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APRIL PROVED BUSY MONTH FOR VISITING NURSE

The reporting for April of the county visiting nurse is as follows: Number visits to patients, 50; to new patients, 24; to old patients, 26; visits, miscellaneous, 27; number visits, nurse to schools, 18. Total number visits made, 96.

CENTRAL POINT PUPILS SELL \$2400 W. S. S.

During the three months ending April 30, the children of the Central Point school sold War and Thrift Stamps to the amount of \$2,400. The children who sold \$25 or more worth, are: Winnie Stewart, \$421.50; Mervyn Glendon, 421.00; Charles Cowley, 225.55; Beulah Wright, 108.25; Bernice Beall, 684.00; Arlene Hay, 385.75; William Lyons, 40.95; Mary Bebb, 25.00.

HOOVER IS GIVEN GREATER POWER

WASHINGTON, May 15.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation extending the licensing authority of the food administration so as to give it wider latitude in the control of food distribution. Under the new provisions, which take effect June 1, all manufacturers of, and all other persons engaged in, the business of manufacturing, distributing, or otherwise bringing into interstate commerce any article of food, or any article of food which is a necessary ingredient of any article of food, are required to obtain a license from the food administration.

The proclamation does not affect matters doing a business of less than \$50,000 a year, farmers, gardeners, associations or others with respect to the products of any farm, garden or land owned, leased or cultivated by them.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

THE most important office to fill in Jackson county is that of county judge, which requires the legal knowledge of a lawyer for probate court business, the executive and financial ability to manage county affairs and the practical knowledge and experience of the road builder. There is difficulty of securing all these qualifications combined in one man for the salary paid. In the interest of efficiency, the office should be abolished, the probate business given to the circuit court and the executive duties bestowed upon a chairman of the board of county commissioners—a procedure followed in nearly all states and justified by results.

We are still in the stone age of democracy or we would not be voting for local candidates because they are members of national political parties. To secure efficiency we must eliminate the prejudice of partisan politics. The party affiliations do not modify the capacity of the individual. It is just as sensible to vote for a man for local office because of the color of his hair as the color of his national politics. Instead of partisan primaries, we should have a general primary for county office and the two highest fight it out at the election, unless one had a clear majority over all opponents.

However we have the party primaries and the best we can do is to select the best candidates in our parties and if they do not measure up to the man selected by another party, we can choose the best in November.

There are many applicants at the primaries for the office. Some have legal training, some are successful business men, some have had road building experience, and some are neither lawyers, business men, financiers or road builders.

There are four republican candidates for county judge and three democratic candidates. Their merits are duly set forth in their advertisements. Let us consider their individual investments in the county as taxpayers. The tax rolls show the amount of taxes paid by each as follows: Gardner, \$20.86; Leever, \$335.16; Taylor, \$71.30; Allen, \$10.50; Purdin, \$110.70; Davis, \$65.85; Borden, \$4.04.

Of the democratic candidates, Mr. Leever has served as county commissioner and had experience in county management, tho he has had no legal training. He is a successful business man. When elected commissioner, the county was in debt over \$600,000, and county warrants were selling at a heavy discount. He helped put the county on a cash basis, restore warrants to par and materially reduce indebtedness. He devoted a great deal of time to road work and proved himself progressive in policy. In our opinion he is the best qualified of any of the republican aspirants to act as business manager for the county.

County Clerk Gardner has served three terms as clerk and seeks another six years on the county payroll. He has made an efficient clerk—but clerical qualifications are seldom those of an executive. Many a good clerk finds himself hopelessly muddled when he tries to run affairs himself. Without legal, executive or business training, or road building experience, by nature taking a small and narrow view of affairs, he would be badly handicapped as county judge.

Of the democratic candidates, Judge Purdin possesses the best qualifications. A practicing lawyer for many years, he has served with honor in the legislature, while the experience acquired as postmaster and afterwards mayor of Medford fit him for executive position. He has a better knowledge of the county and its needs than his opponents and his road building experience is equal to that of his competitors. In Mr. Purdin the democrats will find their strongest candidate.

An echo of the old Ashland fight against the county's assistance in building the Medford bridge is seen in the fight over the republican nomination for county commissioner. Both J. Frank Brown and James Owen were commissioners at the time. Mr. Brown voted for the bridge and Mr. Owen against. Hence those who fought the bridge are fighting Mr. Brown's nomination.

Women Point the Way

In every home the principal part of the buying is made or influenced by the woman of that home.

In reality she is the purchasing agent who controls 80 or 90 per cent of all the food products and wearing apparel that is bought for the members of the family.

How many women realize their power for progress and uplift for their home city and state?

If we can build up our factories by our continued demand for Oregon made goods—

It means that your boy and thousands of other boys and girls will, when finishing their school, be able to step from the school room to a lucrative position in a factory; that is if you do your part in building up Oregon factory pay rolls by buying Oregon made products.

If you are inconsiderate and buy without regard for the future, then it may be your boy and other boys must leave the home state and seek employment at big factory centers which your help caused to be built up in some far away state.

For every dollar you spend for Oregon made goods the principal and profit remain in Oregon.

But when you buy out of state goods, 75 cents of every dollar goes away and stays away forever. Whenever you insist upon Oregon factory products you help to maintain some Oregon man, woman, boy or girl in a position that helps them to support those dependent upon them. Every housewife then has a deep and personal responsibility in this matter of bigger factories and bigger

payrolls for Oregon, and if every one will do her part, Oregon is bound to go ahead and stay there.

CONGRESS PASSES OVERMAN BILL

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The long fight in congress over the Overman bill giving the president power to reorganize the executive departments and agencies, ended late Tuesday with the passage of the measure unamended by the house. It goes now to President Wilson for his signature. The vote was 295 to 2. Representatives Stirling of Illinois and Gillett of Massachusetts casting the negative votes.

An amendment to exempt the Interstate Commerce Commission from the operations of the measure was defeated 291 to 87.



BELL-ANS FOR INDIGESTION

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER, Lady Assistant, 88 SOUTH BARTLETT, Phone M. 47 and 47-32. Automobile Hearse Service. Auto Ambulance Service, Cercor.

MOVEMENT ON TO OUST POLITICS DURING THE WAR

By MILTON BRONNER.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Big business men, labor leaders and political captains of prominence are quietly at work on a program that has been often discussed and derided, viz.: that of having a political truce during the war.

I am informed by a well-posted man of affairs here in the capital that a movement is really on foot at last to assure the election of a loyalist congress.

The idea is to give no opposition to any man who has loyally supported the conduct of the war and has not tried to throw bricks at the administration when so doing was calculated to help the kaiser rather than America.

The result of this, if carried out, would be that there would be no radical change in the political or personal makeup of either the house or the senate—except that both parties would unite in an effort to beat those men who had voted against measures designed to make America effective in the war.

It is the idea of the leaders in this movement that red-hot political fights in various close states would serve to distract the American public from the biggest business before them—that of winning the war. They also know that all such fights involve the expenditure of great sums of money which might be put to better use—such as the purchase of Liberty bonds.

A great many informal exchanges of opinion by mail and by wire have already been made and my informant said that a working basis would surely be agreed upon.

It was even hinted that very shortly a conference might quietly be held in this city. The names of those behind the present movement are kept secret.

It is feared that premature publication concerning those interested might lead to unpleasant pressure being brought to bear upon them by political and other selfish interests.

MEDFORD YOUTH ON FIRING LINE WITH MARINES

Frank W. Hubbard, who is on the firing line in France as a marine, writes as follows to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hubbard, regarding his experiences with the Marines: France, April 10, 1918.

Dear Folks: I received three letters yesterday and was very glad to get them as our mail only comes a couple of times a week. I told some of the boys that I would not take any number of francs for my letters.

Well, I have had some quite exciting times. We were shelled on the road a couple of times and had to scatter. When the big boys came whistling through the air it gives you a funny feeling and you want to hunt a hole. I have been up to the front and there was also excitement enough there. Am now at rest billets. We had a very nice place to stay at the front while the big shells were whistling over our heads. We lived like our company, the rats and coolies. We would be on duty all night and in the daytime we would get in our dugouts and sleep. Our dugout was very nice; we had a fire to keep warm with and eight bunk beds for fourteen men, but could double up and sleep very well. The rats would run all around but did not bother us except at night, and then when I would be standing on post they would run around and one would think it was a Boche in the wire and not know whether to throw a bomb, fire a rifle or just listen, but it always proved to be a rat.

Several times the machine gun fire got too hot for us and we would have to duck while they were rattling around us. One night there was a bombardment of the fellows back of us. It was a very pretty sight as well as dangerous as some of the shells might have fallen short, but nothing happened. This bombardment started at midnight and lasted an hour and a quarter. Nature's storms are not in it when it comes to a bombardment. All kinds and colors of lights flashing up over No

Catarrh is a Real Enemy and Requires Vigorous Treatment

Do Not Neglect It. When you use medicated sprays, atomizers and douches for your Catarrh, you may succeed in unstoping the choked-up air passages for the time being, but this annoying condition returns, and you have to do the same thing over and over again. Catarrh has never yet been cured by these local applications. Have you ever experienced any real benefit from such treatment?

Throw these makeshift remedies to the winds, and get on the right treatment. Go to your drug store to-day, get a bottle of S. S. S., and commence a treatment that has been praised by sufferers for nearly half a century. S. S. S. gets right at the source of Catarrh, and forces from the blood the germs which cause the disease. You can obtain special medical advice regarding your own case without charge by writing to Medical Director, 22 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.

A PATRIOTIC AMERICAN. A NATIVE OF WISCONSIN. AGE 47. FOR 27 YEARS A RESIDENT OF OREGON.



GUS C. MOSER Republican President Oregon State Senate.

The Man who put the Rogue River Fish Bill through the Senate

For a vigorous prosecution of the war to a victorious conclusion.

For strict business principles in management of State affairs.

For Rural Credits Extension, Irrigation, Drainage and Development of all our resources.

For assistance by Portland Capital and business to every section of our great State.

For the rights of both Labor and a Capital under a scheme of mutual co-operation.

FOR GOOD ROADS, BUT FIGHTING THE PAVING TRUST.

We are paying about \$5,000 more per 16-foot mile of Bitulithic Pavement in Oregon than is being paid in Washington. Let us build good roads in every county in the State—GIVE EVERY COUNTY A SQUARE DEAL.

ELECT MOSER and you will forever banish the subtle influence of the Paving Trust from Oregon Politics.

AGGRESSIVELY INDEPENDENT. (Paid Adv.)

Man's Land, then the big shells whistling overhead, and the noise like all hell—was let loose. The boys back of us were bombarded only a few minutes, then our guns let loose and put on this show that I am telling you about.

Our rest billets are very nice, but we were also comfortable at the front. Thank you for the tobacco which hasn't arrived yet, but suppose it will soon. We can get tobacco here

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Scott and daughter and Mr. Scott's mother are an auto party visiting in the city from Alhambra, Calif. They are guests at the Hotel Holland.

WHO WILL GET THE BIG JOB?

(From the Portland News.)

A candidate for public office is an applicant for a job. At least The News refuses to regard him in any other light. When an applicant comes for work to The News, we don't ask him what church he attends, or whether he belongs to any clubs. His lodge affiliations do not interest us. His ability to make a speech is not important. He may be a friend of a dear friend of ours; we don't care a tinker's cuss.

We would not permit him to litter our desk with literature telling how good he is. If he brought a band along to play "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" outside our window, we wouldn't let him thru the door.

When he hire a man we want to know just one thing about him and that is, can he do the work?

There are seven applicants for the job of governor of Oregon. Two of them, alas! are democrats and have no chance of election; so whether either would be a good man for the job need not be discussed here.

There are five republican candidates for the office, and you, the employers, must choose one of them. These republican candidates are—

Witchcombe, veterinary, and a mighty good one. He has had one term as governor and wants another. He is a better veterinary than he is a governor.

Olcott, who is now employed by you as secretary of state. He has a good secretary—too good to lose. And his contract with you has three more years to run.

Moser, lawyer and habitual politician. He is at the moment a friend of labor, but he has not always been one.

Harley, mayor of Astoria, promoter and likable clown, who has a one-plank platform of "light wine and beer." Not to be taken seriously.

Simpson, business man.

Let's try to be businesslike in this matter of hiring a governor. Let's decide which one of the five is the best man for the job.

Let's run over the list again: Witchcombe, veterinary; Olcott, already usefully employed under contract in another department of our establishment; Moser, lawyer and politician; Harley, mountebank; and—Simpson, business man.

We of The News believe that Simpson is the best man for the job.

Check off his qualifications for the position. He is young and vigorous. He has made a success of his own business. He has the reputation of being a straight-shooter. He does not know much about politics, which is to our mind a point in his favor.

Simpson's has been a constructive career. He made the Coos Bay country what it is today. He built the town of North Bend. He is that rare bird, an on-the-level lumberman.

He comes of good Yankee stock. His father, the late Cap'n Simpson, was the original of "Cappy Ricks," that wholesome, eccentric soul whom Peter B. Kyne, the author, created, and whom millions laugh at and love.

Twenty thousand men have worked for Simpson, the son, in the Coos Bay country. He has never had a strike or any kind of labor trouble. He has kept thru the years the friendship of every man who ever had dealings with him. Those twenty thousand men are now scattered thru the camps and mills of Oregon, and every last mother's son of them is an unpaid worker in the Simpson campaign.

Politically, Simpson is probably the least known of any of the gubernatorial candidates.

We are going to see to it that he is better known between now and election day.

(Paid Advertisement.)

Judge Thos. F. Ryan

Present Assistant State Treasurer

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

State Treasurer

"The voters of this state need—men who understand the work which it is their duty to do; and men with capacity to do the duties which devolve upon them; men who are honest, fearless and patriotic; men who are Americans. Such a man is Judge Thos. F. Ryan."—Canby News.

"For seven years he has served Oregon as assistant State Treasurer with exceptional efficiency. To him is largely due the present high standing of the treasury department. The national examiners have given the department credit for performing more work with less money than any other treasury in the Union, and also with having the best regulated and most efficient office."—Evening Telegram.

"Thos. F. Ryan, P. G. M. candidate for the office of State Treasurer, has been the efficient deputy for the past seven years and has made good in that position. He possesses an intimate knowledge of the duties it involves, is capable, honest and courteous. We have an abiding faith in Bro. Ryan's ability, experience and superior fitness to fill this important position."—Pacific Oddfellow.

As an active member of the grade, he has worked consistently for the building of good roads from farm to market; for horticultural and agricultural legislation; and for practical drainage, irrigation, and rural credits laws.