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Notice to Advertisers.

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A STATEMENT.

As the Journal management has been subjected to severe criticism because of our refusal to publish a certain article, a decent regard for the opinion of our friends seems to require that we make a statement of the facts and our reason for doing as we did.

On Tuesday evening of last week E. B. Nedry brought to the Journal office an article consisting of a little over four pages of typewritten matter, which we believe it is conceded was written by Mayor C. C. Wilson, and asked that it be published. As it contained serious charges against people said to be living in this community, but not named in the communication, we concluded to investigate a little before publishing it. Among the accusations was one to the effect that someone refused to allow his children to enter a certain public building in Nyssa because there was an American flag hanging in the room. It was learned from two gentlemen, the only ones questioned, who were familiar with the contents of the article, that a certain well known citizen was accused of that offense and that his children were not allowed to attend the Presbyterian Sunday school because there is a U. S. flag in the room. Wednesday morning we met the one accused and asked him point blank if it was true that he refused to let his children attend the Presbyterian Sunday school because there was an American flag hanging in the room. He indignantly denied it and added, "If Charley Wilson will publish a statement to that effect and will sign it I will start suit against him the morning after the paper is published," apparently being already aware of the accusation against him, and its origin. As it appeared to us that the accused should have an opportunity to defend themselves, we called Mr. Nedry up on the phone and told him that the article would have to be modified

before it would be published. We arranged to meet that evening in Mayor Wilson's office to talk it over. At the meeting Mr. Nedry asked what changes were desired and was told that we wanted the names of the accused parties inserted and the article signed by some one who would be responsible for it. Mr. Wilson asked why we wanted this done and was told so that those accused would have an opportunity to defend themselves if they wished, adding that it seemed to us like an attempt to strike a man with his hands tied and that we would not allow the Journal to be made a cat's paw to pull anyone's chestnuts out of the fire. Mr. Wilson refusing to make the desired changes we returned the copy.

Those are the facts, very briefly told, but we believe without any material feature being omitted. Our reason for refusing to publish it without the desired changes being made was, as stated above, that we considered it unfair to accuse a man without giving him a chance to meet the accusation and disprove it if possible. This Mr. Wilson, by his refusal to make himself legally responsible for the article, would not give them. He claims that he had no certain persons in mind, but that the article was intended to be merely a general statement of the conditions that are said to exist in this community. This claim is clearly untenable, as the only two persons approached on the subject both agreed on the same person as being the one referred to in the above accusation. And why make his article general, when it would be much more effective to particularize and by naming the guilty parties, if they are guilty, hold them up to public scorn and condemnation? The only reason that suggests itself to our mind is that he feared to assume legal responsibility for his statements. A recent experience of our own shows how easy it is to make totally groundless charges that would deceive the accused person's best friends were he not given a chance to refute them.

It is not our purpose to shield anyone from any disloyal act. Since the first gun was fired in the European war we have been bitterly hostile to Germany, believing that she started the war for the purpose of gaining dominion over the world, including the United States, and will not withhold our condemnation from anyone who is shown to be guilty of any disloyal act. He should be punished in any way the law will permit. All we asked was

that the accused persons be given a chance to defend themselves. We merely insisted on the observance of Christ's rule to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. If that be treason, make the most of it.

The government is at last getting around to the right method of conserving food. A recent dispatch says the United States will be placed on flour rations within the next month. It has been determined to restrict consumption to 70 per cent of present requirements. The administration will commandeer 30 per cent of the output at the mill. The policy of the government should, and doubtless will, be to furnish the army with everything that it requires, regardless of what is left for the civilian population. If it takes all of the wheat and sugar and pork to supply the army, take it. We stay-at-homes will make out all right with something else. No one who has a son or brother or other loved one at the front will mind undergoing a few privations if by so doing they know that the boys at the front are provided for. The only consideration should be efficiency in providing the army with its requirements, and this can be much more effectively done by a compulsory system of conservation than by leaving it to voluntary effort.

The "Two Bit Club" is the most effective kind of a war-club. Members are pledged to buy government Thrift Stamps for 25 cents each at regular intervals - one a day if possible. When sixteen of these stamps have been pasted on the Thrift Card that goes with the first stamp sold, the card will be exchanged for a government War Savings Stamp, which costs \$4.12 now, and for which Uncle Sam will pay \$5.00 in five years. "Two Bit Club" members will thus become holders of United States "baby bonds" and will be lending their financial aid in winning the war.

People are urged not to ride "for pleasure" by the railway authorities. Let us add our warning. Anyone who rides on an American railway train for pleasure during this weather is sure to be disappointed.

Like Davy Crockett's roon, the turkey is coming down. Chicago crooks have "cleaned up" \$2,000,000 this year. The beef barons did a little better.

When the kaiser pulled the trigger in 1914 he did not know that the kick of the gun was going to put autocracy out of business.

That Alabama actress who asked for a divorce on the ground that her marriage was a joke, evidently is not a comedienne.

Although the sun is slow in rising these mornings, it is always on time and is getting a little earlier each morning.

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So spread your buckwheats sparingly, and peel your taters thin; And tighten up your belt a notch and don't forget to grin, And if, sometimes, your whole soul yearns for shortcake high and wide, Remember then that Kaiser Bill is short on sauerkraut, And biscuits drenched with honey, and chicken, butter fried, And Hoover's goin' to get him if We'll All Help Out!

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