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AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP SOARS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21. (Special) With 2000 membership cards pouring into Department Headquarters of the American Legion just past, Carl R. Moser, State Adjutant, predicts that the 12,000 goal fixed for 1926 will be reached in record time. "More enthusiasm in membership work than has ever been shown in the organization has been manifested since announcement of the competition in which the posts of the Legion throughout the state are matched for nine silver trophy cups," commented Adjutant Moser today. "If the spirit continues through this month and February, the first of March should see the goal reached and the American Legion in Oregon at the highest mark since inception.

"What is more, it will place this department in line for some highly-prized national trophies. Already there are four posts in the State which have more members than enrolled in the entire year of 1925. They are McMinnville, Antelope, ports indicate that there are no posts which do not anticipate at least as large a membership as in 1925, and more expect an increase over former years.

ences and inter-county competition is adding to membership and community interest of the American Legion in this state. Formation of county councils, the plan already in effect in Yamhill county, is being taken up by Columbia and Sherman counties, while joint county organizations are being formed by Deschutes-Crook and Marion-Polk counties.

"Inter-city competition is keen between The Dalles and Hood River, Eugene and Salem, St. Helens and Vernonia, Forest Grove and Hillsboro and Baker and La Grande.

"The Sunshine society of the Legion, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, headed by Leland M. Cowan of Portland, is giving excellent assistance in membership work. It has taken the lead in Pendleton and that Post expects to roll up the greatest membership in the six years of its existence.

"All in all, prospects for an active membership exceeding any yet found in the Legion, are excellent for 1926."

MAKE PARENTS RESPONSIBLE

Investigations into the so-called crime wave in this country have disclosed the fact that a majority of the persons implicated in robberies and other acts of lawlessness are under the age of 21 years, indicating that laxity in parental discipline is largely responsible for their crimes against society. No youth may act in a legal capacity before he has reached his majority without the sanction of his parents or guardian, so why should not the parents or guardian be held responsible for any damage which their wards may cause to society? If control of these youths has been lost, society should have the knowledge, at least, as a matter of self protection.

It seems reasonable to suppose that many parents would take more interest in the training of their children if they could be held responsible for crimes which they committed. They would at least attempt to prevent lawless acts; or, failing in this, report their inability to the authorities and ask that the law impose restraining influences. It may be argued that such a law would work an injustice upon parents, but what about the injustice that is imposed upon the public by the acts of juvenile delinquents? Is society not entitled to some protection against lawlessness on the part of minors, or failing in protection, should it not have some recourse not now obtainable?

NUGENT IN ALUMINUM QUIZ

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U. P.)—The senate judiciary committee today summoned John F. Nugent, chairman of the federal trade commission, to appear at its next meeting Tuesday to explain his commission's activities in the investigation of the Mellon-controlled aluminum company of America.

Otis B. Johnson, secretary of the committee, and other commission officials will also be summoned at the opening of the second phase of the investigation engineered by Senator Walsh.

WAGE CASE SETTLED

Oregon City, Jan. 19.—The circuit court case scheduled to be tried Monday, that of Miss L. C. Howe against the Estacada Publishing Co. for wages alleged due, was dismissed by Judge Campbell, following a settlement out of court.

FLAX INDUSTRY STARTS

Nearly a million dollars are being invested in two linen mills at Salem, one is completed and a second will be built the coming spring. These are in addition to the state plant—and by the way, it is the largest flax manufacturing plant in the United States. These are the foundations of a big industry that will no doubt develop in the Willamette valley the State Market Agent believes.

The permanency of the flax industry is what recommends it to any locality that can grow and manufacture flax. There is hardly a pound of waste from the field to the finished products—every part of the growth is utilized in some manner. It is a wonderfully valuable product. And flax growing is about like hay. With normal weather conditions it will yield about two tons to the acre, which the state is paying \$76 for. Under irrigation the yield is larger.

More than one hundred million dollars worth of manufactured articles and by-products of flax are imported into this country annually. The Willamette valley is adapted to both growth and manufacture—soil, moisture, dearth of electricity and mild climate—and as there are nationwide markets for all flax products it would seem that eventually both growing and manufacture would become major industries and of great benefit to the state. Flax experts who have investigated conditions of the valley state that it is the only known locality where flax can be both grown and manufactured in the same locality.

The big developments at Salem have come about within the past three years. Governor Withycombe envisioned a flax industry and he worked hard to make a demonstration start with prison labor. His failure was due largely to want of practical skill in the undertaking; then unfavorable weather at harvest time and state-wide unfavorable criticism added to his discouragement, and work stopped.

Governor Olcott left the wreck as he found it, and advisors of Governor Pierce told him to let the fool undertake alone, but Mr. Pierce believed, like Mr. Withycombe, that there was a big future to flax growing and manufacture; that prison manufacture would not compete with any other like businesses in Oregon, and he believed that he could make the penitentiary self sustaining after a time.

The successful demonstrations at the prison have attracted wide attention and the two new linen mills. The prison plant provides the mills with flax in the various stages desired by them. Other mills will undoubtedly come, for it has been practically demonstrated that the much desired long fiber can be grown here in any desired quantity.

Just how fast the farmers of the valley should go into flax growing is a question, and it would be well for any grower to first investigate and know where his crop may be sold before planting; how much acreage the new mills will demand and how such the state will contract for. One of the big drawbacks has been the laborious work of hand pulling, but the state has purchased several machines for this purpose, and will pull the farmer's flax at half the cost of hand labor.

BUS LINE TO POWELL VALLEY

Another new auto bus line will be placed in service by the Portland Electric Power Company beginning Sunday morning. This will be known as the Powell Valley Road line, and will be a part of the regular city bus system.

The route will be southbound from East 71st street and 29th avenue via East 71st street, Powell Valley Road, East 82nd street to Kendall station, where the busses will connect with the interurban system. Operating northbound, the busses will return over the same route.

The busses will stop at the near side of the street, but owing to the irregularity of street intersections on East 82nd street, a number of "car top" signs will be put in place to indicate loading points.

John Irvin, who was taken to a Portland hospital some days ago for an operation is getting along well and is on the road to recovery. His many friends will be pleased to see John on the streets again.

Miss Elsie Poole, the principle of Currinsville school and three of her pupils, Edna Heiple, Katherine and Margaret McConnell, picknicked on the banks of the Clackamas near the river mill, Sunday. All enjoyed a fine trip.

SPRINGWATER

The sick people in this neighborhood are all reported as better. Mrs. Elmer Dibble who has been confined to her bed for some time is able to be up now.

Mr. Shearer was a Portland visitor on Wednesday last.

Oregon City visitors on Wednesday were Mr. and Miss Madden and Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Moger going with them as far as Clackamas station where she visited with Mrs. Weir.

A good sized crowd attended the C. E. S. meeting at the Peter Erickson home on Thursday evening in spite of the storm. Next meeting to be held at the Ed Closner home on January 29th.

Chas. Farier, who has been making his home with Harry Grable for the past few years left on Friday for Medford to live with his uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bard were dinner guests at the J. A. Shibley home on Sunday.

Mr. and Miss Madden and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were Sunday visitors at the Cogswell home in Eagle Creek. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kiggins visited on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moger.

Mr. Closner who cut his hand quite badly on a wood saw one day last week is reported as much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Park are both reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Nettie Grable is here for a visit at the home of her son Harry.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Closner, Lester and Albert, visited on Sunday at the home of their son and brother John Closner, at Ridgefield, Wash.

Mrs. J. F. Moger and Mrs. Wiley Howell were Friday afternoon callers on Mrs. Myrtle Closner.

Mr. Walter Strunk is on the sick list.

Callers at the George Pery home on Monday evening were Edith and Wilbur Howell and Gilbert Shearer.

The committee in charge of entertainment for the next community club meeting are busy preparing some "stunts" for the evening. A debate on an interesting subject is planned for one thing. They also expect to sell refreshments, the money to be used for a much needed improvement at the grange hall. Don't forget the date—the first Saturday evening in February, which is the sixth.

VISITORS TO BE EDUCATED

The tale of one of the most heroic and significant chapters of American history, that of Washington's crossing the Delaware and the resultant victories at Trenton and Princeton, will be told in terms of stark realism to the millions of visitors to the Sesquicentennial International Exposition which opens in Philadelphia, June 1, 1926.

In the exhibit of New Jersey which embodies the reconstruction of the Hessian barracks at Trenton, will be portrayed the site of the battle that marked the turn of the tide of revolutionary war.

The winter of 1776 marked the darkest days of the Colonial cause. When the fate of Independence seemed doomed to disaster, when the colonists felt that theirs was a struggle without gain, and when faith gave way to dismay, it was Washington to whom the people looked for hope and courage. The tale of his crossing the Delaware has become an epic.

Howe held Philadelphia, Cornwallis was at Princeton, and Rall with 1400 men, mostly Hessians, was at Trenton. The small army at Valley Forge challenged by the hardships of a severe winter, endured the ordeals of starvation and cold. Weary, half-clad, poorly-shod men responded to Washington's orders to advance. In a cold and blinding snow the army began its march to Trenton. Undaunted by the distance the soldiers trudged the white snow for twenty miles, leaving a trail in their footprints of blood.

On the night before Christmas, 1776, on the west side of the river and nine miles above Trenton, Washington determined to attack the force of Hessians quartered in that city. He divided his forces into three columns and ordered them across the Delaware. Two columns were forced to turn back because of the difficulties of the passage. A terrific storm and an ice-filled river demanded every atom of strength. It remained for the third column, with which Washington himself marched, to cross the river to the north bank, advance eight miles through sleet, and surround the Hessians.

On Christmas morning in the midst of the revelry of the Hessians, who, boasting of their prowess and their invincible strength, were celebrat-

MRS. ALICE SEYMOUR

On Saturday morning, January 16, Mrs. Alice Seymour, an old pioneer of our town passed away at her home.

Alice Butler Seymour was born near Bethany, Missouri, in 1853, making her about 73 years old at the time of her death.

She was married to Charles Seymour a number of years ago in the east and together they came to our vicinity some twenty years ago. They had no children and she leaves to mourn only her nieces and nephews in the east.

Mrs. Seymour's funeral services were held from the Miller and Tracy Chapel in Portland on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with the Rev. Harold Griffith of the First Christian Church of Portland officiating. The services were short as she had requested and during this service her favorite hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," was beautifully rendered by a soloist of Portland.

The body is being expressed today (Thursday) to a nephew at Bethany, Mo. Mrs. Seymour had requested that some citizen of the town accompany her body east but for some reason it seems these arrangements were changed and her body is being sent alone.

The News wishes to express their sincere sympathy to the relatives of Mrs. Seymour and shall feel deeply her passing, for as one of the first settlers in our community she had become a familiar figure amongst us and has had a part in making the history of our town.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SLACK

We are guided and governed by the eternal laws of justice and every one, high and low, must obey them if we are to continue to live and prosper, according to Senator Guy Goff, of West Virginia, who writes convincingly in the National Republic under the title, "Guide Posts of Human Experience." Senator Goff says in part:

"There is no greater evil today than the non-enforcement by public officials of laws which they have sworn to uphold. It is not for an executive, state or federal, to ask whether a law is good or bad. He should enforce it, or confess failure and resign. Therefore, behind every public office stands a power which creates it, and to which it is responsible. That power under our form of government is the sovereign will of the people.

"No government can be maintained without a principle of fear as well as of duty. Good men will obey the latter; bad men will obey only the former. The underlying evil in the administration of our public affairs is simply dishonesty. Our public offices are too often held by dishonest men—and too often used for dishonest ends. The error is rooted in a mistaken and immoral theory as to the nature of the position they hold. In law and morals, a public office is but an agency of the people. They fix its duties and supply its salary. Few deny this truth, but practically it is contradicted every day in all parts of the Union. To have good government we must have good citizens—and always, continuously, a warfare without truce or quarter against those who violate the law. It is strange but true—that bad men are combined—and good citizens are divided—and that therein lies the cause of lawbreaking. If the good would join hands, the lawless could do nothing—because they constitute but a small proportion of the entire population. Burke's well-known words cannot be too often quoted: "There never was long a corrupt government of a virtuous people." When we find any self-governing people afflicted with misgovernment, we can safely believe that they do not deserve a better fate."

Mr. John Githens has 32 young lambs in his flock of sheep. Who can beat this? These should bring from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per head for Easter market.

During the Yuletide, Washington made his surprise attack. He forced them to battle and captured a thousand men. Rall was killed in battle and the Hessians were taken to Pennsylvania as prisoners-of-war.

With renewed impetus, Washington and his forces recrossed the Delaware, and again faced the enemy who concentrated a strong force at Trenton. Leaving the camp fires burning brightly, he slipped away during the night, passed the British flank, and on the morning of January 3, 1776, defeated a strong force at Princeton.

The next sketch will be the grave of Benjamin Franklin.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Charley Kitching was visiting his parents Sunday.

Ray Woodle left a fine sample of grey oats at the Currinsville store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kiggins spent Saturday in Portland.

Mrs. F. C. Bartholemew was a Portland visitor on Monday.

Go to Pointer's for your cheap buys.

Mr. Chas. Harline accompanied Lloyd Ewalt to Portland Tuesday.

C. J. Kitching is to start work on an addition to R. H. Currins barn this week.

Miss Irma Gates of Gresham visited the Lester Hale family over the week end.

Cecil R. Wright, who is visiting J. O. Tunnell, entered the Currinsville school Monday.

C. J. Kitching is laying the foundation for the feed mill in Currinsville this Monday.

The Bob Cooke Motor Co. reports the sale of a new improved model Ford roadster to Mr. J. S. Wilcoxon.

Oliver Coleman spent Tuesday in Portland and while there purchased supplies for Howard's radio.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kitching and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kitching motored to Carver Sunday.

W. O. Echols is buying and shipping cattle this week. The Currinsville store truck took in two loads last week and a load on Monday of this week for him.

Clark Passon and E. A. Dues were passengers on the train from Portland Tuesday evening.

Russell Betts of Gladstone was a visitor at the T. J. Reagan home on Friday.

Mrs. Ed Allen of Manrod was visiting relatives in this vicinity on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Woodle and family of Troutdale were visitors in this community on Sunday.

Miss Maude Sturgeon of the Estacada pharmacy was a Portland visitor one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Syrow were guests of Portland friends over the week end.

Ernest Rynning came out from Portland on Saturday and spent the week end with his mother.

Mr. Ecker of Portland was visiting relatives in this vicinity several days this last week.

Mrs. Chas. Duncan and Mrs. Carl Rehberg were passengers on the train from Portland on Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Rhodes and daughter Mildred spent Sunday in Oregon City as the guests of relatives.

Mrs. Ford Darrow and daughter Miss Alta, and Mrs. R. H. Carter and daughter Miss Edna, were in Portland on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Adams and little daughter, of Portland, spent the week end with their mother, Mrs. Mary Adams.

Passengers on the train to Portland on Saturday morning were Mr. Bates, Mrs. John Irvin, Mrs. J. W. Reed and two daughters and Mrs. C. A. Jacques.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Woodard and daughters of Oregon City were guests at the home of Mrs. Woodard's parents on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Bartholemew who has been visiting in Corvallis for some time returned on Wednesday to visit at the home of her son, Mr. F. C. Bartholemew.

Mrs. U. S. Morgan and Mrs. J. P. Woodie are reported ill this week, however both are on the improve which their friends are glad to learn.

The Estacada post office has been remodeled this week, several splendid changes being made. The boxes have been changed that the light is better on them, thus improving the service for the patrons.

The many friends of Raymond Lovelace are glad to know that he has recovered from his recent operation and is back at work again at the Tom Morton store.

Mr. Fraley has been helping in the Bartholemew and Lawrence Feed store during Mr. Lawrence's absence. He has been ill and confined to his home but is reported somewhat improved.

Dr. C. M. Dale who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dale for some time, left on Monday for his home in Gresham. He expects soon to begin practicing dentistry but as yet hasn't decided definitely on a location, though he has several under consideration.

JOINT INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS

On Saturday evening, January 16, was held the joint installation ceremonies of the local Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges. Dr. Johnson and Katherine Jones were the district deputy presidents presiding and Hugh Jones and Rose Wilcox were the grand Marshals for the installing ceremonies. The work was very creditably done before about two hundred members and friends of the two orders who had gathered for the occasion. At the close of the evening a most bounteous "pot-luck" supper was spread in the banquet hall where all present were seated and plentifully supplied.

The Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of this community have the largest memberships of any organizations in this vicinity and at all times their members show much interest in their work and do much good whenever opportunity presents itself.

The following officers were installed for the ensuing term:

I. O. O. F. No. 175
Noble Grand, Lawrence Webber; V. G., Lloyd Ewalt; Secy., J. K. Ely; Treas., W. F. Cary; Warden, Ernest Marshall; Conductor, Arthur Perry; Inside Guardian, Oral Stormer; Outside Guardian, Walter Looney; R. S. N. G., Orin Ballou; L. S. N. G., Paul Holmes; R. S. V. G., Earl Day; L. S. V. G., B. Schoenberg; R. S. S., Chris Longwell; Chaplain, Earl McConnell.

Centennial Rebekah, No. 147
Noble Grand, Florence Gohring; V. G., Mabel Anderson; Secy., Nellie Hayman; Treas., Mabel Smith; Warden, Louise Linn; Conductor, Sadie Wade; Inside Guardian, Marie Heiple; Outside Guardian, Mrs. Woodworth; Chaplain, Della Ewalt; R. S. N. G., Rhoe Syrow; L. S. N. G., Mary Eshleman; R. S. V. G., Mary Dubois; L. S. V. G., Amy Rinners; Musician, Amy Ely; Past Noble Grand Byrdie Gilgan.

At the close of the installation ceremonies Mrs. Mae Oakley Reed in a most pleasing manner presented a number of P. N. Grands of the Rebekah lodge with beautiful pins in recognition of their work in the order as gifts from Centennial lodge No. 147.

LOCAL ATTORNEY IN HOSPITAL

W. W. Smith, attorney, was taken to the Veteran's Hospital, Portland, on Wednesday. He had been in bed over two weeks. Mr. Smith saw service in the world war and was located in Siberia for a time, and was afterwards injured in a train wreck prior to getting out of the service. The injury was to his back, which has seriously affected his health.

LIBEL LETTER TO SUN

Sutherland bids fair to come in for considerable prominence in a suit for damages which promises to be given wide publicity when the suit comes on for trial. Recently there appeared in the Recorder a legal publication issued from San Francisco, under the heading of "New following entry:

U. S. DISTRICT COURT
17450—A. R. Bowen vs. Intertype Corporation, et al, damages.

It so happens that the publisher of the Sutherland Sun figures in this suit, he having received from the manager of the Intertype corporation at San Francisco, a letter at which Mr. Bowen took offense and upon which he is basing his suit for \$100,000, charging libel. The knowledge of our having received the letter reached Mr. Bowen through a salesman of the Intertype Corporation, Mr. Otis Wilson, of Portland, who informed Mr. Bowen of the general contents of the letter and then resigned his position with that concern. Mr. Bowen then came to Sutherland and asked the writer for the letter, saying that he knew of the existence of such a letter and having convinced the writer that he was in possession of the facts the letter was delivered to him and the suit in the Federal Court at San Francisco then was filed.

Oregon publishers and printers will watch this suit with interest.—Sutherland Sun.

The Currinsville store truck took in eleven fine hogs for Mr. E. A. Dues, and a coop of fine chickens for Mrs. G. B. Linn Tuesday morning.

There will be an old fashioned Valentine's day dance at the Estacada hotel, Saturday evening, February 13th. Good music and a good time is sure to take place under the management of Mr. Moore, the genial proprietor of this hostelry.