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Red Cross Membership Campaign

Sherman county is determined to do everything in its power to aid the Christmas membership campaign for 240,000 members in Oregon for the American Red Cross. Preparations for the local campaign now on during this week have been under way for some time and culminated last Sunday in a public meeting at the Methodist church in the morning, the service at the Presbyterian church being dismissed for the occasion. J. B. Hosford gave a masterly talk concerning the activities of the Red Cross, both at home and abroad, in its work of relieving the sufferings of humanity. At the close of the address membership enrollment cards were passed among the audience and 137 responded by joining the organization. The annual membership dues is one dollar a year, half of which remains with the local auxiliary to be used in purchasing supplies for their work and the balance is used by the national organization to carry on their hospital and war relief work.

The present campaign is a nation wide movement to increase the membership of the American Red Cross to 15 million and provide the United States with a large and effective machine for war relief work. Of the 240 thousand new members expected from Oregon

Sherman county is listed for 1500 and of this number Moro will contribute 500, Wasco 500, Grass Valley 400, and Kent 100. It is reported from Kent that they have more than 150 memberships, have organized a Red Cross auxiliary, and in the future will take a more active part in Red Cross activities and the work of furnishing supplies.

Sherman County Pioneer Passes

Cora L. Cushman Vintin is one more pioneer Sherman county has seen leave her lands of golden promise for the life beyond, she having passed to the shadowy shores of the unknown land at her home near Grass Valley on December 12th, after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Vintin was born in Cherokee county, California, in 1866, coming to Oregon and Sherman county in 1881. She was married to David E. Vintin in 1884 and to them was born five children, four yet living. She has resided in Sherman county continuously since her entry into its pioneer life, was a prominent and faithful worker in the Baptist church and a member of the Rebecca lodge at Grass Valley. She leaves a husband; one grand child; four children, Guy W. Eugene, Laura, and Mrs. Frank Bayer; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Moore, Mrs. H. A. Moore, and Mrs. H. S. McDanel; and one brother, E. A. Cushman.

Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church at Grass Valley, the Rebecca lodge of that city assisting with the service. The sermon was a very impressive one, preached by Rev. Bailey, who had in earlier years baptized Mrs. Vintin into his church. The casket at the church and the little mound in the cemetery being draped with many beautiful floral offerings from loving friends and relatives.

All hail the new war savings system! The quarter saved by denying oneself four ounces of candy, the two quarters and more saved by not taking that Sunday joy ride, need no longer jingle loose and purposeless in the saver's pocket. They can be set directly to work for America's cause in the war. At any of the numerous stamp stations, including all the United States postoffices, the economized quarters and dimes can be invested at once in the issue known as the "thrift stamps," but the point is worthy of notice that the little thrift stamps, in 25-cent denomination, afford a means by which one's little economies can be converted on the instant into an effective call-loan to the United States government.

Your Income Tax Due Soon

Residents of Sherman county won't have to figure out their own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1st and March 1st, 1918.

The government recognizes that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes, too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible, find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1000 for the year 1917, must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. Every collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the court house at the county seat. The collector for this district will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits the county will have them.

It may be stated as a matter of general information that "net income" is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

The new exemptions of \$1000 and \$2000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income tax payers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker, and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax.

The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties.

Good Politics and Good Business

The party in control will do well to take the opposition into full partnership and confidence in this war enterprise for two reasons—one purely patriotic, the other judiciously partisan. The nation urgently needs the sum total of the wisdom, vision, counsel and co-operation of all parties. Therein lies the patriotic reason for 100 per cent effort and harmony.

The partisan reason is quite as simple. The huge debt to be created because of the war will be for decades a constant reminder of the responsibility for that debt. Unwise expenditures will be remembered better than the other kind. That's human nature. If the administration of the war is to be essentially democratic, in the partisan sense, the democratic party must be prepared to take the brunt of the blame for whatever blunders or worse there may be. Purely on the basis of partisan self-interest, therefore, shrewd politics calls for a liberal extension of responsibility to other parties than the one which happens to be in the majority.

It pays immensely to use a little space in the Observer to tell the people what you may have to sell. A small adv. in the Observer by Harry Key resulted in his selling all the white navy beans he had left on hand from the crop grown on summer fallow last summer. George Rebman of Klondike, closed them out last week by buying 300 pounds on Thursday. Mr. Key has some Red Mexican beans yet on hand, which are claimed to be better than the white variety.

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