

Teach the Children to Save

The inculcation of Thrift in the minds of the young is one of the important duties of those responsible for the education and training of children and youth. Youth is the critical period of life for the child. Today is a critical period in our national life. Youth needs training in habits of thrift and economy. The nation needs (as a loan) all that thrift and saving of the people can provide to carry it through its time of peril.

As a beginning, the Observer will provide a Thrift Card and 25-cent Thrift Stamp for the boy or girl of the family, as outlined below:

THRIFT STAMPS FREE

With each yearly subscription to the Observer is given a 25-cent United States Thrift Stamp free! Send us your check for \$1.25 for a year's subscription to the Observer and by return mail you will receive a receipt for a full year's subscription, together with a 25-cent Thrift Stamp and Card. Pay for 2 years and get your receipt for two full years, and a Thrift card with two 25-cent stamps. A stamp will be given with each year's subscription—one, two, three, no matter how many—whether it be payment for arrearages, renewals, or new subscriptions.

Now is the time to "square up," renew, or pay in advance as long as you like, getting the full worth of your money in one of the best local papers published in the Valley and at the same time get a 25-cent Thrift Stamp to start a Thrift Card for the boy or girl. We are willing to do our bit. What about you?

This offer is good only until 5 p. m. Saturday, January 26, 1918. Why not send us your remittance today?

No greater benefit can come from a small beginning than to make your boy or girl a creditor of the United States Government and at the same time impress upon their minds by repeated admonitions the importance of thrift and saving—both to the child and the country it should be taught to love and assist.

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THE POLITICAL CORNER

Keep Your Eye On This Corner For Political News, Secrets, Gossip, Reports, Rumors, Tales, Hearsay, Compliments, Knocks, Eulogies, Protests, Questions and Rejoinders, Explanations, Both Probable and Improbable, Concerning Officials, Candidates, Prospective Candidates—and Others!

"Tip" Humphrey, editor of the Jefferson Review, a Democratic country journal of the old school, breaks forth into enology of Stanfield, the Eastern Oregon sheep king, and his qualifications for senator. "Approachable", "genial", "no nob", "common man with much ability" are some of the terms used. All these are, doubtless true, yet these and the ability to make money are not the only requisites for election to the United States Senate. Of course great wealth may make the way easier the goal nearer, and the reception warmer in that millionaire's club, but real service to the state demands other qualifications. It demands courage that dollars cannot influence, judgment that wealth cannot warp, firmness and steadfastness for the right and a head and a heart that are above petty politics. These and other equally strong qualifications made our present junior senator the people's candidate. For Senator McNary's whole record marks him as a man who will place duty to the country and state above politics, above expediency, above personal desires, above every thing which interferes with his obligations to the people. "Tip" Humphrey is a good fellow but the marks that he makes in the sand sometimes point the wrong way!

NOT A PEANUT POLITICIAN

D. H. Looney is receiving assurances of support in his legislative candidacy from all parts of the country. It is evident that the people are going to demand taxpayers and successful business men for the legislature this time. They have grown tired of electing peanut politicians on extravagant promises that are never fulfilled—Jefferson Review.

Gus Moser made formal announcement in the Sunday papers of this candidacy for governor. He modestly testifies that he has been an honest, faithful and able servant of the people. He declares war on the Paving Trust, promises (as of old) to abolish useless state boards and commissions, intimates that the present highway commission won't last long if he becomes governor, takes a whack at governor Withycombe (applause), and promises a detailed platform later.

"FRIDAY" WAS RIGHT
The question of a county agriculturalist is being fought out. It has many opponents, a petition containing the name of 600 farmers protesting the appointment of such an agent being presented to Judge Bushey. The Review editor is not a farmer and cannot judge, but the majority of farmers which whom we have talked oppose an agent. Judge Bushey says he will listen to the voice from the farm and has as yet made no appointment, but he can be relied upon to do the right thing. Our guess is no agent.—Jefferson Review.

The Review man always plays man-Friday close enough to "Crusoe" Bushy to know the official Bushy mind so well that his guess is almost as good as a court decision. But it won't be so always, gracias adios.

O. M. Plummer, federal food agent for the Northwest, and candidate for state treasurer, charges that money of the farmers who signed a petition against the employment of a county agent were renters and non-taxpayers, though they burned up gasoline circulating petitions against the county agent, riding around in cars that were not listed on the assessor's office.

For many years Salem has been robbing North Marion county of full representation in county and state governmental affairs. North Marion should this year combine and get at the polls what is justly due this section. The Salem boys are all good fellows, but so are the North Marion boys.—Woodburn Independent.

A New Year's press agent proclamation from Stanfield, Oregon proclaims the news that R. E. Stanfield will be his own campaign manager in his "drive" for the Republican nomination for United States Senator from Oregon. He announces that he will spend all his time until the primary election in the prosecution of his campaign. He is hobnobbing with the farmers at Corvallis this week where he will deliver an address on the woolen industry in Oregon, before the farmer's school, now in session there.

MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen, 42c
Butter, 2-lb. roll, 90c
Butter Fat, 50c
Fat Hens, 19c
Spring Broilers, 19c
Ducks, 15c to 16c
Turkeys, old, 20c
Jeese 9c
Beans 6c to 10c
Cascara, 7c
Lard, 30c
Wheat, \$1.80
Oats, 80c
Onions \$2.00
Wool, 60c to 64c
Mohair 60c
Potatoes, new, \$1.00

Town Topics

A good crowd had a pleasant time Monday night at the Band dance.

Mrs. Geo. W. Yergen is reported out of danger unless something unforeseen should intervene.

Among those in the city Wednesday were C. W. Carothers of Butteville and C. W. Carothers of Needy.

White Leghorn Cockerels for Sale—\$1.50 each. W. A. Rogers, Route 3, Aurora, Oregon. (43-26p)

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kraus and family were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler New Years night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Simkins and daughter Dally left this week for Portland, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. George Kraus and daughter Miss Orletta Kraus were guests at the Salem home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hendricks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wurster returned Tuesday night from a trip to California, visiting San Francisco and other cities.

Born, Sunday, December 30, 1917 at Portland to the wife of John Kraus an eight pound son, already known as John Francis Kraus.

Mrs. J. S. Vandeleur has received information that her nephew Major Charles McDonnell, who has been ill at the Rockefeller Institute in New York City, is fully recovered and is again able to go into active service. Major McDonnell left here in charge of the Oregon Squadron of Cavalry but when the cavalry was transferred in the artillery arm of the service he was attached to the 148th field artillery. Mrs. Diana M. McDonnell, of Portland, is Major McDonnell's mother and a sister of Mrs. Vandeleur.

MACKSBURG.

A little son came in the Christmas week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yoder.

Ed. Gibson lately made a fortnight's visit at his home after an absence of two years.

Miss Agnes Kister came home from the Mt. Angel school for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Rachel Miller who has for some time been staying at Woodburn is at home for a holiday visit.

The Little Girls Sewing Circle met on Saturday for the last session of the year at Mrs. G. M. Baldwin's home.

The Mothers Club is to meet on Thursday of the present week at the home of its secretary Mrs. G. M. Baldwin.

Earl Evans who was taken seriously ill while working on his mother's new house is well enough to be at work again.

California readers of the Observer have written to express their admiration of its beautiful Christmas edition.

Gibson's home was gladdened by a visit from a daughter who lives beyond the mountains.

The Molalla river and its numerous branches, owing to the action of warmth upon the snow covering of adjacent mountains added to the great rainfall—has risen to a height hitherto unknown even to our earliest settlers. The promptness shown by the ranchers in repairing bridges and restoring submerged roads is surely creditable in a marked degree.

The wild bells are ringing out to as wild a sky as ever tempted the fact Sunnyside's pen while 1917 is passing into eternity's grasp. 1917, a year of the most stupendous history the world has ever known. Those bearded beings—the Optimists—are desecrating in the New Year the white wings of Peaces messenger and are predicting that the fair white pages just now opening to our view will record a cessation of all the world's war, which is to last forever.

Christmas was a day of quiet rejoicing in our vicinity. Many hours were gladdened by the return of children from distant schools by reunion with those who have gone out to homes of their own, and a few by boys in khaki on furlough from the training camp. The storm prevented attendance upon the services at the far away churches but accentuated the pleasures within doors making brighter the Christmas trees that lit up almost every home.

L. M. Felts and R. Woolworth were here Monday from Butteville, Mr. Woolworth coming over for treatment for his arm and shoulder, injured by a fall. Dr. Giesy attended him.

Sheriff Wilson arrested a boot-legger New Year's night at Canby, seizing at the same time 2 trunks and 4 suit cases full of booze—200 quarts in all. The boot-legger gave his name as Fisher.

Jack Churchill, formerly of Barlow, is now at Camp Fremont, 30 miles south of San Francisco, a member of the 47th Base Hospital Unit, and expects soon to be on the way to France.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Brett are rejoicing over the arrival of a son (Raymond Elliott Brett), born not long since at Los Angeles. Mrs. Brett is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Chris Giesy.

Chas. Kraxberger of Macksburg was in Aurora today on business. Mr. Kraxberger is one of the directors of the Macksburg school, all of whom took an active part in the Red Cross Campaign for members. The Macksburg district has 68 members. Macksburg is known as a German settlement but not a German solicited refused to join the Red Cross.

Little District No. 74, Clackamas county with its 100 members of the Red Cross ought to make this big Aurora district with only 92 members feel ashamed of itself. Yet we sometimes set ourselves up as leaders in loyalty and devotion to our country. We can't stall along with a few assuming all the burdens of work and support. If we are going to make good as a community, everybody must fall in and drill. This is no time to shirk. Let every body get into the harness!

Willamette Chapter of the American Red Cross through H. W. Myers of Salem offers \$100 reward for proof that any of the stories of graft by the Red Cross organization or its officers and workers is true. The "logger" story, the 11 cent gauze story, the story that membership solicitors get a commission, the story that speakers campaign workers are paid big sums, have all been proven lies originated by enemies of the Red Cross. Willamette Chapter will call upon every repeater and transmitter of such falsehoods and give them an opportunity to earn the reward or take the consequences.

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Mrs. J. S. Vandeleur and Mrs. Diana Snyder and children were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Yergen New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Giesy and little daughter Madeline were here from Salem for New Years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kraus.

I. Vetter, formerly of Alsace-Lorraine and Aurora, but more recently of Everett Street, Portland, was visiting old friends here New Years Day.

The card party at the Woman's Club room was enjoyed Saturday night by a good crowd, and a nice sum was added to the Liberty Bond fund.

The Muecke Brothers have received news of the departure of their brother Edward from New Orleans early this week for Iquique, Chili, via Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brewer entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ortman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smucker and Miss Lizzie Smucker at dinner New Years Day.

Mrs. Eugene Moshberger has received a cable from major Moshberger, indicating that the Third Oregon has arrived safely on the other side of the Atlantic.

Felix Isaacson and Guy N. Hickok have received notice of their classification in Class IV as men with wife and children mainly dependent upon them for support.

Mrs. Chris Giesy and Mrs. Elliott Brett and little son Raymond Elliott Brett returned last week from Los Angeles where they have been for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webert and Chris Zimmerman returned Tuesday from Albany where they were visiting several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zimmerman.

Fred Kerr was here over Sunday to visit his mother Mrs. J. F. Kerr. He is stationed at Fort Stevens with the coast artillery but expects to move soon—enroute east.

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