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## THE CHAUTAUQUA GUARANTEE

A theory is confronted by a condition with respect to Weston's Chautauqua Festival. The theory advanced in some quarters is that Chautauqua entertainment should not be locally supported in war times, when so much money is needed for war purposes. The condition is that a contract was entered into by twenty members of the commercial club with the Ellison-White System—following last year's successful Chautauqua—before the United States entered the war. These twenty men are bound to pay the Ellison-White people whatever part of the sum of \$337 that is not derived from the sale of season tickets. Single admittance tickets do not count on the guarantee to any appreciable extent. From the standpoint of both diversion and education the Chautauqua entertainments are well worth the money—\$1.50 for six sterling attractions. However, if it is locally desired to dispense with this character of entertainment during the war, discussion and action should nevertheless be deferred until the present Chautauqua is over. The guarantors were moved solely by a desire to promote the community's good. They should be loyally supported.

"We herewith challenge Kernel Wood to mortal combat and leave him the choice of weapons. We will fight him with anything from a knitting needle to a trench mortar."—Bulldogger ed.

By the bloody beards of the Bolshevik! Wonder what brand of bootleg booze has made this bloom-in' Bulldogger bunny so bellicose?

The fate of Russia—helpless prey of the Hun—is an earnest of what might happen to the United States should the I. W. W. ever have their way.

Five years for arson have taken the jest out of the youthful Jestings at Walla Walla.

## A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

A community hall would be a source of pride and benefit to the Weston community. This proposition is self-evident, and does not, we think, admit of negative argument. Yet if it is lawful and right for the city to pay for half of this proposed improvement, it is lawful and right for the city to pay for it all—and such a course is dictated by common equity. Quarters are already available, and the cost of furnishing them properly would probably not exceed \$400. Possibly some of the furniture would be donated. The hall would be occupied by the city council, the commercial club, the local Red Cross and the local library—all of them community organizations. To propose that the commercial club meet one-half of the expense does not mean that the entire club would meet it. It means that fifteen to twenty loyal and active members—men who are called upon to promote and bear the brunt of every civic undertaking—will meet it. Such a plan is unfair and places an unjust tax upon public spirit. The hall will be for the common benefit of all the people. It should be paid for by all the people by means of a city appropriation.

It would not be quite exact to say that Kaiser Bill is without a friend on earth beyond his own immediate balliwick. There is still Carranza.

Miss Letne Hope of Chicago University announces that bow-legged girls are not so but only made to look so by high heels—and we guess we will have to take her word for it.

Anyhow, things will never get so worse in the good old U. S. A. that they ain't worse in Germany.

Dr. Watts visualizes a well paved road—lined with a graveled pathway, a neat white fence and a row of trees—between town and depot. It is a vision that should ultimately be realized.

Seattle is no longer the kind of a "poor fish" that can be held in a Gill net.

Now-a-days the fattest bank roll kotows humbly in the presence of a roll of butter.

## TAX STATISTICS

The Leader is indebted to Assessor Strain for an abstract of taxes payable in 1918 on the assessment rolls of 1917 in Umatilla county. It shows among other things that the total valuation is \$51,499,607, which with a total county and state levy of 7½ mills will raise \$731,719.38—an increase of \$69,628.36 over the preceding year. The total number of school children in the county is 7419, and the special school tax will raise \$225,418.27 for their education. Weston school district has an assessed valuation of \$764,464, and contains 259 children of school age. Its tax of eight mills will raise \$6115.71. The City of Weston has a valuation of \$233,181, and its tax of 16 mills will raise \$3730. By far the larger item on the county tax roll is land, which is valued at \$25,644,605, or just about half of the county's total taxable wealth. The county contains 1,984,000 acres, of which 1,322,833 acres are assessed. Some of us are able to dodge death for awhile at this distance from the kaiser, but taxes hit us every year. Therefore it is well to know the worst, and in behalf of ourselves and other heavy taxpayers we thank Assessor Strain for his information.

## GET READY, FARMERS, FOR YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE

A farm questionnaire is to be filled out by every farmer in Umatilla county during the first four days of next week, February 25-28. Local committees have been appointed in every community and the Government expects every citizen to assist in this work, according to M. S. Shrock, county agricultural agent. He says: "The purpose of the survey is to assist our Government in more efficiently handling the food situation and to assist the farmers in handling the labor and seed situation. So important does the Government consider this work that it has provided a penalty for anyone who willfully refuses to answer a Government survey of this kind. The facts gathered in this way are confidential, except as to labor needs and seed wanted and seed for sale. Much seed was bought and sold as a result of the survey taken last May and we expect to get even better results this year.



Frank P. Woods of Iowa, re-elected chairman of the republican congressional campaign committee.

"In reporting your figures as to crops, give the best estimate possible. In reporting labor needed, signify the actual number of men required and not the number that could be used. "When the war began, Germany knew exactly how much of every commodity was in the empire and who had it. They knew how much could be produced each succeeding year and how much labor it required. We have been so unused to war that no attempt was made to know the same vital facts until necessity compelled it. Let us make this survey so complete that all the facts will be secured and democracy perpetuated. "Every postmaster will be asked to post a list of the committees appointed to take this survey. This is not a drive for money but for service. Volunteer by offering your services to your nearest committeeman. "For further information call or phone your county agent, Pendleton, 162 or 350." The committeemen for the Weston neighborhood are: School districts 19, 55 and 49—J. H. Price. School districts 47, 57 and 82—Will Hall. School districts 95 and 96—G. W. Mitchell.

## PRESIDENT REBUKES BROTHERHOOD HEAD

Washington.—President Wilson took a hand in the eastern shipyard labor strikes and issued a sharp rebuke to William L. Hutcheson, president of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who, after refusing to send striking ship carpenters back to work pending action by the shipbuilding labor adjustment board, had asked for a personal conference to lay the situation before the president. In effect, the president declared that if Hutcheson did not want to give aid and comfort to the enemy he would send the men to work and leave a settlement of the differences to the adjustment board and declined to see him until he had done so. In reproving Hutcheson for declining arbitration of differences with shipyard managements, President Wilson, it was declared, has the whole-hearted support of a majority of the heads of American labor unions. Union heads, it is declared on authority, are as eager as are government officials to arrive at some arrangement whereby differences may be adjusted before strikes take place.

## WESTON STOCK ASSOCIATION MAKES ITS BOW

The Weston Stock Association was organized Friday with the following officers: J. P. Lieuallen, president; Tom Diggins, vice president; Charles Winn, secretary. The advisory board consists of the above officers and also of Ernest March and Ralph Tucker. The association is organized for mutual benefit and for the improvement of the stock industry throughout this district. The association will also have to do with the proper allotment of grazing privileges in the Wenaha reserve. Forest Supervisor J. M. Schmitz of Walla Walla attended the meeting. The membership fee is \$1.00 per year and all stockgrowers in the neighborhood are eligible. One of the by-laws provides for the improvement of local herds, as follows: "All bulls ranged during 1918 must be approved by the advisory board. After the season of 1918 all bulls ranged by any member must be either registered Durham or Hereford bulls." The association will hold its fall round-up not later than October 15 and its regular annual meeting the second Saturday in October.

## Shipyards Strike Ends.

New York.—The strike by carpenters in the Atlantic seaboard shipyards engaged on government contracts is over, John Rice, national organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, said. Mr. Rice said: "The men are going back because they have every confidence that President Wilson will adjust this matter to their satisfaction."

## LLOYD GEORGE HAS SURMOUNTED CRISIS

London.—Premier Lloyd George and his government have surmounted another crisis and the parliamentary waters at Westminster appear to run smoothly once more after a week's turmoil stirred up by the retirement of General Robertson, chief of the imperial general staff. In the house of commons the premier explained and defended the recent reorganization of the Versailles council with the added powers given to it and his dealings with the famous British chief of staff. There was no proposal for a vote of want of confidence. The British prime minister in his statement on the decisions of the supreme war council at Versailles paid high tribute to the plan submitted by the American representatives. "If I should read the document submitted by the Americans," said Mr. Lloyd George, "there would be no need to make this speech. The case is presented with irresistible power and logic."

## LAND FOR FIGHTERS PLAN

Appropriation of \$100,000,000 to Prepare Public Domain. Idaho Falls, Idaho.—The returning American soldier who finds his former occupation gone should be given a part of the public domain, properly cleared or otherwise outfitted, for immediate use at the government's expense, said F. H. Newell, head of the University of Illinois, in an address before the joint conference of agricultural livestock, engineering and irrigation societies of Idaho. Mr. Newell urged the immediate appropriation of \$100,000,000 or more by the government to put through irrigation and reclamation schemes and otherwise put the remaining public lands in such shape that the returned fighting man may go on them with hope of securing a living return as usual.

## This Is Our Winter of Test

SERVING food is a local problem for each community. Prices and definite rules for every one cannot be formulated. It is a duty for each one to eat only so much as is necessary to maintain the human body healthy and strong. This winter of 1918 is the period when it is to be tested here in America whether our people are capable of voluntary individual sacrifice to save the world. That is the purpose of the organization of the United States Food Administration—by voluntary effort to provide the food that the world needs. U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

## BRITISH GOVERNMENT HELPS PAY FOR BREAD

There has been much misunderstanding about the bread program in England. It is true that the Englishman buys a loaf of bread for less than an American can, but it is poorer bread, and the British government is paying \$200,000,000 a year toward the cost of it. All the grain grown in Great Britain is taken over by the government at an arbitrary price and the imported wheat purchased on the markets at the prevailing market price. This is turned over to the mills by the government at a price that allows the adulterated war bread loaf of four pounds to sell at 15 cents, the two pound loaf at 9 cents and the one pound loaf at 5 cents. In France, under conditions somewhat similar, but with a larger extraction, the four pound loaf sells for 16 cents.

## MAKING MEATLESS DAYS PERMANENT.

In the meatless menu there is a fertile field for developing new and nourishing dishes, according to E. H. Niles, writing in the Hotel Gazette, who believes that the present shortage of meat and fats will not end with the coming of peace, but may grow more acute and continue for five or six years, thus making it worth while to develop menus of grain, vegetables and fish on a more or less permanent basis. Meat can be replaced by cereals and other protein foods, or may be served in very small portions as a flavoring for other food. In making up meatless menus this author finds our American Creole and southern cuisines a broad field for investigation.

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## WHEATLESS BISCUITS.



Parched cornmeal is the feature of these excellent wheatless biscuits. First, the cornmeal—one-half a cup—is put in a shallow pan placed in the oven and stirred frequently until it is a delicate brown. The other ingredients are a teaspoon of salt, a cup of peanut butter and one and a half cups of water. Mix the peanut butter, water and salt and heat. While this mixture is hot stir in the meal which should also be hot. Beat thoroughly. The dough should be of such consistency that it can be dropped from a spoon. Bake in small cakes in an ungreased pan. This makes 16 biscuits, each of which contains one-sixth of an ounce of protein.



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