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OREGON WEATHER

Fair, heavy frost east portion +
Saturday morning; moderate +
northwesterly winds. +

BUTS AND IFS

It was recognized in the civil war that the most harmful propaganda could not easily be reached by the department of justice. It was of the elusive type that passes current in the daily speech of the disloyal or half-loyal who come short of open treason or sedition.

Regarding such people, and those who tolerate them, Abraham Lincoln said:

"The man who stands by and says nothing when the peril of his government is discussed cannot be misunderstood. If not hindered he is sure to help the enemy; much more if he talks ambiguously—talks for his country with 'buts' and 'ifs' and 'ands.'"

The most effective weapon for the suppression of dangerous propaganda is the calm, persistent pressure of public sentiment, applied by patriotic friends, neighbors and acquaintances. This sentiment should tolerate no "buts" and "ifs" regarding the nation's ideals and war aims, no sneaking championship of the enemy, no equivocal patriotism. Every loyal American should conduct himself, at all times, as a responsible representative of the government, and condemn any disloyal or dubious word he hears.

Those whose sympathies are not with America need not be persecuted, but they should be obliged to keep their mouths shut.

DR. DRENBURG SPEAKS OUT

Our old German propagandist friend, Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, isn't such a bad fellow, after all. In America we found him a rather objectionable character, but in darkest Germany he looks like an angel of light. He has been emitting truth and sense.

Speaking in Frankfurt lately, Dr. Dernburg attacked the strong Fatherland party, which controls Germany today.

"It is against the foe within as the foe without that we must fight," he said. "The whole power of the Fatherland party is in the hands of reactionary despots, men who uphold despotic government, unequal suffrage and class privileges. This party has developed into a powerful weapon against progress, with the press of the landowners (Junkers) and the great interests as its organ. Witness the saying of the notorious Herr von Oldenburg-Janushau—"If

Saturday is Your Day

TO BUY GREEN PEAS, NEW POTATOES AND LETTUCE

Dollar Strawberries

ARE VERY FINE NOW—ORDER SOME FOR SUNDAY

FRESH SARATOGA CHIPS

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QUALITY FIRST

we get equal suffrage in Prussia, then we have lost the war. We demand more liberty."

He urges peace without aggrandizement or indemnity, for Germany's own good.

"You can take away territory from a state," he told his hearers, "but you can't compel it to exchange goods with you. A dictated peace according to the Fatherland model would make the entente alliance permanent. Then the whole world would stand in arms against us, and we should have to meet the expense of ever-increasing armaments involving annually some 12,000,000,000 marks. Even now our air service is costing us more than our entire army did in peace time. A war indemnity is not to be thought of."

He would give up the conquered strip of France, iron ore and all. "The value of the ore that lies in the provinces of Briey and Longwy has been estimated by experts," he says, "and it amounts to as much as we spend in 25 days of war." Surely nothing to hold out for! As for Germany's colonies, all she ever get out of them in a year would only pay Germany's war expenditure for one day from eight in the morning till six at night.

Not a word of morality, honesty and decency toward the outside world, you observe. His morals are merely utilitarian. He wants Germany to stop fighting and behave herself to prevent her own destruction. But it's something to tell Germans even such material truths as those. They can grasp them, when they couldn't grasp ideas of abstract honor.

He's doing what we'd do if we had a chance.

GET INTO THE STRIDE

Dr. Alonzo Taylor of the federal food administration recently said that our consumption of wheat is nearly normal in spite of the saving effected by great numbers of people. The same thing has been true in England, where 20 per cent of Britain's population—the upper 20—saved 29 per cent of wheat, while the total

consumption increase 5 per cent. The reason is that the workers naturally eat the most nutritive food they can get at the cheapest price, and wheat products fall in that class.

It's up to the folks who can afford to buy fresh vegetables and fruits and cereals other than wheat to cut down their wheat ration to a good deal less than the allotted amount per person. There are masses of people who have to eat the wheat or suffer from lack of proper nourishment. It is the others who must do the conserving.

Summer is coming on with its vegetable gardens and fresh fruits. There will be greater opportunity to save wheat by eating other foods. And whether that were true or not, we've got to do it. As Dr. Taylor expressed it: "The sooner we get in to our saving stride the better."

AT THE MOVIES

George Walsh, acknowledged as the best actor in film comedy drama, will appear in another rollicking picture at the Joy theatre tonight and Saturday. It is William Fox's "High Finance," a story which gives Mr. Walsh a rare opportunity to display his prowess and fun-making ability.

Mr. Walsh plays the role of Preston Platt, a young spendthrift, who, because he is threatened with being disinherited, hires out as a valet with a scientist about to go west to explore a deserted mine.

On the trip he meets Patricia West (Doris Pawn), a young girl, who, to assert woman's rights became private secretary with the same scientist.

Preston falls in love with Patricia. To show his father he has some business ability he "salts" the abandoned copper mine, starts a run on the stock and sells it to his father for \$100,000.

When his father arrives and sees he has been buncoed, Preston leaves to make Patricia his bride, having netted a nice fortune from the mine deal. Dad relents and welcomes his financier son back home.

War savings stamps are on sale the year around.

FACTS ABOUT THE LIBRARY ARE GIVEN

In an editorial Thursday the Courier promised to give the contract which the county will have to sign with the Carnegie Corporation in the event that the voters next Friday decide to accept the gift of the library board—\$12,500 to be used in the construction of a library. In the following contract it is noted that as a condition upon which the gift is accepted, the county will have to provide a maintenance fund of not less than \$1,250 a year. A copy of the contract follows here-with:

Form Which May Be Followed in Drawing Resolution Required by Carnegie Corporation of New York

Whereas, Carnegie Corporation of New York has agreed to furnish \$12,500 dollars to the county of Josephine to erect a free public library building, on condition that said Josephine county shall pledge itself by resolution of county court, to raise and expend not less than 1,250 dollars a year for maintenance of a free public library and provide a suitable site for said building; now therefore

Be it Resolved by the county court of Josephine county that said county court accept said donation, and it does hereby pledge itself to comply with the requirements of said Carnegie Corporation of New York. And further

Resolved, that it will furnish a suitable site for said building and will raise and expend not less than \$1,250 dollars a year for maintenance of a free public library in said building when erected. And further

Resolved, that an annual levy shall hereafter be made upon the taxable property of said Josephine county sufficient in amount to comply with the above requirements.

In the accompanying resolution which was adopted by the city council on April 5, the city surrenders its donation from the Carnegie commission in case the county will take it up and make it a county affair. In passing the resolution, a clause was inserted which binds the city to provide from its own funds \$1,200 a year. This leaves but \$50 for the county to supply to meet the requirements of the commission. The county is already giving \$800 a year towards the maintenance of the library, so this part is well taken care of.

Here is the resolution adopted by the city council:

Be it Resolved, by the common council of the town, now city of Grants Pass, Josephine county, Oregon:

First—The city of Grants Pass hereby renounces the promised donation of the Carnegie corporation of the city and state of New York heretofore made to said city of Grants Pass for a Carnegie library building, in favor of the county of Josephine, state of Oregon, conditioned upon the said county of Josephine, state of Oregon, entering into such contractual relations with the Carnegie corporation, aforesaid, as will result in the said donation being made to Josephine county, Oregon, and carried to completion in due course.

Second—Be it further resolved, that upon the completion and consummation of the donation aforesaid of the Carnegie corporation, aforesaid, unto the said Josephine county, Oregon, the library now owned and maintained by the said city of Grants Pass be transferred unto Josephine county, Oregon, for and as a part and parcel of the Carnegie library to be maintained by said county, and that the said city of Grants Pass hereafter annually provide such taxation against the taxable property of said city as shall yield the sum of twelve hundred dollars annually to be contributed to the maintenance of the said Carnegie library.

Dated this 5th day of April, 1917.

Approved, C. H. Demaray,

Attest, H. H. Allyn,
Auditor and Police Judge.

From the foregoing it is seen that the only question to be voted on is whether or not to take the money which Carnegie will give, or to refuse it. The county will be out nothing, to speak of, if it is accepted and will be ahead a new building, while if it is rejected it will get nothing. There is nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

It is argued in some cases that the amount will not build a good enough building and that this is a poor time to build when labor and

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SHOE POLISHES

KEEP YOUR SHOES NEAT

LIQUIDS AND PASTES, FOR BLACK, WHITE, TAN, DARK BROWN OR OX-BLOOD SHOES. PRESERVE THE LEATHER.

BUY War Savings Stamps

ROGUE RIVER WATER COMPANY

FRIENDS OF NORMAN HALL SEEK NEWS OF HIS FATE

With the American Army in France, May 10.—Comrades of Captain James Norman Hall, aviator, missing after a combat on the Toul front, have asked the American embassy in Paris, to communicate with Germany through Switzerland, in an effort to ascertain whether Hall was killed or made prisoner. They have furnished the embassy with a description of Hall's airplane and the number of the motor.

A French artillery observer reported that Hall apparently was making a safe landing when he disappeared.

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FRENCH AVIATOR DINGS DOWN HIS 34TH GERMAN

Paris, May 10.—Within five minutes Tuesday, Sub-Lieutenant Nungesser, leading French aviator, shot down his 33d and 34th German machines and damaged another which undoubtedly will be placed to his credit. On Sunday he knocked out two other enemy airplanes which have not yet been officially recorded.

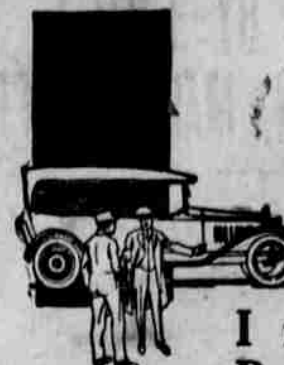
Sub-Lieutenant Nungesser during three years of air fighting has been wounded 17 times and has served on 52 bombing expeditions. French aviation has suffered a great loss in the death within a few days of three aces who among them had accounted for more than 45 Germans. Lieutenant Chaput, with 16 Germans to his credit, was killed Tuesday, while Sub-Lieutenant Demeeuldre, winner of 13 victories, was killed in the region of the Somme yesterday. Captain Hieffre met death while directing an infantry attack from a very low altitude. He was struck by a machine gun bullet fired from the ground.

Spread the butter thin—Help the allies to Berlin.

OUTCLASSED



The DEVIL—Let me sit at thy feet and learn



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