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Poor Attendance at Bond Meeting

The Express hopes the poor attendance at the meeting held in Verts Hall Tuesday night to hear Senator Dimick and C. C. McCullough discuss the Liberty Loan is not an indication of the loyalty of the people of Forest Grove, for there were not to exceed fifty persons in the audience.

John A. Thornburgh, chairman of the local council of defense, presided at the meeting and M. R. Johnson and J. P. Hurley, the other members, sat upon the stage with the speakers.

Mr. McCullough spoke first and outlined, briefly, the reasons why it was impossible for the United States to keep out of the war and retain its self-respect. The speaker said there were not less than 100 similar meetings being held in Oregon and many thousands in other parts of the nation at that hour, to show the Kaiser that the American people were behind their government with their money. If the boys who had enlisted were willing to risk their lives, the stay-at-homes should certainly be willing to lend their government the money needed, especially at the good rate of interest offered, with the best security in the world. The people were not asked to give the money to their government, but to loan it.

Senator Dimick, who is a son-in-law to Mr. and Mrs. John Caples, followed with a terrible arraignment of the German war autocracy and charged that for years these war-lords had been waiting for an excuse to bring on a world war. Their was no more excuse for starting a war over the assassination of the crown prince of Austria by a crazy subject of Serbia than there was for the United States to declare war on Russia when President McKinley was assassinated by a crazy subject of Russia.

Before America entered the war, Kaiser Wilhelm had boasted to Ambassador Gerard that when this war was over he would stand no nonsense from the United States. It was now up to the people of America to see that when the war is over Germany is not in a position to fulfill the Kaiser's threat.

He stated that at their first payday the Oregon boys at Camp Greene, North Carolina, had purchased \$51,950 worth of Liberty bonds and the boys at Fort Stevens had subscribed for \$63,900 worth.

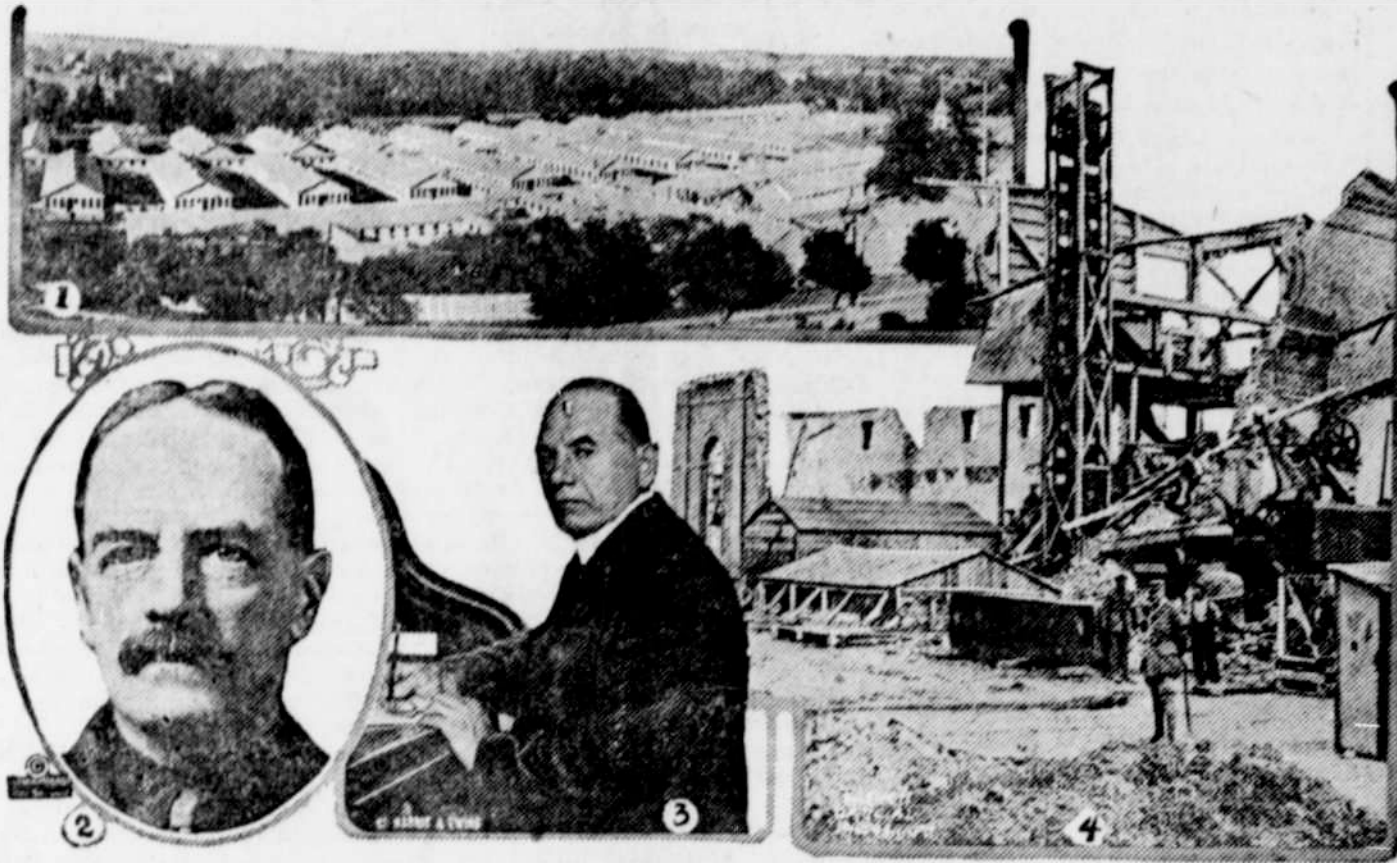
At the close of Senator Dimick's address, Chairman Thornburgh announced that Forest Grove had done more than her share in the first Liberty Loan, in the Red Cross drive and that she would make good on the second loan.

The speakers were repeatedly applauded, especially when they pressed down hard on the war-dogs of the Kaiser.

You can get bonds (on easy payments) from any bank or postmaster in the nation.

Visited Father Buck

Last Thursday night a score of the friends of Father Buck called at that gentleman's domicile with



1—Columbia university war hospital just formally taken over by the government as a receiving and evacuating medical center. 2—Maj. Gen. Sir J. E. Capper, director general of the British tank corps which is doing such efficient work on the battlefields. 3—G. T. K. Giragossian, a Boston Armenian, who has offered the government a "free energy generator," which will be tested by authority of congress. 4—Ruins of a French manufactory, typical of the way in which the Germans destroy everything in the districts from which they retreat.

intent to show their high regard for Father Buck and enjoy an evening under his hospitable roof, prior to the popular priest's removal to Salem. The evening was spent at music and the disposition of a nice lunch, prepared by the ladies of the church. At a suitable time, Dr. Ward presented Father Buck with a beautiful and costly gold-plated chalice. In replying, Father Buck stated that no gift that his friends might have selected would be more welcome than the one he had just received and he promised to use it in his church services and always remember the kind friends who had purchased it.

He Stood on the Brink

P. W. Watkins, chief of police and street commissioner of this city, last Friday stood for a second on the brink of death and he verily believes he owes his life to very plebeian implement—a common shovel. He was plodding around in the ground near the city reservoir, looking for a leak in a water pipe, when, presto! the shovel dropped out of sight. Looking at the place where he had jabbed mother earth with the shovel, Mr. Watkins discovered a rather large opening and investigation disclosed the shovel had fallen into an old well, almost forgotten by Mr. Watkins. The well had been boarded over some years back and the earth had covered the boards, which had become rotted and weak, so that only a jab of the shovel was necessary to break through. As the well is fifty feet deep and filled within three or four feet of the top with water, Watkins shudders to think what would have happened to him, had he stepped onto the weak covering, instead of sending his shovel on the exploring trip. The recollection is enough to make one shudder, without seeing the well.

Mrs. C. L. Peterson of Spring Hill was in the city yesterday to see her son, Henry, who was accidentally shot by Earl Fleischmann on Oct. 6th. She found Henry doing nicely at the Forest Grove hospital.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Mrs. J. L. Howard is visiting friends at Salem.

Miss Mary Olmstead last Friday evening entertained the Submarine club in honor of Miss Margaret Burns, who went to Portland Sunday to begin a course in a business college.

Several of the K. of P. boys made up a purse this morning, purchased a goodly supply of tobacco and mailed it to Uncle Sam, to be forwarded to Emery LaMont, Cecil Hughes and Charley Staley, with the American engineers in France.

The members of the Forest Grove volunteer fire department are a proud bunch today and they have a right to be, for they have just received a nice, big, red hose wagon, purchased from the city of Portland at a small fraction of first cost. The wagon is good as new, but was replaced by a motor truck and sold to the firemen of this city. It is heavier and a little better arranged for a hose wagon than the one formerly used. Chief Lenneville and J. C. Smith went to Portland last night and brought the wagon out early this morning.

At the regular communication of Forest Grove Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., last Monday evening, there was something doing—every body was busy. It was the time set aside for the finishing of the twenty-five "Housewives" the ladies are going to send to the boys who have gone to the front from Forest Grove and vicinity. It was surprising to see how neatly the Brothers could sew on hooks and eyes and buttons. The committee served refreshments of shrimp salad, sandwiches, cake, coffee and grapes.

Forest Grove Woman's Club

An open meeting will be held in the Star theater, Monday, Oct. 22, at 3 o'clock. Miss Edna Mills, Food Conservationist for Washington, Yamhill and Polk counties, will speak on Food Conservation. As Miss Mills fully understands her work, we hope the theater will be filled to hear her. The public is cordially urged to come, as this is a topic in which, at this time, we are all asked to cooperate. The lecture is free to all. Abbie J. Whitehouse, Secy.

Don't Like Foreign "Weed"

C. D. Staley Monday received a short note from his son, Charles, who is "somewhere in France," with the American expeditionary forces. After informing his folks that he was in good health, Charley wrote, "For heaven's sake, send me some American smoking tobacco; I can't smoke the stuff they have here." Dad sent him a pound of good old U. S. A. makin's.

Charley says the engineers had a most wonderful trip, are in comfortable quarters and are glad they are doing their bit, instead of waiting to be drafted. He does not consider himself in a dangerous position, but says he cannot say more, on account of the strict censorship. He is a K. of P. and reports that a number of them, including a captain (a former grand lodge officer) have arranged to hold meetings every Monday night, to keep alive, on foreign soil, the K. of P. spirit.

Carnation Holsteins Go East

The twenty-seven registered Holsteins belonging to the Carnation Stock Farms of Seattle, which won the majority of blue ribbons at the Washington and Oregon state fairs, have been shipped by express to Columbus, Ohio, to be entered in the National Dairy Show. It is reasonably certain that these western Holsteins will make a good showing against those raised in the east.

C. H. McKay arrived Friday from Great Falls, Mont., for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Archie McKay, and his children, who have been living with their grandmother since the death of their mother, about two months ago.

Before you buy a piano or phonograph, see the line of these instruments at the Book Store, where you can always save money.

CLEAN-UP DAY

The city council has designated Saturday, Oct. 20, as clean-up day and citizens are asked to clean up their premises, placing all incombustible material in sacks, securely tied, in the parkings in front of their places. Such material will be hauled away, free of charge, by the city team.

GEO. G. PATERSON, Mayor.

Lady Odd Fellows Celebrate Birthday

The members of Forest Rebekah lodge No. 44, I. O. O. F., were hosts to their husbands and other relatives at a celebration held in the new I. O. O. F. hall last evening, the occasion being in commemoration of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the institution of the Rebekah degree. Noble Grand Mrs. Edna Ross presided at the exercises, which were as follows:

Piano duet, by Mrs. Aldrich and Miss Dee Darling, which was very good.

Mrs. John Templeton, who always does her share on any program for the Rebekahs, did herself proud with a history of the lodge from its beginning until the first of the present year, when it contained more than three-quarters of a million members.

Miss Vesta Mertz pleased the audience with a vocal solo, Miss Fay Templeton playing the accompaniment.

W. F. Johnson gave an artistic recitation of one of Bob Burdett's well-known humorous stories, and Mrs. Anna Dixon gave a reading in her usual charming manner.

Miss Margaret Curtis contributed a vocal solo, Mrs. Sylvia Bernard told (in rhyme) of the bridal tour of one of the couples holding membership in Forest lodge and Mrs. E. L. Humberg sang a solo. All these numbers were well-rendered and were gratefully received, as was Miss Amy Pechin's reading of Homer McKee's prayer.

Then came a ghost drill by twenty ladies, dressed in sheets and pillow-cases and carrying jack-o-lanterns, that was a trifle "spooky," but interesting. The program was in charge of a committee of which Miss Jeanette Little was chairman.

After the drill the crowd returned to the old I. O. O. F. hall, where the committee on refreshments had prepared an abundant lunch of sandwiches, pickles, pumpkin pie and coffee. It was an evening profitably spent.

Widows' Pensions Are Increased

By the provisions of a new pension bill passed by the extra session, recently adjourned and already signed by the president, the minimum pension of widows of army or navy officers or enlisted men who served during the war of the rebellion, the Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection is to be \$25.00 per month. The bill does not lower pensions above that amount, and goes into effect with the present quarter.

Mrs. A. G. Hoffman gave a family dinner party to a number of relatives Saturday evening, the guests, in addition to her immediate family being the members of the M. S. Allen family, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hoffman, Mrs. Reba Secour and son, Edwin, and Mr. Chas. Strong of Monmouth, a very close friend of the Allens.

Have You Bought a Liberty?

A Liberty Bond pays four per cent interest. It is the best investment in America. It is free from all state and local taxation; and free from national taxation up to \$5,000.