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MONDAY, MAY 13, 1918.

**OREGON WEATHER**

Fair, with moderate westerly winds.

**GOUGING ARMY OFFICERS**

A writer in the New York Times, illustrating "the high cost of serving one's country," declares that our army officers have been "gouged" in the purchase of their equipment to the extent of \$29,000,000.

The figures he gives seem undeniable proof of scandalous extortion. More than 100,000 officers have entered the service since we went to war, and in accordance with the custom, have provided their equipment at their own expense. They have had to buy nearly everything from private dealers. As a result, the writer says, these officers have each paid on an average, \$288.09 more than they would have had to pay if the government had furnished them the supplies at cost.

As long as they are forced to patronize private dealers, it goes without saying that the dealers deserve to make a profit. But surely there is no excuse for such profits as are indicated by a comparison of the government prices and private prices. For a cap which costs the government 73 cents the officer must pay the dealer \$4.50. For a \$2.56 hat the officer pays \$10. For an overcoat which the war department could sell him for \$12.50 he must pay \$40. A \$2 suit of underwear costs him \$5. Blankets and sleeping bag which cost the government \$18 cost him \$40. And so it goes.

A few of the articles the officers need can be bought direct from the commissary department which furnishes equipment to privates. It is worth noting that in practically every case the private dealer's price for these articles is the same as the government price. The conclusion is inevitable that the higher prices charged for other things represent for the most part pure extortion, made possible by the lack of government competition. The retailer in any particular case may not be making an extortionate profit, but somebody is making it.

The public naturally wants to know why there should be any profit at all. The officer's pay is small enough, considering his heavy expenses. As long as he has to buy his outfit, why can't the war department sell it to him direct, at cost price?

Save wheat. Eat potatoes.

**If you need it**

IT'S A GOOD BUY

40-lb. sack Whole Wheat Flour..... } \$5.75  
30-lb. Sack Yellow Corn Meal..... }

A Pound Can of Ryzon Baking Powder 35c

**KINNEY & TRUAX GROCERY**

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**CANNING CLUBS TO BE ORGANIZED TONIGHT**

Seventy-eight girls and six boys in the Grants Pass schools signed up Thursday to become members of a canning club under the supervision of Miss McCormick, home demonstration agent. A meeting was held Friday evening and it was decided to meet Monday evening of each week at 7:30 in the domestic science room of the high school.

Wilda Counts, who graduates this year from the Oregon Agricultural college, will assist Miss McCormick in conducting the canning work. The first demonstration lesson will be given Monday evening, May 13, and every member enrolled should be present promptly at 7:30. Besides the demonstration, a president and secretary for the club will be elected.

There are several advantages to be obtained from this club work. Girls and boys are more interested in canning if they can see demonstrations and can exhibit the product of their work. The proper method of canning vegetables, fruit, fish, meat, etc., will be shown by Miss McCormick. Drying demonstrations will also be given. Each club member receives from the Oregon Agricultural college free bulletins and instructions giving the best methods to follow in home canning and drying and also becomes eligible for the county and state fair prizes and the two week's summer course offered free by the Oregon Agricultural college to the county prize winners.

There are no fees or dues to be paid and the canning and drying work is done at home just as the material comes on during the canning season—for instance the members are not expected to can peas at

this time of year, but to wait until they are ready from their own gardens.

- The canning projects consist of:
- (a)—Canning at least 10 quarts of fruit, and 10 qts. of vegetables.
- (b)—Drying at least 2 pounds of fruit and 2 pounds of vegetables.
- (c)—Making at least 10 glasses of jelly.
- (d)—Attending the club meetings.
- (e)—Exhibiting at a local, county, or state fair.



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**HERO OF THE MERRIMAC**

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live in harmony with her laws. "The fourth generation of drinking parentage is left by nature, barren. Alcohol has collected its blood tax and the generative power of man has ceased. Nature shortens the life of degenerate persons."

"It is going to be a long war, friends, not to be won until America is a dry nation. Germany, to whom we owe many of our scientific facts regarding the use of strong drink, long before the war planned with her program of preparedness just what she would do with the drink question. On the breaking out of the war they restricted the output of all liquor. A few months, reduced that quantity greatly and in the first year abolished it. Not a gallon of liquor is produced there now. No other nation now in the war has taken this great step toward efficiency. The allies need 30 to 50 per cent more man power than at present is available. The use of strong drink is responsible for that amount of loss of man power in the allied armies today. Still we dare not lay violent hands upon the monster.

"Whence came our breweries? From Germany. Where is their stock held? In Germany. What is being done today with the proceeds of this German capital? It is being invested in America for the future benefit of German stockholders. Whence the funds for the great German propaganda in America? The government has the evidence that the great brewing interests of America contributed vast sums to this purpose. We need not fear the Hun across the seas for he cannot get to our shores to invade the sanctity of our homes and ravish our fair land, but the Hun of the brewing interests is the foe that has access to our homes and cities where it levies its toll on the manhood of the nation, the greatest ally Germany has in fighting America today. Alcohol has the degenerative poison in it that builds the beastial at the expense of the spiritual in man.

"America dry can demand and get every allied nation in the dry column. How long will the war last. I am asked again and again. Until we have a sober nation to fight and win it. The war has brought about a condition unrivaled in the history of the whole world and one probably never to be experienced again while time shall last. In the deaths of its sorrow humanity reads the evidence of the errors of the past, the dangers of today and is ready to make the utmost sacrifice to assure the future. We secure now the abolishment of this great national menace, indeed world menace, or forever the opportunity passes and oblivion awaits the proud civilization of the century."

Captain Hobson's simple recital of that dramatic moment of his life when with the crew of brave fellows who volunteered for the perilous adventure before Santiago he waited for the order to go in, gripped every heart. It was the manly confession of a great man to the need and help in the hour when a soldier faces probable death in the line of duty of a mighty faith in God. The young men who listened and who later will stand under fire for the first time must surely remember his words and find strength for the ordeal.

Hundreds pressed forward to congratulate the captain on his great address. Mothers whose sons are overseas greeted him as a friend of the American soldier and sailor whose battles he was fighting in the home land. Comrades of the Spanish war recalled the days of battle and hardly could he get away from the crowd to go to Medford for the afternoon address.

Captain Hobson spoke at the Page theatre in Medford at 3 o'clock and at Ashland in the evening. He was a passenger on this morning's train No. 14 for Roseburg.

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**IT'S UP TO YOU**



**R. N. STANFIELD**  
Republican for United States Senator

Robert N. Stanfield's nomination for United States Senator in the Republican Primaries, May 17, will mean two things—

1—The belief of the people of Oregon that this state has not received the recognition at Washington to which it is entitled and that there is a demand for a square deal.

2—The Republicans do not want the Democratic boss to dictate in the Republican primaries and that Republicans prefer Stanfield, a 100% Republican, rather than a 50-50 Demo-Rep., dominated by the Democratic Boss.

Do you want a wide-awake, energetic man with initiative and red blood to be Senator, or do you want a "man asleep on the job" who introduces bills and permits them to sleep in committees?

A man who knows Oregon and its needs and who has the force and confidence to demand results will quickly make his mark at Washington and through him Oregon will receive the recognition so long denied this state. Such a man is Robert N. Stanfield.

S. B. Huston, in withdrawing from the Senatorial contest, made the following statement:

"I have a very strong conviction that Oregon has been discriminated against by the National Government in many ways. Mr. Stanfield shares this feeling and promises, if elected, to correct it as far as it lies in his power to do so. Senator McNary denies that any such discrimination exists. He was quoted in a dispatch from Washington to the Oregon Journal as saying that he 'took no stock in the statement that there has been discrimination against Oregon.' Of course, if he believes there has been no such discrimination he will make no effort to remove it.

What has Oregon received except such business as had to come here because material could not be furnished elsewhere?

Oregon furnished spruce, but the airplanes are not manufactured here. Oregon has received a few contracts for wooden ships, because the timber is here, but look at the wooden ships contracts that went to the South and the Atlantic Coast! And for many of these Southern ships Oregon had to be drawn on for large timbers.

More than 20,000 Oregon boys are in the service, but they all were sent to cantonments in other states for training.

Oregon responded quickly to appeals for food conservation, but the wheat growers of Oregon were penalized 20 cents a bushel for living in this state.

Many other instances could be cited showing that Oregon has been discriminated against, but McNary says that he takes no stock in the statement that Oregon has been discriminated against."

Do you want these conditions to continue, or do you want them remedied? If you want results, then send Stanfield to Washington.

Five lawyers represent Oregon at Washington. Why not elect a farmer, stockraiser and business man for a change? Do lawyers have a monopoly of all the loyalty, patriotism, wisdom and knowledge in Oregon?

Why does the Chamber of Commerce pay a special agent at Senatorial salary of \$7,500 a year to remain at Washington to look after practical matters for Oregon if someone isn't "Asleep on the job" or if Oregon is not discriminated against?

**100 PER CENT OF 50-50 PER CENT?**

Republican voters should settle their own party affairs in the primaries without the interference of Democratic kaisers.

A clean-cut party issue is presented to the Republicans of Oregon. It is in the hands of the Republicans, themselves, whether they want a Republican Senator or a Demo-Rep. Senator.

Stanfield is 100 per cent Republican and has been elected as such three times to the Legislature.

McNary, his opponent, has a penchant for holding office, but has never yet been elected to one by the people—in fact, he was defeated the only time the people ever got a chance to vote on him—and he has been as willing to seek appointment to political jobs from Democrats as from Republicans.

The Democratic Boss appointed McNary to the Supreme bench and is now trying to make the Republicans nominate his friend and colleague for United States Senator. If McNary, the protégé of Oswald West, is nominated then the Republicans can say "good night" to the Republican party in Oregon for years to come, for West will be in power and have his friend at Washington.

Here is the question for you, Mr. and Mrs. Republican Voter, to settle. It is strictly a party matter in the primaries. Do you want a genuine, 100 per cent Republican or a 50-50 Demo-Republican, with the latter endorsed and advocated by the Self-appointed Democratic dictator?

IF YOU WISH TO MAINTAIN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, YOU MUST VOTE FOR STANFIELD.

(Stanfield Senatorial League, 203 Northwestern Bank Bldg., Portland, Oregon.) (Paid Advertisement)