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Have You Joined The Red Cross?

If not, don't put off joining another day. The Table Rock Auxiliary already has nearly fifty paid up members. Every patriotic citizen of Central Point owes it to humanity, as well as the country, to do "your bit" in this humanitarian work. We can't all go to war, but there are very few people who cannot help in the Red Cross work.

At the present time the Central Point auxiliary has sixty-seven members paid up, but it ought to have no less than two hundred! See Mr. R. H. Paxson, or Mrs. E. S. Palmer, Chairman.

Industrial Preparedness

No phase of preparedness for the Navy crisis which we are now facing is of greater importance than that of the food supply. The present food shortage will be greatly intensified by the withdrawal of many producers who are being called into the military service. With our entrance into the war, our obligations to furnish food to the allied nations will be greatly increased. We must meet this situation. This can be done by increasing production and by more economical use of food.

Vacant city lots and back yards afford the best means for prompt relief in production. If these are properly used for raising vegetables and poultry, thousands of dollars worth of food products can be added to the normal supply in a few months. At least sixty percent of the city lots and back yards now available are not being used. In the Nation, intelligent, sober and well organized efforts should be made to aid in improving the situation.

It is respectfully suggested that all organizations interested in the public welfare should get together and plan a campaign for their respective communities. A joint committee representing commercial clubs, and other organizations, parent-teachers' associations, school officials, and other organizations interested in public problems should appoint representatives to serve on a joint committee to be charged with the direction of the campaign. A survey should be made immediately to determine the amount of ground available and the number of persons who may be enlisted to put it to the best use.

Encouragement and instruction should be continued in a systematic way throughout the season. The Oregon Agricultural College has prepared a special series of pamphlets on poultry keeping, vegetable gardening, the economic use of foods and canning foods, which will be available to the people of the State. We shall be glad to send a supply of these publications upon receipt of evidence that this work is being efficiently organized in your community.

Extension Service,
RALPH D. HITZEL,
Director.
Corvallis, Ore.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AND DEMOCRACY.

One Frederick C. Howe says the days of universal public ownership of railroads is almost here.

The San Francisco Bulletin quotes him as showing the enormous efficiency of the nations that own railroads.

For nearly three years the great nations of Europe that have public ownership of nearly everything have been at war.

There can be no doubt that the powers of centralized government are enormously increased by owning railroads, telegraphs, etc.

Centralized power with militarism reduces the masses of the people to serfdom and renders them pawns in the great game of war.

The strength of democracy is to keep every avenue of individual initiative open—autocracy is powerful with the least initiative.

War and increasing government control, even of the people's food supplies and social and moral affairs, have gone hand in hand.

Extending government ownership means adding millions of officials armed with laws and regulations over the affairs of the citizens.

The citizens are herded like sheep and the sheep are all labeled and numbered and stay in the pens where they are put until wanted.

The Bulletin concludes from Mr. Howe's argument that "government and democracy are now nowhere in the world synonymous."

But are they not most nearly synonymous in this nation of 100,000,000 which has less government ownership than any European nation?

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