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"I am sorry that you do not wear a flag every day and I can only ask you if you lose the physical emblem to be sure that you wear it IN YOUR HEART; the heart of America shall interpret the heart of the world."—President Wilson.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A laugh is just like sunshine.
It freshens all the day;
It tips the peaks of life with light,
And drives the clouds away;
The soul grows glad that hears it
And feels its courage strong—
A laugh is just like sunshine
For cheering folks along.

Men between 21 and 30 years of age who fail to register next Tuesday are going to get into trouble with Uncle Sam.

Next Monday is the date for the bond election and whether the bonds carry or not, Oregon should go ahead and build more and better roads.

The patriotic gentleman down the street, who is so loyal to home institutions that he was pained in his corporosity because the Express ran advertising for Portland merchants, must have forgotten his loyalty to home institutions, for his paper is now carrying an advertisement for a Hillsboro hospital, in competition with the Forest Grove hospital. Some of the ladies who have organized a society to foster and promote the local hospital should have a nice little heart-to-heart talk with Brother Hurley.

Elsewhere on this page is a display advertisement, wherein the Secretary of the Treasury appeals to public-spirited citizens to assist in financing the war by purchasing Liberty Loan Bonds. The Express donates this advertising and the thousands of banks throughout the country are acting without compensation as agents for the government. People who can spare the money, should "do their bit" via the bond route. It will bring a more satisfactory feeling than paying indemnity to the Prussian butchers in case they should drive the American fleet off the seas. It's an easy choice now.

WAKE UP!

The most important work in the United States today is preparedness for war and one of the most important steps toward preparedness is the organizing and equipping of Red Cross chapters Hillsboro has an auxiliary of more than 500 members; the Forest Grove auxiliary has but 154. Why this contrast? Are the people of Forest Grove less thoughtful of the comfort of the boys who have enlisted, or are they too busy dancing and playing cards to care for aught else? Go to the public meeting at Verts' hall next Wednesday night and learn how everybody can help in this noble work. Let us abandon the frivolous and, during the war, pay more attention to worth-while things. Even "Frisolous France" has been sobered and it behooves America to mend her ways. Before many months Oregon boys may die on foreign soil for lack of nursing or hospital supplies. Wake up! Be real men and women!

Banquet for Scouts and Their Fathers

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So far as the fathers lasted, they were seated beside their sons during the meal and where a Scout's father was absent, he was seated beside some other Scout and his father, if possible.

After the meal had been disposed of, Scoutmaster Paul Gilmer made a brief statement of the aims and objects of the Scout movement, saying the organizers realized the desires on the part of most boys to get into gangs.

There were just two kinds of gangs—good and bad—and the Scout movement was designed to place boys in good gangs, where they would be taught to obey

their parents, respect the rights of others and honor and defend their country. If a Scout lived up to the teachings of his law, he would become a respected and useful man.

Judge Hollis, one of the adopted fathers of the Scouts, toasted "The Fathers" and regretted that he was not the father of a Scout, but consoled himself with the fact that he had been selected as one of their advisers. He thought a great deal of the teachings of the order and admitted that watching the Scouts at work had taught him a great deal regarding the respect due the flag; for instance, he did not know, until a Scout told him, that it was considered disrespectful to the flag to allow it to come in contact with the ground when lowered. Many things like this were taught the boys and he was glad so many Forest Grove boys were coming into the movement. Congratulating the mothers for the excellent dinner served, Judge Hollis gave way to Joe Loomis, who toasted "The Boys in Khaki" and told a comical story of a boy's experiences on a farm.

M. S. Van Walters, president, and Mrs. W. C. Benfer, patriotic instructor of the local Relief Corps, then presented Troop 2 with a flag-staff and belt, a present from the W. R. C., Mrs. Walters making a neat and feeling presentation speech. Francis Taylor, assistant Scoutmaster, received the tokens and thanked the donors, promising that the Scouts would never see the pres-

ents dishonored, the ceremonies coming to a close with the Scouts saluting the flag and joining with their fathers and mothers in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Some Pointers on Tomato Growing

Splendid results may be obtained in tomato raising, where the garden space is limited, by setting the plants closer than usual in the row and training them to one, two or three stems, with the lateral growth pruned off at the axis of the leaves and the main stem. This method keeps the plants and fruit off the ground, gives the fruit more sun, makes it easier to work around the vines and allows longer cultivation. Keeping the laterals pruned off induces more vigorous growth in the remaining stems and results in the production of larger, smoother tomatoes.

One of the easiest and most successful methods of holding the plants up from the ground is the loganberry system of trellising. This is arranged by setting two or three posts in a row of twelve plants, and nailing on small cross pieces extending to one side of the posts. The cross pieces should be about twelve or fourteen inches apart, beginning about that distance from the ground. Horizontal wires tightly stretched from the end posts and attached to the intervening cross pieces will afford convenient and ample support for the vines and fruit. Another simple method consists

in driving a stake for each plant.

The lateral growth between the axis of the leaves and the main stem should be removed as soon as they appear. If more than one main stem is desired the strongest of the laterals should be permitted to develop and be trained on the trellis. The main stems may be allowed to reach a height of six or six and one-half feet before topping them to increase the size of the fruit on the upper clusters and induce ripening.

The training of the plants brings the clusters of blossoms within convenient reach and makes hand pollination much easier.—A. G. B. Boquet, Head of Vegetable Gardening at O. A. C.

Ladies, do you know that John Anderson can sell you just as stylish waists, skirts and coats as you can get anywhere? Come and see them before you send for something you can't see until after you have paid for it.

Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington county.

In the matter of the estate of George E. McKibbin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of George E. McKibbin, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file said claims, with necessary vouchers, with the said administratrix, at the office of Hollis & Graham, attorneys, in the city of Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Dated at Forest Grove, Oregon, this 30th day of April, 1917.

MAGGIE McKIBBIN,
Administratrix of the estate of
George E. McKibbin, deceased.
HOLLIS & GRAHAM,
Attorneys for the estate.
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A Message from Secretary W. G. McAdoo

"Wars cannot be conducted without money. It is the first thing to be provided. In this war it is the most immediate help—the most effective help that we can give. We must not be content with a subscription of two billion dollars—we must oversubscribe this loan as an indication that America is stirred to the depths and aroused to the summit of her greatness in the cause of freedom. Let us not endanger success by complacent optimism. Let us not satisfy ourselves with the reflection that some one else will subscribe the required amount. Let every man and woman in the land make it his or her business to subscribe to the Liberty Loan immediately, and if they cannot subscribe themselves, let them induce somebody else to subscribe. Provide the Government with the funds indispensably needed for the conduct of the war and give notice to the enemies of the United States that we have billions to sacrifice in the cause of Liberty.

"Buy a Liberty Bond today; do not put it off until tomorrow. Every dollar provided quickly and expended wisely will shorten the war and save human life."

W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury.

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