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Methodist Pastor Given Welcome

Eighty-six tickets were sold to the Brotherhood dinner given at the Methodist church Tuesday evening by the ladies of the Aid Society in honor of Rev. and Mrs. John Ebert, the first-named being the new pastor of the local M. E. church. The dinner was a good one and was faultlessly served.

After the dinner, there were toasts from leading citizens, with a response by Rev. Ebert.

H. E. Inlow, president of the Brotherhood, presided as toastmaster and opened the talkfest with a neat little after-dinner speech that surprised everyone, because seldom is Mr. Inlow in so mellow a mood as he exhibited Tuesday evening.

In speaking of Oregon's climate and resources, the toastmaster stated that when he came to Oregon he was so weak that he could not walk and was forced to subsist entirely on liquid food. As he now weighs in the neighborhood of 200 pounds and is the picture of health, his story sounded good to the new pastor, until he learned that the reason the toastmaster couldn't walk when he came here was that he was born in Oregon.

Rev. Patten welcomed the new pastor and his family on behalf of the churches and made the welcome very cordial, enlivening his remarks with a number of witty stories. After wishing the new worker in the vineyard an unworried and unwearied success, Rev. Patten thanked the ladies of the Aid Society for the excellent dinner and said he was more than ever in favor of church federation.

On behalf of the Commercial club, President A. G. Hoffman welcomed the new family to the city, "the prettiest town in Oregon," and told some of the problems of the club, chief among which was the indifference of the men who ought to be most enthusiastic. He invited all present to become affiliated with the club.

President Dyke of the school board, in his welcome, thought the schools and churches should cooperate very closely in their work and hoped they would come closer and closer. The first lessons of democracy were learned in the public schools and he predicted that our boys who have gone "over there" will give good accounts of themelves.

Speaking on "Organized Patriotism," President Simpson of the Patriotic League of Washington county, stated that organized and disorganized patriotism were very much dissimilar—the Bolsheviks of Russia were patriotic to a marked degree, but they were not really organized. He had learned through Rev. Dunlap, who was succeeded by Rev. Ebert, just how much a really energetic preacher can do of patriotic work and he hoped the newcomer would throw himself into the work as his predecessor had. He believed the man or woman who loved God most would love their country most and expected much patriotic work from the ministers.

Replying to the kind words of the several speakers, Rev. Ebert stated that when he left South Dakota the district superintendent had told him if he didn't like Oregon or the people didn't like him, he should "come back to South Dakota." Already he felt that he would not go back. He hoped the people of the city would like him as well as he had already learned to like them. As to patriotic work, he was willing at all times to give to his country of his time and energy. He realized the churches needed the help of the schools, of the Commercial club and other organizations repre-

sented and hoped they would get that help.

This was the first time many of the citizens had met Rev. Ebert and wife and the meeting accomplished that for which it was held. Mrs. Ebert has just recovered from a slight attack of measles, for which recovery her new-found friends are duly thankful.

New Teachers at P. U.

Miss Anna Bagstad, instructor in French, German and public speaking at Pacific University, was last week called to South Dakota to give attention to her mother, who is an invalid, and Mile. Perlot of Portland has been engaged to teach the French classes, coming out Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for that purpose. The new French teacher is a native of France and is so patriotic that when she was asked if she could teach German, replied that she could, but wouldn't. She is teaching French in the Portland night school and has a private class of children from some of the most prominent of Portland's families. Mile. Perlot has already made a favorable impression on the students of P. U.

Mrs. John Dopp, who has had experience in the University of Colorado as an instructor in public speaking, will take charge of that branch, while Dean Clark will teach what little German is taught, there being but one small class in that language, with indications that the students will eschew German entirely ere long.

Stouts Sell Out

The Stout Auto company's business, tools and location in this city has been sold to Otto Erickson & Co., who own garages in Beaverton and Hillsboro. The Forest Grove garage is in charge of A. E. Pugh, an experienced repair man, who promises satisfaction or no pay. The company is headed by Otto Erickson as president, with George E. Beedle as secretary and treasurer, and will handle Ford cars, having received a carload Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout left Monday for Portland and the former stated to the writer that he expected to enlist in the aviation corps.

Since leaving this city, Mr. Stout has been twice arrested, charged with questionable business methods. On complaint of E. E. Sleret he was arrested in Portland Tuesday and released on bail. Yesterday he was arrested while passing through Hillsboro, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from Otto Erickson & Co., the firm which purchased his business in this city. The charge in this case was dismissed on Stout's promise to make good the loss he occasioned the company. His friends in this city are hoping that the two escapades will teach Mr. Stout that honesty in business is the best and only policy.

Local Minister Called to Vancouver

Messrs. Eric Bolt, Y. M. C. A. secretary at Vancouver barracks, and O. E. Tyler, northwest secretary for the same organization, were in the city yesterday, consulting with Rev. R. L. Putnam of the Christian church, who some months since signed an application to do religious work for the Army "Y." The gentlemen informed Rev. Putnam that he was needed at Vancouver, where a big "Y" hut was being erected, and he will get his affairs in shape to assume his duties within the next two weeks.

A number of McMinnville and Forest Grove E'ks will go to Portland Saturday night to see a very interesting side degree conferred on a number from these two towns.

WHY WE ARE AT WAR WITH GERMANY

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"The object of this war is to deliver the free peoples of the world from the menace and the actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government, which, having secretly planned to dominate the world, proceeded to carry out the plan without regard either to the sacred obligations of treaty or the long-established practices and long-cherished principles of international action and honor. . . . This power is not the German people. It is the ruthless master of the German people. . . . It is our business to see to it that the history of the rest of the world is no longer left to its handling." —President Wilson, August 27, 1917.

THE GERMANS AS A CHOSEN PEOPLE.

The foundation cause of this war is Germany's firm belief that she alone has the right to direct the progress of the world and to exploit its resources. For the last thirty years the military autocracy of Germany has seen to it that this belief was taught in the schools, and today that autocracy is reaping the benefits of a blind obedience to its will. German political writing of recent years is full of the idea that the German people is "God's chosen people, destined to impose its 'Kultur' upon all other peoples."

"The German soul is the world's soul, God and Germany belong to one another." "Germany is the center of God's plans for the world." "We hope that a great mission will be allotted to us Germans . . . and this German mission is: to look after the world." "Germany is chosen, for her own good and that of other nations, to undertake their guidance. Providence has placed the appointed people, at the appointed moment, ready for the appointed task."

"The German people is always right, because it is the German people, and numbers 87,000,000 souls." "Kultur is best promoted when the strongest individual Kultur, that of a given nation, enlarges its field of activity at the expense of the other national Kulturs." "The attempt of Napoleon to graft the Kultur of Western Europe upon the empire of the Muscovite ended in failure. Today history has made us Germans the inheritors of the Napoleonic idea." "The further we carry our Kultur into the East, the more and the more profitable outlets shall we find for our wares. Economic profit is of course not the main motive of our Kultur-activity, but it is no unwelcome by-product." "Our belief is that the salvation of the whole Kultur of Europe depends upon the victory which German 'Militarism' is about to achieve."

These quotations are but a few of hundreds of like expression, and the last one cited is from a manifesto signed by thirty-five hundred German professors and lecturers. Reduced to simple terms, the German belief at the beginning of this war was: "God directs Germany. Civilization advances only by combats between Kulturs in which the stronger and God-directed one has the right to prevail and must prevail. The immediate and present object is to make our Kultur prevail in the East (in 'Muscovy'), and in accomplishing this we shall also gain economic advantages. This is the first step in our world domination."

Where does America stand in this theory of a "chosen people"? America denies that theory; she denies that God has chosen any one people as His own; she asserts rather that there are many civilizations, each with its own merits and defects, and that to each must be left the working out of its own problems.

We Americans are unable to understand, or sympathize with, a people who conceive of themselves as a chosen people, chosen of God—a people to whom all things and actions, however inhuman or brutal, are regarded as permissible, even holy, because of a faith in their superior mission and civilization. To us such a belief is direct evidence, not of a leading, but of a lagging civilization.

This German ideal, when expressed merely in theory, even though taught in Germany for the last thirty years, stirred but indifferent interest in other European nations. In this war Germany has revealed in the application of her theory a lust for world power at the expense of other peoples, a lack

of good faith, a brutality that have stamped her theory as involving a return to barbarism.

By the application of German theory we were forced, unwillingly, to go to war. But today we know that there was no escape from a war between two contradictory ideals. Germany's economic objects are many and large (they will be pointed out), but the basic cause of this war was the German ideal of a dominant nation. That ideal, by Germany's own challenge, is on trial in arms. Against it we must prevail, or we shall perish.

This is the first of a series of ten articles by Professor Adams.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

Miss Jessie Buxton is visiting friends at "Mack" today.

Loren Watkins of McMinnville visited his family in this city Saturday.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gabbert of the vicinity of Timber.

Miss Mary Beach is now helping her Uncle Sam, having accepted a position as stenographer with the Portland exemption board.

Mrs. J. C. Latta arrived Sunday from Tacoma for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, and other relatives.

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Austin Buxton of Molalla is at the Good Samaritan hospital today for an examination and his brother, Jake, went to Portland this morning to be with him.

Theodore, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goodrich, living between this city and Dillery, lost a thumb and two fingers Saturday while picking at a fulminating cap which he had picked up. Several other children were slightly injured at the same time.

Mesdames Maud Buxton and Susie Hatfield last evening entertained at the Buxton home the members of the Azalea club, to the number of twenty-two. Games, music and a Hooverized lunch made of the affair a very enjoyable function.

Something Worth While

A big patriotic rally for the Third Liberty Loan will be given in K. of P. hall, Forest Grove, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. This meeting is especially for the ladies of Forest Grove and entire community. Splendid patriotic addresses by John A. Lee of Portland, also Rev. A. B. Patten and B. J. Simpson of Forest Grove.

A cafeteria luncheon will be served at noon for men, women and children. Come and enjoy a good luncheon at trifling expense. Given under auspices Forest Grove Woman's Club.

Patriotic Grand Council of Camp Fire Girls

At the gymnasium Friday, March 29 the Camp Fire will give a grand council to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the National Organization and dedicate their War-chest, the funds of which are used by the national organization for war work. The dedication of the chest is accompanied by a patriotic pageant participants of which are children of Europe who plead to "Liberty" and the happy American children for help, a war-worn French soldier, and Boy Scouts as American soldiers who come to their aid.

Relatives and friends are invited. A silver offering will be taken in the chest at the close of the program.

British Cavalry Punishes Huns

A dispatch in this morning Oregonian states that British cavalry yesterday dealt the Huns a staggering blow, capturing many prisoners, and that the allies are now on the offensive.

It is estimated the Huns have lost 300,000 men in the past week.

The Russians have resumed fighting and have recaptured the city of Odessa.

Washington County Has Fine Babies

Thirty-one Washington county babies, between the ages of six months and five years, were examined at the parlors of the Congregational church last Friday to determine their mental and physical qualifications, the tests being under the direction of the Eugenics committee of the Forest Grove Woman's club, Mrs. Clifford E. Walker, chairman. Dr. Katherine Myers, Dr. Patton, women physicians; Dr. David Kerr, dentist, Mrs. John Risley, all of Portland, and Prof. H. L. Bates of this city made the test. The figures have not yet been received, but the members of the examining committee stated that the babies were the finest they had seen in many a day.

A cafeteria lunch was served the visitors and members of the committee by the refreshment committee of the Woman's club.

The day was very stormy and this fact, together with the fact that measles and mumps are abroad in the land, prevented some children from being brought to the contest. Practically all parts of the county were represented by lusty youngsters, competing for the championship of the county.

Fine Program of Woman's Club

Last Monday's program of the Woman's club was one of the most interesting given this year and Mrs. O. M. Sanford's able paper on the "New Russia" was not the least of the interesting features. Mrs. Sanford has delved deep into Russian history and told of the old and new Russia, showing that the Bolsheviks had left merely a skeleton in place of the throbbing human mass it had found at the end of Kerensky's regime. Mrs. Marsh gave a very dramatic reading of Tolstoy's "Perpetual Sinner."

The musical program arranged and directed by Miss Waggener consisted of a Russian folk song by Beth Crandall, a double piano duet (two pianos) by Misses Elizabeth Hervey, Bessie Smith, Helen Brunner and Ethel McKinney; a vocal solo, "Lilacs," by Miss Crandall and a piano solo by Miss Bessie Smith. All the musical numbers were excellent and those ladies who missed the meeting certainly missed a rare treat.

Another Auxiliary Organized

Mesdames Elizabeth Todd and Dorothy Seymour and Messrs. W. H. Hollis, B. J. Simpson and Herbert Deuell went to Fern Hill Friday evening and assisted in the organization of a Red Cross auxiliary, with seventeen members. Speeches were made by Messrs. Hollis and Simpson and Mr. Deuell gave several readings, in addition to which there was a good program of music and recitations. The officers are Mrs. Huson, chairman, Mrs. Voegel, secretary, and Mrs. Kay, treasurer.

Paul Schultz expects to leave Monday morning to work for Lang & Co. of Portland. Mrs. Schultz will remain in this city until Paul finds a suitable home in the metropolis.

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