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To the O. N. G.

Duty may perform her functions
And conscription meet the test;
But I'm mighty glad old Oregon
Finds patriotism best.

—Rory O'Moore



MUST DO OUR PART

It seems that by the time this paper goes to press a formal declaration of war with Germany will have been made. Whether the paper declaration be made or not, the state of war actually exists, and no retreat from our position can now be made. It is not to be thought that Germany will take water. Then we are at last thoroughly committed as one of the belligerents against Germany. While perhaps comparatively few of our people have thought the whole matter out to the conclusion that we are now practically one of "the allies," and that we can by no means carry on a little war of our own against Germany, without mixing into the main scrap, yet the sooner we reach that realization the better. Uncle Sam must now do his part with the rest, "without mental reservation or purpose of evasion." He can't sit back and simply defend himself against invasion by Germany. The war upon which he has entered is being fought in Europe, and he must go to Europe to take part with the rest. The war spirit among the young men who will be called upon to actually lay down their lives has not, so far, become very fierce, but it is warming up rapidly, and if the President wants men all he will have to do will be to call for them. There will be no such picnic spirit as prevailed among the recruits for the Spanish war, for all realize that this war is no picnic; but the boys will come to the colors when they are needed.

THE "GUM SHOE" ARGUMENT

The Herald has run up, this week, against the old gag, "Don't say anything about it in the paper." Every small town newspaper has this to contend with, and that is one reason why so many of them publish so little local news beyond the fact that "Grandma So-and-So has celebrated her umptieth birth," and items of that sort. The small town resident seems to have a mighty fear of publicity—or it might better be said, "of truthful publicity." He seems willing enough that a story affecting him should be passed from mouth to mouth, with whatever additions and distortions the imagination of the narrator may see fit to add; but let the reporter of the local paper go to him for the real facts, and the first cry is: "Oh, don't say anything about it in the paper." And in matters affecting the public interests the same request is often made, when there is no possible rational argument for endeavoring to conceal the facts from the public. It was that sort of a deal against which the Herald ran up this week, and the matter was one in which the people of this school district take, and should take, the liveliest interest. If there is anything that the patrons of the school are interested in it is the personnel of the teachers; if there is anything that they have a right to know it is of any extensive changes in the teaching force. Yet a formal request came to the Herald "not to say anything about" the election of teachers for the next year, which took place at the last meeting of the Board. The fear was expressed that some people would make protests and cause trouble for the board members if they were informed of the changes that had been made, and this seemed to be considered a good argument against the publication of the facts. Try as we will, we can not bring ourselves to take that view of the ethics of the matter, nor that view of the proper way "to run a newspaper." Therefore the election news is given in this issue.

National Forest to Support Increased Number Stock

Approved grazing allowances for the National Forests during the coming season provide for the pasturing of 8,400,155 sheep, 2,120,145 cattle and horses, and 54,680 swine. These figures compared with those of last year, represent an approximate increase of 111,000 cattle and horses and a decrease of about 200,000 sheep. Grazing experts of the Forest Service figure that for purposes of range allotment one cow is equal to five sheep. Consequently the increase of 111,000 cattle and horses is held to be equivalent to a net increase of 355,000 sheep, or of 71,000 cattle, over the total number of stock grazed last year.

The decrease in the number of sheep is said to be caused by the action of owners who are disposing of their flocks in order to buy cattle. In most

cases the reason is not because of greater profits in handling cattle, but because the rapidly changing conditions on the open ranges, where sheep have been handled in the past, make it increasingly difficult to find feed for this class of stock during the months when deep snow prohibits grazing on the National Forests.

It is stated that the capacity of the National Forest range is gradually being increased by protection against over-grazing and improved methods of handling the stock. New areas are also being brought into use by the development of watering places, while the eradication of poisonous plants is reducing the losses suffered by the stockmen.

Food Prices

Retail food prices in the United States advanced 19 per cent in the year ending with January 15, as shown in statistics prepared by the Bureau of

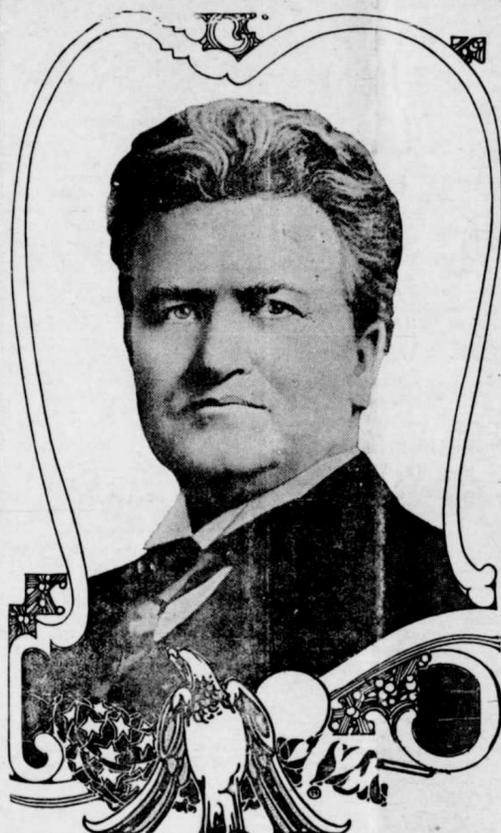
The Bullet

By Rory O'Moore

I am the steel-nosed, copper-bound bullet—
Crushing the noble brain;
Piercing the throbbing heart;
Parting God's bond in twain;
Tearing man's soul apart—
I am the bullet.

Peaceful the hamlet lay, calm and confiding,
Gaily the liting laugh on the breeze riding,
Came from the happy heart, speaking its gladness—
Never was it for long bowed down with sadness.
Peaceful the trees that lined, more peaceful highways;
Trusting the loving hearts, treading its byways.
I came with whining cry—came without warning—
Wreaking my vengeful wrath throughout the morning—
Flushing with shame, the day fled the black night,
Shutting my hellish work away from the sight.
God, what a sight it made, ere the light faded—
Glazed eyes and frozen hearts—temples I'd raided.

I am the steel-nosed, copper-bound bullet—
Fashioned by cunning brain,
For love of power and gold;
Giving but death and pain;
Sparing but maimed and old—
I am the bullet.



SENATOR ROBERT LA FOLLETTE

The man who today acting in the interests of Pacificism, effectually blocked action on the war resolution in the Senate.

Labor Statistics. The increase was greater than for the three previous years combined. The four years' gain was 30 per cent. Every food staple, except coffee and tea, advanced during the year. Onions and potatoes led with increases of more than 50 per cent.

Perfectly Safe

A Marshfield citizen, talking to Frank Leslie of this place, made some disparaging remarks about the display of patriotism here as compared with Marshfield. Mr. Leslie did not agree with him and named over a number of the young men that had answered the call to the colors.

Continuing in the same strain the Marshfield citizen said, "I suppose that should the Germans come in here you would want Marshfield to come over and take care of Coquille."

Mr. Leslie replied, "If the Germans came into Coos Bay, you people would never intimate that there was such a place as Coquille on the map."

Young Man Drowned

Harry Sappington, a young man of about twenty, was drowned at Lampa Sunday. The story of the drowning, as it came to the Herald, was that the young man had come to the landing at Lampa with a companion in a rowboat; that he got out on the floating dock and his companion started away in the boat. They were still talking together when Sappington made a step backward off the edge of the wharf and into the river. He called for help and his companion came back with the boat as quickly as possible, but too late to save him. The body was found yesterday morning and brought to the Ellingson undertaking parlors here, where the funeral services were held this morning.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved

"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for pains in the chest and lameness of the shoulders due to rheumatism, and am pleased to say that it has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes Mrs. S. N. Finch, Batavia, N. Y.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account in the matter of the administration of the estate of Charles K. Phillips, deceased, and that the County Court for Coos County, Oregon, has set Wednesday, the 2nd day of May, 1917, as the day and the County Court Room in the County Courthouse at Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1917.
LAURA J. HANSEN,
Administratrix of the estate of Charles K. Phillips, Deceased.
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Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

East Fork Items

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)
Ray Hyde's sale was a success. There was a big crowd, nearly all

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Front and C Streets

Coquille, Ore

the people of Middle and Cherry creek, but they also came from Fairview, Coquille and the East Fork. Bidders were not stingy, and if a man found he had kept the ball rolling too far he laughed and then laughed at the next man when his zeal for bidding brought him a junk pile. There was not a growler or groucher there. Neva Harry bought the mules then traded them to E. K. Marcy on the way home.

Grant Harry has moved to Eugene.

The Chamber of Commerce of Eugene did themselves proud when they voted to try to change the name of Lane county. Lane county was named for Doctor Lane who was an honor to the state. Because some misfit has the same name is no reason why the name of the county should be changed.

At the sale W. O. Mathews of Fairview said that last year he had a few feet more than one third of an acre in onions; had 7239 pounds and took in for onions \$152.45.

R. A. EASTON.

Some Good Advice

"Don't think too much of your own methods. Watch other people's ways and learn from them." This is good advice, especially when bilious or constipated. You will find many people who use Chamberlain's Tablets for these ailments with the best results, and will do well to follow their example.

CURRY COUNTY CULLINGS

Gold Beach Reporter

Last Friday night the rainfall was 2 1/2 inches in this vicinity, making all creeks run bank full.

Forest service officials with salaries of \$1,200 and under, have had their salaries raised 10 per cent while those receiving \$1,200 to \$1,500 have received a five per cent increase.

The Port Orford Tribune announces the recent high butter test of Mrs. Jamieson's cow, 84 per cent, was an individual test. In this connection it is a matter of interest to note that the Tribune reports that Zumwalt Brothers have a cow in the testing association that has tested 10 per cent butterfat.

During the past week practically all the wool in the southern end of the county has been contracted for, the top price being 46 cents a pound. San Francisco houses, who are behind the purchase, state that this is the final high price, and no more will be paid for the year's clip.

Constipation and Indigestion

These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

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