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ONLY A VOLUNTEER.

Why didn't I wait to be drafted?
 And be led to the train by a band,
 Or out on a claim for exemption?
 Oh, why did I hold up my hand?
 Why didn't I wait for the banquet?
 Why didn't I wait to be cheered?
 For the drafted men get the credit,
 While I merely volunteered.

And nobody gave me a banquet,
 Nobody said a kind word,
 The puff of the engine, the grind of the wheels
 Was all the goodbye that I heard.
 Then off to the training camp hustled,
 To be drilled for the next half year,
 And in the shuffle forgotten—
 For I'm only a volunteer.

And perhaps some day in the future,
 When a little boy sits on my knee,
 And asks what I did in the great war,
 And his little eyes look up at me,
 I will have to look back into those eyes
 That at me so trustingly peered,
 And confess that I wasn't drafted,
 That I was only a volunteer.

The above poem was written by one who enlisted at San Jose, Calif., several months ago, and is reprinted from the National Recruiter.

PUTS REVENGE BEFORE DUTY.

Just because Stacy M. Russell put vengeance before his duty as a public officer, there is quite a likelihood that it will be found that some calls for road district meetings in Lane county will be found to have been illegally published. The publication of the notices was left to the county clerk's office and Russell saw to it that none of them went either to the Eugene Register or The Cottage Grove Sentinel, thereby taking out a grudge he holds against these two papers.

Common sense would teach that a road district meeting for a road district contiguous to Cottage Grove would be of far more value published in a Cottage Grove newspaper than in a newspaper 25 miles away from the district. Common sense would teach that the publication 25 miles from the district, when there was a paper adjoining the district, subverted the very purpose of the law.

Common sense would teach that an impartial county officer and one mindful of his oath and duties of office would distribute such notices impartially regardless of his personal dislikes.

But common sense, impartiality and a sense of the duties imposed upon him by law do not seem to weigh very heavily upon our county clerk, and the district attorney is investigating whether or not publications of road district notices as lumped off to a Eugene newspaper by the county clerk comply with section 2 of chapter 385, laws of 1917, which says that road district notices shall be published in a newspaper within the district, or, if there be no such newspaper, then in the newspaper nearest the district.

If some of the road districts find that through spite and a desire for revenge the county clerk has left them without funds for the conduct of their road work next year, the county clerk may find it wise to resign and put a man on the job.

WHY NOT, INDEED?

In an interview in a Sunday Portland paper, William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific, deprecates the fact that the Willamette valley has not settled and developed more rapidly and is inclined to lay the blame upon the residents thereof.

We can tell one reason why it has not developed more rapidly, and that is the fault of the railroad of which Mr. Sproule is the head.

Never since the writer has been a resident of Cottage Grove has there been an opportunity for the mill men of this section to make some money but that they were confronted with the fact that they could not get cars to ship their orders. Right at the present moment, when mills of the Cottage Grove country are threatened with the necessity of shutting down for lack of cars is a poor time for the head of the Southern Pacific to ask why the Willamette valley is not developing faster. We wish to give the Southern Pacific full credit for the many things it has done, and has tried to do, for the industries of the valley, but slow as we are to criticize an institution that is often unjustly criticized, yet we must ask what would be the traffic conditions in the valley now, had it developed as rapidly as Mr. Sproule would like, when the Southern Pacific cannot supply even the needs of our undeveloped conditions?

THREATS AVAIL NOT.

The editor of The Sentinel has been threatened with some dire consequences



DECEMBER OPENING NEXT WEEK! PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS NOW!

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus

Bid You All a Cordial Welcome to Their Christmas Store

This year, above all others, you will need more help in the selecting of practical and useful gifts in order to make your allowance meet the bounds of your Christmas list, so come this Christmas store and get the interested services of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, assisted by their happy family of Fairies and Gnomes, in making practical and serviceable selections of all sorts of gifvables.

Everything is in full readiness for your visit, so come and stroll through the Christmas Store NOW as the personal guests of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who will give you more suggestions and show you more appropriate gift-things within your price-range than you could possibly hunt out by yourself. Won't you come in tomorrow and look at these gift suggestions?

WOOL OR SILK DRESS PATTERNS FOR WOMEN

MAKE SERVICEABLE PRESENTS



Here in an extensive array of practical and pretty patterns, are Gift Suggestions that any woman would appreciate as an extremely useful present well worth receiving. Then why not delight their feminine hearts by making early selections here while our stocks are complete?

All Wool Dress Patterns, a yard..... \$1.25 to \$3.25
 Silk Patterns, a yard..... \$1.25 to \$2.95

BLOUSES WILL PLEASE HER

As a useful gift that would be appropriately acceptable to any woman, you will go a long way to find a better suggestion than any or all of these charming new Blouses offer..... \$1.50 to \$8.50

Nothing Better than Hosiery

Especially if you make your choice from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus' exceptionally well selected quality assortments. All styles and sizes will be found in this showing of silk, hose and fibre Christmas Hosiery..... 30c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 85c up

Children's Wearable Presents

Each year as the children grow older they realize the great advantage of receiving Wear Things as Christmas Gifts—presents that are useful—so make their happiness complete by giving them serviceable gifts which will improve their dress-up appearance. A few suggestions:

Wash Dresses, Wool Caps, Sweaters, Gloves, Shoes, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Ties, etc.

New Styles in Men's Furnishings

That Are Always So Acceptable

You say there is plenty of time in which to select our men's presents. Yes, 'tis true—a full three weeks; but will you find the merchandise you want later on? We think not. Conditions are different this year than usual, especially in men's lines. Over-taxed factories and mills, freight congestion, scarcity of raw materials and skilled labor—these are only a few of the reasons why you should buy NOW. We have foreseen conditions that exist and have made large and early purchases which are now on the shelves. MAKE YOUR SELECTION FOR MEN'S GIFTS HERE TODAY FROM THIS LIST



Men's Hats, Neckties, Gloves, Wool Shirts, Silk Shirts, Negligee Shirts, pajamas, Slippers, Hosiery, Kerchiefs, Night Gowns, Bath Robes, Bath Robe Blankets, Underwear, Suit Cases, Caps, Shoes, Umbrellas, Cuff Buttons, Collars, Garters, Arm Bands, Sweaters, Overcoats, Suits, Purses, Card Cases, etc.

Suggestions in Gloves

Styles suitable for every gift purpose in a broad enough variety to make your selections a matter of ease. Plain and fancy backed varieties in all sizes and lengths in fabrics or leathers—a glove for every hand at these prices..... The pair..... \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50



Toyland opens in this store next week beginning Monday, December 3rd. Our entire east balcony is given over to our big display of Toys. We have been busy for several days in getting Toyland ready for the Little Folks. We have toys for all. Practical ones that teach and instruct, together with any amount of "just toys" that amuse and make happy the play hours of the young generation. All are here in large varieties and the littles of prices. Come, bring your children and enjoy the "look" with them. You are welcome.

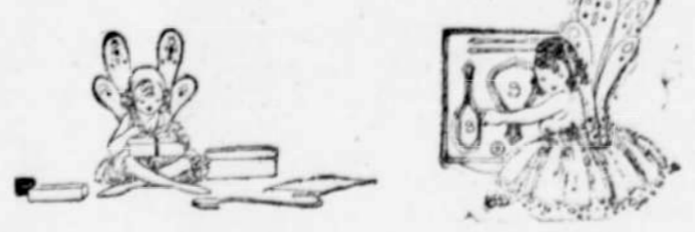
MAKE YOUR GIFT SELECTION FOR YOUR SOLDIER BOY NOW

All shipments should be made early to insure timely and safe arrival. Here is a list of Practical gifts:
 Official Black Silk Neckties, Tan Gloves, Wool Gloves, Shaving Cream, Tooth Brush, Soap, Bath Towels, Bath Robes, Drinking Cups, Combs, Mirrors, Khaki Sweaters, Purses, etc.



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THE QUALITY STORE—GOOD SERVICE



—the exact form unstated—as a result of the paper's criticism of those who use language unbecoming to these times when there must be no taint on a man's loyalty. One or two whose patriotism cannot be doubted have suggested that our criticism of one individual was a little strong, but we are inclined to the same opinion as others who contend that it was not strong enough, or not as strong as it might easily have been made, two at least of these being men of the gospel.

These are no times for mincing words. A person is either for or against the government and the war program. If he is not for it heart and soul he is against it. There is no middle ground. If our espousal of the cause of our government brings upon us dire consequences, we will accept them. We do not imagine we are in any more danger than the millions of young men who will offer their lives for the glory of their country. We feel certain that any untoward act will be properly punished, and we at home should not shrink from a sacrifice that is not any greater than those who go

to defend our fair name may be called upon to make. No threats made by those upon whose toes we may step in insisting upon a show of untarnished loyalty will cause us to desist in our criticism of those whose patriotism is not as complete as it should be, or of those whose acts are aiding the enemy. We are for the government, have only contempt and detestation for those who take any other position and will express such contempt and detestation whenever we think such a course necessary.

Furthermore, any who attempt to make any trouble as the result of our criticism will get some more of the same kind of stuff in blacker letters.
 Lay on, McDuff!

STANFIELD OUT FOR SENATE.

Bob Stanfield, speaker of the last house, has shied his hat into the ring as a candidate for United States senator, which means that there is going to be a real contest for that position. Stanfield is some organizer himself and he has a legion of hard and fast

friends who will spend their last dollar and the last spark of their energy in putting Bob over.

Stanfield has made good at everything which he has tackled from raising sheep to corraling obstreperous members of the legislature, and there is no reason to doubt that he would do the same at Washington. He might upset some precedents there as he has in his home state.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

Today is Thanksgiving and, although we are making vast preparations to send many of our men and boys on an errand from which some may never return, we still have many things to be thankful for.
 We may be thankful that we have not yet suffered as have Belgium, Armenia, England and France.
 We may be thankful that we have plenty to feed our millions and enough beside to feed millions of our allies.
 We may be thankful that most of

our men and boys are yet with us.
 We may be thankful that relatives left behind will be amply provided for.
 We may be thankful that we are entering only upon what seems the last year or two of the great war.

We may be thankful that we have the advantage of all the knowledge gained by our allies in their three years of war.

We may be thankful that we have industries that will produce the supplies that will bring the war to a successful conclusion.

We may be thankful that we have the resources to finance ourselves and our allies.
 We may be thankful that we are not the kaiser.
VIGILANCE COMMITTEE NEEDED.
 In these war times, when there are yet a few whose loyalty to country is a question of considerable doubt, every community should have a well-organized home guard or vigilance committee with officers who would see to it that disloyal

utterances were promptly squelched and the authors attended to in a manner suited to the offense.

While we may not approve of the lawlessness of it, we cannot help admiring in a manner the act of a Minnesota committee of this kind which used a coat of tar and feathers as a fitting punishment for disloyal mouthings—and the tar and feathers were not so lawless as the treasonable utterances for which they were a punishment.

The Harrisburg Bulletin has blossomed into a political Warwick, as witness the following from its columns: "State Senator E. D. Cusick, of Linn county, is being groomed for state treasurer and it is said that should Senator Cusick become a candidate for state treasurer Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove, will make the race for joint senator for Lane and Linn. If Elbert don't prove a more fleet political sprinter than he did when he ran for the nomination of representative a few years ago, he will not break any speed records."

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