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OREGON WEATHER

Weather today: Cloudy, west-
erly winds.

CIVIC WORK

Cities, like individuals, grow and develop in a consciousness of improved methods and broader duties. An example comes to our attention in the arrangement made by the citizens of Waterville, Wash., for community and civic work.

The business men and citizens of this enterprising town recently organized a Chamber of Commerce with the usual governing board and officials, but instead of depending upon the voluntary contributions of the more generous citizens of the city, they have taken cognizance of the fact;—and it is a fact,—that all service and public spirited work benefit the citizens of the city at large and should be a part of routine, municipal activity.

A budget system has been put into effect whereby every business man and tax payer of the city is assessed a certain small sum to provide the financial requirements of the Chamber of Commerce. The sums paid are very small but in the aggregate produce about \$3,000 per annum. Aside from the usual work of a Commercial club office such as answering inquiries, sending out literature, information center, and the like, this fund will be used as an associated charity fund, to support a band, and other such laudable purposes.

As a part of the plan the contributors to this fund agree that they will not contribute to any independent subscription schemes which the Chamber of Commerce activities is supposed to cover.

The plan has been thoroughly tried out in other cities and has proven eminently successful. The total fund raised is larger than in the cities where the plan is not in effect, and the contributions made by the individual citizen are smaller. Furthermore the business houses are no longer assailed with numberless appeals for indiscriminate and often unworthy subscriptions.

Financial problems have been hard nuts to crack since the foundation of our republic, but gradually we are coming to see that public work benefits the public, should be under control of the public, acting collectively, and should be paid for by the people at large. Ten citizens contributing 50c a year to any cause is worth ten times as much as one citizen contributing \$5. For under the former plan ten times as many men take a direct interest in the economical and satisfactory discharge of a public function.

VALIANT FRANCE

To name the different appeals to the citizens of this country for his patriotic support of the nation in

One Minute Please

MINUTE TAPIOCA
MINUTE GELATINE

TIME IS MONEY

SAVE IT

KINNEY & TRUAX GROCERY

QUALITY FIRST

its hour of trial would make a good long list. One of them is nearly lost sight of, probably because some of the others are relatively more important.

The people of America owe to the people of France a debt which we can never pay.

Most careful historians credit our achievement of independence to the help offered us by Lafayette and his compatriots. True—the colonists gave in treasure and blood freely to the cause of liberty, but their success would have been doubtful had France not come to the rescue.

No sooner had the "shot that was heard around the world" been fired at Concord bridge than our colonial statesmen turned to France for alliance and support. Three million francs besides valuable shipments of arms and ammunition were immediately forthcoming.

Two years later, in 1778, France had become so open an ally with our young republic that England declared war upon her. In reply France sent us trained soldiers and leaders such as Lafayette and Rochambeau.

Today when we are lined up beside our old time friend for the struggle of preserving free institutions among men, we should bear in mind that we owe our very existence as a nation in a great measure to valiant little France. The entire history of our associations with the French has been one of helpfulness on their part to us when in need. In 1781 when our ministers secured a loan of five million florins from Holland, France had to guarantee the bonds. After the downfall of Cornwallis at Yorktown, the British government made offers of peace to France and Spain that would have excluded the United States. But Vergennes, the French minister, refused to consider the offers, stating that France would conclude no peace treaty until "the American preliminaries of 1782 are made final."

It is the simple, unquestionable duty of every American citizen to support his country at this time. It is the duty of every citizen in a republic to fight and sacrifice for the preservation of democracy. It is a duty and should be considered a pleasant privilege for Americans to assist the nation of heroic, self-sacrificing men and women who are bearing the brunt of the titanic struggle against Prussian militarism—France.

There are a few rich young men who are deserving of special commendation. At the reserve officers' training camp in Illinois it was discovered that quite a number of young men without means were in danger of having to return home for lack of funds to continue their course of instruction. Hearing of this, the young men of wealth in the camp quietly dug down, handed a large sum to the mess officer with strict injunctions of secrecy as to names, and as a result a number of young men of limited means will continue to serve their country. This action is quite in contrast to that of the long haired Willies who tear around the country with American flags conspicuously displayed on the front of their automobiles.

Foreign missions continue to pour into the United States, and, as a result, American gold continues to pour

out—or rather, it is loaned to the allies and spent in this country for supplies that are to be sent abroad to win the war. America has a bottomless pocket when the cause of humanity is at stake.

TRENCH TALES

London, June 9.—Edward Fitzgerald of Pittsburgh got into the Canadian Seventh battalion because he was nearly "dead broke" in Seattle, with only a solitary half-dollar, the property of himself and a pal, Reed Benham, of Wenatchee, Wash. "We saw no chance of raising any coin, so we put it up to the half," said Fitzgerald.

"It was heads, go to Seattle, tails go to Vancouver and enlist. I spun the half. It came tails. On Easter Monday I got mine at Vimy ridge. We just stepped over the top and walked along behind the barrage. Pretty soon a shrapnel shell burst over me and a chunk bit me in the right forearm, and here I am in Orpington hospital." Fitzgerald is an ex-railroader, formerly with the Monogolia. Benham is still in France.

RUN OF THE "BABY GRAND"

The Chevrolet Motor company has received many letters and wires of congratulations this past week, on the run of the Chevrolet "Baby Grand" across the continent as the "Trail Blazer" for the San Francisco Auto Club Auto Caravan and record run from Portland to Eugene, Oregon, beating the Shasta Limited and clipping the best time ever made by automobile between the two cities. W. S. Maxwell, agent.

BUY SHOES NOW

THE GREAT WAR IS CAUSING A TREMENDOUS SHORTAGE IN LEATHER AND SHOES, AND IS FORCING THE PRICES SKY HIGH. OUR ADVICE TO YOU IS TO BUY NOW.

The millions of soldiers in Europe are using up so many shoes that the shortage in leather is becoming a serious problem. In America this condition is hitting us hard, for the burden must be borne by the citizen consumer.

We purchased a large stock of shoes before the latest leaps in price, and are therefore able to supply our customers at our old time close prices as long as the present supply lasts. We strongly advise you not to delay your purchase, not only for yourself, but for the whole family. We do not know what the future prices will be, but whatever they are, neither the retailer nor the consumer can help himself. He must pay.

Remember, this is a bona fide closing out sale and every shoe in the house is priced at a large saving to the buyer.

R. L. BARTLETT

Fixtures and lease for sale

TWILIGHT LEAGUE OPENS
BASEBALL SEASON HERE

The first game of the Twilight season was won by the Baptists Friday evening when last year's champions defeated the Presbyterian baseball team 10 to 5. The features of the game were the good work of each battery and the batting rallies of the Presbyterians in the third inning and the Baptists in the fourth. Dick Cramer, the Presbyterian pitcher, showed class in his first trial in the box, and should develop into a reliable box man. Johnny Smith, behind the bat for the Baptists, caught his usual efficient game and at the bat got a home run and a two-base hit. A moderate sized crowd was present.

The next game will be played Tuesday evening between the old rivals, Christians and Methodists. Batteries announced are: Trimble and Smith for the Christians, and Cornell and Hansen for the Methodists.

The word "lancet" is found in only one place in the Bible, 1 Kings xvii, 28. The term is not the blade used by surgeons, but appears to mean a javelin or light spear.

CONTRACTORS WILL
BUILD SOLDIER CITIES

Washington, June 9.—The war department is preparing for the beginning of work on the 16 soldier cities, as the cantonment camps are being popularly called. Col. Little is to have charge of the work.

The department show that it expects criticism for having let contracts for this work. In a statement issued by the committee on public information, it says:

"That the construction of these great camps can be carried on by methods new in government contracting without arousing criticism," the statement says, "is not expected by those in charge of the work. All they ask is that all the facts be ascertained by critics before any attempt is made by critics to delay or stop the building. Training cannot begin until the cantonments are ready and these cannot be ready unless the government and its helpers break all previous construction records. They cannot do this if the enemy is aided by interference at home with the work upon which the very birth of the new army depends."

SOUTHLAND ROUTE
KNOWN TO GERMANS

London, June 9.—The admiralty has given out information that the submarine which torpedoed the Southland on June 4 must have had advance notice of her time and route as her German commander indicated that she was ahead of her schedule.

The Southland had six Americans aboard, of whom one, Edward Rigney, of New York city, is missing. The gun crew on the Southland fired ten shots at the submarine after the first torpedo was fired. A second torpedo was fired by the submarine and it caused an explosion in the magazine, which killed eight men.

Two boats containing forty men are missing. The rest of the crew of 159 has been landed.

MISSION TO STUDY
WAR REACHES LONDON

London, June 9.—The United States army mission, sent to Europe to study war conditions, headed by Colonel Baker and composed of nine other officers, arrived in London this afternoon, it was officially announced.

Calling cards at the Courier.

Close-Out Prices on Paints

Owing to the continued advances on Linseed Oil, Lead, Colors, Production and increased freight rates, the price on high-grade paints has been forced close to \$4.00 per gallon.

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