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THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1918

Because they consider lots of other things more important during war times, the people of Portland will not hold a rose show this spring. Sound sense, that.

Prize-fighters should make good soldiers and they can be spared easier than some of the hard-working boys now with Pershing. Why not send the whole "caboodle," including Jess Willard, to the front?

The head camp Modern Woodmen of America has one million dollars' worth of Liberty Bonds, bought with reserve funds, to say nothing of what individual members of the order have purchased. That's sure going some.

Kaiser Bill doesn't want you to help the Red Cross, because the Red Cross is helping in the fight against Hun despotism. The more you give the more you displease the Kaiser and the more you please Pershing's Yanks.

With the primary election campaign closing tomorrow, we will get a rest from political dope for a few months. The "friends of the dear people" will revive in about three months, however, and again flood the mails with pictures of themselves.

The city team last week hauled to the garbage dump 1250 sacks of tin cans, bottles, etc., besides a large number of barrels and boxes filled with rubbish. Most of this rubbish was tin cans, indicating that in spite of this section being a fine fruit district, people consume large quantities of food coming out of tin cans. All of which should make Kaiser Bill smile.

Republican voters of Forest Grove and vicinity should remember when they go to the polls tomorrow that L. M. Graham is the only candidate for the legislature from the west end of the county. Let us have one of the three representatives to be nominated. The others are E. W. Haines of North Plains and W. G. Hare and Ben Cornelius of Hillsboro. Vote for Mr. Graham and any two others. Be loyal to your town.

Reports come from the east to the effect that financial sharks are making big money buying Liberty Bonds at 95c on the dollar from people who feel they cannot afford to keep their bonds. With the discount and the interest on the bonds, they are the best money makers the sharks can buy. Keep your bonds if you possibly can. If they are good enough for the big bugs they are good enough for you.

With its excellent climate, good schools and churches, unexcelled water and a good electric light and gas service, Forest Grove would be an attractive place to home seekers if we but had a decent telephone system. Whatever the cause, it is doubtful if there is another town in the United States the size of Forest Grove with so rotten a telephone service. Please, Mr. Hughes, don't try the patience of your patrons to the breaking point.

Next Monday dozens of Forest Grove men and women will leave their homes and places of business to canvass the town in the interest of the American Red Cross society, which is carrying aid and comfort to the boys "over there." When these solicitors call on you, treat them as if they were doing you a favor; not as though they were beggars. The solicitors are making sacrifices, for they not only give their time, but they will also ask each other for contributions—and receive them, too.

Walter M. Pierce of LaGrande, one of the democratic candidates

for governor, was in the city Monday and predicted that he will win the nomination tomorrow and beat the man the republicans nominate. He admits his opponent, Mr. Starkweather, is a fine man, but says he will beat him, just the same.

"Yellow-Dog" friends of Kaiser Bill are circulating rumors in this country to the effect that American soldiers in Europe are losing their morals, suffering from venereal diseases, etc. Dan Poling, associated president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, recently returned from the front, says the American soldiers at the front have no rum ration, as is the case with the British and French soldiers and they are more free from venereal diseases than the same number of civilians in America. General Pershing makes it his personal business, Mr. Poling says, to safeguard the morals of the soldiers, so they can come back home as clean as they went away. When you hear a man say the American soldiers are low in morality, just ask him how he knows and insist on an answer. Smoke out the Hun propagandists.

AUTOCRAT BADLY BEATEN

The list of casualties from the battle in Michigan is in. Dead, 3285 saloons and 62 breweries; slightly wounded, 8400 employees. The wounded are already on the high road to recovery. The war creates such a demand for workmen that idlers run the risk of being mistaken for German spies.

But, in the closing up of Detroit we notice that there were several places of heavy patronage under whose regulations women could enter unattended but no man could enter unless accompanied by a female. The police of any city who permit a public place—call it saloon, cabaret or club—to run under such regulations are simply promoting ruin of innocent girls and catering to professional prostitution.—Portland News.

THE DEBTS OF THE WARRING NATIONS

The London Economist for February places the total gross debt of Great Britain at \$27,736,000,000.

The French minister of Finance in presenting the budget for 1918 estimated the public debt of France on December 31, 1918, at \$22,227,000,000.

The public debt of Italy at the end of 1917 is estimated at \$6,676,000,000.

The debts of the Central Powers are estimated as follows: Germany, \$25,408,000,000; Austria, \$13,314,000,000; and Hungary, \$5,704,000,000.

Our own public debt is now around \$8,000,000,000, but more than half of this amount has been loaned to our Allies and will be repaid us. It is estimated that of the total net expenditures of the United States for the fiscal year of 1918, exclusive of our advances to our Allies, more than one-half will be defrayed by taxation.

McADOO LAUDS THE PRESS

The relation of the newspapers of the country to the Liberty Loan and other governmental efforts is expressed in the telegram of Secretary McAdoo to the editors assembled in New York last week in attendance on the meeting of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association.

"Will you be good enough to express to the members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, now in session, my sincere and warm appreciation of the great service they have ren-



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dered to their country by their consistent, unselfish, and patient support of the successive Liberty Loans, which have been offered by the Treasury Department.

"These loans could not have succeeded without the support of the newspapers, and it gives me great pleasure to make this acknowledgment. An enlightened public opinion is the chief asset of a democracy. By keeping the people of America informed on public events and transmitting word of the financial and other needs of the Government, the American newspapers have performed a public and incalculable service to the Nation. I know that the service will be continued and that the newspapers will do their full share in assisting America to win this war for democracy and justice."

Exact Method Needed to Control Grain Smut

Corvallis, Ore., May 14—Grain smut can be controlled only by exact methods of seed treatment.

This has been brought home to hundreds of farmers by the field men in the smut control campaign carried on by the O. A. C. Experiment Station.

All over the state farmers have been found using lax methods of seed treatment, many of which were not effective in controlling the smut, and a great many cases were found where the treatment killed the smut all right, but it was so effective that it killed a large portion of the grain also.

That farmers are awaking to the necessity for proper care in this matter is attested by the following report sent to H. P. Bars, Plant Pathologist at O. A. C., by Arthur L. Dickinson, near Mt. View, Benton county, Oregon, a volunteer reporter in the Oregon Crop Disease Survey:

"We sowed some oats that was not treated with formalin to finish a piece and this strip was affected very bad with smut, while the rest had very little, if any.

"We also sowed some wheat that had been treated a couple of weeks or more, which did not grow well, and two or three neighbors also noticed that the grain that had been treated and stood for a time, did not grow as well as that which was treated just before planting."

To the Voters

Questions of vital State and National importance, and war measures, are likely to come before the State Legislature. It is important that you take a part and vote for your preference for candidates at the primaries. There are four candidates and but three nominations.

LOYAL M. GRAHAM,
Republican candidate for State Representative.
Primaries May 17.

Mrs. Ernest Olson of Gales Creek, who was recently operated on for cancer, is recovering nicely in a Portland hospital.

MY SWEET LITTLE MOTHER

(The following beautiful poem was written by First Sergeant Enoch I. Will, a Forest Grove boy and grandson to W. J. R. Beach of this city, and was published in the "Tale Spin," (official organ of the Ellington Field, Texas, aviation field):

I.
Born near the great western ocean
Pacific—the grave of our heroes;
'Neath shadows of ancient pine trees,
That battled the storms through the ages;
Lulled to sleep by the murmur
Of breakers grown faint from the distance;
Waked in the glorious morn
By the lark songs' thrilling crescendo;
Such is the land of her birthplace,
Pacific—the Gateway to Heaven.

II.
Breath of the spirit of life,
That is borne on the zephyrs of heav'n;
Sweeter by far than the pen
Of mortal artist can picture;
Lighter her step than the moonbeams
That kiss the flowers in the valley;
Clearer and sweeter her voice
Than silver-toned bells of the Father's;
Such is my girlie from Loveland,
Polly—my sweet little mother.

III.
First she beheld the devotion,
My eyes could not hide in their rapture,
Like a frightened fawn she fled me,
Straight to the breast of her mother.
But love, the despot of ages,
Drew forth my sweet little maiden
To the clasp of my tender embrace,
And the soul-waking warmth of my kisses.
Such, was my darling's first wooing—
Heaven—true love and our home.

IV.
Sunny—the pathway of life,
Contented—our love in a cottage,
Blessed the day of our son—born
The eve o' the great war of nations.
Cursed the arch fiend of ages,
Who crusheth the hearts of our loved ones;
Like a vintner crusheth the grapes
For the ne'er ending thirst o' the rabble.
Sweet little home in a cottage,
Crushed—by the Hun's deadly vintage.

V.
Tonight she sits by the fireside,
A-singing her babe's lullaby;
Dreaming the while of her lover,
Who fighteth the Hun from the sky;
Breathing a prayer to the Infinite
Father—the Spirit of Love—
"Mercy!" She pleads—"Oh, have mercy!"
List—Oh, ye angels above,
Faithful and true is the love of
Polly—my sweet little mother.

IV.
Our Father, who art in Heaven,
List to a lone soldier's plea
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
But be kind to the likes o' me.
For mine is a mission of justice
To rid the world of the Hun,
Leaving hearts and home and loved ones;
To the mercy of Thy only Son—
Jesus—the Rock of Ages—
—Hallowed be Thy name.

J. C. Kuratli for Sheriff

I desire to announce to the legal voters of Washington County that I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff at the Republican primaries to be held May 17. The vacancy in this office did not occur in time to have my name printed upon the ticket, hence it will be necessary for my friends and supporters to write my name in the ballot. Your support will be appreciated.

J. C. KURATLI.
Pd. Advt.)

About noon Monday, while Johnny Mathews was preparing to harrow a lot in the rear of the new Hoffman block, his team became frightened and started to run. The harrow was thrown onto the heels of the horses and both were painfully cut, one of the animals falling on the overturned harrow and becoming so badly impaled that he had to be lifted off the teeth. The animals were taken to Dr. Coon, the veterinary, who fixed them up and has hopes of bringing them out not much the worse for their experience. One of the animals was pulled out of serious illness two years ago by Dr. Coon, when it had stepped on a nail and suffered blood poisoning.

Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of O. A. C., will speak at the court house at Hillsboro at 8 o'clock this (Thursday) evening, discussing the question, "What Do We Expect of the Government and What May the Government Expect of Us?" The meeting is under the auspices of the Washington County Patriotic League and everybody is invited.

Public Notice
Dr. Brookbank is leaving the city and all accounts due the firm of Ward & Brookbank have been left at the First National Bank for collection. 18-2t*

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