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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

If you're doing your bit, do another bit. That's two bits, for which you can buy a war-Savings Thrift Stamp, and that's still another bit.

The editor has learned that in several sections of the county patriotic citizens have banded themselves together in Liberty Leagues, designed to discourage disloyalty among citizens. It is further learned, unofficially, that the man who, with the aid of a pistol, made another apologize to a woman in this city several weeks ago was a member of one of these leagues. Has Forest Grove such a league? The writer isn't allowed to say.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has filed with the state public service commission a new schedule of rates, to become effective next Tuesday, which increases the price of messages between this city and Portland considerably. Where the rate is now 15c for one minute and 5c for each additional minute, the new rate will be 20c and 10c. Well, long distance telephoning is not a necessity and if we don't like the rates, we can give Uncle Sam the postage.

According to a report sent out by County Superintendent Frost, out of a total of 4973 (estimated) families in Washington county, 4305 families signed the Hoover food conservation pledges and 278 heads of families refused to sign. If the figures are correct, Washington county has within its borders just 278 families who are too disloyal, too selfish or too blamed ignorant to ever make good Americans. They should be sent to Germany, where they would have to ask the military authorities for permits to buy bread, meat, milk or sugar.

While the editor of the Express believes President Wilson and his advisors have acted with great wisdom in most things since the war was forced upon America, he

feels they have fallen down in one respect, through tenderheartedness, no doubt. All over the country there are people who are well able to support the various patriotic movements—like the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Liberty Bonds, etc., who will blandly tell solicitors they are "not able" to help. If these people were really too poor to help, no one would be quicker to excuse them than the writer, but it isn't the really poor people who are slackers in this respect; many of the poorest people in this community have given their last dime to patriotic purposes, while some of those who own property and have money in the bank pretend poverty, to escape doing their duty. And this is where President Wilson and the war department officials have failed—they should devise some means of separating these tightwads from their coin, or send them where they belong—Germany. We have no room for the pocket-book slacker in the United States at this time.

## NO PEACE WITHOUT JUSTICE

Let there be no misunderstanding. Our present and immediate task is to win the war, and nothing shall turn us aside from it until it is accomplished. Every power and resource we possess, whether of men, of money, or of material, is being devoted and will continue to be devoted to that purpose until it is achieved.

"We shall regard the war as won only when the German people say to us, through properly accredited representatives, that they are ready to agree to a settlement based upon justice and reparation of the wrongs their rulers have done."

"When this intolerable thing, this German power, is, indeed, de-

feated and the time come that we can discuss peace—when the German people have spokesmen whose words we can believe and when those spokesmen are ready in the name of their people to accept the common judgment of the nations as to what shall henceforth be the bases of law and of covenant for the life of the world—we shall be willing and glad to pay the full price for peace and pay it ungrudgingly. We know what that price will be. It will be full, impartial justice—justice done at every point and to every nation that the final settlement must affect, our enemies as well as our friends."—From the President's Message.

## TATTERED FLAGS

All over the country there are now flying faded, tattered flags.

If we do not respect The Flag ourselves whom shall we expect to respect it?

The Stars and Stripes are our emblem. Shall it appear that we consider dirt and tatters symbolic of our country? Never! Our flag should be as white as the snows, as blue as the skies, as red as our blood and as whole as our hearts. Let it be truly symbolic and when a flag becomes bedraggled take it down. If you cannot put up another be happy in the consciousness that you honor it far more by not flying it at all than by flying it when it is faded, ragged and dirty.—Ex.

## County Court Pickups

Dr. L. W. Hyde on Tuesday presented his re-ignation as coroner to the county court, explaining that professional duties prevented his performing the work. It was accepted and George J. Limber was appointed. The new incumbent is an undertaker. This is the second time an appointment to the same office has been necessary within a year. Dr. E. I. Barrett was elected, but resigned when he removed from the city. The office carries no salary, compensation being by fees.

The county court has received official notification that the state tax to be paid in 1918 is \$84,877.80.

The report of County Clerk Kuratli filed shows fees of \$398.12 collected during November.—Hillsboro Independent.

## State Teachers' Convention

The Oregon State Teachers' association will be held in Portland, Dec. 27, 28 and 29.

More than 2000 teachers will be in attendance. Washington county teachers have such easy access to this meeting that almost every one can attend at least a part of the sessions. Those who select one of the first sessions will be wise because they will be almost sure to stay for all. The teachers will be gainers personally and Washington county will be a gainer.

Thursday will be devoted to the business of the Representative Council in the Auditorium of the Lincoln High School. These sessions are open to the public. The reports of the following committees will be of general interest and will give an idea of the Educational association: 1—"The Retardation Problems," 2—"A Retirement Fund for Teachers," 3—"Teachers' Certification Problems," 4—"The Thrift Problem," 5—"Standardization of Rural School," 6—"Social Service."

Friday forenoon and Saturday afternoon will be devoted to general sessions in the Auditorium of the Lincoln High School.

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To be sorting pretty toys  
That will go this festive season  
To good little girls and boys?  
Pray, who is it that is hurried  
To the point where she cries, "Laws,  
I declare it has me worried!"  
Why, it's Mrs. Santa Claus!  
She is such a busy woman!  
My, but she's a busy woman!  
Such a very busy woman!

Why, she has to fix the labels  
On the things in Santa's pack!  
Toys and books and muffs and sables  
Soon he'll carry on his back.  
And, since men are so forgetful,  
All his clothes she must prepare,  
For when men are cold they're fretful,  
And then children must beware!  
So she's quite a busy woman!  
My, but she's a busy woman!  
Such a very busy woman!

From the pot there comes a savor  
That betokens best of cheer.  
She cooks things to curry favor  
While he's currying the deer.  
I have heard—'tis merely rumor—  
That old Santa's temper's bad.  
She must keep him in good humor,  
Or the children would be sad.  
So she's quite a busy woman!  
My, but she's a busy woman!  
Such a very busy woman!  
—Grif Alexander in St. Louis Globe-Democrat

For Sale—Pure bred R. C. R. I. Red cockerel, a beautiful bird of good size. W. C. Benfer, at Express office.

The work of rearranging election precincts has been completed by the county court, five new

ones being created, making the total in the county 44. Garden Home is divided and a new precinct called Metzger created. Tigard is divided into North and South Tigard. Territory from Banks and North Plains precincts is taken to form the new precinct of Roy. North Plains is divided into East and West North Plains. Maps are being prepared and the exact boundary lines may soon be known.—Hillsboro Independent.

More than half of the 1,250 colored men who completed the course at the reserve officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, have been commissioned as officers in the army. Nearly 100 colored physicians and surgeons have received commissions as officers in the Medical Reserve corps. A full fighting force of 30,000 colored soldiers, including representatives in all branches of military service will constitute the Ninety-second Division, to be detailed for duty in France under Gen. Pershing

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