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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR MORROW COUNTY.

YOU CAN HELP.

Morrow county must enlist 1500 new members in the Christmas Red Cross Drive which starts next Monday at noon. To that end, Chairman Sam E. Van Vactor has announced that he has appointed every man, woman and child in the county a committee of one to solicit members.

This has been a year of giving, financially, physically and morally. But the latest Red Cross drive is not a drive for dollars. It is a drive for members. The dollar fee for membership represents a small amount, indeed, when compared with the great force of numbers who will eventually be giving their best to alleviate the suffering of a war scourged world.

This county has met squarely every proposition that has been put before us yet. Liberty bonds have been purchased, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. funds raised in a generous manner. But there may be some people who will feel that they have given their limit and are not needed in the Red Cross work anyway. We say there may be some who will feel that way, but we are confident their number will be small.

The dollar is the most material thing in the world today. Although it has taken a prominent part in the world struggle it takes second place to principle.

When we read of the horrors perpetrated upon our allies and who knows but upon our blood, it raises our fighting instinct as nothing else has been able to do. Our men are going to face the demons of a war mad system in an unflinching manner. Their sufferings will be lessened by the work the Red Cross will carry on.

Who are we, then, that sit back in ease taking everything that comes with little thought of making a sacrifice. None of us have been hurt by giving thus far and if we are asked to give every material thing we possess, in order that the fight may be waged to a successful conclusion, we have given little enough.

Lets go into this drive with the same spirit that moves our men when they go "over the top" and we will not only raise the allotted membership, but greatly exceed it.

BUY HERE AND BUY EARLY.

Heppner merchants have the war spirit. They have stocked their shelves and counters with all the articles of joy which will bring cheer to the hearts of our soldier boys. Christmas packets are in vogue this year, and they are designed for shipment overseas. In order that the gifts of cheer will reach the boys during the holiday season, the packets should be purchased and sent early. Many relatives and friends have sent their weeks ago. Others are intending to send theirs in the next few days. Remember that it takes weeks for mail to cross the continent and the wide ocean. Remember also that a visit to the local stores will reveal the fact that you can find any number of suitable articles for Christmas gifts. You don't need to send to Portland or any of the larger cities. Buy here and buy early.

LET THE PAPER PRINT IT.

The next time you get a letter from a soldier friend or relative, give it to the paper for publication. There are scores of friends at home who will be interested in knowing what the young men are doing. This is the paper's duty anyway, and all it asks is the opportunity to cooperate with you.

And when a member of your family enlists in the service, don't be filled with false modesty, tell the paper of the fact. The Gazette-Times is after just such news items and oftentimes they are hard to get for the reason that no record of enlistments is kept at the local recruiting office.

Another side to the problem. That is keeping the boys in the service supplied with information of what is taking place at home during his absence.

The editor of this paper has been appointed associate editor of the Soldiers Weekly News Letter, the Oregon boys' home town newspaper.

To the end that the soldier boys will get the kind of news that will be of interest to them, friends and relatives of the enlisted men are urged to send in news items to the Gazette-Times. These items will later go into the Soldiers Weekly News Letter and will be read by our boys in the training camps or wherever they may happen to be.

Its just one of the many steps that are being taken to keep the home fires burning. Such little thought and effort on your part will mean so much to those men who have given up everything they held near and dear to fight for the rights which alone make your life worth living. We ask your cooperation.

SAVE THE SUGAR.

Conservation of sugar suggests to the average person the conservation of a delicacy which the majority of persons may do without and not necessitate any hardship, but a more minute investigation of its food value and its uses discloses the information that the sweet is probably the greatest fuel-producing foodstuff in the daily diet.

Sugar is quickly absorbed by the body, creating an almost immediate energy upon its consumption. For this reason, soldiers on a forced march, carrying their food with them in their pockets, are supplied with cakes of chocolate and other forms of sugar because of their concentrated energy. This illustrates one of the needs of sugar in the army and navy.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Castle received the sad news that their son Ray's wife had passed away Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Caldwell went to Hermiston Sunday to visit their brother and family and the new-lyweds.

Mr. Graybeal received a letter from Irrigon's Marine recruit who enlisted as a cook. He is head of the pastry department.

Earl Rand left Monday to report for military service. He goes as an engineer. The school children were dismissed in time to see him depart.

The football game came off Saturday, Hermiston proving the better of the two teams. Irrigon played under two or three handicaps, as only part of the team was present. H. Waipole is coach for the local team.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell received a visit from their son Clifford last Monday. He has been at American Lake for the past two months but has received an honorable discharge from military service on account of physical disability.

Harry Davis again took 2nd prize at the Spokane Corn Show this fall. He still holds the title of corn king for Irrigon and the Irrigon country, and Irrigon still proves to be a prize winning corn country in spite of the long cold spring and high water of the past year.

The marriage of Walt Caldwell and Miss Ella Dawson was something of a surprise to some of their friends. They left for Hermiston on the local Sunday afternoon, where the groom is employed. We wish them a prosperous and joyous journey through life.

The church rally proved a success as far as the dinner went but the work for the church was not satisfactory, as there is a lack of leadership. Mr. and Mrs. Frick came down from Hermiston in the afternoon with W. L. Suddarth, and as he is an experienced hand in moving buildings, he soon had the men working to a good purpose.

FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

Morning Service 11 A. M.

Sermon topic:

"Christ's Strange Invitation"

Evening, Christian Endeavor 6:30. Topic "Christ Our Peace." Leader, Lorraine Groshen.

Regular Evening Service 7:30.

H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

WOOL PRICES NOT TO BE FIXED NOW

Prominent Sheep Man of the County Receives Advice Regarding Plans.

(Pendleton Tribune) No price fixing on wool is being considered, or will be considered now is the gist of a telegram received by a prominent sheep man of the county from the National Council of Defense in Washington.

At the State Wool Growers' convention, held in The Dalles a few days ago, a resolution was passed in which the sheep men declared their intention to patriotically stand behind the government, to submit to a fixed price or not, just as the administrator might see fit.

But they did register disapproval of the move on the part of Summer street, Boston, wool buyers going down to Washington, and there taking it upon themselves to act for the wool growers and ask that the government fix a price.

Next month the National Wool Growers' Association will hold its annual meeting in Salt Lake City. It is believed that a "crimp" will be placed in any such move on the part of wool buyers.

One well-known wool man said this morning that the buyers of wool in the East want five cents a pound for handling the product, where in the past they have been content with one cent.

He further intimated that the easterners have bought up large quantities and now are anxious for the government to set a fixed price, so that their profit may be assured them.

In the summer the government fixed a price on cross-bred wool. It ranged, when scoured, from 138 to 168 cents a pound. This is the wool that is used principally in the manufacture of cloth for uniforms.

A Star at the STAR.



Cal Robinson, Lone Rock stockman, was in Heppner Friday last. Mr. Robinson reports stockmen of his section well prepared for the winter. He encountered considerable snow on the mountains while coming over.

I haul baggage and passengers to and from the depot to any part of the city. Phone 555 or 183. Lee Cantwell.

For Sale—A 5-passenger Studebaker car; has run 3000 miles. Good condition, 5 good tires. See H. C. Ashbaugh.



SCENE FROM "THE SLACKER"

Star Theater

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THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

MUTUAL WEEKLY---

CUB COMEDY---

1. First Liberty Truck
2. Captured German "U"
3. French Sub. launched

"JERRY" in "THE RANSOM"

10th Episode of PATRIA, "War in the Dooryard"

See Bessie Rhodes and Jay Belasco in a Strand Comedy, "AND IN WALKED UNCLE"

SATURDAY ONLY

BLUEBIRD FEATURE

"A Kentucky Cinderelli"

SUNDAY

MARY PICKFORD IN

"The Poor Little Peppena"

Special Christmas Feature

"THE SLACKER"

Just as the title implies---a Patriotic War Feature Film

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, DEC. 23 AND 24

Don't fail to see how a woman put patriotism into the heart of a slacker, her husband