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TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE.

The Northwestern Tuberculosis Conference recently held in Portland, was a most successful meeting both as to attendance and in the increased enthusiasm of the delegates attending. There were two hundred thirty-six delegates present. Ninety-one of these were from outside of Portland and forty-nine were from outside of Oregon. Delegates registered from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, California, New York and British Columbia.

The whole program bore upon the increased responsibilities laid upon the anti-tuberculosis workers because of war conditions. Positive figures prove that at least 2% of the men of the draft age have been found tuberculous. That means that there are at least 200,000 cases of tuberculosis amongst the men of the single age period 21 to 31. Using this conservative estimate of the KNOWN cases the estimate of the number of cases for the whole civilian population is appalling.

The program adopted by the Conference was one that comprehends a great need and that sets out with full confidence to meet that need. The anti-tuberculosis associations of the country will need three times the money that they had last year if they are going to accomplish in 1918 the work that will be set before them. The delegates pledged themselves to work for this amount.

The Conference went on record as advocating the use of open window ventilation either continuously or at periodical intervals of five or ten minutes each between class periods, such open window ventilation to be continued regardless of the artificial ventilating systems installed in the schools in this section of the country. It was further resolved that the Conference goes on record as placing the health of the school children above everything else in the school curriculum.

Butte Record-Herald: What greater lawlessness is there than that of assaulting workmen for no offense other than their endeavor to do an honest day's work? What greater tyranny is there on earth today than the tyranny that would dictate to men whether or not they shall work and where? What greater disloyalty can there be to our government than the beating of a man because a registration card is found in his pocket bearing testimony to his readiness to fight his country's battles?

HANDWRITING ON WALL.

Ill management, fear and greed combined are responsible for some of the prices being asked by retailers, especially food dealers. Some retailers are flagrant offenders. Under cover of war talk they have boosted retail prices far beyond what is being asked by other dealers in different parts of the state and city.

Our country has been forced by necessity to disregard the lessons of economies, and to fix prices on munitions, steel, coal and wheat. There is every prospect that this price-fixing will be extended to many other articles.

But of what avail is it to the wage-earner to have wholesale prices fixed when retail prices are permitted to leap to the skies?

It looks as though the average retailer could not be depended upon to scale his profits within reason, or to gauge his selling prices by the regulation enforced upon wholesale prices. The strong hand of government may have to be invoked upon the retailer. It will be a big job, and perhaps much injustice may be done to individual retailers, but the wage-earning consumer must be protected from ruinously high cost of living if this government has power enough to protect him.

Plainer and plainer is the handwriting on the wall. The wise business man read it long ago. There is no step government may take that the public will not sanction in the interest of regulating prices downward so far as food necessities of life are concerned.—Oregon Voter.

MILLION-DOLLAR CORN CROP.

Four years ago last spring "Farmer Smith," agriculturist with the O-W. R. & N. Company, was peddling about Yakima county little 5-pound sacks of seed corn and asking farmers to experiment with it. Many laughed at him, and said "this wasn't a corn belt."

This year half a million bushels of corn matured in the Yakima valley, and what is more, the average yield is conservatively estimated at 56 bushels to the acre, while many farmers report that their crops will run 100 bushels or more to the acre. The average crop yield in the United States is but 25 bushels per acre.

It is hardly probable that a single ton of this great crop will be shipped out of the valley; it won't appear in the grand total of \$20,000,000 or perhaps \$25,000,000 which will be received for crops grown this season, though if it did the amount would be increased by about a million dollars.

That million dollars, however, will be added to the income of Yakima farmers in profits on hogs, sheep and cattle; in the increased returns on hay sold which otherwise would be fed at

home, and in various other ways, for practically all of this corn grown here will be fed to livestock in the form of ensilage or otherwise.

Successful corn growing is but one contribution to Yakima prosperity, but an important one; it is an example of the transformation of the district during the past five or six years from a one-crop country to one of diversified crops and interests.

Farming as a business in the Yakima valley is on a firm foundation.

"Farmer" Smith is one of the men who put it there—Yakima Daily Republic.

THE NEW BREAD LINE.

The American Bread Line has stretched. Once white bread stood alone. Now in the line of honor, with cornbread for captain, are rye-bread, barley-bread, rice-bread, potato-bread, buckwheat-bread, and oatmeal-bread.

Do you know them all? Each has its admirers. Here is a chance to try oatmeal-bread.

OATMEAL BREAD—1 cup boiling water; 1 teaspoonful salt; ¼ yeast cake; ¼ cup lukewarm water; 2½ cups white flour; 1 cup rolled oats.

Pour the boiling water over the rolled oats and salt. Cool slowly, letting it stand ½ hour. Add yeast and sifted flour. Knead, and let rise until double in bulk. Mould into loaf and place in baking pan. Let rise until light. Bake in a moderate oven from 50 to 60 minutes. The addition of a spoonful of brown sugar and some chopped nuts will make a bread that the children will enjoy for school lunch.

A HEROIC INVITATION.

The British parliament has invited the United States congress to visit the war zone and obtain first-hand knowledge of what is going on there. The offer should be accepted, by all means. Our troops get their final training in France; why should not our congressmen, upon whom rests the responsibility for maintaining the troops there and providing them with what they need?

Some such course of instruction is especially desirable because congress so persistently refuses to accept the judgment of military experts.

This invitation, by the way, is not only generous but heroic. Who will ever question the courage of a country that undertakes to educate an American Congress?—The Dalles Chronicle.

TO SHORTEN THE WAR.

The effect in shortening the war of a heavy oversubscription to the Second Issue of Liberty Loan Bonds can hardly be overestimated.

However brave a front Germany may endeavor to present to the outside world and to her own people, the truth is that she is facing fearful odds and is in dire straits. The embargo placed by President Wilson on American shipments to neutrals struck Germany a body blow, and shipments to her from South American countries are going to be stopped or greatly curtailed through our influence and our control over coal supplies needed by their navies and industries. Germany's efforts for peace are dictated largely by fear of America and America's power. The German people are crying for peace, and the time has come or is shortly coming when the German Imperial Government must needs listen to the German people. They are being fed now on hopes of victory and stories of dissensions among the American people and a lack of support of our Government by our people.

No more convincing argument could be made to the people of Germany of the hopelessness of victory being obtained by continued fighting than a great oversubscription of the Liberty Loan, demonstrating not only the tremendous power of America but the fact that the American people are wholeheartedly in favor of prosecuting the war with vigor and willing to finance our Government to the limit.

Every purchase of a Liberty Loan Bond not only supplies the sinews of war but it shoots a fact into the German mind—the fact that the American people are behind the American Army and behind the American President, and that there is no end to this war except the achievement of the ends that America is fighting for. Every purchaser of a Liberty Loan Bond does something to end the war, does something to shorten the war.

When you shorten the war you shorten the terms of our soldiers who serve in France; you save many from death and suffering and privation. You save others from the dangerous voyage across submarine seas and the dangers of service in Europe. The success of the Liberty Loan will be a shortening of the war and a saving of American lives. We have given our sons to battle, we must lend our dollars to back them up, to make them powerful and effective, and as safe and as secure as may be.

Our unconquerable determination to fight to the end, to fight to the last man and the last dollar must be manifested between October 1 and October 27, 1917, and bring to the German people the hopelessness of their struggle in behalf of the German Imperial Government against liberty, right, and justice and the American people.

Heppner people and the public in general should have no fears of our water supply being bad. Read the report of the state health officer. There may be some ills that our people are suffering at the present time but it does not seem fair to blame these troubles on the Heppner water. On the other hand, we are assured by the management of the Heppner Light & Water Co. that they stand ready at any and all times to do everything in their power to keep the water pure and healthful; it is to their interests to do so. The water now tastes a lot better since we know it is free from improper microbes.

Reports from Pendleton are to the effect that she has oversubscribed her bond quota of \$750,000 by about \$80,000. Another evidence of the "Pendleton spirit."

The Liberty Bond drive ends on Saturday evening. Have you bought yours yet?

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