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SEEK TO REINSTATE MEN WHO SERVED THE COLORS

A good move has been started by the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League when on Monday it adopted a set of resolutions calling upon employers of labor to reinstate boys who left their employ to serve their country. The members of the League are firm in the belief that such a policy would materially settle the problem of taking care of the returned soldiers, sailors and marines. The following are the resolutions.

Whereas, The demobilization of the armed forces of the United States brings with it the problem of the absorption of the returned soldiers, sailors and marines into the industrial life of the nation, and

Whereas, It is the belief of this body that the majority of the returned men and boys would prefer to return to the industries and positions they left upon enlistment; that an obligation rests upon all employers to reinstate those who resigned positions with them to serve their country; and that such reinstatement would go far in this country toward solving the problem of employment for discharged soldiers, sailors and marines.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the executive committee of the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League, that it hereby appeals to and urges all employers in this country to invite the discharged soldiers, sailors and marines to return to the positions they left when they entered the service of their country, and

Be It Further Resolved, That this committee requests that refusals of employers to follow this just policy be reported to officers of the league to the end that an investigation be made.

A Cow With a Tale

Two years ago Hulda was just an ordinary grade cow, getting on in years, and with no future—unless the prospect of winding up as a canner may be called a future. No "Johanna," or "Korndyke," or "De Kalb," or any such aristocratic attachments to Hulda's name. Just plain Hulda, and no more. She was 12 years old, and in 1915, so her record shows, she produced only 246 pounds of butter fat.

Last year Hulda's owner joined a cow testing association and began to take a new interest in the care and feeding of his cows. In common with the others of the herd, old Hulda got better care and a better balanced ration than she had been used to getting, and she began to wake up. That year, as a 13-year-old, Hulda produced 429 pounds of butter fat.

Last year, as a 14-year-old, Hulda has demonstrated what some old cows can do if they are given half a chance. Her owner tried milking her three times a day, and she came through the testing year with the really remarkable record of 716 pounds of butter fat.

Hulda stands as a striking example of the practical results that farmers are getting through business organizations of their own. In many counties cow testing associations and other better-farming projects fostered by the farm bureau and the county agent are contributing in a marked degree to the community.

Hulda don't belong in this vicinity, being taken only as an example of what might be accomplished by dairyman of the project by the application of balanced rations and proper care of their herds. She is a Minnesota cow that is worthy of mention for having gained such a record at her advanced age.

Flu Abating

Reports from all over the project show that the flu epidemic has abated wonderfully in the past week, which is certainly good news. The local emergency hospital is nearly empty, and it now looks as if it will be possible to close the institution today or tomorrow.

Elected Officers

Directors for the Westland Irrigation District were chosen Tuesday at the annual election held for this purpose. J. H. Strohm, Jesse M. Prindle and J. W. Messner now constitute the directorate, having been the successful candidates. The organization meeting of the new board will be held next month.

School Opens Next Monday

Chairman J. D. Watson announces that school will open next Monday. It has been decided as a necessary safeguard to the pupils that where sickness has existed in a family at any time during the present week all pupils in that family remain out of school for a week. Patrons are requested to cooperate with us in this so that we may wipe out the epidemic and make as little hazard as possible to those attending school.

Delegates to Road Meeting

The County Court held a meeting in Pendleton Thursday, at which were delegates from this and other parts of the West End on invitation of that august body to discuss building plans for the Columbia Highway from the Morrow county line to Pendleton. Col. J. F. McNaught and Attorney J. T. Hinkle represented Hermiston and Frank Waugaman and W. L. Blessing looked after the interests of Columbia District at the meeting.

Another Fire

Fire alarms never come singly, but most always come three in a row. At least that is what has happened here in the past month, the third fire being discovered Friday afternoon of last week in the pump house. Like the preceding two fires, not much damage was done to the building, in fact there was none in this instance, just a box holding an elbow of the exhaust pipe being burned when that conveyance of gas, after combustion, to the open air became overheated. The fire ladders were on hand in short order after the alarm was turned in and quickly extinguished the blaze.

The fire of a week ago Sunday last was not in the house the Kinnings now live in, as had been stated, but in a residence owned by Lott Brownell which they formerly lived in and was more recently occupied by the Brassfield family until they went to Idaho.

Use Care In Removing Silage

Considerable silage is frequently wasted or its feeding value impaired by improperly removing it from the silo. No more silage should be removed from the surface than is required for one feeding or, when the weather conditions will permit, for one day at the most. In removing silage from the silo, about 2 inches should be removed on the average from the entire surface, loosening no silage more than removed. The surface should be kept level and compact at all times.

If unsatisfactory results are obtained from feeding silage, it is usually from improperly feeding a good product or from feeding moldy, sour, or frozen silage.

Irrigation District to Organize

Preliminary steps have been taken, through the efforts of S. H. Boardman, chairman of the irrigation committee of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, for the organization of an irrigation district under the John Day project, says the Heppner Gazette-Times. Mr. Boardman is pushing this work right along, in conjunction with County Agent Brown, who is rendering every assistance he can to get the district permanently organized. The work of organization will be completed just as rapidly as possible as it is understood that this is the most feasible plan by which to get at the problem. The getting together of necessary data and maps will be a part of the preliminary work, and then it will be up to the County Court to levy a small assessment on the acreage within the boundaries of the district for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense in connection with the preliminary work. This organization will cover the lands in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties, to be embraced in the proposed district.

A special election to create the district, will be called soon by the County Court, who are being petitioned to that effect.

Laura Braumbach Dead

Many people here will regret to learn of the death of Miss Laura Braumbach, which occurred at the home of her parents in Walla Walla last Sunday from pneumonia. Deceased was a trained nurse that made many friends during the time she was in Hermiston last summer and fall following her occupation. From here she went to Portland, and it was while in that city ministering to flu patients that she contracted the malady, which ultimately merged into pneumonia and lung trouble. She was removed from Portland to her home in Walla Walla, where she gradually declined until death claimed her.

Prior to her demise Miss Braumbach made a request that her parents send for Dr. Gale, whose assistant she was in several cases while here, and on receipt of this request the doctor made a hurried trip overland, but on arrival there he quickly determined that the inroads of the disease on the vital organs of the body had been so great that all hope of saving the lady's life must be abandoned.

Some Classy Stationery

J. C. Ballenger, manager of the Boardman Lumber Co., is now using some of the most classy stationery in his business that has been turned out by The Herald in a long time. The order was a large one, and kept the office force busy on the presses several days this week. While the paper and envelopes were of the best grade obtainable, the feature that makes the stationery artistic is the picture of a bungalow owned by Mr. Ballenger printed upon it. Reproduction of this residence and grounds from an architect's drawing alone cost Mr. Ballenger \$15, so it can be seen that there was nothing squeamish about the gentleman when he made up his mind that he wanted something out of the ordinary in the line of stationery that would be serviceable and at the same time be a boost for the hustling and thriving town of Boardman.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. E. E. Woodruff and daughter, Mrs. Eva Kaville, mother and sister of Roy Rogers, have returned to their home in La Grande after attending the Rogers family during their recent sickness.

Officers elected at the organization meeting of Columbia Grange were as follows: H. M. Sommerer, Master; Frank Waugaman, Overseer; H. J. Ott, Lecturer; A. R. Fisher, Steward; W. B. Graham, Assistant Steward; F. P. Phipps, Chaplain; Paul Miller, Treasurer; Catherine Summerer, Secretary; J. Williams, Gatekeeper; Mrs. Ott, Ceres; Mrs. Williams, Pomona; Mrs. Canfield, Flora; Mrs. Bess Spencer, Lady Assistant. The organization will hold another meeting as soon as the flu ban is lifted, thus enabling the balance to come in as charter members.

R. B. McLane and F. J. Thomas completed securing their winter's supply of wood the latter part of last week from islands on the Columbia river below Hat Rock—and R. B. got something else thrown in that sent cold shivers running up and down his spine for awhile. It was while procuring the last load of wood that himself and Mr. Thomas, as was their wont, prepared to cook the noonday meal. The latter was acting in the capacity of chef, so it was up to Mr. McLane to secure water for the coffee—and it was while on that errand he met his Waterloo. To secure the liquid he had to go about 100 feet to the edge of the ice that fringed the river. It held him fine on the way out, and he thought he had a cinch on the can of water, when all of a sudden—as he neared the outer edge a chunk cracked off and precipitated him into the icy waters. By good fortune he succeeded in climbing out, and when he appeared before Mr. Thomas he loomed up like an Arctic iceberg, being a solid mass of frozen water. Thereupon the meal was forgotten for the more primitive method of drying clothes—one piece at a time, and ere long Mr. McLane was decked out again in dry raiment and proceeded home with Mr. Thomas not much the worse for his involuntary winter bath.

Owing to conditions incident to the influenza there was no meeting of the Hermiston Volunteer Fire Department last Monday night, the session having been postponed for two weeks.

Freak of Nature

Wednesday morning at about 6 o'clock Hermiston was visited with a strange bow of milky whiteness. The end of this bow seemed to touch at the north end of the city and again at the south end. A cloud covered the town and from it came a light shower. To the northwest beyond the Butte a heavy fog covered. Through this the moon peered and cast the beautiful bow in the heavens, which was distinctly marked at the outside edge but faded to a thin veil on the inside.

Flu Causes Funny Stunt

Temporarily unbalanced from an attack of the Flu, George Parsons, a bachelor rancher south of town, loomed up on the streets of Hermiston early Sunday morning all decked out in battle array. He was first discovered by early risers pacing back and forth with a rifle in each hand and a fearsome look in his eyes.

A citizen induced him to part with the rifles, and afterwards got him to go into the Hotel Oregon to get warm, he apparently being half frozen from an all night vigil looking for an imaginary enemy, whom he accused of shooting at him and his horses on his place the night before. Later he was taken to his home and given medical treatment, and Monday he was moved down town in order to be close and receive proper treatment, since when he has begun to show signs of regaining his normal condition.

Honor to Whom Honor Is Due

As an observer it seems the time is ripe to express some appreciation for those who without thought of self have labored for the comfort and safety of the suffering during this, the severest scourge, in this generation. Too often a physician's service is regarded as professional, but in this case where calls are so numerous as to allow no time for relaxations, and when constant association with the patients endangers them, the distance is not too far, the night too dark, the cold too severe, nor the assurance of remuneration too insecure to cause a doctor to hesitate.

The hospital improvised in Mack's hall through the energies of Mr. Swayze, Mr. Watson and others is supplying a real need, but this could not be possible without nurses, those "ministering angels in white," and the constant attention of Messrs. Barnes and Locke.

Proper mention must be made of Mrs. Voelker, who seems on the wing night and day as a trained lady in dietetics, so necessary in this epidemic. She has been ably seconded by consecrated service on the part of some of the matrons who have responded to every call. Among others may be mentioned Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Casserly, Mrs. Chezik, Mrs. Sisceel, Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Haneline, besides those who have prepared food for the nurses and patients.

This list could not be complete without mentioning Mr. Holland, who slips into rear doors each day to ask the needs, and often these visits are made many times each day.

In only a few instances has there been a lack of cooperation. Some have been too scared or too selfish to enter into the community spirit and help when opportunity presented itself.

The war work emergencies and Red Cross activities have at least taught unselfishness and team work. This fight must continue until the epidemic has passed, and every person must assist, either actively or by encouraging words to those in the thick of the fray.

An Observer.

Keep Accounts

Farming is a business the same as banking or running a mercantile establishment. There are products to be sold and articles to be bought. The keeping of a record of these and determining the relation of the outgo to the income are important considerations on every farm. The farmer should know what his income is and just how he is disposing of it. He can know this only by keeping books and the first of the new year is the proper time to begin.

Mrs. A. S. Johnson received the sad news of the death of her nephew, Frank T. Donivan, which occurred in Portland January 10, from pneumonia, following an attack of the flu. He leaves a wife and ten year old daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson spent the Xmas holidays at his home in Eugene, Ore.

RUMORED THAT RIETH WILL SOON LOSE O.-W. TERMINAL

\$100,000 Appropriated

The first bill to be passed by the Oregon legislature was one creating a Soldiers' and Sailors' commission for the relief of returning soldiers. The appropriation was for \$100,000.

Constitutionally Dry

The United States is now a dry nation, the necessary thirty-six states to ratify the federal constitutional amendment for prohibition having been secured by Nebraska voting for it Thursday.

Legislature At Work

The Oregon Legislature convened at Salem Monday, and since then has been busy on several important matters, chief among which is devising some method whereby work may be created for returning soldiers. They seem to favor a scheme for road building on a large scale to supply this necessity. In the state house of representatives the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution was ratified Tuesday afternoon.

Many Neglected to Vote

County Clerk Brown, who has been making an examination of poll books of the different precincts of the county, has made the startling discovery that 4000 registered voters in Umatilla county have neglected to vote at least once in the past two years. He says that the state law requires that once each two years the county clerk shall purge the records. This means that the names of all those who have not voted within two years past shall be taken off the rolls. He is permitted, however, to send out cards to the last known address of the voters whose names are to be taken off the books, advising them that they must either return the card showing that they are still residents of the county and precinct where they are registered or their names will be taken from the list of registered voters. If the card is returned the name will be retained on the rolls and no further registration will be necessary for another two years.

It is not always the fault of the voter that the name is not found properly checked as voting. In one precinct, where there was a sizable vote cast at the last election, there is no record, so far as the books show that there was a vote cast. The judges neglected to check the names of the voters as they called for their ballots, and, because of that, it will be necessary to send a card to every person in that precinct.

So, whether or not a person has voted within the past two years, if one of these cards is received, the place for it is not in the wastebasket but the mail box, with the address of the county clerk on the proper side.

Mrs. Strohm at Salem

Word comes that Representative E. P. Dodd has selected Mrs. J. H. Strohm to act as his secretary during the forty day session of the legislature at Salem. It is understood that the lady is now in the capital city attending to her new duties. Each legislator is entitled to a secretary of their own choosing. Representative Cyril Brownell has chosen for his secretary the city editor of the Pendleton Tribune.

Attended Dairymen's Meeting

George A. Cressey spent several days this week in Hillsboro, Ore., attending the annual meeting of the Oregon State Dairymen's Association, the sessions of which were held in that city the first of the week. At the close of the meeting Mr. Cressey extended an invitation to make Hermiston the place for the holding of the annual convention next year.

George Patterson, an office employee in the reclamation service, has been in quarantine at his home all week, himself, wife and child undergoing a siege of the flu.

The following article taken from a recent issue of the Pendleton Tribune would seem to indicate that there is a possibility of Hermiston being made a division point on the O. W. R. & N. It is conceded, anyhow, that a change of terminal from Rieth will be made, many railroad men being of the opinion that if it does not come to Hermiston it will be returned to Umatilla. Here's the article:

"Is Hermiston to be the division terminal for the Oregon-Washington railroad or is it to be returned to Umatilla, where it was many years? Stanfield is also said to be a possibility. There is no official information to be obtained from railroad circles here but there is a well defined rumor that a change from Rieth is in prospect.

"Rieth has been the terminal for the division for the past three or four years. It was established about the time that the Coyote cutoff was opened up for traffic. Before that the terminal yards were at Umatilla.

"Recently the order was published that, in the future, all passenger trains should be routed via Umatilla and that Umatilla be the terminal point for the crews of such trains while freights should continue to use the Coyote cutoff and Rieth should continue to be the terminal point for those crews. Whether that is the beginning of the change to Umatilla as a terminal point for all train crews is the question that is not only interesting the train men but also the residents of the town of Rieth where a considerable settlement has been built up around the railroad yards.

"It has been felt that Rieth has never been definitely determined upon as the terminal for the division. While the railroad established its yards there and, to some extent, at least, seems to have built for permanency, it was noted that there has been little building there that could not be readily moved if the site was not found satisfactory.

"The yard employees, who have not built their own homes, have continued to live in the work trains and rebuilt box cars, an evidence that the railroad was not putting into the yards any more money than was absolutely necessary.

"It is said that the men whose runs end at Rieth have not been satisfied with that as their home and that many of them have been accustomed to returning here for the night after checking in at Rieth.

"Railroads move rather quietly and often until their decision is definitely made there is nothing to indicate the plans. There have been other reports of a proposed removal of the terminal yards from Eugene and none of them have come to pass. Nevertheless, in view of the recent order restoring Umatilla as the passenger train terminal, there is a general disposition to put some faith in the latest report.

Pruning Demonstration

For the purpose of discussing the various questions involved in the pruning of fruit trees a meeting will be held at the Scroggs' orchard and others nearby at 2 p. m. Monday, Dec. 20. The purpose of this meeting, which is being called by R. W. Allen, is to bring out a general discussion on the subject where the various points that may be involved can be illustrated in a practical manner.

Hand Badly Cut

B. F. Strohm received a couple of bad gashes on the palm and wrist of the right hand Wednesday which will lay him up from further carpenter work for a week or more. The accident occurred when Mr. Strohm was in the room at the rear of the shop in which Correll & Mayran have their trimming machinery. It seems Mr. Strohm did not see the knives in motion on the machine, and in reaching over for a piece of board came in contact with them, the result being that the two blades of the fast revolving circular cut him severely.

Rain water is soft and comparatively pure, but contains ammonia, acids and other impurities washed from the atmosphere.