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IF LINCOLN SPOKE AT GETTYSBURG TODAY.

Seven-score and one years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great world war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met to face the crises of that war. We have come to dedicate the best of our substance and to offer the lives of our sons in order that democracy may live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But in a larger sense, we can not dedicate we can not consecrate, we cannot hallow, these gifts. The brave men, living and dead, in far-flung battle line or on the ocean wave, under foreign flags or 'neath the "Stars and Stripes," who fight today for democracy and truth and freedom, have consecrated our gifts far above our poor power to add or detract. The World will little note or long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what men are fighting for and dying for today.

It is for us—the living, rather—to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which freeman of all the ages have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from our honored dead and the heroic living we take increased devotion to that cause for which we give the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that myriad lives shall not be sacrificed in vain; that this nation, and every nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.—Ernest Bourner Allen, in the Toledo Blade.

THEY ARE STRONG FOR AGENT.

Many favorable comments are heard coming from the farmers regarding the recent appointment of a county agriculturist here. The farmers are the boys that are naturally most interested and it is safe to predict a complete cooperation between farmers and agent, once the agriculturist is firmly established.

The strongest endorsement for a county agent is the work which has been accomplished in neighboring counties. Take Wheeler county for instance. In the words of Bob Carsner, "blamed if that county agent hasn't gone to work over there and fixed up something that has rid Wheeler county of the squirrels." And if we are to believe Mr. Carsner, the squirrels had begun to get a firm hold on the resources agricultural over that way.

TRY TEDDY.

In view of recent painful disclosures of the shortcomings of an overburdened War Department, Senator Chamberlain proposes to have a new department of the Government—one to deal with munitions and to see to it that our soldiers are armed, equipped, well-fed, and properly clothed and housed.

A Department of Munitions is sadly needed. Senator Chamberlain should have the hearty support of every patriotic member of Congress. Let us have a Secretary of Munitions of the right kind—one whom the country knows and trusts, one who will cut red tape and do things promptly when they must be done.

What better man for the job than Colonel Roosevelt? This is a non-partisan war.—Leslie's.

MAKING A BIG PAPER.

J. Garfield Crawford, former journalistic light of Morrow county, later with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Dallas News, has gained the reputation of publishing the biggest weekly paper in Fort Worth. The Critic was established by Mr. Crawford two years ago and since that time its growth has been rapid. The paper recently took over the Camp Bowie Texahoma Bugler and its three thousand subscribers, the business management has been placed in the hands of Frank T. Crittenden and The Critic goes forward to accomplish greater things for Fort Worth and Texas.

THE MAN FOR THE JOB.

A wise selection was made in the appointment of Leon Cohen of Pendleton to the charge of the thrift campaign in this congressional district. Mr. Cohen is one of Pendleton's biggest business men and a man who easily takes the lead in matters of public interest of this nature. He was chairman of the Umatilla County

Red Cross committee last spring which raised \$45,000 at that time.

There is nothing of big importance to Pendleton but what Mr. Cohen is found in the harness pulling for its success. He has been instrumental in putting over big things for Pendleton and Umatilla county on previous occasions and his appointment to head the campaign for the sale of thrift and war savings stamps assures the success of that campaign in this district.

A FINE RECORD.

(Salem Statesman)

The State of Oregon enjoys an enviable standing among the states of the Union on account of its splendid record in every movement of patriotic duty that has been inaugurated for the support of our government in the successful prosecution of its worthy war aims, for the encouragement, protection and comfort of those who have placed their lives upon the altar of sacrifice for their country's defense, for the conservation of resources and for such unselfish denials as the ruling forces of the nation have deemed necessary to the ends and purposes of the nation's participation in the international conflict. Every citizen of this state must feel proud of what Oregon has done in answer to every call—to the Red Cross, to the voluntary enlistment of its fighting forces, to the Liberty Bond subscriptions, to the Y. M. C. A., and to every form of appeal that calls for generous response and sacrifice, and in that pride let us not forget to place a large share of the credit where it belongs for the condition of the public mind and conscience which made such achievements possible. It is but justice to say that the fine precept and example of our patriotic Governor, James Withycombe, exhibited and expressed earnestly and vigorously on all occasions, have been most powerful agencies in spurring and encouraging our people to do the very best that is in them, and it is also safe to say that no person in the State is prouder of the record made than he is.

THEY PLAY THE GAME.

Oregon Voter.

We take off our hats to those Eastern Oregon fellows who have been heading their counties in so strong for the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross and every other patriotic movement. We need more of their kind of "pep" here in the Willamette Valley. Especially in spots in the Valley. A lot of people figure that the Eastern Oregon bunch is a live bunch to tie to. This feeling will express itself politically. Any candidate that Eastern Oregon gets behind, or any measure it really wants, will have friends from those who want to see Oregon get somewhere.

The loud walls coming from organizations as to social conditions existing with the American troops abroad does not coincide with the reports of army officers, Y. M. C. A. workers and chaplains who are with the troops. And statistics show that the men are better taken care of in the army than they were in civil life. Conditions can not be made perfect, so we would suggest that these howlers turn loose on the stay-at-homes and make living conditions here come near approaching the high degree being attained in the army camps.

From the many big bunches of cattle being fed in the vicinity of Heppner this winter, one gains the impression that the cow country "is coming back."

In commenting on scarcity of farm labor, W. J. Tapper, chairman of board of commissioners of Lincoln county, Idaho, an operator of a 400 acre farm says: "It is up to the farmers to produce the food. It is necessary to have the food in order to win this war. But we farmers cannot raise enough food unless we can get help. The army and navy have taken many young men from the farm but the war attractions of employment in the cities have taken more. And at that the cities are short of labor. The situation is serious. I have heard the suggestion that coolie labor be imported for the period of the war, to be returned to the orient when the necessity for their presence here no longer exists. I am not prepared to say whether that would be practical, but I do know that something must be done to get farm help or the production will not nearly meet the requirements." The same conditions confront the lumber manufacturer and on the labor supply will depend to a large extent the sugar production of the country next season.

THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE.

A highly interesting article from the pen of Charles Henry Carey appears in the Commonwealth Review of the University of Oregon under the caption "The Fundamental Issue in the World War."

He says, "We have not entered into the war for conquest. We want nothing but to make the world safe for democracy, even though it be true as the German press has pointed out, that no other nation has ever before engaged in war for altruistic principles."

While unrestricted U-boat warfare was the immediate cause for the declaration of war, and the consequent

stinking of American vessels and loss of American lives, yet Mr. Carey keeps ever to the fore, the declaration of President Wilson, "for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for universal dominion of right by such a concert of free people as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free."

Mr. Carey draws a strong picture in contrast when he describes the course of this and allied countries before the war, the growth assumed by the pacifist element and the outgrowth of the peace conferences at The Hague. He contrasts this with the German thought and kultur, showing how literature in Germany was being written all these years to influence the rising generations to a militaristic mood and instill within their brains the "glory of war" and the absolute power of might over right.

The writer explains to a degree the condition of unpreparedness in this country when he says "foremost among all nations, or at least second to none other, the United States during these passing years has come to have what may be called a national conscience, and to form and cherish ideals outside of and beyond all considerations of its own welfare, looking to the improvement of world conditions." Mr. Carey's article should be read by every citizen in America.

The effort of the United States to feed its allies are not wholly confined to our own soil. The food administration is shipping 1500 farm tractors to France, and these machines are expected to be of immense service to the French in their efforts to feed themselves and at the same time are expected to relieve the strain on Allied tonnage by aiding in the production of more food on the other side, thus decreasing the amount of food supplies that must be shipped from America. Five hundred of the tractors are already on the way, and the entire number is expected to be in France by March, in time for the spring plowing.

Is there any better sign of Spring? Children have been out picking buttercups.

It is almost amusing to read those editorials in the Portland Journal about the terrible increase in car fare. Portland patrons of their street car service are now paying six cents where they used to pay five. Yet it seems to us that an increase of one cent in car fare is not out of proportion to the many other increases all

along the line the public has had and is having to meet since war conditions have existed. There can be no doubt but what the cost of operating the street car service in Portland has increased greatly. There can be no doubt but what the Public Service Commission of Oregon knew what the facts in the case were when they granted the increase. There can be no doubt but what the real patrons

of the street car system in Portland will not object to paying the extra fare, and especially in view of the fact that the service was threatened with certain detriment unless the fare was increased. It is not our scrap, but we wonder why the Journal is making such a noise in this particular case, when nothing was said of the innumerable increases that have

taken place in the cost of other commodities.

Spray Courier: Mike McCabe is going to engage a private secretary to attend to his correspondence and mule. He (the mule, not Mike) is an intelligent, well trained beast, and will obey every command—if he is so inclined.

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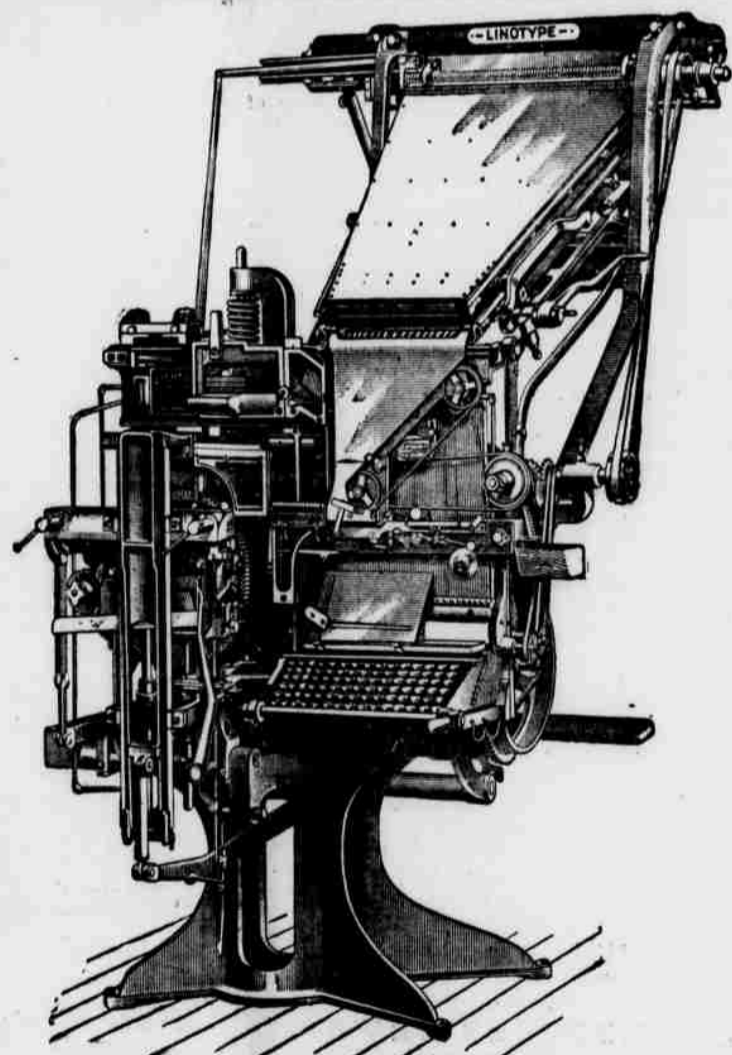
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