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Since the government has taken charge of the railroads the Southern Pacific has revoked its orders for January advertising and has directed its agents to cease to solicit business.

In the recent Red Cross membership drive Oregon stands at the head of the list. Coos county, too, ranks among the highest Oregon counties and Coquille doesn't take any back seat in Coos county.

The Oregon chairman of the Red Cross Christmas membership drive writes to tell us that they have filed more Red Cross clippings from the Coquille Valley Sentinel than from any other weekly publication in Coos county.

Fifteen per cent of the Coos county men registered for military service have so far failed to respond with their "Questionnaires" filled out. Police officials have begun to raze the county with a fine tooth comb to find where they are.

We are not likely to very soon forget how the Coos climate slipped a cog and gave us four weeks of snow and slush two years ago; but we would have forgotten that by this time if it wasn't the rule for our section to skip anything like real winter.

Bosses did an immense amount of good once. That was when the German drive toward Paris was stopped at the Marne when the Kaiser's Huns got drunk on French wine and lost their punch. If they hadn't been halted there they would very likely have been on our eastern coast bombarding New York and Philadelphia before this time.

The best available figures to be obtained on the Christmas Membership Drive show that the Pacific Northwest went over big. Washington came through with 275,000; Oregon, 190,000; Idaho, 60,000, and Alaska, 20,000, making a total of practically half a million new members. With the quota for these states at \$61,600, this gives a handsome credit margin.

The food administration at Washington is asking for real wheatless Wednesdays now. No graham bread, whole wheat or wheat cereals, no graham crackers or any other crackers containing wheat; no bread crumbs in puddings or flour in gravies, either. Let's all try it. Rye, buckwheat, oatmeal, corn and rice ought to see us through one day in the week.

The United States is fast becoming the greatest creditor nation the world has ever seen. She is in a class by herself now, having last year sold six billion dollars' worth of goods to the rest of the world and taken only three billion in trade. About one-fourth of the other three billion was paid for in gold, but for the rest she took bonds. And she understands, too, that in order to make those bonds really first class security Germany must be prevented from winning the war.

It is pointed out by the treasury department that Thrift Stamps are not made redeemable in cash for the reason that these stamps are simply intended as a convenient method for the small savers to accumulate enough to purchase War Savings Stamps, which bear interest and are redeemable in cash.

In addition, to provide for redemption of these Thrift Stamps would involve such an amount of detailed accounting and labor and expense as to

imagine the practicability of their use. In fact, they would be more trouble and expense to the government possibly than they are worth.

It has been found to realize during the general meeting on Thurs been enjoying this week that all over the country we need to be familiar with in the eastern United States they have been humped up with the temperatures from zero to 40 degrees below. Of course everybody in the country can't move to the Pacific Northwest; much less to so wonderfully attractive a section as the Coquille valley, but if they knew what sort of a winter layout we have they sure would all be anxious to.

The securing of American godmothers for U. S. soldiers at the front is another activity that is causing no little embarrassment to the officials at Washington.

The idea of the godmother pledging herself to carry on correspondence and send packages of comfort to an American soldier abroad has failed to obtain the approval of the War Department and the Red Cross is unable to handle packages consigned to designated individuals.

For this reason chapters are asked to discourage any attempt to organize in this direction, since the Red Cross cannot endorse the idea of accepting such activities as auxiliaries.

WHY A COMMISSION?
The fact that the United States Government has taken over the railroads of the country will not, it is believed, interfere in any way with the work of the Public Service Commission of this state; ever since the war started the Commission has, according to Commissioner Blaine, been taking its instructions largely from the National War Council, and in the future the same policy will be followed except that the orders will come from Director-General McAdoo.

The above comes from a news syndicate at Seattle. What strikes us about it is that if the national government is going to run the railroads the state public utilities commission will, to that extent at least, be as useless as a fifth wheel to a coach. One clerk could transmit all the orders from the railroad manager at Washington to the railroads in Oregon and a high salaried commission would be a worse than useless luxury if it only functioned as a relay station.

CRACKING SLAVE WHIP AGAIN.
Pharaoh has risen from the tomb to win the world again.

We hear the snap of the slave-whip in the crack of the Prussian rifle. We see Justice and Mercy and the sacred rights of women and the Rule of Reason and the safety of little peoples and the clean hopes of Freedom dragged at the chariot wheels of triumphant Germany.

It is the Antichrist who stands at bay upon the grim plains of France. We offer battle to the king who challenges God's kingdom. We make war upon the makers of war. We draw steel to break the sword.

We give answer for the blighting of Poland, for the desecration of Belgium, for the slaughter of Armenians, and for all the hideous, nameless, damnable things that have made the Holy Lands a charnel-house, a bagno, and a barren.

Civilization were a lie, every precious memory of martyrdom defiled, tomorrow basely delivered to false masters, had we forgotten breed and creed and failed the cry to the crossroads.—Herbert Kaufman in the Cosmopolitan.

SUCH A LAW NEEDED.

Judge Coke's decision in the case of Ellen and Warren Ogren against the City of Coquille is a disappointment to our business men. There is no doubt about this decision having a solid legal basis, so far as the issues discussed are concerned. The city cannot make fish of one and flesh of another and discriminate against any merchant because he is beginning business. But what was aimed at in the ordinance in question was to compel the transient merchant who is here today and gone tomorrow to pay something for his privilege, seeing that he pays no taxes and does not contribute to the community welfare as the resident merchant does in innumerable ways. This ordinance would have equalized conditions in this respect, and was in fact what it proposed to be in its title, an act to tax "transient merchants." Indeed, the transient newcomer did not have to pay it at all—he only had to give a bond to pay it if he did not remain in business. The object sought appears to us to have been one entirely legitimate and equitable. But whether an ordinance to accomplish this purpose can be so drawn as to tax transients only and still come within the provisions of the constitution and laws, would appear to be very doubtful in view of Judge Coke's decision.

That if such an ordinance isn't legal, it ought to be, and that it has a fundamental basis in natural justice we will all continue to believe. It

was aimed only at the fly by night who would reap where others have sown without doing his bit for the public welfare.

GET THIS RIGHT.

What is intended by the Meatless and Wheatless Day, called for by the regulations of the United States Food Administration, is clearly stated below:

1. Meatless Day—No beef, pork or mutton, to be served in any form. This includes sausage, hash, hamburger, steak, sweet breads, tripe, liver, brains, kidney, pigs feet, meat soups, etc.

Substitutes which may be used include game, poultry, fish, eggs and sea foods. Also cheese in combination with macaroni, spaghetti, rice, hominy, etc.

2. Wheatless Day—No Wheat Products to be served in any form.

This includes bread containing any wheat flour, whether white or graham; wheat cereals, white and graham crackers; macaroni; spaghetti; cakes, pies and pastry containing wheat; sauces containing flour or bread crumbs.

Substitutes which may be used include breads, pastry and pies made from combination of corn meal, barley flour, rye flour, oatmeal flour and rice flour. Popcorn has been found to be a satisfactory substitute for some kinds of crackers.

Do not use wheat on Wednesday on the theory that it will not keep over until the next day. It can be used later for toast and other purposes, and must in no instance be served on Wednesday.

Recipes for bread, cake and pastry containing no wheat flour may be had on application to this office.

HOW MANY SENSE THE PERIL?

I wonder how many Americans feel that our democracy is in peril, that our liberty needs protection, that the United States is in real danger from the malignant forces which are seeking to impose their will upon the world, as they have upon Germany and her deceived allies.

Let us understand once for all that this is no war to establish an abstract principle of right. It is a war in which the future of the United States is at stake. If any among you have the idea that we are fighting others' battles and not our own, the sooner he gets away from the idea the better it will be for him, the better it will be for all of us.

Imagine Germany victor in Europe because the United States remained neutral. Who, then, would be the next victim of those who are seeking to be masters of the whole earth? Would not this country with its enormous wealth arouse the cupidity of an impoverished though triumphant Germany? Would not this democracy be the only obstacle between the autocratic rulers of Germany and their supreme ambition? Would they withhold their hand from so rich a prize?

Would it be easier or wiser for this country single-handed to resist a German Empire, flushed with victory and with great armies and navies at its command, than to unite with the brave enemies of that Empire in ending now and for all time this menace to our future?

Primarily, then, every man who crosses the ocean to fight on foreign soil against the armies of the German Emperor goes forth to fight for his country and for the preservation of those things for which our forefathers were willing to die. To those who thus offer themselves we owe the same debt that we owe to those men who in the past fought on American soil in the cause of liberty. No, not the same debt, but a greater one. It calls for more patriotism, more self-denial, and a truer vision to wage war on distant shores than to repel an invader or defend one's home. The young men who have gone forth to fight for their country have done a splendid thing. They have earned already the gratitude of their countrymen and of generations of Americans to come. Their battle-flags will become the cherished trophies of a nation which will never forget those who bore them in the cause of liberty.

THEY DIG FOR DEAR LIFE.

The best thing an infantryman does is dig. He learns to dig quickly, to dig frantically but efficiently, for many times during a year in the trenches his shovel saves his life, and the ground he has won at the risk of his life.

This is best illustrated in the case of a successful attack.

The fourth trench—the last to be taken—is where the real scene of activity ensues. One second wasted may mean a hundred lives lost.

The reason for this rush is that it is now a maxim of the fighting on the western front that a counter attack may reasonably be expected within five minutes after a set of trenches has been taken—certainly within ten. The enemy, in making a counter attack, naturally hits first at the trench

nearest him, which is the fourth one captured in the successful attack. Therefore it is vitally necessary to face the parapet the other way, pile up sandbags, piles, and other obstructions, for breastworks, tangle of stakes if time allows, and generally transform what has been the enemy's fourth line of defense into a new first-line trench ready to repel an attack.

The problem is a huge one.—Popular Mechanics.

CO-OPERATION MEANS SUCCESS

Just about every big achievement recorded in history succeeded by reason of well directed cooperative effort.

This is true of towns and communities. Think of any live and prosperous town you are familiar with, analyze the reasons for its growth and advancement and you will find its character to reflect the amount and quality of united effort put forth by the residents in and around it.

Most thriving small towns owe their progress to the support that is given their retail stores by the surrounding community. In saying this we do not urge or expect our readers to patronize their local stores if they can do better elsewhere. We appreciate the fact that you want good goods and good service along with a fair price. If your local merchants do not deserve your trade on this basis it is only natural to expect you to trade outside your home town.

We believe, however, that our subscribers' best interests, both financial and social, are dependent on building up with their trade the communities in which they live. Trade kept at home means money kept at home—and money makes community progress possible—progress in which all may share.

Buy of your local merchants when you can do so to as good advantage as you can buy elsewhere. But don't make it hard for your local storekeeper to carry a fresh, up-to-date line of goods by withholding trade you can give him to your mutual advantage. If your home town merchants are well-meaning progressive men, you may be sure they want your trade and will do everything they can to please you and to give you good service and a square deal every time.—Oregon Farmer.

Keep the Dollars Moving.

A subscriber once received a dun through the postoffice and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it, and editor showed him a few duns of his own—one for paper, one for type, one for fuel and several others. Now, said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come and help me out, and then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up, and renewed for another year.—Ex.

AFTER FOUR YEARS.

This Testimony Remains Unshaken. Time is the best test of truth. Here is a Grants Pass story that has stood the test of time. It is a story with a point which will come straight home to many of us.

Mrs. Amelia Lempe, 402 F St. Grants Pass, Ore., says: "I suffered from rheumatic pains and there were times when I could hardly get around I was so stiff and lame. At night I lay awake for hours on account of the pains, which went from one part of my body to another. I got up in the morning so stiff and lame it was all I could do to keep up. I tried many medicines and also used liniments but without the slightest relief. I finally started taking Doan's Kidney Pills. I was helped from the first and almost before I knew it I was free from the trouble." (Statement given in 1912.)

A Later Statement.
On March 20, 1916, Mrs. Lempe said: "I am glad to confirm my former endorsement of Doan's Kidney Pills. I have never had anything give me so much relief as Doan's." Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Lempe had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.



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