

THE COMING TOWN ELECTION MAY HOLD FATE OF BEAVERTON IN RESULTS

The coming town election to be held in conjunction with the state election next Tuesday will in all probability be the most important election ever held in Beaverton. War has obscured politics and the small interest aroused in state and national politics by the president's appeal for a democratic congress has further served to cloud the local situation. But Beaverton stands today at the parting of the ways. Volume of town debt has now become a factor with which we must reckon. Members of the present council have wrestled with the problem until they are well disgusted with trying to get anything done under the present charter while citizens whose interests should make them alive to the problems before the council are apathetic to the last degree. These men are unwilling to serve longer and to fail to get men elected in the coming election who will take up the work of the town and carry it on to success means that the present officials would have the burden of city administration thrust upon them for another two years. If they were willing to do this, the Times would be well content to let them. But they are not and any attempt to force such responsibility upon them will doubtless result in the surrender of the charter and the levying of taxes by the county court to take care of the indebtedness.

In this season when the mind of every man who is capable of handling the affairs of the town is engrossed with the larger and more vital problems growing out of war conditions, it is doubtless bad form to expect them to take interest in the politics of a small town. As a solution, the Times suggests that a ticket composed of the ablest women in the town be written in the ballot on next Tuesday and that the affairs of Beaverton be turned over to them for the duration of the war and as much longer as they care to handle them.

You would at least see the crossings kept clean, the walks in repair and the grass and briar vines cut and we are willing to venture that they will not need a lawyer or a marshal to get it done, either.

SAVE THEM FROM A WORSE ENEMY THAN THE GERMAN



Will the Spanish "flu" prevent you from doing your duty by the boys over there? Uncle Sam is mighty good to the boys who fight his battles. He cares for them the best he can. But there are some things he cannot do.

Some things must be left to the charitable instincts of mankind. Uncle Sam has recognized this and has turned over to seven of the best charitable organizations in the world the task of entertaining and looking after the moral welfare of his men.

That these seven organizations are doing their work well, no one has ever for a moment questioned. But in order that the work may not be wasteful nor the gathering of the funds burdensome, he has asked that the drive for the funds be consolidated into one.

If the men who enjoy these things that make the soldier's life more tolerable could come to you and ask you to give, there would be no stint to your generosity. But they cannot come. Out where they watch tonight it is dark and damp and lurking dangers fill every shadow.

In drives that have passed, the message has been brought to you by men who had been where the bullets flew and where the unseen danger lurked in the shadows of the night. But this time that message must be but a printed one. Dangers lurk at times when solicitations are forbidden and soliciting can be undertaken only at grave peril. If you give, you must do so voluntarily. But the boys across the water must not lack the things they need because men here cannot come to you and beg you to give the necessary support to the needed war work.

As you bought bonds without solicitation, so will you come forward with a generous support of the vital war work which these brave and self-sacrificing men and women of the seven vital war activities are doing at so great a cost. Their hands will not be tied because we fail for we will not fail them.

Until the organization of this war work can be properly put in working shape here, the Times will be glad to receive and forward to the proper authorities, any contributions for the United War Work. Let the response be as generous and unstinted in this drive as it has been in the past when urgent appeals were made and house to house canvasses allowed no one to turn a deaf ear to mercy's call.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH

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did not hear from us for six months. What do you think of that?

We haven't the Kaiser here, but one who would love to be the Kaiser. And the worst of it is that we are so far away that we have to put up with a lot that we would not need to if there were more white people here. It will soon be different.

I tell you we miss the Beaverton people, especially our post mistress. You tell her for me that we all feel so sorry about the death of their sister. It seemed so sad. She was so young.

Elva, on the 16th I will think of you. I am so glad you like your school work. Some day you can come up on a visit, but I do not think you would enjoy teaching the natives as it would be rather lonesome for you. I have-

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n't seen but one white woman since January. She came to see me in July and stayed one week and I haven't spoken to a woman since. Wait until spring when I come out and I will talk you all to death.

Mr. Ferguson has been very successful since coming here, so that I feel that I can put up with a little inconvenience. And I am so well and strong.

I will begin picking blueberries and cranberries next week. The hills are covered, so we do not have to go very far from the house to get all we need.

Warren has a fine store. He carries everything. He is running it for a big fur company. He is over there alone. We are eight miles from him. He has to do his own cooking. Last winter I stayed in town and he ate with me most of the time.

Who is living in our house? We have never heard.

Give our love to all your folks and remember us to Beaverton friends. And I want to thank you once more for your kind letter. It did us so much good to think you would write to us. And write as soon as you get this.

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