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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

When you are asked to contribute for the Red Cross, remember that if you don't "come across," the kaiser may do so.

The owners of seven of the leading barber shops of Portland have announced that the total proceeds of their shops tomorrow will be given to the Red Cross fund. It's about time for some of the old timers in the "Spinster" city to take their annual hair-cuts, anyway.

One of the hardest workers for Red Cross funds in this part of the state is B. J. Simpson, agent in this city for the Southern Pacific, who, in addition to looking after his job at the depot, has been nursing a sick wife and devoting from two to six hours per day to the Red Cross campaign. And there are several dozen men and nearly as many women who have backed Mr. Simpson up loyally in his work.

When President Wilson asked Oregon to take \$8,500,000 of Liberty Loan bonds the web-feet responded by giving him one-third more than asked. This week we are asked to raise \$600,000 in the state for the Red Cross and the Express predicts the amount will come to close to a million. Oregon people are patriotic and will in many instances deprive themselves of necessities to finance the war and the Red Cross.

Forest Grove is naturally a beautiful city, barring a few weed-grown vacant lots, but it needs decorating in the national colors next week. The old soldiers and their ladies represent strong and patriotic military organizations

and, while they no doubt admire flowers and shrubbery, they have a strong liking for flags and bunting. Let this adornment in the national colors extend to the residences, so that when the visitors go into the residence section for their meals or beds, they need not pass a house that does not carry the stars and stripes. Show your colors, good people.

IF THERE WERE

NO RED CROSS

America's part in the world conflict would only be ruthless war fare.

We would be sending forth our forces solely to lay waste, destroy and kill.

For our soldiers and sailors, we would give no evidence of the concern felt at home for their welfare.

In our selfish clinging to convenience, comfort and luxury, we would give no sign of the "Spirit of '76" or the splendid quality of sacrifice that strengthened the fingers of our women of the civil war as they tore their delicate garments into bandages.

Our dollars would be slackers and the soldier boy you told goodbye to, probably would not come back again.

But there is a Red Cross—America has un-heathed the sword and elevated the Red Cross.

On every battlefield, our soldiers will not go further than the stretcher bearers of the Red Cross, will not risk their lives more splendidly for our liberty than the stretcher bearers do for mercy.

Our ally will not love us better for the strength we give his fighting arm than the healing we lay

upon his wounds. Our boys will fight more heroically, confident that if they fall, the Red Cross will carry them back of the trenches and do all that skill and love and devotion can do to save their lives. Knowing too, that if a little cross in a foreign land must mark their last resting place, the Red Cross at home will be keeping want from mother, wife or children.

Wherever war makes need, the Red Cross serves. The service of the Red Cross demonstrates above all that we do not brutally fight to beat down and break a foe, but for liberty, not so swayed by lust of battle that we cast from the hand of love the symbol of mercy—the Red Cross.

Thus, even as America fights, America's heart thrills in response to the Red Cross appeal and American pocketbooks open wide.

Thus, even as Oregon gives her young men to the army and navy, she gives her money to the Red Cross that our defenders may be defended.

Throughout the state the emergency appeal of the Red Cross has set in motion an army of volunteer workers that are getting enthusiastic, patriotic, generous response everywhere.

Oregon's dollars are not slackers.

People who have watched the unwarranted upward tend of prices on foodstuffs are predicting that, unless congress does something or allows the president to do something to stop the price boosting, there is liable to be a revolution among the working people of this country. It looks to the writer that, whether things are as serious as intimated or not, it is about time for the cold-blooded members of America's house of lords to either work in harmony with the president in his desire to smash the food trust or resign from office. If a revolution should come because of the inaction of the senate, the writer hopes the heads of the senators will be the first to fall into the mob's baskets. If the food speculators were made to let loose their holds on the pocketbooks of the people, possibly more of them could buy Liberty bonds and contribute more liberally to the Red Cross.

The Walker Orchestra will be pretty badly scattered Saturday, as Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walker are at Brownsville, playing for the annual reunion of the Linn county Pioneers, Sam Walker will be playing for a dance at Yocault, Wash., and Raleigh goes to Yamhill to play for a dance.

To get the most salable fruit it is necessary that the trees be kept well sprayed. Get your Ar-enate of Lead for the next spraying at Littler's Pharmacy.

THE PUBLIC PULSE

An Explanation
Forest Grove, Ore., June 19, 1917.
To the Editor of
The Forest Grove Express:
Many people have wondered and some have asked why the movement in favor of the Red Cross funds is not receiving the co-operation of Catholics. In order, therefore, that we may not be misjudged, I would appreciate it very much if you would print this letter.

Catholics generally, feel that they cannot give their support to any movement which so flagrantly ignores them, as the following will show:

Mrs. Bellamy Storer, president of the Catholic Women's Association, (a niece of ex-president Roosevelt,) in a letter to "America," tells how the association is affiliated with the National League for Woman's Service, with its object "to work for our country in its hour of need." The League co-operates with the Red Cross and Mrs. Storer, telling of the great work done, continues:

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of our Catholic association not available for service, viz: 780 Sisters of Charity and 117 Sisters of Mercy, making nearly 1000 hospital nurses. What an amazing exclusion in time of war! During the four years of our Civil war, before the Red Cross came into existence, the Catholic religious orders were the main dependence of the Sanitary Commission. The regulations of the Medical Board of the Red Cross, which monopolizes all service for army and navy hospital attendance, make it impossible for any religious orders to become Red Cross nurses."

They are debarred because of the habit or costume worn. No difference how sanitary, how convenient, how decent it may be, it must be abandoned because the soldiers would know the nurses were Catholic. Why not ask the physicians and medical attendants to abandon the pins indicative of their lodges, etc.?

Long, long before the Red Cross was born our Catholic orders, both men and women, went to the assistance of the sufferers during the terrible days of the Yellow Fever in the South. And during the Civil War, the marvel of all our soldiers was the devotion—regardless of country or creed—of the "Angels of the Battlefield," as the Sisters of Mercy were called. Even the poor, despised negro found a friend in those noble Sisters.

And now, when our country needs aid so sorely, when the efforts of everyone is required, the bigotry of a few seem to hamper the good work that might be done. It debars the most efficient aid from the ranks of the helpers. Are

Catholics less loyal to their country because they refuse to uphold the bigotry in such an organization? Is it just to ask for their money under the circumstances?

If ever there was a time when bigotry should be stamped out it is now. The intelligent man and woman will agree with me. We should scorn to countenance anyone who will not recognize the good in others, be his creed, color or race what it may. Especially should this intolerance be stamped out if it interferes with the welfare of our country. The Stars and Stripes stand for Liberty and Union. Let each of us realize what that means, and strive for the liberty of others as well as our own, and the Union which makes us truly brothers.

(REV.) J. R. BUCK.

Notice to Creditors

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

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of Herbert G. Hazlitt, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executrix of the last Will and Testament of Herbert G. Hazlitt, deceased, to the creditors and all persons having claims against said estate, to present them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, viz: the 7th day of June, 1917, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hollis & Graham, on Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Dated at Forest Grove, Oregon, this 7th day of June, 1917.

BERTHA AGNES HAZLITT,
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Herbert G. Hazlitt, deceased.

Hollis & Graham,
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