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RED CROSS DRIVE IS HUGE SUCCESS

Again has the industry and patriotism of the men and women of Forest Grove been tried and found not wanting. They made good twice when called on by their government for funds to finance the Army Y. M. C. A. work; they make more than good in the big Red Cross drive for funds; they raised their quota of the \$1,000,000 fund to buy bibles for soldiers and this week they are making good in the drive for 3,000 Red Cross members in western Washington county, as well as in the purchase of Red Cross seals for the financing of the war against tuberculosis.

The Red Cross membership drive was officially started Monday night, when eighty six loyal men and women broke bread (as well as meat, vegetables, salads and other substantial foods, including delicious pumpkin pie) at a lunch served in the basement of the Christian church by the loyal ladies of the congregation. B. J. Simpson, campaign manager for this end of the county, presided at the meeting and, after the supper, introduced Mr. Caldwell of Portland, who came with a message to the friends of the Red Cross in this city. The speaker briefly outlined the wars in which America has been engaged in the past and showed by concrete evidence that never has this or any other country taken up arms in a more righteous cause or against a more unscrupulous or blood-thirsty enemy. German's agents to this country, even while President Wilson was imploring the people to maintain an attitude of strict neutrality, were engaged in undermining the nation in every conceivable manner. The Hun's ruthless slaughter and maiming of innocent children, the destruction of property other than that classed as war materials and his invasion of neutral territory were branded as the acts of a barbarian race, blind to everything except a desire to slay and plunder.

The speaker predicted that one of these days the working people of Russia would tire of the political trickery of their leaders, hang a few of them and get back in the fight against the Huns. There was plenty of work for the allies to do, but they would do it and when they were through the whole world would be fit for decent people to live in.

Rev. Dunlap was called on and made an impassioned speech for the Red Cross and made the assertion that our boys in Europe were fighting as much for the freedom of the common people of Germany as for the freedom of America, England, France, Belgium and other allied nations. He also realized the allies had a big job, but stated that Germany's armies were on the down grade, while America was not yet started to fight. He wanted the Red Cross equipped to take care of every American soldier and sailor who might need ministrations.

Chairman Simpson gave some further instructions to the workers and the meeting adjourned with a prayer by Rev. Patten.

As chairman of the supper com-

mittee, the editor of the Express desires to say that the ladies serving the supper have the thanks of the committee for their excellent food and service. They were asked to provide for 75 people and served 86 without "skimping" anyone. And they gave up their own work to serve this supper in order that the workers might be brought together for a conference.

Tuesday morning, in spite of the rain, the solicitors got busy and before 6 o'clock at night they had secured 650 members in Forest Grove alone. By last night this number had been increased to 900 and by the end of the week every family in the city will have been interviewed. Solicitors have been asked to keep a list of people who refuse to join.

Christmas night, at 7 o'clock there will be a jollification in the Methodist church, where the Brotherhood, assisted by the general public, will state a "Community Sing," under the leadership of Thomas Isaacs. Everyone who can make a noise like singing is asked to come. The following songs will be sung. If you have any of the songs, you might bring them with you, especially the three last named:

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Joy to the World
Silent Night, Holy Night
My Country, 'Tis of Thee
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Oh, Come, all Ye Faithful
On Christ, the Solid Rock
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Battle Cry of Freedom
Auld Lang Syne
Old Oaken Bucket

A Red Cross service flag is being placed in every home where there is a member and it is requested that these flags be placed in uncurtained windows, facing the street, and at 7 o'clock Christmas eve, (Monday evening) every householder is requested to place a candle or other light behind the service flag, so it may be seen from the street.

Returns from state headquarters this morning state that Western Washington county stands thirteenth in the state in members signed up, having a standing of 30 per cent. The eastern half of the county, assigned to Hillsboro, has 5 per cent.

Booths where transients are solicited have been placed in both local depots, in the postoffice and Schultz' store. These booths are looked after by a committee of women, under Mrs. George Jackson. The job at the postoffice is anything but agreeable, because of the low temperature of the lobby.

The members of the M. E. Aid society were hostesses at a supper at the church last evening to their families and a few invited friends, the affair being in honor of Rev. Dunlap and family, who expect to leave soon for New York. On Tuesday evening fifteen members of the "Workers" Sunday school class called on the pastor and family and left with them a nickel-silver nut bowl, with crack and picks. As the time draws near for this estimable family to leave, their friends are beginning to realize how they will miss them.

THE CROSS OF RED

By Anthony Euwer

(Dedicated to the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.)

Know you the seal that's goin' 'round—
A cross of red on ermine ground?
A cross of red upon a tree—
The emblem of humanity.
You cannot 'scape that cross of red,
It waves you to a million dead,
Who wasting, wasting, day by day,
Forlorn of hope, passed on their way.



It points you to a million gone,
And hordes who still are tramping on,
Who follow ever, one and all,
The grinning piper's hollow call.
His face is cowed while dread disease
Lurks in those folds that flaunt the breeze.

On swings the piper, piping free,
Wan souls into eternity.
O you who have that which would stay
The piper on his ruthless way,
Come, buy our seals that we may give
A stricken brother chance to live.
Oh, wait no longer—see the throng,
Way-weary souls who march along,
Who may not tarry down that track—
Then speed your gifts and bring them back.

But you who have given of your store
Right gen'rously? Well, then—give more.

The wars, you say, they've burrowed deep,
These charities at home will keep.
Then hark again and hear him tramp—
The piper through each crowded camp,
And see them falling into line.

Look closer there—your boy and mine,
From camp to camp a-piping, he
Pipes on with death-like minstrelsy,
And with his piping he will fare
Across the fields of Flanders there,
And through the chill and through the damp
They'll fall in line with tramp, tramp, tramp.

Oh, you who chance to read this rhyme
About a cross at Christmas time,
God grant you may be moved to feel
The meaning of that little seal;
With mute appeal may it awake
Man's big, ennobling heart to make
Some human gift that in His eyes
May prove a worthy sacrifice.

Martin-Goodrich

William Martin, Jr., of Haynes station and Miss Portia Goodrich of this city were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage on December 10th by Rev. A. B. Patten, only a few relatives and intimate friends witnessing the ceremony. The same evening Mr. and Mrs. Martin departed for a wedding tour through California.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodrich of this city and is a most estimable young lady, while the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Martin of Haynes station, and bears an excellent reputation for honesty and industry.

Hiatt-Chalmers

In the presence of members of their families and sixty-five invited guests, Miss Elizabeth Chalmers and Mr. John E. Hiatt were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Chalmers, living north of Centerville, at 2:30 last Saturday afternoon, Rev. Carrick of Portland performing the ceremony.

The bride is the eldest daughter

REMARKABLE PROPHECY OF SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

A most remarkable prophecy, said to have been made by the German monk, Frate Johannes, in the year 1600, seems to be nearing fulfillment. As a key to this prophecy, one has only to realize the following:

The groom is a young farmer, living near Oregon City, and is said to be a most worthy citizen. He has enlisted in the army and expects to be sent to a training camp in a few weeks.

Quite a number of Forest Grove friends of the Chalmers family attended the nuptials. Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt received many presents from their friends.

Some Very Old Yuletide Celebrations

It is certain that very early in the Christian era Christmas was celebrated in Britain, mingling in its festivities some of the winter festival customs of the ancient Britons and the Roman invaders, for traces of those celebrations are still seen in some of the Christmas customs of modern times.

The ancient Goths and Saxons called their festival Yule. Throughout the middle ages and down to the reformation the festival of Christmas engrafted on the pagan rites of Yule continued throughout Christendom to be universally celebrated with every mark of rejoicing. On the adoption of a new system of faith by most of the northern nations of Europe in the sixteenth century the Lutheran and Anglican churches retained the celebration of Christmas and other festivals, which Calvinists rejected absolutely, denouncing the observance of all such days, except Sunday, as superstitious and unscriptural.

During the reign of Alfred the Great a law was passed in relation to holidays, by virtue of which the twelve days after the Nativity of our Saviour were set apart for the celebration of the Christmas festival. Some writers are of the opinion that but for Alfred's strict observance of the "full twelve holy days" he would not have been defeated by the Danes in 878, for it is charged that his enjoyment of the festivities of Christmas hindered him from preparation for the battle.

We find that in 961 King Edgar celebrated the Christmas festival with great splendor at York, and in 1013 Ethelred kept his Christmas, with the brave citizens of London who had defended the capital, with a siege and stoutly resisted Swegen, the tyrant king of the Danes.

Edward the Confessor, it is noted, celebrated the first Christmas festival of his coronation with great rejoicing, and in 1063 on Christmas day William the Conqueror was crowned king of England at Westminster. The Norman kings and nobles who now became rulers of England displayed their taste for magnificence in the most remarkable manner at their coronations, tournaments and their celebrations of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

At the Christmas feast minstrels played on various musical instruments during dinner and sang or told tales afterward both in the hall and in the chamber to which the king and his nobles retired for amusement. Thus it is written of a court minstrel:

Before the king he set him down
And took his harp of merry sound;
And, as he full well can,
Many merry notes he began.

In 1067 the Conqueror kept a grand Christmas in London, having invited a number of the Saxon chiefs to participate, and also caused a proclamation to be read in all the churches declaring it to be his will that "all the citizens of London should enjoy their national laws as in the days of King Edward."

In the hall the serf and vassal
Held that night their Christmas wassail;
Many a carol, old and saintly,
Sang the minstrels and the waits.

—Philadelphia Press.

Mr. and Mrs. John Templeton have received word that their son-in-law, V. R. Abraham, has been promoted to a captaincy at Fort Riley, Kas.

The Kaiser is a German Lutheran—he has a withered arm.
Germany is the Black Eagle.
Austria, her ally, also has an eagle.

Russia is the white eagle.
France is the cock.
England is the Leopard.

The prophecy was discovered in an old parchment in the convent of the Holy Ghost at Wismar, in Germany, and is kept under glass in the town hall in that city. It is as follows:

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Good Woman Called

Mrs. Thomas R. Turnbull died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. G. Hughes, in this city last Monday afternoon, aged 73 years. She is survived by her two sons, Richard and Arch Turnbull of Portland. Nancy Turnbull was a pioneer of Oregon, and came here with her father, Judge William Ginder, in 1852 from Iowa. She was born in Iowa November 9, 1844, and spent nearly all her life in Portland and Vancouver. Until three weeks ago, when she came to Forest Grove, she resided at 1441 East Sixth street north, Portland. Mrs. Turnbull's husband, Thomas R. Turnbull, for a quarter of a century was one of the best known residents of East Portland. Mr. Turnbull died in 1900. Mrs. Turnbull's funeral was held in Vancouver Wednesday afternoon.

Harmon W. Miller

After fourteen years of suffering from a spinal disease, Harmon W. Miller passed to his reward at his home in this city last Monday afternoon, aged 61 years. Deceased was born in Indiana on Oct. 15, 1856, and came to Oregon in the early eighties. He was united in marriage with Miss Laura Looney at Stockton, Mo., in 1880 and eight children came to bless the union. Six of these, as well as the widow, survive, the children being Nora Worthington, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Elma White of Gales Creek; Earl, now in U. S. Navy; Elmer of North Plains; Oscar of Shadybrook and Bernice of Forest Grove. Also two brothers and one sister; J. C. Miller of North Plains; David D. Miller of Walla Walla, Wash., and Mrs. J. C. Raffety of Mountindale.

Deceased was a devout Christian and was affiliated with the United Brethren church. Funeral services were held at the Christian church at 11 o'clock yesterday, Rev. Putnam officiating, and the remains were interred in the Arcade cemetery, northwest of North-Plains.

Miss Marcella Richards left Saturday for St. Helens, where she will work as a stenographer. Ivy Conger succeeds Miss Richards at the Wiles & Sohler office.

A large stock of set and signet rings in solid gold. At Abbott's there has been no raise of prices on the goods. Look them over.