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WHO HAS A BETTER RIGHT?

There are those who are much concerned when ex-service men support is mentioned in politics. They argue that ex-service men should adhere to the principles of the American Legion, which is non-partisan necessarily, and as an organization supports policies instead of political parties. On the other hand, there are those candidates who are always trying to lineup American Legion support, so much so for governor that the state executive committee has found it necessary to declare a neutral stand by resolution.

Ex-service men individually or as a body have a right to stand for or against a candidate whose service to the government may be good or bad in their estimation. Men who have spent weeks of their time in muddy trenches, been hungry and cold for days and have witnessed their comrades blown to pieces with high explosives, necessarily have a different viewpoint on what service to one's country really means. Men who have spent months in cantonments at fifty cents a day while others were making the biggest wages this country has ever seen, also have some idea of what sacrifice for one's country really means. Men who beat back the fierce German attack at Chateau Thierry in July, 1918, when the future policy of all the countries of the world were at stake, and who can easily visualize what the situation would have been in this country if they had failed, believe they have a different gauge to measure the usefulness of some of the self-starting office seekers.

In other words, they believe they have a perfect right to pick and choose candidates for the best interest of good government without too much advice from others.

There is a difference of opinion on the derivation of the word "Oregon." Some say it means "beautiful waters," others say "wild sage," falling waters" and "big ears" in Indian and Spanish languages. You can take your choice but "falling waters" seems more appropriate to us at this time of the year.

In the United States 365 million acres are under cultivation, which is about one-third of the nation's potentiality in land, experts tell us. Still we have over production. That should be evidence that this country can take care of many more millions of people.

A contemporary remarks that the height of inconsistency occurred the other day when a man is reported to have struck another with a loving cup during an argument.

A Massachusetts man killed his wife because she would not give him ten cents for a shave. Insane? Well, anyone who thinks he can buy a shave for ten cents must be.

Most people learn by their own experience. Wise men are those who learn by the experience of others. And a fool is one who keeps on making the same old mistakes.

PINKY DINKY

By Terry Gilkison



THE 4-H CLUBS

It would be difficult to name any single influence which is doing more for the development of the young men and young women of America than the 4-H club movement. This year it is estimated that there will be more than ten thousand 4-H clubs organized in the United States. As the minimum number of members of a 4-H club is five, that means 50,000 boys and girls engaged in intensive, competitive effort for self-improvement in the fields which the four "H's" stand for—Head, Heart, Hand and Health.

At present there are eight different classes of competition around which the 4-H clubs are formed: corn, wheat, calves, pigs, sheep, for the boys and canning, cooking, and sewing for the girls, although there have been and still are many girl members of the grain and livestock clubs. If they did nothing more than train these young folk in the most modern methods the clubs would be doing a great and valuable service, but they go farther than that. They teach the elements of team-work, which in the future, even more than in the past, will be the key to successful farming, and they inculcate the principles of good sportsmanship in teaching the unsuccessful competitors to be good losers. More important than those, even, is the stress laid upon exact cost accounting. The boy who has learned by his own 4-H club records just what it cost to grow a quarter-acre of corn or to raise a calf is going to be a better business man when he runs his own farm than most farmers are today. And farming is on its way to be more of a business and less of a gamble than it has been.

There are still many rural communities in the United States in which there are no 4-H clubs. Such communities are backward by comparison with those which have encouraged the development of this practical and productive method of helping the boys and girls to grow into better and healthier men and women.

Lane county is one of the leading sections of the United States in 4-H club work, and we should view the progress made here with considerable satisfaction.

The wife who held a raiding officer back by his coat tail while her husband emptied out the moonshine was certainly a help mate.

THE STARS IN THE FLAG

Oregon: the 33rd state, admitted to the Union February 14th, 1859. Spanish, Russian, British and French explorers visited the coast between 1543 and 1792. An American, Captain Gray, of Boston, discovered the mouth of the Columbia River in 1792 and claimed the land for the United States. Jefferson sent out Lewis and Clarke on an exploring expedition, 1804 to 1806, and they traversed the Columbia River. John Jacob Astor, a German-born New Yorker, founded a fur trading post at Astoria in 1811 and the Hudson's Bay Company also established posts nearby. Spain gave up all claims by a treaty signed February 22, 1819. England relinquished her claims by a treaty signed June 15, 1846, that set the present boundaries between Canada and the United States. The first important covered wagon train, led by Dr. Marcus Whitman, traveled over the Oregon Trail in 1843. Congress organized the territory, August 14, 1848. Population, 1850, 13,294; 1928, (U. S. est.), 902,000. Percentage of urban population (communities of 2500 and over), 1900, 32.2; 1910, 45.6; 1920, 49.5. Area 96,699 square miles. Density of population (1920 U. S. census) 8.2 per square mile. Rank among States, 34th in population, 9th in area, 41st in density. Capital, Salem (1920 U. S. Census), 17,669. Three largest cities: Portland 354,600; Salem, 17,669; Astoria, 14,927. Estimated wealth (1923 census), \$3,419,459,000. Principal source of wealth (1923 U. S. Census), one-sixth of the standing forest timber in the United States, 500 billion board feet; extensive salmon fisheries, apple and fruit orchards; all crops (1920 U. S. Census), were valued at \$131,584,000, including wheat, alfalfa, wool and dairy products; lumber output, \$149,537,650; Gour, \$23,922,676; packing and canning output, \$25,069,092. Oregon had 42,138 men and women in service during the World War. State Motto, adopted 1857, "Alis Volat Propris"—"She flies with her own wings." Origin of name: Authorities differ on its derivation. These among others, have been offered: Wau-re-gan, and Algonkin term for "beautiful water"; Origanum, a wild sage found on the ocean shore; aura aqua, a Spanish word meaning gently falling waters; Oregon, or Oregones, a Spanish word applied to Indians; Big Ears. Nickname, Beaver.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MAKES AN APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

The work of the American Legion and Auxiliary and the importance of enlisting the aid of all eligible women is outlined in a communication received by the Springfield society this week:

To the Mothers, Wives, Sister and Daughters of World War Veterans—
"Have you ever given any particular thought to what the American and the American Legion Auxiliary have done and are doing for you; to what they are doing for the sick and disabled; to what they are doing for the widows and orphans; to what they are doing for the Community, State and Nation?"

"Every piece of legislation dealing with the service man has been passed because of the American Legion assisted by the American Legion Auxiliary. Our government hospitals, the adjusted compensation, war risk insurance, your own state bonus and loan, in fact, all legislation of benefit to the service man is the result of years of continuous work and effort on the part of the Legion and its Auxiliary.

"The 30,000 disabled veterans in our hospitals today are being cared for because of the work of these organizations. AND DO YOU KNOW THAT EVERY MAN WHO SERVED IN THE WORLD WAR IS ENTITLED TO free hospitalization for any disability whether it is service connected or not? This means your son, husband, brother or father.

"The American Legion Auxiliary of Oregon maintains a full time service officer in our Veterans' Hospital at Portland. This officer contacts every patient who enters the hospital, secures information relative to his needs, if he has a family at home needing help it is gladly given, supervises the sale of articles made by patients; looks after business matters outside the hospital for them and does the hundred things necessary to make their stay at the hospital as pleasant as possible. We try to keep the mind of the patients as free from worry as it is possible, for this aids in the cure.

"There are 18,293 mentally and nervously disabled veterans in our veterans' hospitals and 5,543 more are being cared for in overcrowded and undernourished city, county, and state institutions. The American Legion and its Auxiliary are working on legislation at this time to provide beds for these 5,543 service men.

"We have a Soldiers Home at Roseburg where incurables are sent. These sick, discouraged men need our interest and help.

"The American Legion Auxiliary has just completed the furnishing of a writing and waiting room at our Veterans' Hospital at Portland.

"Do you know that 11,440 mothers and widows will soon visit the graves of their beloved sons and husbands in France at the expense of the government as the result of the efforts of The American Legion assisted by the Auxiliary?"

"Do you know that there are 12,589 World War Orphans in the United States—orphans whose fathers were killed during the World War—and that the American Legion Auxiliary is attempting to educate them? We have ninety of these orphans in our own state. Thousands of other children have been made orphans as a result of the war and the number is growing every day.

"The American Legion Auxiliary of this department has hundreds of needy children on its list. There are the children of deceased, disabled and needy service men. They are provided with clothing, shoes, milk, medical aid and other necessities by our Child Welfare Committee. We maintain a receiving and disbursing room at 215-216 Times Building, Portland, where clothing, shoes, jellies, jam, etc., are received and distributed to needy families. It is our aim never to make these children objects of charity.

More than 1000 children and about

400 hospital patients were remembered by the American Legion Auxiliary with gifts at Christmas time from funds provided by the Department and our Units.

"In addition to the above, in 78 communities of this State the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary are giving the highest type of Americanism and Community Service."

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED ON FRIDAY

Friday, February 22, the birthday of George Washington, was observed at the Springfield high school with a half holiday from the usual routine of studies. A special Washington program was given under the direction of Junia May from 1:00 to 3:00 with many townspeople attending the exercises.

The program consisted of the following numbers: violin duet, Fred and Evelyn Buell; reading, Jean Hamilton; quartet, Lela Squires, Doris Chase, Emma Trinka, and Evelyn Lloyd; violin solo, Eldred Gaspy; reading, Orville McPherson; recitation, Junia May; and an address on "Washington's Part in Education," by Rev. Ralph Mulholland, pastor of the Baptist church. Eldred Gaspy accompanied the quartet.

The banks and several of the business houses of the city remained closed for the day.

From Mabel — Charles Paris, of Mabel, was a visitor in Springfield the latter part of the week.

ECKERSON PAYS VISIT TO SPRINGFIELD MONDAY

Major Gilbert Eckerson returned to Springfield on Monday morning from Medford, where he is now operating a flying school and passenger service. Eckerson reports that he has sold two planes in the southern city recently and stated that he wanted to bring a ship with him here but was afraid that the field was too soft to take off from.

WORKER INJURES KNEE IN ACCIDENT AT MILL

M. Bouchard injured his right knee cap Friday at the Booth-Kelly Lumber mill when the point of a pickaxe which he was using struck the knee cap. This is the fourth accident reported at the mill during the month of February.

Wending Resident Calls — Tom Paris, of Wending, spent Saturday with friends in this city.

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This event marks a most important stage in the development of the Park. Up to this time, property has been disposed of on an investment, or "wholesale" basis only. It is by this means that the physical improvement and beautification of the Park has been made possible.

But from now on, such sections as have been listed for re-sale by the original investors will be offered to the public for actual interim purposes. This re-sale service is without cost to those who wish to dispose of their property. The only condition enforced by the Rest-Haven Company is that the price must be not less than double the original or "investment" price.

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