

# The Centinel

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## WIVES, WIFE OF HENRY

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Every year many children are born to death by disease from Christmas candles. Don't put candles on Christmas trees and don't use cotton or anything that will catch fire to represent snow.

The Fordland mills have finally come down off the perch and at the request of the federal food manager, Mr. Aye, have agreed to sell Graham and whole wheat flour at lower prices than straight white flour. They can, of course, be produced cheaper, and there never was any reason for charging more for them.

The President has approved the recommendation of the Food Administration that the alcoholic content of beer be reduced to a 3 per cent maximum and the volume of grain used be reduced to approximately 70 per cent of that formerly used. Provisions are made to increase the output of cattle feed from brewing establishments.

The Red Cross isn't asking a large amount from any one in the drive for new members that will begin at noon on Monday, Dec. 17, and continue until midnight on Monday, Dec. 24. One membership for each man, woman and child at \$1, each, is all that is essential, though \$5 memberships and life memberships costing more will be gladly received. But this is a dollar drive and if everybody contributes a dollar we shall have done our full duty this time.

When the day arrived for the consideration of the county budget a year ago, the Marshall Chamber of Commerce was represented by a large committee and through its spokesman, C. E. Fook, secured a good many reductions in the proposed estimates. Being a beneficiary of this year's budget to the extent of an appropriation of \$20,000 for an armory over there, there will perhaps be less objection to the budget from that quarter this year.

At its recent session the County court of Coos county decided to make the county tax levy for schools \$10 per head for the school population, instead of \$5 as heretofore. This will raise the total amount of this tax from \$54,000 for 1916 to \$70,000 for 1917. This change relieves the cities and centers of population to some extent and adds to the tax on the big lumber holdings, that is \$10,000 more is levied on the property of the county as a whole this year.

That anyone could be so heartless as to rejoice over the destruction of human life—the crushing and mutilation of the living, women and children as well as strong men—which occurred at Halifax a couple of weeks ago appears incredible. And yet we have no doubt that the Kaiser and his generals chuckled over it, nor that they were echoed by allies and traitors in this country. The depths to which it is possible for human beings to descend remained unexplored until this war came to disclose new possibilities of infamy in the heart of man.

Last Monday night the Marshall council unanimously enacted a strong anti-I. W. W. ordinance, which went into effect Tuesday morning. It makes it an offense to wear an I. W. W. membership button, to have an I. W. W. membership card in one's possession, to have I. W. W. literature, to advocate I. W. W. teachings or talk in favor of it and makes a public nuisance of a place where I. W. W. literature or insignia is stored.

The penalty provided is the most severe that a city can impose. It provides for a fine of \$100 or fifty days in

## CONSERVATION IN THE EAST

From the editor's old home on Long Island comes the following "Win the War in the Kitchen" note:  
In co-operation with the National Food Conservation Campaign, for the past week 25 families connected with the Second Avenue Church reported 77 rationable meals, 311 rationable meals and 465 rationable meals. These reports probably do not represent any unusual effort or marked change from ordinary routine, but they emphasize three facts worth noting: The great practical difficulty of providing a rationable substitute for ordinary meat bread; the decided change in the meat-eating habits of country people who a generation ago looked upon meat as a necessity three times a day; and the fact that present-day rural housewives are maintaining the reputation of their mothers for being most diligent and successful food conservers.

## CONSERVATION WITH RED CROSS

In the greatest campaign of its kind ever undertaken the American Red Cross is asking for 10,000,000 new members, and expects to enroll them between December 15 and December 25. The magnitude of this drive is commensurate with the magnitude of the need in which it was conceived. We all know the tremendous demands on the goods services of the Red Cross at this time. We all know that this demand is going to be vastly greater before it grows less. We all know that there is only one way in which the embowed suffering caused by this war can be alleviated systematically and on a scale proportionate to its intensity. That way is through cooperation with the Red Cross.

There are more than 10,000,000 persons in the United States who are not members of the Red Cross largely because of thoughtlessness. Are you one of them? In this drive you may become a member for one dollar. Can you weigh a dollar against the uncreated misery and suffering that exists and holds an instant?

## WHOM ARE YOU SERVING?

It is and must be a characteristic of this world-war for Democracy that each and everyone of us serves in it—not now and then, if we happen to feel like it or not. If we go to the front we are serving; if we eat food bread we are serving. When we write a letter and put a three cent stamp on it we are serving. And we are serving in this war just the same if we dodge, or attempt to dodge, our duties as loyal Americans—only we are serving the enemy, France.

Without question we serve this country if we fail to do our utmost to support our great national organization, the American Red Cross. No good agency can do so much to bring peace, comfort, cheer to our boys abroad—to our sons, husbands, brothers, neighbors in France. No second agency can do so much to foster the good will of our allies toward us, or their whole-hearted confidence in us. Not to be a member of the American Red Cross (and single membership costs \$1 yearly) is definitely, even if thoughtlessly, to help the Kaiser. There is no exaggeration in this statement. The fighting morale of our troops, and those of our allies, will very largely depend upon what you, and you, and YOU, men and women of America, enable your Red Cross to do for them. In the final analysis it is up to you.

So if you have failed, through thoughtlessness or mere laziness, to become even a dollar member of the Red Cross, think it over for one minute (or less)—then decide that you are pro-American to the core—and join today. This Christmas membership drive of the American Red Cross was launched expressly to bring ten million thoughtless Americans into the patriotic fold. When the drive is over, if you have not joined your local Red Cross Chapter you will no longer be allowed to plead thoughtlessness. You will be looked at with growing suspicion by your loyal neighbors who have the Red Cross service flag in their windows. And they will be right.

## HENRY FORD AGAIN

Clearly something will have to be done with Henry Ford. When the world went mad and the nations flew at each other's throats he financed a peace ship in the hope that the men in the trenches would be glad of an opportunity to quit fighting. But the world laughed; and the war went on. By and by Mr. Ford, like many others who wanted peace, got a new point of view. He saw that the maker of the war would stop only upon terms that were worse than the war itself. Now he believes that the war must be fought out; and to that end he is contributing his wonderful organizing ability to the service of the government. As a member of the staff of the shipping board at Washington he wishes to speed up the production of vessels by standardizing the various parts and producing them in quantities, after the manner of his automobiles. In this way ships can be built quicker, better and cheaper. Commenting on the report that the Germans had recently constructed an army of 200,000 men from the debris to the western front in auto trucks, he said that the Ford

## THE GREATEST CROPS EVER

The Department of Agriculture at Washington estimates the value of this year's crops in the United States at \$1 billion of dollars. This would equal an income of ten per cent on the wealth of the nation. The figures are as follows:  
Corn, \$1,100,000,000 bushels.  
Wheat (winter) 418,976,000.  
Wheat (spring) 328,758,000.  
Oats, 1,587,386,000.  
Potatoes, 468,500,000.  
Sugar Beets, 4,287,500 tons.  
Rape, 27,578,000 pounds.  
Apples, 58,308,000 bushels.  
Peaches, 45,000,000 bushels.

In the equipment furnished each infantryman by the Ordnance Bureau of the War Department are 2 1/2 pounds of iron and steel. This is exclusive of the uniform equipment provided by the Quartermaster Corps.

Used in the heaviest warband are 2 ounces of iron and steel; bacon can, 0.84 ounces; bayonet, 15 ounces; front sight cover, 3 ounces; knife, 1 ounce; meat can, 0.88 ounces; pack carrier, 0.88 ounces; rifle, 197 ounces; shovel, 25 ounces.

Commensurate straw fodder and ground grape pits are suggested for table use in Germany. In a published list of new foodstuffs, with descriptions of use, the following are also found:  
Eshbarb leaves, seaweed, straw meal, crushed and ground maize ears, leather stalks, ground sugar-beet roots, parsley seed, wild radish leaves, bran, wine yeast, beechnut cake, fish meal, and various mixed foods.

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## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Highway Construction, Coos County, Oregon.  
Sealed bids for the widening of a portion of the Empire-Sunset Bay Road, Empire to Tar Heel, in Coos County, Oregon, will be received by the County Court of said County at its office in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon, until 10:00 A. M. Jan. 2nd, 1919.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash, bidder's bond, or certified check for an amount equal to at least 5 per cent. of the total amount of the bid.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half the total amount of the bid. Proposal blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk of said County, or at the office of the Deputy State Highway Engineer, in the Court House, Coquille, Oregon.

Plans and specifications and forms of contract may be seen at the same place or may be obtained upon the deposit of \$15.00.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for said County.

COUNTY COURT OF COOS COUNTY.  
James Watson, County Judge.  
G. J. Armstrong, County Commissioner.  
Archie Phillips, County Commissioner.  
L. W. Oddy, County Clerk.  
Coquille, Oregon, Dec. 10th, 1918.

## WIFE'S NEW STORY FROM THE PEN OF THE W. W.

"I don't think Harry takes me as much as I think he does," my father told me once when he was out and sometimes when he isn't. I don't know why he says that, and he looks at me without any judgment. He just guesses I am thinking something bad about him or something else, and then he blames me. He is right that way, and what I do to him I have to do on the quiet, and then he has to do some awful guessing.

"It's kinder funny he guesses right a good many times. Now, one day my father came home with a great big rooster. He was awful party, with his great long tail feathers, and he was red and gold and black. My father said he was a gamecock and his name was Harry.

"Well, one day my father had been outergatin' me (he called it) and then he drove away in the wagon. After he was gone I tried to catch Harry and was going to put on his tail, so as to get back with my father. I ran after him, but 'twas no use. So I got a worm and put it on his fishing line and threw it out to him, and he struck it right and swallowed it.

"I reeled him in, and then ran in the house and got a strip of rag and tied on his tail and put bromine on it and set fire to it and out off the line close to his mouth.

"Well, that rooster ran and flew up on the barn and then over the house on top of the chimney and hollered like everything. My mother heard him and she looked up and saw him all smoking and burning, and just then she saw my father driving down the street.

She was awful scared and shook her fist at me, 'cause she knew I done her and ran in the house and grabbed up an armful of papers and put 'em in the fireplace and set 'em fire to 'em.

"My father saw the smoke and heard Harry hollerin' when he came up the street, and he 'see the rooster all burnt' and his tail all gone, and he ran in the house and grabbed my mother away from the fireplace and says, 'What yer doin'?'  
"And my mother says, 'I'm burnin' up some old papers,' and father swore at her and said she had burnt Harry's tail off, and he was outtin' in the chimney and looked more like a gamecock than he did like a gamecock, and just then Harry fell down the chimney right in the fireplace in front of me.

"I had to catch, and my father made a dash to me. He got me all right and nearly killed me, and he only just guessed I was the guilty one."

## NOTICE

The "Annual Meeting" of the members of the Pat Elk Druggery District, will be held in the Pacific East State Company's office in Coquille, Oregon, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1918, at 11 o'clock a. m. The purpose of said meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Geo. T. Moulton, Sec'y.

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