

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

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Kindly Consideration Asked, Editor Statesman:
In Tuesday's issue of The Statesman an individual signing as "A

Real Red Cross Booster" deals in pretty plain language with "Red Cross Booster" who wrote an article urging "kindness to German Red Cross workers" which was published in Sunday's paper. Both of these articles are interesting to me and I have read each of them a number of times with a view of getting at the spirit of the two authors.

Careful comparison of the two articles which lie before me at the present moment reveals the fact, to the writer at least, that there are two different ways of dealing with this very delicate situation. So now I ask you to carefully consider which is the better way to proceed in order to secure the greatest amount of assistance from the German people who are among us in carrying on the work incident to waging a successful war. Shall we greet them cordially and indicate to them by word and deed that we sympathize with them in their trying position?

Or shall we when they give evidence of a desire to assist in the work make it so unpleasant for them by jibes and slurs that they will withdraw? Now which is the better, to love or to hate? Which will do the more for the cause, those whom we love or those we scorn and hate? I submit these things for careful consideration.

Some of these same German people have sons in the army serving along beside our sons. They were playmates at school and now they are men fighting together to protect the flag that floats over them and which you will also find displayed by their parents at home by the side of the food card, the Red Cross symbol and the service flag. In view of these and other things to their credit, I do not think the writer of Sunday's article abused the term very much by saying "friend" when speaking of such.

A careful inspection of the article

first published does not so far as I can see reveal any good reason why its author's patriotism should be questioned.

Now it happens that I know the man who wrote that article and also his wife. This lady has been very successful working in what may be regarded as a hard field. Since the Red Cross drive in December she has brought in twenty new members. And when physically able she is always on the job to assist at the auxiliary. She and her husband have taken out memberships in the organization for every member of the family, and this includes three who are away from home. They have invested in a treasury certificate, Liberty bonds, thrift and war savings stamps, and have contributed at the time of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A. and V. W. C. A. drives and have bought "smileage" books. Recently when the matter of putting an auxiliary on a self-supporting basis was up the man pledged 50 cents per month, and since Mr. Meyer has made such an earnest appeal for funds he has decided to raise his subscription to \$2 per month. These people have helped everywhere they have found an opportunity to do so. I will also add that this man works by the month to support his family. Not long ago the man remarked that he had failed once to help the Salvation army to get money to purchase their war ambulance, but the woman reminded him of the fact that she had given 25 cents to that call.

In view of these things, I hardly think a disloyalty charge against these people would stand unless the jury were biased beyond all conception.

I approached the task of writing this fully conscious of the fact that the successful treatment of such a delicate matter requires tact and skill in the use of language to a very great degree, and for that reason I would have been glad if some one fully qualified in that respect had volunteered to treat the subject which I regard as of such importance that it should not be overlooked or neglected. I most sincerely hope I have not bungled my English to such an extent as to prevent your reading plainly between the lines if

not otherwise the fact that these sentiments emanate from one whose heart is full of love for his fellow-man regardless of race, color or nationality, and whose soul is fired with the spirit of patriotism to such a degree that he cannot conscientiously hold his peace at such a time as this. So he has spoken in defense of "Red Cross Booster," who would, I think, be entitled to write an article in his own defense and sign his name "True Blue Red Cross Booster." This, however, he refuses to do, for such an act might be taken to imply that others among his fellow workers were sham instead of true.

—W. F. P.
Salem, March 21, 1918.

Advises Against Oats.

Permit me as the time approaches in which the farmers are figuring on what kind of material they will plant for row for their next winter's hay for horses, to say, do not sow oats for hay. Quite a number of horses have been lost this winter from feeding oat hay. They had quite an epidemic from feeding oat hay in Ottawa, Ill. Professor Botany L. H. Panniel of Ames, Iowa, took the matter up and found that some of the symptoms displayed in forage poisoning can scarcely be differentiated from artificial intoxication induced in horses as the result of bacillus botulinus intoxication, as originally pointed out by Buckley and Shipped of the bureau of animal industry. The report can be found in the Journal of the American Association, December 27, 1913, given by A. J. Stiles in order, as I understand it, that we might know how the horse felt under its influence, for he (the horse) cannot tell us. So we will let Mr. Stiles tell us in his own words found in the American Journal of Veterinary Medicine, March, 1918. This is what he says: "Vertigo and nystagmus developed a few hours after eating in a startling degree. The car (in which I was being taken to my house) seemed to be ascending an endless spiral, the stairs made circles in the sky and the houses by the wayside reeled. The lighted doorway of my house seemed to approach and surround me as I was carried in. My head for the moment presented itself as a vertical surface which I could not conceive to be a resting place. Whenever I opened my eyes on this day or the next the impression of gyration (or revolving in a circle) of the room was appalling. To turn my head even very slowly from one side to the other brought an accession of the overpowering ziddiness. Eight days after the beginning of the attack the nystagmus became limited to momentary onsets, but in its place I became aware of a peculiar diplopia (or double vision.) The image of one retina was not merely displaced from the position of its fellow, but was tilted about 15 degrees from parallel. The fantastic diplopia gradually gave place to the familiar variety and this occurred less and less often as my convalescence proceeded. From this time my recovery pursued a course which was disappointingly slow but free from any setbacks. Among the persistent symptoms were the visual difficulties mentioned. The left pupil was usually smaller than the right and I thought I detected a slight failure to relax accommodation with the left eye."

I am sure after reading the above no one would want to subject his horses to undergo such feelings when it can be avoided. If any one should persist in feeding oat hay or straw I might say the department has prepared a serum for this condition of the horse, and it can be had I think from University of Illinois. A. J. Stiles, as I understand, drank the tea or juice made from the oat hay. —D. D. Keeler, V. S.

Sunday Schools to Meet at Keizer Next Sunday

The Hayseville district Sunday school convention will meet at Keizer Sunday, March 31, beginning at 10 a. m. sharp.

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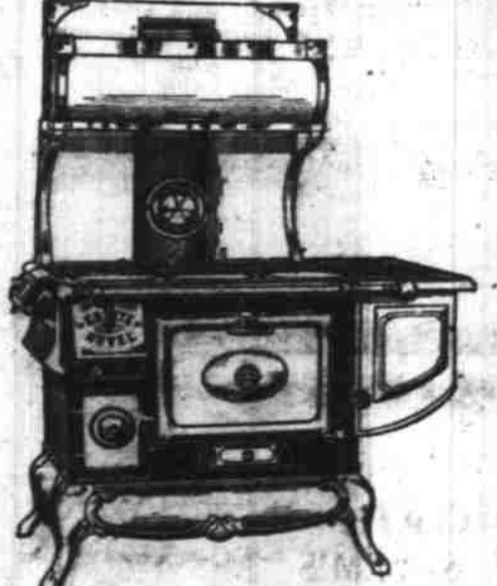
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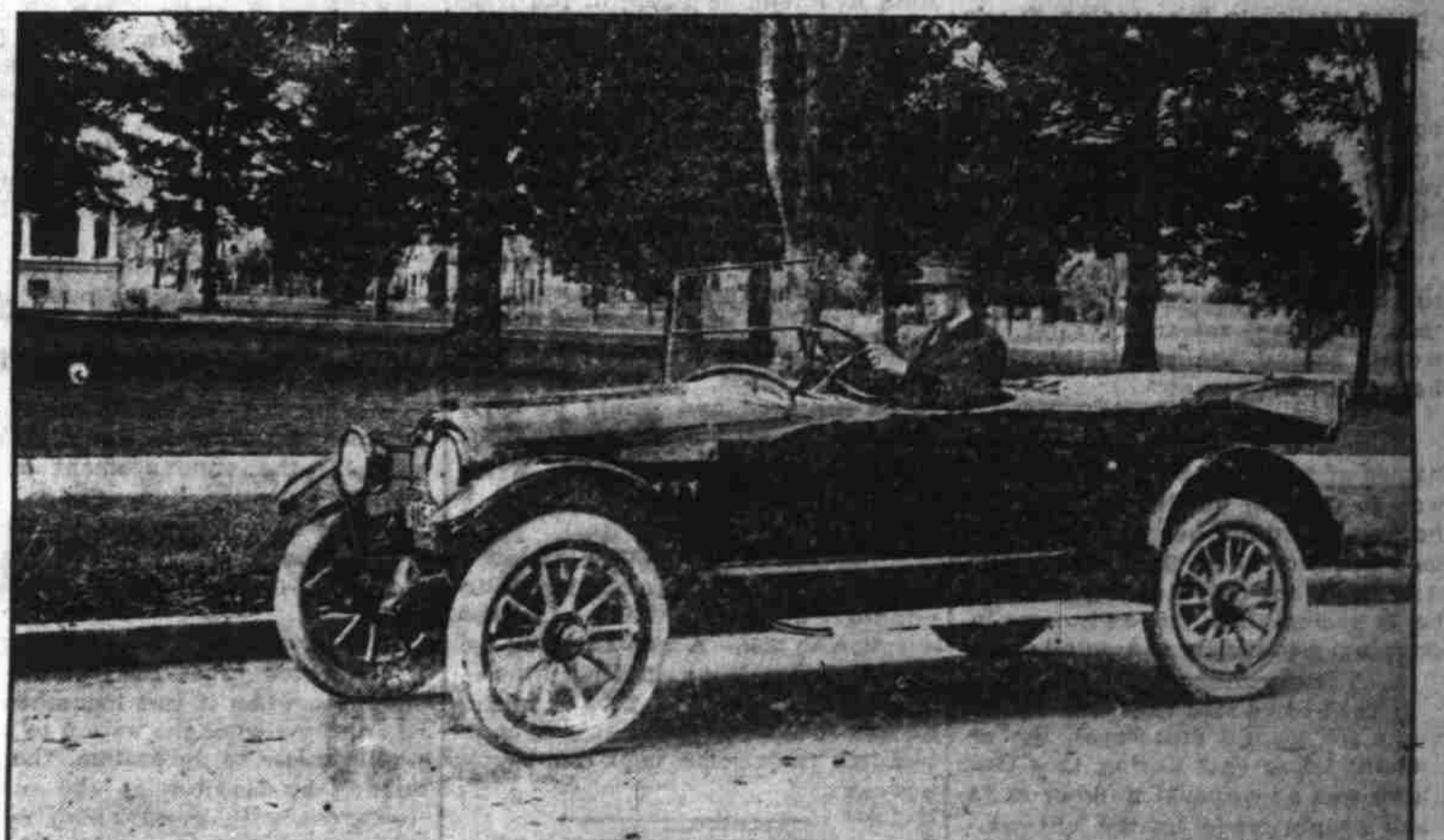
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