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DISLOYALTY WILL BE PROMPTLY PUNISHED

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN RED CROSS ASKS REPORTS

Story of Selling of Red Cross Socks Gets Pro-German Into Trouble and He Promptly Makes Public Apology.

The Northwestern division of the American Red Cross has issued the following interesting statement regarding a prosecution for disloyal remarks:

"Perhaps you have some busy-bodies in your territory who take delight in circulating rumors tending to hamper the work of the Red Cross."

Perhaps you have tried to run these stories down and found that they originated nowhere, but are passed along on hearsay alone.

Perhaps you have wondered what can be done about it.

In this connection it is refreshing to be able to give an account of what was really done last week in this division, and the course to be pursued should a similar case come to your attention.

H. H. Wahl, formerly of Gifford and now residing at Clatskanie, was cited before the Nez Perce county council of defense for disloyal utterances. After a hearing the council found the charge against Wahl was sustained by the evidence and the accused made and authorized the publication of a public apology and pledge.

Wahl was cited upon complaint made by citizens of Clatskanie. The charge against him was that he had at Clatskanie while the United States was at war, circulated a statement that his wife had knit socks for the Red Cross and being desirous of learning by whom they were received she had placed her name and address in the toe. Some time later she received a letter saying that these socks had been sold to a man in Alaska for \$1.50.

In delivering the judgment of the council, Chairman Randall said:

"Mr. Wahl, you are charged with disloyal utterances and the council is of the opinion that this charge is fully sustained by the evidence. Upon your own statement the council finds that you were circulating a story calculated to obstruct the work of the Red Cross without any effort on your part to ascertain the truth or falsity of the story.

You are aware of the various organizations engaged in patriotic work through which loyal citizens may find opportunity to give practical expression of their loyalty. You have told the council that you are a loyal citizen of the United States, but you testify that you have not subscribed to the liberty bonds nor to the Red Cross nor to the army Y. M. C. A., nor have you and the members of your family given time or money to any of those activities which enlist the support of loyal men. On the contrary, even on your own statements, you are circulating reports calculated to hinder and obstruct work necessary for the military success of this country.

"I feel that you should be advised that before this citation was issued the council of defense referred this matter to the proper officers of the department of justice of the United States. Had you not appeared here in response to the citation or had you aggravated your offense by showing a recalcitrant spirit, it would have been the duty of the chairman of this council to take necessary action to have a criminal complaint laid against you under the laws of the United States.

"I deem it my duty to further advise you that the council of defense has no authority to compound or compromise an offense against the laws of the United States and you must distinctly understand that this council will not undertake to do that. But if you care to make a public apology for your conduct and to give a public pledge to refrain from similar conduct, the council has concluded that it will accept such a statement from you and, so far as the council is concerned, no further proceedings will be taken. The council is of the opinion that if you follow this course the department of justice will not be disposed on its own initiative to take action against you concerning the offense as to which the council has heard evidence today. However, you must understand that the department of justice will determine its own course in that matter, and all that the council can do is to recommend that you be not proceeded against further."

It is understood that the council is investigating a number of other reports of disloyal speech or conduct. It is the intention of the council as each case arises to take the matter up with the department of justice. If any case is found in which the ends of justice clearly require the making of a criminal complaint in the first instance, that course will be followed and the offender will be apprehended by the federal officers. In other cases where the offense may have been committed partially in ignorance or under extenuating circumstances, the accused will first be cited before the council of defense and then given a hearing. If the person cited refuses to appear, or upon his appearance displays a clearly disloyal spirit, the matter will be referred to the department of justice.

Anyone knowing of any disloyal remarks being made concerning the Red Cross, or knowing of any statement being made that anyone is deriving a private benefit from the Red Cross, should report it at once to "Northwestern Division, American Red Cross, Seattle, Wash."

The Sentinel will see that any such utterances reported to it are called to the attention of the proper authorities.

DAN PARKER WRITES HIS PAR-ENTS THAT HE WILL BE HOME THIS YEAR

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Parker have received another letter from their son Dan, who is with the engineering corps in France, in which he tells many interesting things about the progress of the war. The letter was written in 1917, and he confidently predicted that he would be home next year (meaning 1918), which would indicate that the boys who are doing the fighting are confident that victory will soon perch on the banners of the allied armies. Friends and relatives at home would like to feel that certain.

54 H. S. BOYS NOW IN THE SERVICE

Domestic Science Girls Making Service Flag to Be Hung in the Assembly Room.

The domestic science department of the high school is preparing a service flag to be placed in the assembly room. There will be a star for each person in the federal service who has attended at least one semester at the high school. So far the names of 54 boys have been secured. This is a rather remarkable number, as the Eugene high school has the names of but 63 former students of that school who are in the service.

The girls desire that they be informed of any in the service whose names they have not learned. The list to date is as follows:

Atkinson, Robert; Aubrey, Ross; Burckham, Otto; Chambers, Victor; Conner, Harry; DeLong, Donald; Demorest, Claude; Earl, Robert; Edwards, Herman; Edwards, Warren; Fuhrer, Chas.; Garoutte, Everett; Groves, Irl; Halldeman, William; Hankins, Glen; Harding, Ellis; Harlow, Charles; Hawley, Norman; Hodges, Jesse; Hull, Waldo; Jordan, Marvin; Kern, Victor; Kerr, Ray; King, Benjamin; Knox, Roy; Lackey, Charles; LeRoy, Wade; Matthews, George; McCargar, Elwyn; McCargar, Wendell; McDole, Jesse; Milne, Ralph; Morgan, Anson; Morgan, Leonard; Powell, Norval; Powell, Robin; Powell, Virgil; Randall, Marvel; Randall, Vinal; Sams, Harold; Skidmore, William; Slagle, Hollis; Smith, Joseph; Spencer, Elmer; Teeters, Ralph; VanKiper, Guy; Veach, Samuel; Wiseman, Gilbert; Wood, Robert; Wood, Warren; Wood, Albert; Woods, Daniel; Woods, LeRoy, Jr.; Wyatt, Ernest.

LIVE HERE AND BE ALWAYS HEALTHY

37 Future Soldiers and 25 War Brides Born During the Year; No Death of Those Over 95 Years.

Those who show the discernment to be born in Cottage Grove and to live here afterwards, or who move here soon after being born, have more than an even chance to live well past the allotted three score and ten, according to the annual report of Health Officer Oglesby. There was no infectious disease during 1917, barring a few cases of measles, and David Harum would probably say that a few measles were good for a baby to keep him from worrying about being a baby. There were 62 births during the year, of which 37 are available for future soldiers of the nation and 25 will do for war brides.

Of 30 deaths, 21 were between the ages of 40 and 95 and there were no deaths of those above that age, the other 9 being between infancy and 40 years. Of the deaths 20 were males and 10 females.

The health officer reports that there have been no infectious germs in the city water during the past year.

The remarkably low death rate is attributed to the elimination of flies and disease-breeding garbage and refuse, as well as to the pure water.

TOMATOES RIPPEN HERE WHILE BLIZZARDS BLOW IN THE EASTERN STATES

On the morning that the daily papers told of the worst blizzards of years in the east, G. W. McFarland brought to the city a tomato which had ripened in his garden and which he had found that morning. The tomato was smuggled under the dead leaf of a cabbage plant and was not discovered until Mr. McFarland picked the cabbage.

Tomatoes are among the most tender of vegetables, and but for the protecting cabbage leaf the tomato would not have withstood the cold weather of the early winter. There has been no weather during the past month that would have injured any vegetable, however tender.

BANKS PAY CASH FOR LIBERTY BOND COUPONS

The banks of the country have not failed in the performance of any duty which has been imposed upon them during the war and the expense to them has been tremendous. Another duty which the banks are now called upon to perform is to cash the coupons of the liberty bonds as they fall due. The banks of Cottage Grove are performing this duty, paying the interest in cash and forwarding the coupons to the federal reserve banks. They thus give the use of their money free from the time they cash the coupons until the money is returned by the treasury department.

vision, American Red Cross, Seattle, Wash."

AN APPEAL TO SPEED UP RED CROSS KNITTING

Tuesday January 14 Is Last Day

In order that the local Red Cross branch may receive a refund on its quota of yarn, all knitted goods must be turned in on Tuesday, January 14. Wednesday, January 15, has been set as the last day to receive credit and all knitted goods finished by the 14th will be forwarded by express on that day in order to arrive at headquarters on the 15th.

Do your best. Get your neighbors to help. There is still about eight pounds of yarn to be given out. Please leave all finished knitted goods at Umphrey & Mackin's store, up to the morning of the 15th, where they will be packed for shipment. Also apply at same place for Red Cross yarn which is furnished free.

C. E. UMPHREY, Pres. Cottage Grove Red Cross Branch.

Food Administration Notice

While the people of Cottage Grove have at all times demonstrated their willingness to perform any duty given them as necessary to the successful prosecution of the war, there has been some dissatisfaction because of the fact that in the conservation of food the people here have been doing more than the citizens of other cities. While citizens of Cottage Grove did not object to the restrictions which they were asked to conform to, they felt that all other cities should do likewise. The local committee was powerless to make any changes, as it had only transmitted the instructions of the national and state food administrations, but it too was dissatisfied with the lack of harmony between conditions imposed here compared with those apparently imposed elsewhere, so a visit was last week paid the state food administration by a member of this committee for the purpose of asking that the same restrictions be imposed elsewhere or else that those imposed here be modified.

The state administration complimented Cottage Grove upon the splendid cooperation it is giving the food administration, also complimenting the local committee for the manner in which the instructions of the state committee have been carried out, but as a result of this visit the following slight modifications of former requests made by the food administration, and communicated to the people of Cottage Grove by this committee, are made:

While the idea of saving every bit of food possible should always be before us, yet the desire of the food administration is that all shall have all the food that is reasonably needed for the body and that social functions shall be continued to some extent to keep people from dwelling too much on the morbid things that will be plentiful.

There is, therefore, no objection to the serving of strictly Hooverized refreshments at an afternoon affair if served within so short a time of a meal that they in reality take the place of food that would be served at the meal.

For example, refreshments served at 5:30 would not conflict with the wishes of the food administration, but food served earlier would.

It being the aim of the food administration that the body shall have all it reasonably needs, the serving of Hooverized refreshments at social sessions that continue until midnight, are not objectionable when considered necessary for the welfare of the body and for social purposes, but under no circumstances should a meal similar to the old-style banquet be served at any time, and strict care should be taken that the waste usually accompanying banquets be entirely eliminated. Food left over should be taken home and consumed. Care should be taken to eliminate all those articles of food needed to feed the armies. The word "banquet" should be eliminated from the vocabulary for the period of the war.

No refreshments should be served at an early evening hour to those who have eaten at 6 o'clock. Patriotic citizens will not eat meals served at intervals more frequent than five or six hours, will at all times cooperate for the elimination of waste of food, and should report to the food committee failure of any citizens to cooperate for the saving of fats and wheats.

None of these modifications should be construed to mean that any restrictions have been lifted as to the wasting of food, or as to the conserving of foods needed for our armies and for those of our allies, and no person should allow attendance upon a social function to interfere with the performance of Red Cross work or any other duty imposed at this time. It is no time to quibble over trivial affairs of the stomach when the life of a nation is at stake.

R. W. GLASS, WORTH HARVEY, ELBERT BEDE, MRS. C. R. JOB, MRS. C. A. BURKHOLDER, MRS. O. L. NICHOLS, Cottage Grove Food Administration Committee.

NOT MANY MEN LEFT IN SIXTH CO. CANADIANS

Letters Home Indicate That Cottage Grove Boys Are Scattered Over the Entire United States.

Owing to recent orders of the war department it is impossible to get any direct news from any of the army camps, which is the reason The Sentinel has had no recent letters from Fort Stevens. Only through remarks dropped by visitors to the camps or by word conveyed in letters to the home folks does the news get out. Here are some little news items that have leaked through from one source or another:

There are but few Cottage Grove men left in Sixth company, probably not over two dozen, the members of this company having been sent to other branches of the service and to schools for instruction. This company probably will be filled with drafted men. It is understood that Second Lieutenant King is in command and that the members believe they are likely to leave at an early date for the French or Italian front to handle heavy artillery.

Captain Woods seems to be still acting as major and in command of a battalion, besides having several other duties.

Members of Sixth company are scattered all over the United States, but as far as can be learned, none have yet left for Europe.

Fruit Jars From Fort Stevens. The jars which went with the fruit sent to the soldiers at Fort Stevens were returned this week, but it was found that the express charges were greater than the cost of new jars, so the jars were disposed of to cover the charges. The cost of sending canned fruit is so high that it is thought advisable to hereafter send the money to the boys and let them buy their fruit.

Roseburg Plays Here Tomorrow. An interesting game of basketball will be played Friday (tomorrow) evening in the armory, when the Cottage Grove high school team will meet the Roseburg high school team. The latter team will play Eugene tonight at Eugene, and the comparative scores will give some idea of the probable result of the game when Eugene high decides to play the local team. A game was scheduled with Eugene for last Friday on their floor but for some reason it was called off by Eugene.

The Sentinel—the live wire newspaper.

Change of Publication Day

BEGINNING with the next issue The Sentinel will be issued on Fridays, instead of Thursdays. Readers kindly bear this in mind.

HARRY WATKINS, REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED, BACK IN THE TRENCHES

Mrs. Sadie Camp, of North Bend, who is visiting Mrs. Ed. Willson, of this city, and who is the mother of Harry Watkins, reported to have been killed in France, has received a letter from her son saying that he is still alive, has almost recovered from his wounds, and would be back in the trenches by the time the letter reached his mother.

Watkins is a former resident of Cottage Grove and a former member of Sixth company, C. A. C., of this city.

HIGHER RATE ASKED FOR LIGHTING

Cottage Grove Electric Company Says Revenue Must Be Increased to Prevent Bankruptcy.

In line with increased costs of everything else, the Cottage Grove Electric company is asking a higher price for street lights for the city on its new contract. It offers 100 candle power street lights at \$20 a year and 700 candle power lights at \$60 a year. This is an advance of \$2 a year on the 100 candle power lights and \$10 a year on the 700 candle power lights, making a total increase for the year of \$40. The new contract came up for consideration at the meeting Monday night but action was deferred until the next meeting.

The lighting company says it cannot furnish the lights for less, that it is now running at a loss of \$2500 a year. Some members of the council say that the city cannot afford to increase its expenses, while it is understood that others favor paying the raise. There has been some talk of asking the public service commission to fix the rate.

USUAL SNOW FAILS TO FALL IN MOUNTAINS

That this is an unusual winter is indicated by the fact that there is no snow in the mountains, when there is usually several feet at this time of the year. Two feet fell in the Bohemia district early in the winter but has since disappeared. Last winter cabins and mine buildings were completely covered by the drifting snow and many buildings went down under its weight.

PRICE OF MILL FEED HAS BEEN FIXED

Producers Are Asked to Do Their Utmost Under Government Stabilizing of the Markets.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 8.—"News of the utmost importance to the farmers and stockraisers, and to the whole people of the northwest," said Federal Food Administrator W. B. Ayer, "is contained in the recent announcement that the manufacture of mill feeds had come under government control through the federal licensing system, and that the price of bran had been fixed at \$30 a ton, with shorts at \$32 and middlings at \$39. These prices are substantially lower than have prevailed, and the supply will be materially increased by the milling of all wheat possible here in the northwest, instead of shipping the whole wheat away to be milled elsewhere. This makes the outlook much brighter for those who have been struggling to keep their herds and flocks together in the face of great difficulties and uncertainty.

"The new prices are already effective. Now that the uncertainty of feed prices has been eliminated and the largest possible supply assured, the farmers and stockraisers can feel secure in making plans, and I earnestly urge that these plans be made for the largest possible production of food animals. The poultry, because of the world shortage, will inevitably be strong and steady for a long time to come, and raising food animals under the new conditions cannot fail to prove a sound and profitable business investment, as well as an important patriotic service."

GIRL OF GERMAN BLOOD EARNS OWN MONEY FOR THE RED CROSS

The Red Cross branch of this city has received a membership from May Mescher, of Anlauf, who father, one of the most patriotic of our adopted citizens, is a native of Germany. Miss May set an example for children of German-born parents by earning with her own hands the money which paid for her membership in the society which is backing our boys in the trenches.

HIGH SCHOOL IS NOW READY FOR DEBATES

After a delay of three months in arranging a schedule for debates between high schools in this section, caused by the demands of war work, a schedule has finally been made. Several of the schools, Cottage Grove among them, dropped out of the league during the delay, but Cottage Grove has decided to reenter and go into the work with a vim. The first date will be January 25, when the negative team will go to Eugene and the affirmative team will meet the Eugene negative team here. Robert Sutcliffe is leader of the affirmative team, with Max Wilson as his colleague, and Clifford Taylor is leader of the negative team, with Lucile Counts as his colleague. The subject is, "Resolved, That the United States should abandon the Monroe Doctrine."

CLASSY JOB PRINTING. The Sentinel. **

DRAFT AGE TO BE RAISED FROM 31 TO 45

OLDER MEN MAY NOT BE ASKED TO GO INTO THE TRENCHES

Younger Would Do the Fighting While Others Would Be Best Fitted to Do Their Bit in the Industries.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Increasing the draft age from 31 to 40 or 45 years is one of the "probabilities of the future," according to provost Marshal-General Crowder in his comprehensive report to the secretary of war.

The draft of the older men should be mainly for skilled war labor, but also to distribute the burdens of the war. There are plenty of young men for the first line fighting. Crowder has shown, but he also points out there is danger of "injuring the coming generation" by taking away too many of the "aggressively patriotic young men."

Out of the 10,683,249 men between the ages of 31 and 45, Crowder estimates 3,525,472 are unmarried and that 39 per cent of the latter figure, or 1,480,388, would be accepted for service under the present regulations.

Advocating this, Crowder said: "The youngest men are generally deemed to make the soundest and most pliable military material. On the other hand, the older men are more likely to yield in large numbers the occupational skill so necessary in the varied compositions of the modern army."

Under the national selective service system, which seeks to distribute the burden equally between the willing and the unwilling, it is important, if not essential, to include the older men, because the smaller proportion of them is likely to enlist."

Under the new system a card index of the abilities of every man will be compiled in Washington after the questionnaires are all returned. In this way the government will be able to put its finger on men of certain trades just when they are needed.

"The whole labor problem can thus be controlled," Crowder points out, "adjustments forced where they are right and proper that they should be forced, and in this respect this nation will be in the most advantageous position ever occupied by a belligerent power in this or any other war."

First National Elects.

The First National bank has elected the following officers for 1918: President, Herbert Eakin; cashier, T. C. Wheeler; assistant cashier, W. H. Harvey; directors, Herbert Eakin, T. C. Wheeler, N. W. White, O. O. Veach, and J. H. Hawley.

EUGENE MEN ARE AGAIN OUT FOR THE OFFICES

Talk of Candidates From Other Parts of County May Result in Nothing.

Walter B. Jones is the first man in Lane county to announce himself as a candidate before the May primaries. He was followed in a few hours by "Loganberry Jim" Fullerton, also of Eugene. Jones is a candidate for the senate from Lane county and Fullerton for the lower house.

Jones served in the last legislature, his services there having been frequently referred to at the time by The Sentinel. He was secretary of the county fair board for six years and juvenile officer for four years. In making his announcement, Jones says he feels that he is qualified to fill the office, that he will have no collar about his neck, but he does not say that he will emulate the example of that famous legislator, Sockless Jerry Simpson. "Win or lose, I am still for Lane county," says Jones.

Fullerton will make his campaign upon his opposition to the conduct of the university, and his opposition to President Campbell, in particular.

There has been some talk of candidates from other sections of the county, but the probabilities are that when the ballots are printed it will be found that all the candidates are from the county seat.

TALKS ON PERU BEFORE PARENTS AND TEACHERS

The regular meeting of the parent-teacher association Tuesday evening was addressed by Rev. Joseph Knotts on the subject, "The Ruins of Old Peru." Everyone present gave very close attention to the interesting and educational description of those ancient people and their civilization. A splendid musical program, preceding the address, consisted of a piano solo beautifully rendered by Miss Hildred Hall. "Won't You Come and Dance With Me?" was beautifully sung by a quartet of girls, Ruth Stewart, Sarah Tannis, Eva Hartung and Juanita Short, with Miss Esther Silsby at the piano. Mrs. Roy W. Glass sang "The Carnival."

Members of the program committee for the meeting of February 12 are Mrs. Merle Powell, Miss Esther Silsby and Miss Bertha Stephens.

As a preliminary to the boys' game Friday night the Cottage Grove high school girls' basketball team will play the girls' team of the Creswell high school.