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"TAXPAYER" TALKS ROADS IN SARCASTIC VEIN

Hubbard, March 9. Editor Observer—"Paved roads" is the cry, and why shouldn't we have them? Isn't it quite necessary that we have our Sunday pleasure—we who labor so hard six days of the week? It is not really rest that we desire, but the pleasurable sensation of being whisked over a smooth scenic road—to join the great throng on the Pacific and Columbia Highways. Thus we can further cultivate the spirit of thrift and economy taught us by this tragic war.

What is \$18,000 a mile? Who would be so sordid as to speak of cost in this day of high prices and high living? What if the big majority of the farmers must still plow axle deep thru mud to take their produce to town? What if man struggling hard for a start on a heavily mortgaged farm finds the additional taxes unbearable? What if our teachers are poorly paid and our schools mediocre? We at least live thru our joy rides. What if it was almost impossible for school patrons to visit their schools because of great mud wallows?

But you may say, "such conditions do not exist." Just drive out southwest of Aurora, taking the road east from Peter Jager's corner to the White school and you'll be convinced.

Our war debt, our \$10,000,000 in state bonds are not much. We may as well plunge a little deeper and issue a million in county bonds, designate a few roads and call them "market roads" to deceive the farmer and get their votes, tho it doesn't really help their marketing—except those living on the paved roads.

Why try to accommodate all farmers and small town merchants? We can't please everyone, anyhow,—so let us have our pavement at any cost—and our pleasure and personal liberty. Then nothing will bind us to trade at the small town stores. It will be easy and infinitely more genteel to motor to the big city "shopping", and we can send our produce to the city by auto-truck and eliminate the small towns entirely. Even though the trucks break down the pavement, we can issue more bonds to build more.

The Schwader hill and the Aurora school hill have been graveled for 10 years or more and are still in good condition. But why bother with anything so cheap? Let us be in style and live while we may! Let tomorrow take care of itself.

—A Taxpayer.

P. S.—Let it not be inferred that we do not desire good roads. Let us have them, but let them be within our means, and the "pay-as-we-go-kind." Let our aim be "Every side-road a gravel-road" and then we'll talk pavement.

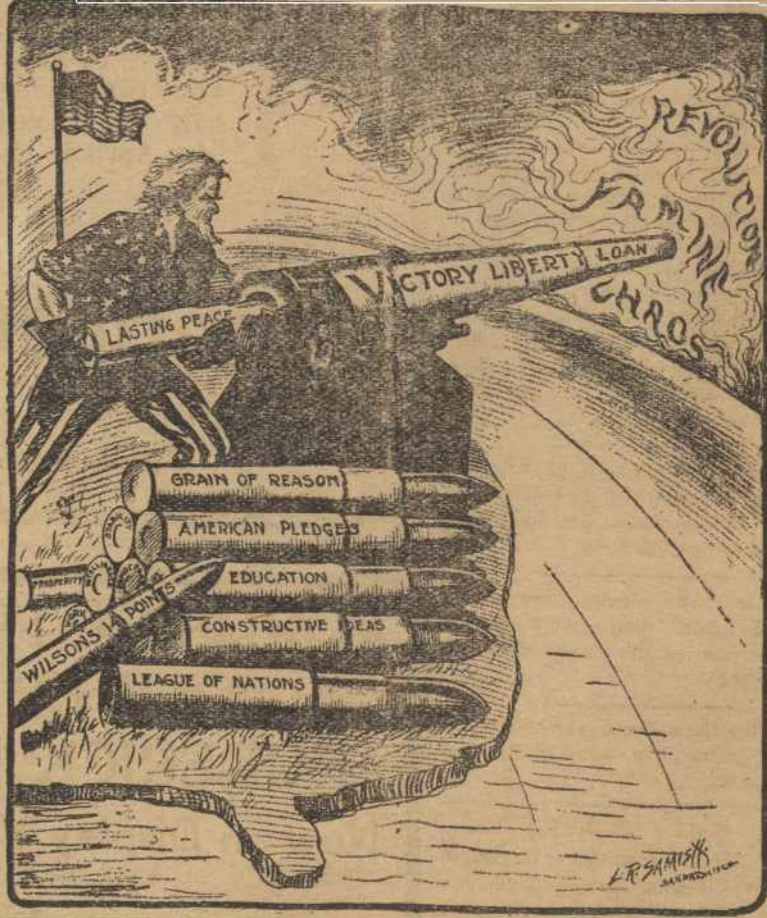
Hubbard Band Concert

The Hubbard Band is to give a St. Patrick's Day Concert next Monday night at the Armory. The band has a membership of 27—nearly all beginners. About half are of the female "persuasion", the rest are just ordinary human beings—like Dr. de Lespinasse. A letter from _____ says "The noise is intense at times, the harmony _____, the time _____, but we are learning, and in order to stimulate this willingness to learn, we are to have a series of concerts. We are to be assisted by various and sundry local talent. Admission 25 cents."

GRAVES CANNERY MAN HERE

Grant U. McGuire, field representative of the Graves Canning Company, was in the city and vicinity Monday interviewing the berry growers and establishing an agency in this city. Mr. McGuire last season purchased thousands of dollars' worth of berries and other fruit in this section for the Graves cannery at Sheridan and circulated much cash throughout northern Marion. He is now devoting his time to securing products for the new Graves cannery that is to be built at once at Woodburn and will be in operation in a few weeks. While the cannery will be located at Woodburn, it will nevertheless prove advantageous to Aurora and the surrounding country as berry-growers will realize good prices on contracts made. Mr. McGuire will talk to the growers through the Observer later in the season. In the meantime, those wishing information relative to planting should see Ezra Hurst of Aurora, who will also quote prices.

A NEW AMERICAN LONG RANGE GUN



What The People Think

What the people think, what they wish, what they approve concerning a League of Nations—a peace league—is more important to the nations of the world than is the opinion of a few (or many) United States senators. The people stand ready to approve any plan that promises to even lessen the chances of future wars. No one is certain that a League of Nations will prevent war, but as it appears the most promising plan, why not try it? A canvas of representative local people shows a strong desire to try ANY plan that promises peace.

H. C. Ehlen declares the action of the 39 Republican senators in opposing the Wilson peace plan is un-American and wholly in opposition to the desires of the mass of people. Mr. Ehlen has been a Republican for years, but he strongly approves the efforts of the president in the League of Nations matter. He believes the people will repudiate the action of the Republican senators in opposing the plan.

Geo. W. Fry, another strong republican, declares this is no party question—but one that involves the fate of humanity. We should be willing to try any plan that may prevent war. He believes that a big majority of the people favor a League of Nations.

E. G. Robinson, democrat, is an enthusiastic supporter of the proposed league, and has the utmost confidence in the working ability of the plan. He says no reasonable man can justify opposition to the League. The fact that the human race has warred for 40 centuries is no reason why we should not support any just plan that seeks to avoid war.

John Pugh Sr., a stalwart Republican is some doubtful of the success of a League of Nations but is willing to try it. He does not consider it a party question.

C. B. Brewer, a Missouri Republican, favors the League—or any other plan that bids fair to prevent future wars. Though no admirer of Wilson, he is liberal in his approval of the president's efforts to avert future wars. He would vote for a League of Nations.

Wm. Steinbach, Republican, is somewhat skeptical of the ultimate success of a League in preventing war, but approves any just proposal that even promises success or partial success.

J. W. Sadler, democrat, believes the great majority of all parties approves a League of Nations. He sees no grounds on which it can be opposed, as any plan to avert future conflicts is worthy of support. That it is not a political question is evident from the fact that the ablest men of both parties approve it. He also believes that the mass of the people are for it heart and soul, though there be some who are fearful that a league may not succeed. Yet these same doubters hope that it may succeed.

Glen Morris, Ben T. Hepler and John Hepler have all received honorable discharges from the navy, and arrived home this week from Seattle.

The Chameleon Club

(Abridged Proceedings)

The Chameleon Butteville Club rolls on. Everybody is joining. Even the decline and end of the Oregon Legislative Assembly had no effect on the club's momentum. Even the placid little village of Donald is waking up to the value of the Chameleons as a factor in governmental science. Hon. J. P. Feller, road enthusiast, was down recently, and made a Chameleon. He says there's nothing like it, and proposes an Auxiliary for Donald.

The committee on State Police threw a bomb into the club works when it recommended to increase the proposed \$60,000,000 appropriation to \$260,000,000, and it is well for the good name of the Club that Sergeant-at-arms Perle Gibbons, a sure enough man of giant stature and strength, was on duty to restore order by a vigorous laying on of hands.

President Woolworth, with the co-operation of Pat Leavy and Dick Parrott, known as the Henry Clays of the Chameleon Club, finally smoothed out the difficult wrinkles of the situation and raked the chestnuts out of the fire without any burns.

The legislature having adjourned, the "great pacificators" of club proposed that the Chameleons go into the committee of the whole to consider the report of the state police committee and to make a report to present to the next legislature two years from now. Such a motion carried, after amendment to the effect that no more democratic tricks be played upon the club.

Meet Returning Soldiers

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller, Miss Giesy, Mrs. Geo. Askin, and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Miller motored to Portland Monday afternoon to meet Alvir Miller, who has just returned from France, and was honorably discharged at Camp Lewis with many others of the 162nd Infantry. A great crowd met the returning soldiers at the Union Depot. Col. May delivered an address at the Auditorium banquet.

The Oregonian Tuesday says: "Sergeant Alvin W. Miller, known to the outfit as 'Dutch,' met his mother at the station, as mothers have been met, after long separation, since time beyond memory. All of the Miller brothers were in the service—'Dutch,' and Jimmy and Andy and George. 'Home is,' said 'Dutch,' running a hand through his blonde thatch, 'Home is—sure the original goods!'"

Sergeant Miller accompanied his parents home. His townsmen are mighty glad to welcome him home again.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The next meeting of the White School Parent-Teacher's Association will be held Saturday evening, March 22, at 8 o'clock. A good program will be rendered. Miss Beardsley is the teacher again this year. The White Association has accomplished a great deal of good for its school.

Mrs. C.B. Brewer has returned from Portland where she was visiting friends last week.

Artilleryman Handed The Huns A Few

Fred Kerr, who recently returned from France with the 65th Coast Artillery, saw active service at St. Mihiel, in the Argonne and at Verdun, in some of the hottest engagements of the war. He escaped without a scratch though under fire constantly from September 12 to November 11, when the armistice was signed. On one front, a single shell from the big nine inch gun he was serving killed 76 Germans. The shell fell into a Hun dugout and annihilated practically the whole bunch of Huns within. At the same place the doughboys captured and sent back 5000 Germans—all Huns, one was a farmer from Idaho, who was visiting in Germany when the war began, and was forced into the army.

Many of the German dugouts were finely built underground quarters, with good sleeping rooms, offices, water, and electric lights, and ample supplies of food, cigars, tobaccos, cigarettes, wine and beer.

Most of the artilleryman, according to Mr. Kerr, received the news of the Armistice without much enthusiasm, as many of them were anxious for a forward push into Germany, where they wanted to give the Huns a touch of the horrors the French and Belgians had endured for four years. But the squeal of the Hun stayed the hand of the civilized generals.

Mr. Kerr has kept a brief diary of his movements which is given below.

Enlisted at Astoria July 1, 1917, at Fort Stevens until February 25, 1918, where conditions were fine compared to those that followed. Arrived in California March 1, left for Atlantic Coast March 3, via Panama. Were 7 hours passing through big canal. Arrived in Hoboken N. J. St. Patrick's Day. Left Camp Merritt March 25 for France on the Mauretania—8 days going across, landing at Liverpool April 2, with poor English grub all the way. By train to Camp Ramsay in Southern England, where visited Ramsay Abbey built in 907. (Here the soldiers marked the Kaiser's signature off the visitor's register, and wrote their own in its place).

April 8, left Southampton for France, landing same day at La Havre and left 9th by train for Limoges, 400 kilometers south of Paris. (Here he was in the hospital several weeks, while his regiment went to billets). Joined company at Nexon and went to artillery range in southern France July 27. In August to Muese-sur-Marne and from there into the St. Mihiel drive Sept 12. To Argonne Sept. 26 to back up 91st division, and to Verdun October 10.

Left front November 16, and were at the following places various periods of time—Amgria, Ugnay, Villa-sur-Marne, Muese, Vignory, and finally at Brest December 28.

Christmas dinner at Vignory—beans, hard tack and "corned Willie". Left Brest for "God's country" Jan. 15, on transport Haverford, via Azores—15 day voyage.

Mr. Kerr says the only person he met in France that he knew before enlistment was Albert McKay of St. Paul, who was an M. P. at Brest.

Farmers Are Offended

A correspondent sends the Observer the following with the request that it be published:—

"Enthusiasts for the \$1,000,000 county bond issue in the Aurora vicinity have succeeded in scoring count one in the defeat of their plan when they aroused local antagonism by failing to notify a whole section (about 20 farmers) of the road meeting Sunday March 2."

(Signed) —A Subscriber.

BUTTEVILLE PIONEER DIES AT OLYMPIA, WN.

John Wesley Batcheller, aged 88 years, died at his home at Olympia, Wash., Thursday, March 6, 1919. Mr. Batcheller was an uncle of C. D. F. Wilson, and lived near Butteville many years. He crossed the plains about 1855 and lived at Butteville most of the time until 1891 when he moved to Olympia. He formerly owned the farm where John Murray now lives. He leaves three children, Frank and Dix of Olympia, Wash., and John of Portland.

Mrs. F.E. Mills of Meridian has been ill for more than a week with neuralgia.

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FREIGHT WRECK FRIDAY THREE CARS SMASHED UP

Two freight cars and a caboose were smashed to pieces here Friday afternoon in a wreck when an extra freight crashed into the rear end of the south-bound local freight. The extra was running at a good speed, and paid no heed to two torpedoes or the semaphore signals up against it.

The caboose was crushed to bits, and two cars were thrown down the embankment just east of the Hurst warehouse. One was a box car loaded with flour and feed and the other an empty wood car. The car of feed rolled completely over and landed partly on its side in about four feet of water.

The track was cleared in a few hours and Saturday the wreck was all cleared up, the flour and feed removed from the partly submerged car.

A number of railroad officials came from Portland in two private cars, to "fix the responsibility" for the wreck, and it is probable as soon as the red tape is unwound someone will get fired.

WHITE-BARKER

At San Antonio, Texas, March 1, Miss Helen Barker, of that city and Edgar White, of the medical department, aviation section, Kelly Field No. 1, were married at the home of the bride. Mrs. W. L. White just received the notice of the wedding this week, from her son. He does not expect his discharge from the army for several months.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS ARE WANTED

Zeno Schwab, cashier of the Aurora State Bank, has been appointed Aurora chairman of the committee to secure members of the 18 members of Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. Memberships are \$5.00 each. The tentative committeemen named by state chairman Ethridge for Aurora and vicinity are M. D. Leabo, John Murray, M. N. Cissell, J. W. Sadler, and N.C. Wescott. F. W. Schmidt of Salem is the county chairman. It is aimed to raise a fund of 50,000 by memberships to promote the agricultural, commercial and industrial interests of the state.

No Gravel At Kriegers

The fear expressed by Hubbard people that the Krieger farm location for the gravel plant would not furnish a plentiful supply of gravel has proven well founded as Mr. Phillips has found the supply so small that he has begun to move the plant to a location on the Wurster place just southeast of town. The bed of gravel at the Krieger farm was only about a foot deep, under laid with blue clay, and would furnish but a small part of the amount need. It is believed that there is an unlimited quantity of gravel in the new location which will, however, be tested out before the bunkers are set up.

Porcelain Ware

We have just received a big shipment of American Porcelain Ware direct from the East, and can supply all your wants in the line of dishes—dinner plates, cups, saucers, nappies, bakers, and every kind of Porcelain dishes. See our window display of these new goods, which have been and still are hard to obtain, but which we are selling at attractive prices.

We also carry a line of fancy china cups and saucers, plates, etc., which it will pay you to look over.

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The beauty and elegance of the recent arrivals from the Eastern fashion centers of the latest patterns and designs in spring dress goods. We mention here a few of the patterns in the new assortment. Tussah Foulard, Regular Foulards, Poplins, Verlaine Voiles, Plain Voiles, Fancy Voiles.—It is impossible for us to describe the beauty of these goods—to fully understand how attractive they are you must see them

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