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HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?

The editor who likes to square away at the typewriter and grind out wise editorials about the war has a wealth of material ready to his hand, and the temptation to follow the line of least resistance and hammer out platitudes and "popular stuff" is strong. At the same time, he who finds the premises for his argument in any of the reports which are coming from Europe is taking big chances. The fact is that we know so little about what is really going on that we have no safe ground to go on. It must be remembered that our "news" is now coming from the allied camp and is naturally favorable to the allied cause. At the same time it is impossible to avoid giving some credence to the reports of the increasing difficulty in which the Kaiser is finding himself involved. If that which we are told as to the spirit of revolt which is arising among the German people be true, then it would not be surprising at any time to learn of an upset in the German empire that would rival that which came so unexpectedly in Russia. Once let the chains of militarism be loosened enough to allow the German people to think for themselves, and the Kaiser's strangle hold on his people will last about fifteen minutes, at the longest, and once let the German people get the knowledge into their consciousness that their final defeat is inevitable and their sacrifices and suffering can only serve to feed the vanity of the Hohenzollern, and they will begin to think. And when a German turns himself loose and begins to think he is very likely to hit the mark.

On the other hand if their life-long training is strong enough to keep them leaving all the thinking to the higher-ups, then the war may last for several years yet. It must be remembered that the Germans are still fighting on ground that they have taken from the other fellow. When it comes to an invasion of their own country, they will put up a resistance that no one can now measure.

That we have now joined the allies, means that we have "enlisted for the war," and that means until the German military machine is crushed beyond all repair. How long the job may take or what it will cost no man knows. To enter the struggle with any confidence that it will be a short one may lead to grievous disappointment. We must make up our minds to take it as it comes and to do our share like men.

We notice the ad of a party who wants 500 to 1000 acres suitable for a stock ranch, and has the money to pay for it. And one of the particulars that he calls for is "condition of the roads." There is food for thought in this for every land owner who is hesitating about giving his support to the bonding act.

"Lend a Hand"

The Herald is in receipt of a sample copy of "Lend a Hand." This little magazine is edited, printed and published monthly by the inmates of the Oregon penitentiary and it is a very interesting publication. Those who are well informed say that it is doing a good work; that inside the walls it helps to make life worth living, recording incidents of interest and offering prisoners a chance to express themselves, and that on the outside it performs a useful function in telling people about prison happenings and prison hopes. No one makes a cent out of the publication; it simply tries to be self-supporting. The subscription rate is \$1.00 a year. The men who create the magazine want to make it a little larger and better. They can do this if the income increases, and subscriptions are the only revenue. If any readers of the Herald feel like "lending a hand" in a most worthy cause, they can do so and at the same time receive a unique and interesting publication by sending their subscription to "Lend a Hand," Box 1 Route 6, Salem, Oregon.

Woman's Study Club Meets

The meeting of the Woman's Study Club last Friday afternoon was devoted entirely to business. Among the resolutions passed was one endorsing the Woman's National Economy Movement recently inaugurated by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall. Following is a list of the officers elected for 1917-18: President, Mrs. H. O. Anderson; First Vice President, Mrs. H. W. Young; Second Vice President, Mrs. R. B. Rogers; Secretary, Mrs. S. V. Epperson; Treasurer, Mrs. W. L. Kistner. The next meeting will be held on May 4.

Young Volunteers

Earl Isensee and Eric Plep, both of Coquille, left this morning for Portland, having enlisted Friday. Earl plans to become an assistant in the medical corps and to work himself up, and Eric is going in for electrical engineering. They have both had some experience in

these lines of work, Earl having acquired some knowledge at Fuhrman's Pharmacy, while Eric's father is engineer at the Oregon Power Company's plant here and has taught his son a good deal about the work. Both boys are under eighteen years, and had to have their parents' consent.

Harrison Opens the Season

All the small boys have been waiting for swimmin' season to start and wondering who would be the first one in. The honor goes to M. J. Harrison, who last Sunday plunged head first from the bow of a row boat into the cold water. However, it was not a case of nerve on Harrison's part but a clear case of poor judgment. He had been capturing a few elusive trout with the aid of the boat. Wishing to make a landing he ran the boat to within a short distance of the bank. He surveyed the stretch of water between himself and the bank with a critical eye and remarked, "If I can't make it in one jump I can make it in two." His foot slipped and we have not been able to learn just how many strokes it took him to reach the bank.

Coquille Girl Enlists

Miss Vera Perry of Coquille Friday sent in her application for a position behind the lines with Uncle Sam. She has the distinction of being the only girl from this place and as far as we have been able to learn, the only one in the county who has summoned up the nerve to enlist for actual duty. She has applied to the navy for a position in the telegraphic corps.

Marriage Licenses

Radford Thompson and Nora Neygreen. William E. Dietz and Elsie B. Strang. John C. Noble and Elsie Wolfe. Aloysens J. Foster and Viola Mieklen.

\$5.00 Reward

I will pay five dollars for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of anyone wilfully injuring or molesting the posters or lobby display of the Seenic theater.

Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

East Fork Items

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service) Mr. Tension of Coquille expected to go to Roseburg on horse-back over the Coos Bay road. When he got to Brewster Valley he learned that the road over the mountains is blocked except for the man on foot.

Mr. Christenson of Brewster Valley is receiving a visit from his brother. Born, to Mrs. Rube Cotton and husband Sunday, April 15, a girl. Sure, Spring is here—the dandelions are in blossom and in a little while their fluffy seed heads will say that summer time is here.

Why did Nero fiddle when Rome burned? To advertise himself. He did it. Why was Louvaine sacked and burned; the Lusitania sunk and other hellish acts done? That Billie II, Nero II might advertise himself. He sure has done it. It is reported that Billie II is sick; guess he has a headache. When will the German people rise up and make use of a rope and a tree for the chief murderers, and sterilize the nit? The world does move even if it is by a small majority of the supreme court of the United States of America.

R. A. EASTON.

Social

The past matrons were delightfully entertained by Mrs. J. W. Laird, Saturday afternoon, April 14. A delicious three-course luncheon was served at 1:30, after which the guests spent a pleasant afternoon with their fancy work and chatting. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, Oregon grape and flags. The place cards bore hand painted flags. Those present were Mesdames Rose, Kime, Lamb, Lyons, Barrow, Maury, Lawrence, Lorenz, Collier, Folsom, Sherwood, Eiland and Laird. Mrs. Newell was a guest of the occasion. The hostess was assisted by the Misses Kennedy, Spencer and Bay.

Mrs. C. A. Howard delightfully entertained the lady teachers of the Coquille school at her home Saturday afternoon. A two-course luncheon followed a very pleasant afternoon spent doing fancy work.

Coaledo on the Boom

Boom prices seem to prevail in real estate circles in Coaledo, and owners of lots there have asked such high prices for the strip of land desired by the county for the widening of the county road that the court has decided to leave it at its present width. Coaledo was a pretty lively hamlet when the Uttermine was running and the I. T. R. R. was bringing the travel between the Coquille and the Bay to a junction with the line of skiffs and dug-outs which navigated Beaver slough, the beavers maintaining the locks that made the creek navigable, and before the melodious whistle which salutes the car as we write had been transferred to an urban environment. At present it hardly looks like a center of activity.

Physician Locates Here

Dr. D. N. Hayden, who was here a short time ago looking over the field and who then decided to locate here, has arrived and has engaged the offices formerly occupied by Dr. Hamilton over the Farmers & Merchants Bank. As soon as he secures a residence he will be joined by Mrs. Hayden and their small son. Dr. Hayden is a Eugene man and has been located at Veneta, on the line of the Willamette Pacific, where he was the S. P. physician. He has the greatest faith in the future of Coos county and is locating at Coquille with confidence that he is choosing one of the best locations available.

Die

HILL—In this city April 23, 1917, B. F. Hill, aged 79 years, 10 months and 18 days. Funeral services will be held at the residence Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and interment will be in the Myrtle Point cemetery.

THOMAS—At Beaver slough April 24, 1917, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, aged 54 years. Funeral services will be held at the undertaking parlors in this city on Thursday about 11 o'clock, on the arrival of the Telegraph, and interment will be in the Old Fellows' cemetery.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of the State of Oregon for Coos County has, by order made this 24th day of April, 1917, set the hearing of objections to the final report of K. Halverson, administrator of the estate of Henry Halverson, deceased, to be heard on the 31st day of May, 1917, all objections to said report to be filed before said date.

OUR FOREST FIRES

Work of Uncle Sam in Preventing and Fighting Them.

RIGID RULES FOR CAMPERS.

The Permit System Has Been a Big Factor in Checking the Destruction of Trees—How the Alert Rangers Discover and Locate a Blaze.

Eternal vigilance is the watchword of the forest service of the United States in preventing and fighting forest fires. August and September are the critical time when forest fires are most numerous and disastrous. These are the driest months of the year on the Pacific slope, and in consequence the grass and brush in the forests are tinder dry and offer the least resistance to fire.

Throughout the dry season, which begins about April and extends through the early part of November, according to the latitude of the different states, the forest service of the department of agriculture increases its working forces until it has a host of men throughout the ranges over on the alert for fires. These additional forces augment the regular range force, which is on duty the year round.

High up on some lonely peak, far from the centers of civilization, stands a high watchtower that daily is the post of a forest ranger, who, with powerful binoculars and telescope, is on the lookout for the thin, telltale banner of vapor that tells its own story of the fire ahead to the watcher. On other peaks there are similar watchtowers, and the watchers here, too, may mark the rising column of smudge from afar. All report to a central station, where the fire is accurately located.

At each watchtower there is a circular map of the district within the view of that particular tower. By triangulation on this map the watcher notes the direction of the fire from his tower. The other watchtowers do the same, and all report to the central station these various directions. Where the triangulation lines meet on the great map of the central station there the fire is. It is a simple and yet a most effective method. The fire located, the fighting forces of the district are mobilized and the battle begins. It may be short, and it may last for weeks, but it is fought none the less relentlessly.

Stretching in every direction from the central ranger stations are miles of telephone and telegraph wires that are used in time of danger to mobilize the fire fighting army. Once the call has been made they come from every direction prepared to combat the common enemy. Frequently these fires occur within a short distance from small villages and towns, and then the problem becomes more complex. In that the homes, once aflame, are extinguished with greater difficulty.

Besides the use of the telephone and telegraph, the forest rangers also use the heliograph, with which they are able to send flashes of sunlight many miles to bring aid. These are where telegraph and telephone lines are not yet available. At centrally located depots are caches of dynamite that are also used for signaling purposes. At these depots are stored materials for fire fighting purposes and highly specialized apparatus.

Rigid rules have been laid down for persons camping in the woods, and the fire permit system has lessened the number of fires very appreciably. The greatest loss comes from the negligent pleasure seekers, who drop lighted matches in the grass and low brush. The fire permit cards can be obtained either at the general office or of any ranger, and there is no expense attached to it. The good accomplished by this arrangement appears in the fact that when a fire breaks out it is possible to know who had a permit to build a fire in that territory, for a close record is kept of the permits issued.

The fire permit card authorizes the holder to build camp fires on the national forest land between certain dates, provided the following requirements are complied with: To build small fires only, to build fires in the open and not against a tree or log or within twenty feet of standing brush, to scrape away all leaves and trash from around the fire, never to leave a fire unattended, even for a short time, without first extinguishing it; to extinguish fires first use water, then cover with dirt; bonfires are not allowed. It is further provided that when camps are moved the ground must be left in a clean and sanitary condition.—New York Tribune.

Facts about the Dollar. When you break a dollar the pieces disappear mysteriously. A dollar spent is far smaller than a dollar saved. Doubling a dollar is far harder than dividing it. A dollar thrown away can never again be found. A borrowed dollar is never so big as a dollar lent.—Baltimore Sun.

The Owl Valuable to the Farm. Do you know a monkey face owl when you see one? Perhaps you know it as the barn owl. Anyhow, if you see one hanging around don't kill it. It's worth six or eight cents to you on the farm or suburban place, according to the state biologist of Washington.—Chicago Tribune.

How shall I be able to rule over others that have not full power and command over myself?—Rabelais.

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\$5.00 Reward

I will pay Five Dollars reward for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party who robbed the Seenic box office of a sum of money recently in nickel, on the evening of February 21st.

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