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**A LESSON FROM THE NATIONAL ARMY.**

Day after day the national army cantonments bring forth irrefutable arguments in favor of universal military service, not only now, but after the war as well. In selective service are being found many of the advantages which universal service would bring into full fruition. These advantages are now shown to be actual, not theoretical.

Bishop Perry of Rhode Island visited a number of cantonments as head of the Episcopal war council, and had this to say about the national army as a people's university:

According to army plans, schools are held each day, especially for the enlisted men. I discovered some schools not exactly provided for in the government regulations, but so splendid that officers and government deserve the gratitude of all citizens. Thousands of men and women among the mountaineers of Tennessee and the Carolinas can hardly speak the English language, and know little of Americanism. Army officers have opened classes to these people, as well as to soldiers, and the outcome is a popular university in effect. It is a product that I never dreamed of finding as an outcome of preparation for war.

The selective service army is teaching much more than this. It teaches the poor boy that the rich man's son who shares his barracks and his rations is not an aristocrat or a snob, and it teaches the wealthy youth that his laboring-class "bunkie" is not an uncouth peasant. It teaches both of these men that each as a citizen of the United States has like privileges and like obligations. It teaches both the need of adequate preparedness for defense and the futility of visionary pacifism.

Selective service does all this, and permanent universal service would do much more, because it would be a fixed part of our national life instead of a temporary expedient.—Spokesman-Review.

Hiram Tash remarked that last Tuesday was the prettiest day of the year. It sure did set a good example for the other 364.

Sunshine and rain in Eastern Oregon is quite a contrast to the freezing and pain on the Atlantic seaboard and the Middle West.

Morrow county is there all the time brothers. Years of constant practice of doing a little more than our share, is going to be a great help to us in our efforts to aid Uncle Sam in the war program.

With local building and improvement dollars passing the hundred thousand dollar mark, and realty deals in the county aggregating a million dollars, 1917 wasn't such a slouch after all.

**STANFIELD HAS BROADER VISION.**

R. N. Stanfield, of Umatilla county, who recently announced his candidacy for the republication nomination for United States senator, is one of the few public men in Oregon who is large minded enough to see more of our state than just Portland as he glances at the map, says the Moro Observer.

He is big enough to place Portland and its affairs in the lime light when forecasting the future growth of Oregon. Probably the main reason for this viewpoint of state affairs by Mr. Stanfield is his identification with the farming, stock raising and irrigation questions of Eastern Oregon through the personal element of ownership and "working it out" as the years go round. Mr. Stanfield has lived in Umatilla county practically all his life.

**HUN DEATH TRAPS.**

When British and French troops occupy enemy trenches and dugouts these days, after the Germans have been ejected and either killed or taken prisoner, they are careful not to touch any "valuable souvenirs" left by the Germans. The latter have too often proved to be fatal. The Huns leave these things behind with the intention that they shall be picked up by some unsuspecting Tommy or polli, and the latter, when he does appropriate them, hardly ever lives to tell the tale.

Not long ago British soldiers occupied a dugout which had been abandoned by the Germans in their retreat. One of them found in the cavern a watch, attached to the wall. He naturally was delighted with his find and reached to take it. He had hardly done so when there was a terrific explosion and the whole dugout was blown in, killing or injuring those who were in it. These watches and other trinkets are attached to wires connected with buried mines, and as soon as they are taken from their place the mine is exploded with fatal results.—Portland Telegram.

The Annual New Years number of the Portland Oregonian comes forth once more to call attention of the world to the progress in the development of Portland, Oregon and the Northwest. The war program has made necessary the adding of new features to the paper this year, chief of which is shipbuilding. Portland and Oregon will furnish one sixth of the new ships which this government will build during 1918. The Oregonian calls attention with just pride, to the remarkable record this state has made since war was declared, and its a record of which we may all be proud.

Thirty thousand dollars was the contribution of the city of Pasadena, Cal., to the Red Cross the other day. Morrow county had a hand in that also. Captain John Becket of the Marine football team hails from Eight Mile, and it was the receipts of the game between the Marines and the Camp Lewis team that went to the mercy fund.

The appointment of a county agricultural agent for Morrow county will mean that we are dropping in line with other progressive counties of the state and will stand in a better position to co-operate with the government in its big campaign to increase production in these times when there is such a strain on the world's food supply. The county court is to be congratulated upon its action.

There should be a closer co-operation between parents, teachers and pupils in our schools. It would be the means of developing a greater interest of the part of the parents in school work. The organization of a parent-teachers' association would no doubt bring this about.

**HIS MAJESTY, THE HOG.**

The country has had enough of education. The time has come for the exhibition of governmental force, of compulsion. Men and women now know what is required in the field of conservation. If they will not save food, fats, sweets, meats, voluntarily, they must meet not only public contumely, but the state must mete out adequate punishment. A few jail sentences, a few stiff fines, a little ostracism, will accomplish wonders in the pens of the American hogs, and these gentry are still at large.

There are men and women who absolutely refuse to practice self-denial, who do not possess patriotism enough to observe either a meatless day or a wheatless day in the week. They are the people who ought to be fed inside the jails with black bread and warm water, because they are traitors to the cause of their country. They are digging soldiers' graves with their teeth. Some of them are members of the congress of the United States. Some wear fustian. Some of them ride in automobiles. Some of them sit in the seats of power. All of them are razor-back hogs, pure and simple.—Pendleton Tribune.

**YEAR OF THE WAR IN THE AIR.**

It has been conjectured that Germany is now, and has been for months past, preparing a much mightier fleet for war in the air during the 1918 campaign. The coming of the United States into the war meant a vast expansion of allied aerial activities. That fact has been recognized from the beginning, and must have been as well understood at Berlin as at Washington or London. No concealment of the fact itself has ever been attempted. While the Germans have been unable to learn the details, or even the full extent, of our plans, they have undoubtedly set themselves the great task of trying to meet the vast force with one of their own approximating it as nearly as possible in numbers and attempting to excel it in designs and devices for an increase in destructiveness, with a decrease in danger of loss.

A communication from London concerning the scope and something of the method of German work in this direction. The letter begins with the epigram, "Nineteen eighteen—the air year." It brings information that, since our declaration of war, the Germans have added twenty-nine to the number of their factories for the making of airplanes, and the German general staff has already been assured that the number of battle airplanes will be doubled by the beginning of extensive military movements in the spring. The added factories have been taken out of other war work in which previously engaged, and have been under constant operation for providing the means of meeting a new and very great danger. The enemy has not failed in understanding of the measure of our capability. The large appropriations of Congress for this long-neglected branch of military service, the perfection of the Liberty motor—a product of composite genius—and the eagerness of a host of physically and mentally alert Americans to qualify for aerial service, in which many of their compatriots have won glorious success in France are enough to excite German alarm. Aeroplane construction is rivaling shipbuilding in America.—The Dalles Optimist.

John Padberg, west Heppner farmer, was transacting business in Heppner today.

Chas. Hams of Hardman was a business visitor in Heppner during the week.

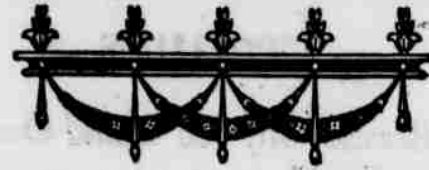
Mrs. W. E. Straight, of Lena is sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Jones, in this city. Her trouble seem to be a very bad attack of the gripe.

Walter C. Barton and wife were guests at the home of Mrs. Barton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Davis of Lexington, during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Barton is in the service of Uncle Sam and stationed at present at Fort Stevens as a musician. He returned to his duties on Sunday.

Jos. M. Hayes was a passenger for Portland on Saturday, going to the city for his annual New Year's visit with the home folks. He has moved a band of his sheep to the lower country for winter feeding, not having sufficient hay on the Butter creek ranch for all of his flocks. He has been conserving the grass on his range and at the present time is feeding hay to his sheep.

Turner B. MacDonald and family departed Tuesday for their former home in Coos county, where Mr. MacDonald has a homestead. During their stay of nearly two years in Heppner Mr. MacDonald was pastor of the Christian church and he and his estimable wife made many fast friends here. He did a good work as pastor of the church and it is with regret that they were compelled to sever the pleasant relations. The move was made necessary on account of the health of Mrs. MacDonald, it being found necessary to seek a lower altitude. A successor to Mr. MacDonald has not yet been secured by the church.

**Nearly Twenty Years of Successful Merchandising**



We commence the new year of 1918 with a complete stock of Dry Goods and Groceries which we are selling at less than we can buy the same on today's market. We also have on our tables piles of remnants and odds and ends at reduced prices.

Come in and see our ladies' and children's coats at reduced prices.

**Thomson Bros.**

I will pay the top price cash for good fat chickens and all other poultry, fresh eggs, dressed veal, vegetables and fruits.  
Cummings Fruit & Vegetable Market, Heppner, Ore.

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

Vegetable Market, Heppner, Ore. 1m  
WANTED to contract with responsible parties to log, saw and haul to cars, timber in six-south, 26 east. Might advance some money for equipment. D. D. Darling, 652 Belmont St., Portland. 3t.

Miss Muriel Cason has returned to her home in this city after spending the holidays in Portland.

T. G. Denisee returned home Wednesday from a short business trip to Baker. Mr. Denisee was formerly in business in Baker.

Mr. Coffey, who recently sold his interest in the Heppner Bakery, left Thursday for Redlands, Ca. He was accompanied by his mother and they will make their home in the South.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Morrow County on the Republican ticket at the coming Primary Election.

I am a pioneer resident of this county and heretofore have never asked any favors of the voters, and I would not do so at this time did I not know that I am competent to administer the affairs of the office in an efficient manner.

If nominated and elected I will endeavor to enforce the law, and handle the affairs of the office as economically as is consistent with the duties of the office.

Yours truly,  
WILLARD H. HERREN.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

I will be a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner on the republican ticket before the coming Primary Election.

Respectfully,  
G. A. BLEAKMAN, Hardman Ore.

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

**DAVIS DISTRICT.**

Miss Alice Christopherson, who has been attending Laurelwood Academy, was home during Christmas vacation.

Dry Fork and Davis school gave a Christmas program in the Hall. Santa Claus was there and treated the children quite well in spite of war times.

Sargeant Weingarten was home during the holidays.

H. A. Ferrens has been spending most of his time in the mountains in interest of his stock, but managed to get time off for Christmas.

Chas Davis, for whom we named our school, is on the sick list.

A. F. Young took dinner Christmas at the home of Walter Farrens.

Clifford Christopherson was home a few days during the Christmas holidays. He returned to Ione, where he is attending high school.

Mrs. Roy V. Whitels returned to her home in this city Wednesday after making an extended visit in Portland.

**LAST YEAR—AND THIS**

1917 gave a marked demonstration of the patriotism of American farmers.

1918 opens with new and increased demands upon all of our citizen patriots.

Farmer, merchant, manufacturer, business man, banker—each must do "his bit" wholeheartedly and unreservedly.

Our Officers are ready to cooperate with the farmers of this vicinity in their plans for increased production in 1918.

**FARMERS & STOCKGROWERS NATIONAL BANK**

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and help observe the MEATLESS DAYS by using more MACARONI.

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**Macaroni, Spaghetti, Vermicelli**

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You may never be able to duplicate these prices again during the war.

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