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PICKING LABOR ORGANIZED

A hurriedly called meeting to consider ways and means of providing the labor necessary to harvest the loganberry crop of this section was held Thursday morning in the office of H. S. Gile in the United States National Bank building.

Mr. Newmeyer outlined at length the work and plan of organization of the Boys' Working Reserve and told of the progress made up to date in this state in corraling the boys for the labor of food production.

Mr. Gingrich, Secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., and Mr. H. N. Aldrich, who is employed by that organization to head up the activity of the Boys' Reserve in this city, both gave their assurances that the boy power of this section would immediately be registered for the work in hand.

Miss Cleveland, Secretary of the local Y. W. C. A., and Mrs. H. S. Gile of that organization, both pledged their active support in organizing the young women and girls along similar lines to that of the boys' work.

Mr. L. H. Roberts, Salem's largest grower of loganberries, heartily endorsed the move of the organizations and bespoke the active support and co-operation on the part of the growers.

Mr. H. S. Gile and Mr. O. L. Ferris, both of the Pheasant Northwest Products Company, probably the largest single factor in the loganberry industry, spoke of the urgency of the picking situation, and Mr. L. G. Bulgin, field agent of the company, stated that his time would be entirely devoted to assisting the growers and tabulating their requirements.

It was decided by the meeting to open headquarters in some central location with an executive secretary in charge.

The main sources for the labor required will fall into the following classifications:

The Boys' Working Reserve under direction of the Y. M. C. A. The miscellaneous or family groups.

The institutional groups, such as may be secured from some of the local state institutions.

Mr. Newmeyer was told that Salem would necessarily have to call on Portland for a considerable assistance, and he pledged his support and promised all the assistance possible from his organization.

It should be understood that the organization of this labor reserve is not alone for the loganberry picking, but for any other shortage that may develop during the harvest season.

Below is given some of the information that is pertinent, concerning this co-operative movement of the government, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., and the manufacturers and growers:

U. S. BOYS' WORKING RESERVE

Uncle Sam has gone to war in self-defense and also in defense of helpless women and children across the sea. For thirty years, Germany has been organizing every resource, human as well as material, for war.

Her men, women and children have all been trained, her factories, mines and harbors, railroads and farms have been planned to make effective all of her power in the greatest conflict the world has ever known.

She has taught us that we, too, must make war with every ounce of human and material power we have in order to win the war. Therefore, when our men from twenty-one to thirty-one are called to the colors, great responsibility falls on the boys under twenty-one.

Idlers must become producers and the workers in non-essential industry must be induced to take up something that is helpful in winning the war.

There are many boys between sixteen and twenty-one who, as a rule, do not work during the summer. This year no patriotic American boy is going to be content to play tennis or go fishing or loaf when he is so badly needed to produce food for the boys who have gone to fight for our homes.

Last year when the United States Boys' Working Reserve was organized, it met with the hearty response of the boys, who quickly demonstrated their ability to be of great assistance to the farmers. Many were thus used by the farmers of the eastern states, who speak highly of the willingness of the boys to work, and the boys themselves claim that they had a very fine summer, as the work, while hard, was enlivened by camping activities and fun.

These camps will be conducted for the express purpose of harvesting food under proper conditions and that means a healthy, congenial, homelike atmosphere for every boy.

EXPENSE

As is stated in another paragraph, the boy will pay his proportionate share of the cost of maintaining the table. No charge will be made for equipment and the salary of the director of the camp will be paid by the grower.

RULES

The rules of the camp will be very simple, but effective. Certain times for meals will be announced. Every boy will be expected to be there on time. Hours for rising, and going to bed will be posted, which all will be expected to observe.

THE CALL TO YOUTH

Never before has the boy had such an opportunity to become a vital factor in history. Every boy who loves his country should ask himself, "How

of tobacco and card playing will not be tolerated. Any boy who does not show a desire to work in harmony with the other members of the camp or subscribe to the rules suggested by the boys themselves will be promptly returned to his home, and it is hoped that only boys who mean business will go out to these camps.

Visitors from home will be cordially welcomed at any time and will be provided with meals during their visit, in so far as there is available equipment, at a proper charge.

The camp government will really be set up by the boys themselves at their first camp fire and will handle all matters of discipline through their own court, consisting of a judge and jury of camp members assisted by other officers elected for such purpose.

TO THE PARENTS

Fathers and mothers of the nation should see to it that their sons are members of either of the Reserves. These organizations are entirely voluntary and a boy may be withdrawn from membership at the discretion of the parent.

LIVING CONDITIONS

The boys will live in tents or houses provided by the community or Growers' Association, or by the Y. M. C. A., and will not have to meet this expense. He will have to pay his own board, which will be charged to him by the Camp Director in the proportion of the cost of the food of the entire camp.

He will be held to the minimum sufficient to provide plenty of nourishing food of variety. The farmer, in some cases, will furnish potatoes, and there will be opportunities to purchase milk, eggs, butter, etc. from the farmers at less cost than these items could be bought in the city.

We feel sure that the actual cost of living for each boy should not exceed sixty cents per day. Each boy will bring his own blankets and will be provided with sanitary sleeping quarters.

The hours of work will depend on the condition of the crops and the weather. He will probably not exceed ten hours' work in one day. As practically all the work is piece work or by the pound, the measure of each boy's earnings will depend on his individual effort.

Under present conditions, the average energetic boy should be able to earn from two to three dollars per day. This money will be collected by the Camp Director and credited to the boy's account and at the close of the camp, he will receive a check in full for the amount due him, after deducting that portion of the expense which he is to pay.

If a boy should be sent home or have to leave camp for a good reason, his expense account will be figured and his check made out just as soon as possible. During the height of the harvest, it may be necessary to do some work on Sunday.

Nature has not yet seen fit to check ripening of the fruit on Sunday and for this reason it is sometimes necessary to gather it Sunday afternoon. However, in most cases, no picking is done on Saturday afternoon, which allows rest and recreation to make up.

WHO MAY GO

Any boy, physically able, from sixteen to twenty-one years of age, who wants to do real war service, and who can obtain his parents' consent, may go out as a member of the United States Boys' Working Reserve.

Any boy between fourteen and sixteen under same conditions may enroll in the Oregon Junior Reserve. These two organizations will work together to do all that they can to produce food.

The Rally cry is "Rally round the flag, boys, rally once again, Shouting the battle cry of feed 'em."

Are you going to join a loganberry picking camp? Picking and picnicking will be the order of the day when loganberries are ripe. They will go together.

The loganberries just have to be picked; it is everybody's business. But the women and girls will have to do the larger part of the picking.

A father of sixteen children went to pay his income tax the other day. As he is allowed an exemption of \$200 on each one in his minority, the government owed him money.—Exchange.

The rumor is persistent that there is to be a German naval raid. If that is accomplished it means that Germany is in a desperate plight. The German sacrifices along the western front would be infinitesimal in comparison to the sacrifice of the

FUTURE DATES

- June 1, Saturday—Forty-eight drafted men leave for Fort McDowell, Calif.
June 3 to 5—Order your fuel early week!
June 4, 5, 6 and 7—State Grange convention in Salem.
June 8, Saturday—Total eclipse of sun.
June 5 and 6—State Jewelers' convention in Salem.
June 5, Wednesday—Draft registration for young men who have reached their majority during last year.
June 12, Wednesday—Commencement day at Willamette university.
June 14, Friday—High school graduation.
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June 17, Monday—Annual school election.
June 23, Thursday—Reunion of Oregon Pioneer association, Portland.
August 26, 27 and 28—Western Walnut Growers' Association to tour nut groves of Willamette valley.

ships in the North sea. Possibly the German leaders think it time that something be done.

Even in our own America some of the baseball literature is baffling to the innocent bystander. A case in point is the good old Massachusetts lady who couldn't sleep a wink after reading a headline that "Crippled Angels Are Stung by Bees." She thought it perfectly awful that the little German pests should exercise their painful powers upon a group of emaciated Seraphs.

NORWAY'S BIG CHEEK SUPPLY.

Since the war began, Germany has sunk 745 Norwegian vessels, valued at \$10,500,000, drowning 986 Norwegian seamen. In addition, fifty-three vessels carrying 700 men are missing—and still Norway is finding other cheeks to turn.—Boston Globe.

SEE?

Girl workers in German war factories are paid weekly \$1.20 in cash and the rest of their wages are put into banks by their employers for the next loan without the formality of asking their consent.

The enthusiastic response to the national war loans over which the Kaiser is so happy is thus ingeniously explained.—Baltimore American

VOTING OF ALIENS.

(Los Angeles Times).

An English writer has expressed the greatest astonishment that persons not citizens should be allowed to vote in the United States and could not understand how such a thing could be allowed in any country.

In nine states, namely, Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, South Dakota and Texas, foreigners are allowed to vote upon filing their first papers, simply declaring their intention to become citizens.

In a hotly-contested campaign and a close vote it would be possible for these persons, not citizens, to turn the scale and elect a president or a majority in congress or a legislature. Such a condition is a satire upon nationality, and the states which have sanctioned it should put an end to it.

A GERMAN CONFESSION.

Prince Lichnowsky's revelations appear to be exciting some further heart-searchings in the fatherland, and the Berlin Tag comes out with a plaintive confession of German "miscalculations." This Berlin weekly wails: "So many of our calculations have

deceived us! We expected that British India would rise when the first shot was fired in Europe, but in reality thousands of Indians came over to fight with the British against us. We anticipated that the whole British Empire would be torn to pieces, but the colonies appear to be closer than ever to the mother country. We expected a triumphant rebellion in South Africa, and yet it turned out to be nothing but a fizzle. We expected trouble in Ireland, but instead she has sent thousands of her best soldiers against us.

The same has been the case with France. We thought that France was deprived and divided, but we have found her a formidable opponent. Those who led us into all these mistakes and miscalculations have laid upon themselves a heavy responsibility."

NEW ALLIES.

The growing strength of the "Jugo-Slav" movement makes an increasingly important factor in the world war. The Slavs of Austria, numbering 23,000,000 (or more than half the population of the dual monarchy) are all in a state of discontent. Polish subjects of Austria are, naturally, ready to strike whenever the opportunity comes.

A Polish army, largely made up of Poles who have returned from America, is now in the state of formation. According to French official announcement, an army of at least 80,000 men, fighting under its own flag, has been made up by the Czech-Slovenians of Austria, to serve with the French forces.

At the same time extermination of the Austrian Slavs goes on. These people are being steadily driven from their homes and possessions and their places filled by Germans or Magyars. Whole families and districts are made wanderers or are starved and slaughtered. Conditions are becoming worse as Germany's iron hand closes upon its subject ally nation, Austria.

The entire Balkan district of Europe, as well as Poland and Bohemia, sees hope in President Wilson's statement: "No peace can last or ought to last which does not recognize and accept the principle that governments derive all their just

powers from the consent of the governed, and that no right anywhere exists to hand peoples about from potentate to potentate as if they were property." This declaration, backed by America's arms and power, has come to mean something, even to the great powers of Europe who have played with small nations in their political and diplomatic games as though a nation were nothing more than a wooden pawn upon the table.

The Slavs of Southern Austria, of Serbia, of Montenegro and Bosnia are of the same tongue and race. They seek the establishment of a stable government of their own, which shall be allowed to exist without interference from outside influences.

Their only prospect for such a consummation lies in the success of the allies and in a peace based upon the declarations of our president, which have been confirmed by the statesmen of our allies. The assurance of democracy for the oppressed people of Europe is the strongest possible ally for the entire powers.

Once the peoples of the Balkans and Southeast Europe and the Russian masses understand that they will be given a chance to establish and maintain governments in which their voice shall rule, the enforced rule which the central powers show—largely on paper—will end. Germany's "road to the East" will be solidly blocked.

Her destruction will come from within the territory she now claims as subjugated.

Several villages near Kiev have been drenched with poisonous gas by the Germans and whole communities asphyxiated. So reads a cablegram of last night. Four years ago, the world would have called the above a canard; impossible; beyond reason. The world has seen things in that time that will make the quoted words seem reasonable—however hellish the picture. And could anything be more hellish?

And if the above is true, what will the rest of the Russians now think of their gentle conquerors? The Americans are holding their gains in the battle line, against all attacks, and they took about a mile more yesterday, on the Toul sector, from the Germans—and they will hold this, and keep on going.

The theories of Prof. Thomas, who ran off with another young woman and deserted his wife, will never become popular. He is not the only

DRINK HOT WATER IF YOU DESIRE A ROSY COMPLEXION

Says we can't help but look better and feel better after an inside bath.

To look one's best and feel one's best is to enjoy an inside bath each morning to flush from the system the previous day's waste, sour fermentations and poisonous toxins before it is absorbed into the blood.

Just as coal, when it burns, leaves behind a certain amount of incandescent material in the form of ashes, so the food and drink taken each day leaves in the alimentary organs a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated, forms toxins and poisons which are then sucked into the blood through the very ducts which are intended to suck in only nourishment to sustain the body.

If you want to see the glow of healthy bloom in your cheeks, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, you are told to drink every morning upon arising, a glass of hot water with teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless means of washing the waste material and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, before putting more food into the stomach.

Men and women with sallow skin, liver spots, pimples or pallid complexion, are those who wake up with a coated tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, others who are bothered with headaches, bilious spells, acid stomach or constipation should begin this phosphated hot water drinking.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water and limestone phosphate act on the inside organs.

man in the world with a modicum of learning who has evolved a new philosophy out of vulgar practices. That is, they call it "philosophy."

Civilization stands against the slaughter on the western front. There has been no such killing of the fletcher of a dozen nations in the history of the world. The battles that we have become accustomed to regard as the greatest in all history seem nothing more than a skirmish.

How we are changing! The notion that we needed something with a "kick" in giving a toast has departed.—Los Angeles Times. Los Angeles has gone dry; or partly dry.

It might help a lot if they riced all substitutes for flour were fixed by the government. They cost more than the flour.—Exchange.

Down in Arkansas German has been eliminated from the public schools. The Arkansas language is quite a test in itself.

SHE GOT GOOD RESULTS. This honest testimony from a woman who has suffered should be heeded by all afflicted with backache, rheumatic pains, or any symptom of kidneys and bladder trouble: "I have got such good results from Foley Kidney Pills that I sleep much better." Mrs. Charles Bray, 279 Sixth St., Detroit, Mich. J. C. Perry.

PRESIDENT WILSON SAYS "CARRY ON"

Letter to President Flowers of International Lyceum and Chautauqua association endorse chautauqua as "An Integral Part of the National Defense."

The White House, Washington

14 December, 1917

My Dear Mr. Flowers:

It has been on my mind for some time to thank your organization for the very real help it has given to America in the struggle that is concerned with every fundamental element of the national life. Your speakers, going from community to community, meeting people in the friendly spirit engendered by years of intimate and understanding contact have been effective messengers for the delivery and interpretation of democracy's meaning and imperative needs.

Let me express the hope that you will let no discouragement weaken your activities, and that the people will not fail in the support of a patriotic institution that may be said to be an integral part of the national defense.

Cordially and Sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON

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