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FARMERS URGED TO CO-OPERATE IN WAR ON RODENTS

Mr. Farmer: Are you taking advantage of the opportunity to get the ground squirrel pest under control offered by the cooperation of the U. S. biological survey, county pathologist, county court and local farmers organizations? Every community in the county not organized should do so at once and thus get every farmer and orchardist who has a single squirrel on his place to help him off this destructive pest.

Three and one-half tons of this barley, poisoned according to the formula which the government has used to eradicate the pest from one million acres of national forests, has been prepared and is now ready for distribution. Over half of this has already gone out. It will kill the squirrels if properly put out!

- Rogue River club, Rogue River Mercantile Co. Gold Hill, Martin's Drug Store. Phoenix, Phoenix Mercantile Co. Eagle Point club, Geo. Brown & Son. Talent club, Brown Bros. Store. Reck club, Ed Smith. Central Point, Elden's Seed Store. East Side Community club, Harry Merriman. Valleyview Farmers club, A. H. Davenport. Bellview Farmer's club. Griffin Creek club, J. R. Wilson.

NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL IN SESSION

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The entire membership of the council of national defense and its advisory commission, the agency through which national resources will mobilize for war, assembled here today for reports on what has been effected. Tentative plans have been formulated by the council, however, to govern the distribution of war orders so as to provide for the maximum speed of deliveries and the minimum disarrangement of peace time activities.

A PATRIOTIC PRESS

PORTLAND papers pronounced Senator Harry Lane's efforts to prevent the president from being empowered to protect American rights at sea, as most unpatriotic. The same papers, however, are selling their space to the German propaganda in its final effort to divide the nation and prevent action by congress to protect American rights.

Lane probably acted from conscientious motives—the sole motive of the newspapers is pursuit of the dollar. Of the two, they are more to be censured than the senator.

The Portland Journal and the Portland Telegram Friday night carried full page appeals from the "Emergency Peace Federation" of New York urging people of the west to wire the president and congress protesting the taking of any action to protect American lives and property.

If Harry Lane and his eleven companions who, in the words of the president "rendered the great government of the United States helpless and contemptible" before the world, what can be said for these newspapers, which for a few paltry dollars, lend their columns to the German propaganda to keep the country "helpless and contemptible" so that the brutal murder of Americans may continue and the nation take its orders from the Prussian juggler?

Why should these journals protest treasonable utterances of the bought and paid for hypenated press, when they, themselves, for a miserable pittance, aid and abet the same program.

What kind of patriots are they when they joint the ranks of the kept press of the kaiser, in an effort to make America helpless and impotent?

Similar advertisements have appeared or are appearing in all the large papers of the country, whose pocket books out-weigh their patriotism. It is part and parcel of the joint campaign being waged by American pacifism and Prussian militarism.

Who is paying for these advertisements? Who is paying to keep the powerful peace lobby at Washington? Who is paying for the frantic "drive" to be made upon congress Monday in the interests of peace? Who pays the piper for these strange tunes in behalf of national humiliation and surrender?

The question is easily answered. Who has paid all along for the propaganda to divide the American nation in the face of German aggression? Who paid for the destruction of our munition plants? Who paid for the campaign against the export of munitions, and the agitation for an embargo on food? All have been traced directly to the doors of the German embassy at Washington—and investigation will probably prove that the hundreds of thousands now being spent in the final drive to manufacture public opinion through newspaper advertising, comes from German agents of the imperial exchequer.

In printing these advertisements, the Portland press arouses the suspicion that their patriotism is on a commercial basis. They do much to confirm the world's opinion that Americans place the dollar above national honor.

QUIET PREVAILS THRUOUT SPAIN

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Quiet prevailed in Spain yesterday, according to an official dispatch received today by Ambassador Riano from Madrid. A workmen's meeting in Valladolid was dissolved by the authorities. The dispatch said: "Absolute tranquility reigns all over Spain. A meeting which was organized today (Friday) at Valladolid was dissolved by the civil guard without any consequences."

BRITISH ADVANCE NORTH OF BAGDAD

LONDON, March 31.—British forces in Mesopotamia, advancing to the north of Bagdad, have occupied the town of Kalaat Felujah and the areas of Deltawah and Sindiyah and Sheraban, according to an official statement issued today by the British press bureau. The British troops, the statement adds, were now confronted by the remnants of the Turkish army which retreated from Kut-el-Amara, which were reinforced by fresh units near Deltawah and Zimayah.

Alexander---Peer of Mystics At Page Theatre Three Days



The attraction at the Page theater for three days commencing Tuesday, April 3, is Alexander. As this attraction has never before played in Medford a little advance matter pertaining to Alexander and his company is forthcoming.

Since the retirement of the Great Hermann, Thruson and Embeigo, greatest Hindu magician America has known, but one, Mathama, or crystal seer, and but one great magician, Alexander, who not only has mastered all that was ever offered by his predecessors, but offers the highest class attraction of this kind ever put upon an American stage.

The first part of the performance is a series of the most perplexing, astounding and wholly mystifying and

entertaining feats of magic, illusion and disappearances ever staged at one time by any exponent of the black art. The second part of the performance termed the Simla Seance, is an offering so unusual, weird, and baffling that the most learned scientists and professional men in the largest cities in the United States have proclaimed Alexander to be a brain marvel and the performance an oceanic phenomenon. The attraction will hold the board for three days in Medford, playing one ladies matinee, day to be announced from the stage after the first performance. The ladies matinee is for ladies only and is a special show greatly out of the ordinary in a theater attraction.

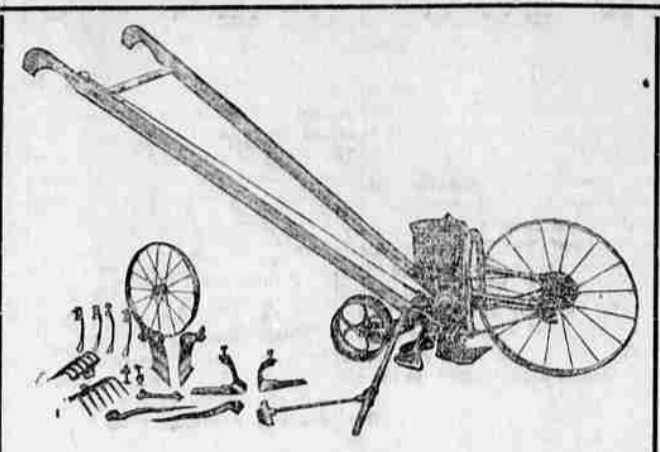
POSTMASTERS TO SPOT CONSPIRATORS

WASHINGTON, March 31.—A half million postmasters, letter carriers and field agents for various federal departments have been set on

the trail of spies or conspirators against the United States, under government orders, it was known today. These are in addition to the multitude of municipal police and detectives who are being organized into a single big machine to gather information on agents of foreign governments. At least 300,000 city letter carriers and rural free delivery employees alone are under orders to scan let-

ters and packages passing through their hands for evidence of plots against the nation. Virtually all government employes are expected to report suspicious incidents or even scraps of conversation reaching them which might bear investigation by trained government agents.

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The Stage Coach Was Useful

In the early fifties when men traveled across the continent to plant new cities and towns, they found the stage-coach a very useful means of transportation. The cities grew and thrived, the railways came and the stage-coach disappeared. The people wanted a way to get from place to place quickly, and the locomotive provided it.

To the early settlers of this land, tallow candles, dipped laboriously by hand, were good enough—until something better came along. And just as the railways brought better transportation, the electric light has brought better lighting and the old methods are fast disappearing. Through the enterprise of central station lighting and power companies now located in nearly every city, hamlet, large and small, from coast to coast, electric lighting in its perfected form has been brought within the means of the most humble of cottages. Through the untiring zeal of the men who headed these companies, electric service has been steadily improved, so that, of all the home expenses modern man has to meet, it is the one thing that has cost not more, but less and less to secure. The electric lamp of today not alone gives more light for less money, but the companies have consistently anticipated the demands of the people for better lighting facilities by providing them even before they were asked for. What this company has accomplished for the good of the community it serves, ranks with the work of the schools, the hospitals, the banks, even the churches in ministering to the public good. Indeed there is no side of public welfare that has not been vitally affected by the influence of electric service. Look about you today—tonight—upon the highways, in the amusement halls, in the lecture rooms, in the stores and factories in the homes and see what electric service has done and is doing for this community. Then stop and consider what electricity in home, office or factory might mean to you.

For full information concerning any equipment, call at any of our offices.

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