-pound baby girl, born Tuesday.

Mrs. J. J. King and daughter, Miss Katherine, spent Tuesday afternoon in Medford visiting friends.

Mr. Quackenbush was a business caller in Medford Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bruin were business visitors in Ashland one day last week.

Arthur Hall, who enlisted with the 20th engineering regiment at Medford last week, left Monday for Washington, D. C. He expects to leave soon for France.

Mrs. Harrison and Miss Palmer, teachers of the Ashland schools, visited the Talent school Thursday.

W. W. Vogell was a business caller in Ashland Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. King are enjoying a few days' visit with their daughter, who is attending school at Medford.

Mrs. Reed of Ashland spent Thursday afternoon in Talent visiting with friends.

Mrs. R. E. Robinson is reported ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Gard of Ashland was in Talent one day last week on business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn gave a dancing party at their country home in South Talent Wednesday evening. About twenty couples enjoyed the evening. Light refreshments were served at a late hour.

Mrs. D. G. Borgan was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fuller at Twin Oaks a few days last week.

Mrs. Tom Lamb was a caller in Medford Wednesday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holdridge returned Friday morning from Iowa,

where they spent about three months visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. McMahan was the guest of friends in Medford Thursday.

Frank Dillard was a business caller in Ashland Thursday.

Mrs. Murray spent a few days in Ashland last week.

Mrs. George Galbraith was the guest of friends in Ashland Thursday.

Miss Emma Crawford and Mrs. Frank Dillard were soliciting for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. drive. About \$35 was the total amount received at Talent.

The Phoenix high school students will give a Red Cross benefit play at the Talent high school Monday night, February 11, at 8 o'clock. The title of the play will be "Jack and the Beanstalk." This was played at Phoenix two weeks ago and was a great success.

Miss Callie Vogell spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Vogell. Miss Vogell is teacher in the Ashland high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mason and daughter spent Friday afternoon in Ashland.

Mrs. Dunn and daughter, Miss Anna, left Sunday morning for Montana.

The ladies' missionary society met at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon. A good number of the ladies turned out.

Mr. Bickerdyke made a business trip to Ashland Thursday afternoon.

Miss Alta Scott, who is attending school at Ashland, spent the weekend with her parents.

Mr. Bettman of Seattle was a business caller in Talent one day this week.

No one would think of keeping a gun for shooting rabbits if that gun were needed by a soldier at the front, when all the rabbits needed could be caught with a trap. Wheat is needed in fighting Europe, and we can use cornmeal, oatmeal and other substitutes for home consumption, instead of white flour. Save the wheat and send it to the front.

## Phone Job orders to the Tidings.

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