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INITIATIVE IS JUSTIFIABLE.

The use of the Initiative is always justifiable to improve general conditions for all in case of legislative failure, says the News Bureau of the Manufacturer. Tax limitation adopted and enacted by Oregon has tied the hands of taxing bodies in a practical, effective manner.

MOTOR vs. PARCEL POST

Investigating the relative merits of the motor car and the parcel post as carriers of produce "from the farm to the table," the University of Wisconsin announces a victory for the gasoline route.

"Why is it impracticable for the farmer to sell his products direct to his customers by the parcel post route? The answer is the simplest thing one can imagine. To sell his hams and bacon and other meats, to say nothing of the best of his farm products, the farmer needs must do what every other individual in business must do—build up his trade and have his distributing machinery. He cannot mail his products hit or miss on the chance of the one to whom he mails them buying them.

"Drumming up trade is a business in itself. It is the job of the middleman or retailer—a thankless task, if we may judge from the many attacks made up on the retailer or middleman in the past few years. Now the average farmer knows the raising of stock and of produce much better than he knows the retail business. He raids price lists from the side of the seller not of the buyer. To keep track of market fluctuating while he peddled his meats through the mails would be no easy task.

THE LOOKING GLASS

You've all read that column: "Interesting facts about people you know." and when you get through you discover it isn't either one. But we could really tell some if we wanted to and they wouldn't have to be about the way Mrs. Vernon Castle does her hair, nor how John D. made his millions, either. Only if we'd tell the best of the ones we know we'd probably serve our whole sentence in jail since we haven't got much money, so we'll pass those up just now, but we will just say that Joe Lusby and Oliver Johnson both want to get married, and that they're only waiting for the right girl to come along. "Applicants please go round to the rear door." There's a lady in this town who dyes her hair. We heard another lady say, "And we're not afraid to say this either, cause if she gets mad and stops the paper We'll know it's so. Miss Ruby Senseney had a birthday last week. She was 20. Now don't be mad, Ruby, we were 20 once ourselves. There is an engaged couple in our midst. Now we suppose everyone of them will be wondering how it leaked out."

O. P. Officials Visit. C. B. Nichols, chief engineer of the H. M. Byllesby company, and W. H. Hodge, publicity manager of Chicago, B. H. Clingerman, of Tacoma vice president of the Oregon Power company, and J. L. White, of Albany division superintendent, were in Springfield about two hours Tuesday afternoon, on an inspection trip. They looked over figures on operating and earning, and seemed well pleased with conditions found here.

Society Doings of the Season

ANOTHER MEETING TO SEW FOR NEEDY

While the activities of the Golden Rule sewing club may not really come under the heading of society news, nevertheless the work being done by the members is done in the true spirit of good-will and friendliness which it seems should actuate all society functions.

Another meeting of the club was held at the home of Mrs. A. J. Cowart on Fifth street Tuesday afternoon, when the members again sewed for the Whitlock family, and discussed plans of assisting Albert Wachanuth, who lately lost his possessions by fire, and is in need. There were 22 present at the meeting. The next session will be held one week from Tuesday, March 20, at the home of Mrs. William Donaldson.

An appeal is made to the men of the community that they give their partially worn and discarded clothing to the society, since many places could be found for it just now.

60 "AIDERS" MEET

Sixty ladies were present at the yesterday afternoon meeting of the Methodist ladies' aid, held in the aid room of the church, at which time the regular monthly meeting and business session was held after which time the eight C's and D's served ten cent refreshments from which \$6.75 was realized. A novel idea was that of having the refreshments start with the same letters as the names of the entertaining ladies—doughnuts, drop cakes, coffee and cream. A profitable and enjoyable afternoon was spent.

DR. AND MRS. MORTENSEN ENTERTAIN ROUND DOZEN

The Round Dozen club met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen on Sixth and A streets last Thursday evening. All the members were present.

WRIGHT MAY ORGANIZE AERIAL ARMY FOR U. S.

Favors Small, High Climbing Plane With but a Single Gun.

Dayton, O.—Orville Wright, inventor of the aeroplane, announced that in case of war with Germany he would abandon his private affairs and offer his services to the government to help organize an aerial army.

"While I could not duplicate Henry Ford's offer to manufacture war machines because I have disposed of my interests in the manufacturing end of the business," Wright asserted, "I certainly will do everything I can for the country."

"We have a pitifully small number of military and licensed civilian pilots to meet an emergency, but that need not trouble us a great deal if we meet the situation promptly."

"It takes but about two weeks to develop and train a good military aerial observer. It takes two weeks more to make him a competent fighting man."

"As for the type of aerial defense, I would favor the small, high climbing plane, light and unarmored except for a single gun. It can jump in and do a lot of damage and get away while heavier planes are getting started."

"I would be absolutely against the manufacture of Zeppelins or dirigibles except for observation purposes. As an offensive weapon in war the Zeppelin has been a flat failure."

UNCLE SAM SWAMPED WITH SPY APPLICANTS

Several Linguists Say They Could Make Themselves Agreeable to Foreign Diplomats.

Washington.—Uncle Sam will never run short of spies. He has been fairly swamped with applications for appointments in the secret service since the diplomatic break with Germany.

Judging by the number of applications coming in, every family must have at least one husky young movie fan who yearns for the exciting life of a daring, dashing, omnipresent, well dressed, swagger and handsome secret service agent, spending the winter in Florida watching foreign diplomats and spies, with nothing much to do except keep his fannel trousers well creased all the time so that he may be ready on a moment's notice to rush out from ambulance, hop in an automobile to follow some fair foreign enchantress to a secret rendezvous, there to make the grin, stern, heart-breaking choice between enchantress and cold, gloomy duty, nobly rising to the occasion, grabbing her traveling bag and returning with the plans and specifications of an explosive doughnut to the waiting chief of the secret service in Washington.

Of course all the present war fever applicants for jobs in the secret service have special qualifications. Several of them know foreign languages. Many of them are expert dancers and could make themselves agreeable to foreign diplomats and their families, particularly the diplomatic daughters, who are bound to "leak" a lot of state secrets to a first class fox trotter maybe.

ent: Guests of the club were: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sessions, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carson of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryan. Honors of the evening fell to Mrs. Homer Sessions. A most delicious two course luncheon was served.

MRS. LARIMER IS HOSTESS

The Pine Needle club met Tuesday afternoon, March 6, at the home of Mrs. L. D. Larimer, between Fourth and Fifth streets on D. Delicious refreshments were served to the following members: Ellen Thomson, Cora Hinson, Rosa Montgomery, Nina McPherson, Emily Dorrity, Edith Tarr, Virgie Townsend, Minnie Girard, Lilly Kizer, Harriet Casteel, Mrs. H. Hill, Mary Roberts, Sarah Nelson, Rena Laxton and the hostess Edith Larimer.

ENTERTAINING AT TEA

Mrs. C. E. Lyon and Miss Mae Lyon are joint hostesses for a delightful tea at their home on Second and B streets this afternoon. The guests are: Mrs. Walter Herndon, Mrs. D. S. Beals, Mrs. D. W. Roof, Mrs. Will Rouse, Mrs. P. Holverson, Miss Jessie Walker, and Miss Stella Martin.

Reverend and Mrs. W. M. Case of Eugene are to be dinner guests tomorrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dimm on Seventh and C streets, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. Dimm's silver wedding anniversary, they having been united in marriage at Ryde, Pennsylvania, 25 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winzenried entertained a number of friends at a six o'clock dinner at their home on A street, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Edgar E. Martin is entertaining the Needlecraft club at her home this afternoon.

TESTING SUBMARINES.

It is an Easier Task Now Than It Was a Few Years Ago.

Vessels built to navigate under water require particular care in their construction, for when they are submerged they have to withstand the pressure of water from all sides without showing the slightest leak.

The newest submarines must be able to sink to a depth of 150 feet or more. At such a depth the pressure is tremendous, and if the joints are not perfect water squirts in as though through a hose pipe. Ten years ago testing a new submarine was a dangerous job. She might not be watertight. Her balance might not be perfect, or, again, the air system might not be equal to blowing out the water from her tanks.

Terrible accidents have occurred in testing new under water boats during actual submergence, but today all that is a thing of the past. A testing dock is used, which was invented by an Italian engineer, Major Laurenti. It is a huge cylinder, into which the submarine is floated. A caisson at the end is closed and hermetically sealed. The cylinder is built so as to stand tremendous pressure, and pressure is slowly applied until it equals something far greater than the submarine herself will ever be called on to endure.

The men inside are in communication with those outside by means of telephone, so that if anything goes wrong the trial can at once cease.—Pearson's Weekly.

ETIQUETTE OF THE FLAG.

Rules Governing the Use of the Star Spangled Banner.

There are many citizens who are not familiar with the rules governing the use of the stars and stripes. To them the following hints on flag etiquette will be of interest:

The flag should not be hoisted before sunrise nor allowed to remain up after sunset. It should not be displayed upon stormy days.

When the flag is displayed at half staff for mourning it is to be lowered to that position from the top of the staff. It is afterward hoisted to the top before it is finally lowered.

When the flag is formally raised all present should stand at attention, with hand raised to the forehead ready for the salute.

When our national flag and state or other flags fly together or are used in decoration together our national flag should be on the right.

When used on a tier or casket at a funeral the stars should be placed at the head. In no case should the flag be allowed to touch the ground.

It is an unwritten law in the navy that the flag is never to be washed; it is always to be considered immaculate.

For indoor decorations the flag can only be used as a drape; it cannot be used to cover a bench or table, desk or box where anything can be placed or set upon the flag.—Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine.

Trouble on the Road. First Centipede—What's the matter? Second Centipede—I need a traffic cop; my feet want to go different ways.—New York Sun.

Masculine Form. "What is a hunch?" "A hunch is the masculine equivalent of feminine intuition."—Boston Transcript.

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