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EM-TEES

THE EMPTY NESTS OF POLAND.

(By Edith M. Thomas of The Vigilantes.)

"Along the road from Warsaw to Pinsk, . . . near half a million people had died of hunger."

Wicker baskets were scattered along the way—the basket in which the baby swings from the rafter in every peasant home.

Every mile there were scores of them, each telling of a death.—F. C. Walcott in Public Information series.

The roads that out of Warsaw run hold grim memorials of the Hun; But one more grim than all the rest—the Polish baby's empty nest.

You've seen the oriole's nest swung high

On elm-tree branch against the sky— In peasant homes in Poland hung Such cradle nests, from rafters swung.

The baby laughed, the mother rocked,— Until a day when someone knocked! Well, yes,—oh, why the truth disclose?

Treas' Death, in fearful Prussian guise.

He came—and all must at his word Be driven out, in piteous herd! The mother cut the cradle-ropes,— The cradle with their tender hopes!

The baskets in their arms they bore, New, empty nests, by many a score, Line roads that out of Warsaw run— God overtake the hated Hun!

THRIFT SOG.

To the tune of "Silver Threads Among the Gold."

I. Uncle Sam, I'm making money, Don't you think I need to save? I will buy a little Thrift Stamp, With the money I can save.

II. Uncle Sam, I'm saving money, Don't you think I should invest; I will buy a great big bond With the money I have left.

III. Uncle Sam, I'm saving sugar, And I'm also saving wheat, I can save my pork and mutton; And still have enough to eat.

IV. Uncle Sam, I've got my Thrift Stamp, And I've also got my bond; Now I'll go and get the kaiser, And help to fight the Hun.

—By Lorna Hamrick, Age 13, Central Point, Ore.

U. S. CONCRETE SHIP PLANT TO BE ERRECTED

OAKLAND, Cal., May 16.—A \$10,000,000 concrete shipbuilding plant to be erected by the government on an island in the Oakland estuary, officially was announced here today by government officials.

A second plant, it was said, would be located at a point at San Diego, Los Angeles, or at some point between these ports. Today's selection was made by a party of government officials, who have been delegated to create two Pacific coast sites which will be used by the United States Shipping board for the construction of fleets of concrete ships. It was estimated 4000 men would be employed at the Oakland yard and that annual output would total almost 90,000 tons, an average launching of one ship each week.

A. S. Ash left last night for Portland to spend several days in that city on business matters.

FACTIONAL FIGHTS.

THERE are two factions in the democratic party in Oregon as well as in the republican party. There is the Chamberlain faction and the faction led by the late Harry Lane. The Chamberlain faction is supporting the candidacy of Oswald West for senator, who entered the race on the solicitation of Senator Chamberlain and the national administration. The Lane faction is supporting Will R. King, attorney for the federal reclamation service, who has scarcely been in Oregon for the past six years.

The factional fight extends down the line to national committeeman. The Chamberlain adherents are supporting Will H. Hornbrook, editor of the Albany democrat, former minister to Siam, young, energetic and progressive, who it is figured will instill a little life into the party. The King adherents are supporting J. W. Morrow, a retired eastern Oregon physician, now resident of Portland.

There is a contest also between Walter M. Pierce, state senator from Union county, and Harvey G. Starkweather, former representative from Clackamas county, for governor—but it is outside the lines of the factional fight referred to above. There is little question of Pierce's nomination, as he is much better known and of gubernatorial size.

Otherwise there are no democrats to adorn the state ticket and the republican nominees will have no opposition.

TOO MUCH GARDNER.

THE legislature two years ago, abolished the office of county recorder, by consolidating it with the county clerk's office. The present recorder, Chauncey Florey, who has proved most efficient, economical and competent, having been legislated out of office, deserves the nomination. His familiarity with the work and his known ability will be a distinct asset to the county.

County Clerk Gardner apparently is seeking to Gardnerize the court house, for not content with seeking to become county judge, he is striving to perpetuate his grasp on the clerk's office through the nomination of his chief clerk as his successor.

It is a case of too much Gardner.

POLITICAL CAMOUFLAGE.

GUS Mosher, candidate for republican nomination as governor, is appealing to the people of Josephine county for votes on the ground of having added two months fishing season for the Grants Pass gill-netters. His appeal is as follows:

I am appealing to you especially at this time because of what I did for the people of Josephine county, as president of the senate at the 1917 session of the legislature. I made the most vigorous fight that could be made to secure the passage of the two Rogue river fish bills, and I am sure your senator, Hon. J. C. Smith, of Grants Pass, will tell you that except for my determined stand in favor of the bills, they would have failed to pass.

At the same time Mr. Mosher is appealing for votes in Jackson county on the ground that he benefitted angling by securing the passage of the Rogue river fish bill abolishing seining at the river's mouth. This bill was referred and the net result of Mr. Mosher's efforts was to injure the sportsman's chances by extending upper river commercial fishing.

There has been more wasted effort and more bunk peddled for political camouflage about the Rogue river fish bill than any piece of inconsequential legislation ever enacted. The only possible effect the legislation could have would be to give the gill-netters a monopoly of the stream and put the canneries at their mercy. In no way has it bettered steelhead fishing—for that was as much protected as possible, by previous laws making it illegal to seine or net or sell steelhead.

Mr. A. C. Allen states that the Mail Tribune was in error in stating that he paid \$10.50 in taxes and that his taxes are \$42.31 the \$10.50 being his personal tax. The figures were furnished by county officials and the misstatement unintentional.

KAISER BOASTS OF SLAUGHTERING 600,000 BRITISH

AMSTERDAM, May 16.—The German emperor, a few days ago, addressing the town council of Aachen (Aix la Chapelle) said, according to a Berlin dispatch:

"I am glad to be able to salute you gentlemen. In the west I inspected half of devastated France. There only one obtains the right impression of the awful state that has been spared the fatherland. Whoever should grow faint-hearted ought to come to the front and see the devastation. Then he would cease to lament his fate and be satisfied with his lot and bear patiently the hardships and privations of war's horrors."

"The offensive goes well ahead. Already 600,000 English have been put hors du combat and 1800 guns have been captured. Everywhere the French must help. Our opponents have had a bad time. They deserved nothing else. Our task in the west will be accomplished, but we must be patient. We cannot settle in a day armies of millions."

"We shall obtain our aim. Difficult tasks are before us, but to deal with these we have efficient workers."

"We have gone ahead in the Crimea also. The first trains with food-stuffs have arrived at Berlin from Ukraine, improving the food supply. Sebastopol has been captured, with a big, richly laden fleet. We shall revive the Black sea traffic."

"The position therefore, is good. I am delighted with the patriotism prevailing in Aachen, on the empire's frontier. The spirit of the troops is excellent. There are many Rhinelanders and many Aacheners among them. I believe it is now time to banish all that is foreign."

Cut This Out—It is Worth Money. DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip and enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley's Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. —J. dv.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS THE BLENDING OF THE MOST PERFECT AND PUREST MEDICINAL PLANTS. Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Pills. They are the most perfect and purest medicinal plants. They are the most perfect and purest medicinal plants. They are the most perfect and purest medicinal plants.

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BORGLUM EXPLAINS ABANDONMENT OF AIRCRAFT MAKING

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Gutzon Borglum sent to Senator Brandegee of Connecticut today a part of the evidence he desires placed in the senate record in answer to the charge that he sought to form a private airplane corporation to take government contracts while he was investigating aircraft production at the invitation of President Wilson. It was in the form of a long letter reiterating and amplifying his denial of the charge, accompanied by affidavits from Hugo C. Gibson, an employee of the British war mission, and Benjamin Harris.

Call Deal Off. Gibson, named as associated with Borglum, in the proposed private corporation, swore in his affidavit that in December Borglum had intended to engage with him in a commercial enterprise, but that after receiving authority from the president to make an investigation, Borglum withdrew and they had no further negotiations. Harris, said to have been selected to represent Borglum in the proposed corporation, denied that Borglum ever had asked him to become interested in an aeronautical company, either on his own behalf or as a representative.

Borglum Witnesses Vanish. In his letter Borglum declared every effort was being made to prevent him from getting affidavits; that several of his witnesses had been "summarily spirited" away from Washington, and that others were pleading with him not to involve them for business reasons.

Discussing the telegrams put into the senate record with the statement of Kenyon W. Mix of the Dodge Manufacturing company, accusing him of negotiating with Mix for the organization of the airplane company, Borglum said the first message was sent five or six days before he had any intimation that the president desired his services. The others, he said, had no connection with the first and were written for the purpose of learning more from Mix about the aircraft board.

Mix Criticizes Board. "Mix had stated," wrote the sculptor, "that he had been bitterly disappointed at the inactivity of the aircraft board and placed before me a lengthy typed statement, criticizing the board. His documents, were in fact, the first sweeping written statement that was placed before me when I took up the investigation in Washington."

At this interview, Borglum said, Mix gave a record of his experience with the aircraft board, and asserted that he had in the past "pulled off two crooked deals" for Colonel Deeds of the signal corps. The letter continued:

Accuser Acts Strangely. "Mix, being interested in laminated wood for airplanes and in Washington for the purpose of seeking a contract, had an appointment the following day with Deeds. That afternoon he returned in a very different mood, nervous, excited, and yet, apparently pleased. He said he wished to return of his statement on the ground that there were some dates in it that he wanted to correct, that he would return it to Suplee and that Suplee would return it to me. He did not return it. Meantime Mix told me the government had given him enough to occupy his entire capacity. With this I was delighted, and so stated that I endorsed laminated wood construction for its durability, simplicity and speed in construction. Senator Brandegee said he would make an effort tomorrow to have the letters and affidavits inserted in the record.

For State Senator



Dr. Chas. T. SWEENEY Democratic Candidate

GAS WARFARE MUCH DEVELOPED SINCE FIRST USE

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 15.—Gas warfare has developed to a very considerable extent since its first use as a surprise weapon by the Germans at the second battle of Ypres. At that time the gas cloud or "wave" was released from great cylinders of liquid gas embodied in the trenches and discharged by pipes leading through the parapet.

This form of attack has not been largely discarded, for it depended for effectiveness on the prevailing wind blowing from the right quarter. It soon became apparent that the gas shell was a far more important weapon than any gas cloud or wave, for its action is independent of the wind and a continuous barrage of gas shells can be kept up so that the whole target area is continuously poisoned.

Defensive Measures. Though entirely surprised by the first German gas attack, the British and French quickly devised defensive measures and every soldier was supplied with a gas mask. The box respirator which every allied soldier now carries is an absolute protection against all forms of gas, provided that it is put on at the first alarm and is not removed until the danger is past.

But it is very difficult to fight hour after hour without removing the respirator. There can be little speech, and a man can neither eat, drink nor smoke. During a gas attack, there must be as little unnecessary moving as possible, for violent movements of the body are likely to displace the mask and let a little of the poisoned air into the lungs. Gas masks are now used largely by both sides, for the bombardment of back areas and lines of communication, for the silencing of hostile batteries, and as a barrage previous to an infantry attack, when their effect is often supplemented by gas wave discharges from trench cylinders. The effect of a gas attack is much more and lasts much longer in closed spaces, such as trenches and dugouts, and is more effective in towns and villages than in the open. There are many kinds of gas now in common use. There is a purely suffocating gas; a tear gas, which attacks the eyes; a sneezing gas, intended to provoke an easier assimilation of the poison gas which usually accompanies it; and lastly the mustard gas, which is an eye, lung and skin irritant.

Double Effect. Gas shells in most cases contain a mixture, designed to produce a double effect. The shells are fired by guns.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface of the blood on the mucous surface of the system.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists.

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FOR

Public Service Commissioner,

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No. 43 on the Ballot.

(Williams for Commissioner Committee.) —Adv.

of all caliber and . . . and British are more potent even than those of the Germans, while the allies' respirators are much better than the German because the Germans have not been able to get rubber enough to use it plentifully in these instruments. The German mask is of leather, or treated so badly that German gas casualties have been inordinately heavy.

GOOD-BYE BACKACHE, KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLES

For centuries all over the world Do not delay a minute if your back aches or you are sore across the loins or have difficulty when urinating. Go to your druggist at once and get a box of imported GOLD MEDAL Haerlem Oil Capsules. They are pleasant to take. They dissolve in the stomach, and the kidneys soak up the oil like a sponge does water. They thoroughly cleanse and wash out the bladder and kidneys and throw off the inflammation which is the cause of the trouble. Your druggist will cheerfully refund your money if you are not satisfied after a few days' use. Accept only the pure, original GOLD MEDAL Haerlem Oil Capsules. None other genuine.—Adv.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS BANK

AT MEDFORD, OREGON, At the Close of Business May 10th, 1918.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds and warrants, etc. Total resources: \$395,819.45.

Total Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid 4,378.24 Individual deposits subject to check 235,402.28 Demand certificates of deposit 7,116.82 Cashier's checks outstanding 49.99 Certified checks 2.40 Time and savings deposits 95,187.84 Reserved for interest and taxes 1,000.00 Other liabilities, contingent account 2,682.78 Total \$395,819.45

STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON, ss. I, R. F. Antle, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. R. F. ANTLE, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1918. J. W. Shirley, Notary Public.

My commission expires July 6, 1921.

Chauncey Florey



I am a candidate for County Clerk. The duties of County Clerk are numerous and complicated. Business discretion as well as clerical ability is necessary. The County Clerk is ex-officio member of the equalization board. He is clerk of the probate and county courts. He is clerk of the circuit court and recorder of deeds for the county. He handles also all the business connected with elections and road districts.

I feel that my years of experience about the court house work, in the different departments, especially qualifies me for the duties of County Clerk.

In relation to my work as County Recorder, the last public accountant paid this to say: "It is the best conducted office of its kind in the state."

If nominated and elected I hope to have as good report of my service as County Clerk. (Paid Ad.)

OUR Baby Chick's MAKE Heavy Winter Layers. S. C. WHITE LEGHORN'S BABY CHICKS. These chicks will make heavy winter layers. They are the best winter layers. They are the best winter layers. They are the best winter layers.