

RED CROSS PROGRESS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Placerville Has Food Sale

A cooked food sale was held at Placerville, Idaho, recently, various dishes selling from \$1 to \$19, the figure brought by a chicken donated by Mrs. Nellie Frost. The Red Cross chapter is richer by \$160 on the sale.

Malheur Fair Proceeds for Red Cross

The board of directors of the Malheur county fair at Ontario, Ore., have decided to give the entire net proceeds of the 1918 fair to the Red Cross chapters of the county. Arrangements were made for round trip rates of one and one-third fares from all points to Ontario fair week.

Grange Donates to Red Cross

J. A. Winneford of Coles Valley has turned over \$24.65 to the First State bank of Sutherlin, Ore., to the credit of the local Red Cross society. The gift was from the Calapooia grange, and represented a portion of the proceeds from recent dances. A similar sum was donated to the Oakland Red Cross by the grange.

2100 Pairs of Sox Finished

The Musselshell county Red Cross chapter of Roundup, Mont., has sent 2100 pairs of sox to the northern division headquarters at Minneapolis during the last 60 days. More would have been sent except for the fact that shortage of yarn slowed up the knitting which is being done by 43 auxiliary organizations which are affiliated with the chapter. This record was set in answer to a call for 900 pairs of sox from the Musselshell county chapter.

Court martial was instituted by authority of congress to try accused parties while in military service. The different kinds of court martial are known as general, garrison and regimental. The officials in charge are a president, a judge advocate and a clerk.

CROPS SAVED IN RODENT CAMPAIGN

More than \$100,000 worth of crops were saved for the farmers in three Oregon counties by a rodent-control campaign carried on by county agents in co-operation with the biological survey of the United States department of Agriculture. Fifty thousand sage rats and more than 6,000 jack rabbits were killed in the June campaign in Crook and Deschutes counties, Oregon. Investigation has shown that each rodent does more than a dollar's worth of damage to crops in a season. On this basis the campaign saved the farmers of these two counties more than \$50,000. In Douglas county a member of the county court has estimated that the campaign to control gray diggers has been worth more than \$50,000 to the county.

RED CROSS IS AT ST. MIHIEL

The American Red Cross worked in closest co-operation with the army in preparation for the St. Mihiel push, says a Paris dispatch. The Red Cross furnished two fully equipped hospitals, besides kitchen outfits, 35 carloads of dressings and 70 carloads of medical and surgical material before the attack started. The Red Cross doctors, nurses, orderlies and canteen attendants did excellent work among the exhausted and wounded arriving at the evacuation hospitals. Ten million cigarettes and other comforts were assembled in the zone of attack for distribution among the troops.

There are probably more natural bridges in America than in any other country. Rainbow, the largest in existence, is 308 feet high. Its span is six times as great as that of the natural bridge of Virginia. Utah has three natural bridges that are higher and of greater span than any other natural bridge in any other country.

ALASKA FEATHERS FOR RED CROSS

A Red Cross call for goosefeathers for use in French hospitals has reached the natives of the tundra-covered Noorwik section of Alaska, which lies near Point Barrow country, up on the northern corner of the continent.

In response the Noorwik natives are preparing to go after the wild geese, both for their meat and their feathers. The natives will travel behind their reindeer on their trips to the hunting grounds as those animals do not frighten the birds.

SQUIRRELS ARE ALL NAMED "CUTHBERT"

"Cuthbert" is the only name English squirrels will answer to. This fact has been a source of endless merriment to the American soldiers convalescing at Red Cross hospitals, nearly all being located in parks where squirrels abound. "Ere bunnie" means nothing to the young life of an English nut hoarder.

Scraps Make Belgians Shoes

From scraps of leather and corduroy used in book binding, the women of California's state printing office have made 200 pairs of shoes for Belgian babies. Formerly these scraps would have been wasted. The war is teaching us to make the most of what we have, while it enlarges our hearts.

"Greatest Mother" Poster in England

The "Greatest Mother in the World" poster, which made such an impression during the last Red Cross war fund drive, is to be used by the British and Red Cross society, to obtain funds in England.

Red Cross Gives 2,000,000 Sweaters

The American Red Cross so far has distributed in round numbers 2,000,000 sweaters, 750,000 mufflers, 1,000,000 wristlets, 500,000 helmets and 1,500,000 pairs of socks.

MYSTERY OF ONE CENT

A farmer comes to town with 30 poaches, which he sells three for a cent, getting, of course, 10 cents for them.

Another farmer, also with 30 apples, sells them two for a cent, getting 15 cents for his. They get 25 cents in all.

The next time they come in with 50 apples each, they meet at the edge of town and put their apples together, making 60 apples. One man having sold two for a cent, the other three for a cent, they decide to sell them five for 2 cents. They do so and when through, find they have received but 24 cents.

The problem is, why did they not get as much for their apples selling them five for 2 cents as they did when they sold them separately, or what becomes of the one cent?—Columbus Dispatch.

Stirs Soup While Guns Roar

The emergency division of the Y. M. C. A. is keeping in close touch with combat troops in the St. Mihiel sector, where several hundred secretaries are working night and day.

Among those who have been most active is Maude R. R. Warren of Chicago, who calmly made soup for the troops while under bombardment.

Dr. Oscar Lambert of Oakdale, Cal., and Harry Rodgers of St. Louis kept a machine gun company on the firing line supplied with hot chocolate.

Newsboy in Guatemala

It is stated in a recent publication that in order to call a newsboy in Guatemala one must say "Amalaculititaxialahulle." The word, however, does not sound familiar to any one who has tried to understand what a London or New York news vendor is endeavoring to say as he announces the contents of a late "extra special" at the top of his stentorian voice.—Christian Science Monitor.

Sewing Machines for Italians

To help with the re-education of mutilated soldiers the American Red Cross will supply sewing machines, typewriters and tools for cabinet making and shoe making to the territorial hospital of the Italian Red Cross at Pesca, Italy.

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