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COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER



"I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All."

CITIZENSHIP

Some aliens come to our shores asking admission to the United States for the protection the flag throws around them, for the right to make an honest living and for the right to be numbered among those who respect the flag and the principles which it embodies. Others come to escape persecution, or military service in their native land, or come to take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the "land of the free and the home of the brave." To the former class belongs George Athanos Dimios, a Greek who had declared his intention of becoming an American citizen, and who, when called by the draft responded ready, and claimed no exemption. To the latter class belongs one Raphael Valpiani, an Italian who had also declared his intentions of becoming a citizen of this country, but when called for the service of the country, endeavored to hide behind the cloak of exemption, and none being found tried to recall his application for citizenship papers so that he could still be an alien and escape military service. Such a being as this should have never been allowed to enter the United States, and the exemption board is to be commended for turning down his flimsy excuses and sending in his name, though to be classed as a soldier is an insult to every soldier in the United States army. The Mist heretofore has refrained from dealing in personalities, but at this time, when the nation is in peril, it behooves us to show up the true colors of our naturalized citizens.

Comparisons are sometimes odious, but we cannot refrain from comparing the patriotism of Sam Hattan, who was fighting mad because he was discharged from the army on account of a slight physical defect, with the cowardice of Valpiani.

THEY PLAY BALL

Not so very long ago a Portland contractor attempted to secure a contract to do certain work in Seattle involving the expenditure of approximately \$50,000. He filed his bid in due form, and it was the low bid. A Seattle firm filed the high bid.

When it came to awarding the bid certain Seattle business men went before the awarding body and told it that, in order to hold the contract in Seattle they would put up the difference between the high bid of the Seattle contractor and the low bid of the Portland contractor. The Seattle man was given the contract.

They play inside ball at Seattle. They make sacrifice hits to advance their runners. They watch their signals all the time and it is not often that they are caught napping on the bases.

Had those bids been opened in Portland in connection with a Portland job, and the position of the bidders been reversed, it is a pretty safe hazard that the Seattle contractor would have done the work.

We do not play big league ball down here. There are too many Ty Cobb on the Portland team. We sit in the grand stand and root generally, leaving our runners to steal home without any signals, hoping that they can spike the catcher at the home plate and make him drop the ball. Every one tries to bat the ball over the center field fence, and too many times they pop out to the shortstop.

If we played a hit and run game like Seattle does, we would have a higher batting average, and more money in the club treasury. If we all would kill the umpire at the same time, with the same bat for the same offense, he would not call strikes on us, unless they were really over the plate.—Journal.

We are publishing this editorial expression from the Journal because the same thing applies to St. Helens. Never before was there a better than for us to do team work than right now. If we can get together and then work together, the whole of St. Helens will reap the benefit.

AN END TO UNREASONABLE WAR PROFITS

With the signature of the president the food control bill, safe at last in harbor after a long and perilous voyage through the rough waters of congressional oratory, will become a law. In all essential points the sort of law the president has asked for. It gives the government power to regulate the sale and distribution of, among other things, food, feed and fuel, and it makes official, in the face of the billingsgate of Senator Reed, the position of Mr. Hoover as supervisor of the national food situation. In thirty days the new law will make it illegal to use grain in the making of whisky, and will give the president power to stop, if he sees fit, the manufacture of wine and beer.

It took congress so long to make up its mind about the bill that pending its passage there has been a great scramble for war profits while the profiteering was good. "Unconscionable profits" is how one government official styles recent margins of gain. It was certain that sooner or later price control would be a fact, and with that knowledge in mind the food and fuel men got what they could while they could.

But we have governmental assurance that his sort of enterprise will not now long endure. Prices on a number of commodities will go down to a reasonable level as soon as manufacturers and dealers can decide whether they will do the reducing themselves or wait for the government to take arbitrary action. Fuel, it is said, will be the first commodity to receive a request that it descend the ladder. Food will come next, if the administration's plans are carried out.

Government control of prices is a radical step, and one that can not operate without a certain amount of friction. But conditions so obviously call for it that its propriety is not even debatable.

WASTE

If all of the adjutant generals in the United States were so liberal in the use of the Western Union wires sending unnecessary messages as did our own General White the United States will soon be forced to float a second liberty loan to pay for telegraphing charges. Evidently General White forgot that a letter dropped in the Portland postoffice at 4 or 5 o'clock p. m. would reach St. Helens that same evening, so he dictated letters and sent them by wire. One message containing information that the exemption board already had consisted of 344 words, and numerous others ran from 75 to 250. While the howl is going up for food conservation, conservation of resources, conservation of everything, it might be well for the government officials to help Uncle Sam by endeavoring to save a few pennies which will lift a part of the burden which is sure to fall on the wage earner. And this same thing might apply to the thousand and one bureaus the government has for sending out literature regarding the culture of beans, taking the spots from potatoes, the best killer for the beetle bug and how much iron, zinc and oil was produced in a certain district. The mails are loaded with this kind of junk, the government pays salaries to those who furnish it, the cost of the paper on which it is printed, the transportation to the railroad companies, and then 90 per cent of it goes into the waste basket. It simply furnishes fat jobs for some political pets who tell us "Save; save; save." It's ridiculous.

Chief Justice McBride, who has been appointed by the governor as a member of the board of conciliation and arbitration, states he would be willing to serve on that board "but would have no wish to do so if I felt the remainder of the board would be made up of partisans of the employers and partisans of labor, who were so strongly biased in their attitude that they appeared in the capacity of attorneys rather than as conciliators and arbitrators." Sounds like the fair-minded expressions of the judge.

If members of congress would forget they are republicans, democrats or prohibitionists and be just plain Americans, it would help the nation greatly in getting down to the business of war.

When it came to signing an exemption affidavit a lot of wives learned for the first time that their husbands supported them during the past year.

The loudest critic of the newspaper is generally a fellow who owes four years subscription or reads his neighbor's paper.

It does not get as much publicity, but the kitchen, not the rifle, range is the place for the girls and women to practice.

Of course there are other reasons for exemption, but cold feet always was a good excuse for getting out of the draft.



WM. S. HART

The noted Western actor, who will appear at the Strand Theatre next Sunday in "The Aryan," a play of the Western mining camps.

Announcement of New Garage

I beg to announce to the public that I have opened a Public Garage and I am prepared to serve the auto owner. I handle the Red Crown gasoline, Ajax tires and will have a full line of Automobile Accessories. I have ample store room for cars, and storage rates are reasonable. A portion of your patronage will be appreciated.

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ST. HELENS, OREGON

LIST OF TRANSFERS

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Company.
Aug. 1—Xavier White et ux to Col. Agric. Co.; tract 19 Magruder Drainage Dist., \$1.
Aug. 2—E. J. DuPont De Nemours Powder Co. to Columbia River Power Co.; land in Sec. 32, T. 5 N., R. 1 W., \$10.
Michael Fresh to Birger Nilson; lot 2, block 76, St. Helens, \$235.
Lole Felton et ux to Jessie Nilson; lot 19, blk. 76, St. Helens, \$10.
Aug. 4—Joseph Rich et ux to Jacobsen-Reid Lumber Co.; land in Sec. 5, T. 6 N., R. 2 W., \$600.
Neh. Inv. Co. to Milton Creek Logging Co.; land in Sec. 27, T. 5 N., R. 2 W., \$10.
A. Wayne Cook et al. to Milton Creek Logging Co.; land in Secs. 22, 23 and 26, T. 5 N., R. 2 W., \$10.
Nelson P. Wheeler et al. to Milton Creek Logging Co.; land in Secs. 22, 23 and 26, T. 5 N., R. 2 W., \$200,000.
Neh. Inv. Co. to Milton Creek Logging Co.; Land in Secs. 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, T. 5 N., R. 2 W., \$200,000.
Aug. 6—R. J. Heath to Elmer G. Heath; land in Sec. 11, T. 7 N., R. 3 W., \$10.
Geo. R. Kelly et ux. to J. P. Donohue; land in Sec. 4, T. 4 N., R. 1 W., \$100.
Aug. 7—Emma V. Harrison to A. S. Harrison; lot 14, blk. 11, St. Helens, \$5.

PUBLICATIONS MAY BE HAD FOR ASKING

The Union Pacific system has just taken from the press two very useful and highly valuable publications, one the "Columbia River Gorge," giving a topographical map of and describing how to make a series of short jaunts into that wonderfully interesting region. Since the completion of the highway a large number of delightful foot and pony trails have been constructed into the nearby mountain fastnesses that may be easily "negotiated" on foot in a day, using Portland as the starting point and taking a convenient morning train to the nearest station. Many Columbia Gorge scenes beautify its pages.

The other is a convenient indexed pocket map of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, printed in colors and giving the latest map data of those states.

These publications are for free distribution on application to Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent, at Portland, Oregon.

Protect Horses From Flies
Disinfecting the stables with coal tar dips will go a long way toward protecting the horses from flies. Clean the stables every day in hot weather.—Farm Journal.

NOTICE OF SALE OF TIDE LANDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the State Land Board of the State of Oregon will receive sealed bids at its office in the Capitol Building at Salem, Oregon, up to 10:00 o'clock A. M., on October 2, 1917, for all the State's interest in the tide and overflowed lands hereinafter described, giving, however, to the owner or owners of any land abutting or fronting thereon, the preference right to purchase said tide and overflowed lands at the highest price offered, provided such offer is made in good faith, and also provided, that the land will not be sold for, nor any offer therefor accepted of less than \$7.50 per acre, and that the Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Said lands are situated in Columbia County, Oregon, and described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is east 1531 feet and south 747 feet from the northeast corner of section Four in township 4 north, range 1 West of Willamette Meridian, and running thence,
N. 73 degrees 02 feet 37 inches E. 125 feet;
S. 22 degrees 58 feet E. 95.5 feet;
S. 73 degrees 02 feet 37 inches W. 80.0 feet;
N. 75 degree 00 feet W. 47.5 feet;
N. 29 degrees 32 minutes W. 72.0 feet to the point of beginning, being tide lands in front of the east end of St. Helens Street in the City of St. Helens, Oregon, Sec. 3 T. 4 N. R. 1 W. W. M.

Applications and bids should be addressed to G. G. Brown, Clerk State Land Board, Salem, Oregon, and marked "Application and bid to purchase tide and overflowed lands."

G. G. BROWN,
Clerk State Land Board.
Dated at Salem, Oregon, July 23, 1917.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Andrew William Lindgren, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Columbia, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same duly verified as by law required to the undersigned at 724 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published August 17th, 1917.
LISA JOHANNA LINDGREN,
Administratrix.

H. DANIEL,
724 Board of Trade Bldg.,
Portland, Ore.