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# The Challis Messenger

EVERYMAN'S PLEDGE:  
America Shall  
Win this War  
Therefore, I will work, I will  
serve, I will sacrifice, I will  
die. I will fight—cheerfully  
and to my utmost—as if the  
whole issue of the struggle  
depended on me alone.

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## QUARANTINE BILLS ARE APPEALED

An appeal has been filed in the District Court from the action of the board of county commissioners in allowing certain bills for services rendered in maintaining the quarantine against Spanish Influenza in this county.

The appellants are: C. C. Davidson, Floyd Swauger, Charles Morrison, J. B. Hunter and Alex Burnett, with George L. Ambrose acting as their attorney.

Should the bills in controversy be decided illegal, then such decision would either automatically act as a judgment against the payees or suit would have to be brought to recover said moneys.

## APPEAL TAKEN FROM ACTION

An appeal has been filed in the district court from the action of the board of county commissioners relative to the claim of Harry Holden for legal services in the establishing of the quarantine.

The appellant is W. W. Adanson, who is also attorney for Mr. Holden.

The appeal is taken to recover from Custer county the sum of \$1000.00 for services rendered the county, the board of county commissioners having disallowed the claim.

We Print Butter Wrappers

## THE FRAME-UP

THE DESIRES OF A HOPEFUL FEW ARE BARED. TIME FOR ALL INTERESTED TO "SET IN" IN THE GAME.

## WOULD RAISE TAXES TO IMPOSSIBLE POINT

A Clear and Concise Statement of What the Pahsamaroi Secession Proposition Means to Pahsamaroi, to Salmon, Challis and to Mackay and all Property Owners Affected.

Our readers, and the people of Central Idaho, generally, are no doubt aware of the proposed annexation of that portion of Custer county lying in the Pahsamaroi valley to Lemhi county, and taking this for granted we will not use your time in relating those circumstances, but rather use it to your greater advantage in a truthful expose of the frame-up.

### What it means to Custer county taxpayers:

In the event that the secession movement should be successful, the taxpayers of this county would find themselves confronted by a condition of higher taxes. To elucidate: The withdrawal from our tax rolls of over ten per cent of our assessable valuation would naturally mean an increase in our taxes of over ten per cent. Not only for one year but for every year to come, resulting in a loss of thousands of dollars to the taxpayers of this county. Are we going to allow it?

### How it would affect Salmon

The proposed annexation of a half million to the assessment rolls of Lemhi county, of which the Salmon district is the largest in both wealth and population, would mean a reduction in taxes there for a period of two years. Looks good doesn't it? But—here is where the frame-up comes in. After the territory in controversy has been annexed to Lemhi county, then the proposition is to form a new county which would include all territory of Lemhi county lying within: A direct line running east and west from a point where the Pahsamaroi river empties into the Salmon river, to the Montana line on the east, crossing the Lemhi valley at the Mike Maier ranch; thence along said line in a southerly direction, taking in the Nicholia district, a part of Fremont and Butte counties, Little Lost river and Pahsamaroi valleys, with the town of May as the county seat. Thus would Lemhi county lose at a single stroke not only the half million of assessable property recently acquired but nearly a million of assessable property which she already has in her boundaries, raising the taxes in that county somewhere around 25 per cent for every year to come. Can Lemhi county taxpayers afford this loss?

### Pahsamaroi taxpayers hold the sack

A county thus created would mean the designation of a county seat. Pahsamaroi people have been led to believe that May, in their valley, would be the favored town. Could this ambition be realized with the town of Leadore, with its railways and mines, backed solidly for county seat honors by at least six hundred votes as against May's possible 300? No. May could not overcome this majority, and as a result the Pahsamaroi people would be compelled to travel through Salmon to their seat of county government—a distance of about 100 miles and much more in some instances. The taxpayers—those people who foot the bills, would find themselves in a small county, paying high taxes and with their dream of a county seat in their valley, shattered. Think it over—this frame-up is going to cost lots of money to every taxpayer in Central Idaho! It positively exists and you must act quickly against it!

### Mackay's slice of pie

The few county seat agitators in Mackay then hope to move the Custer county capital to their town when the Pahsamaroi vote is lost to Challis. This ambition would be very laudible if the county seat clique down there would act like sportsmen and do their work openly and above board instead of embroiling the entire section in the movement by underhanded tactics.

An analysis of the vote cast at the last election shows that 518 votes were cast this side of Willow creek summit as against 526 the other side. Presuming that Pahsamaroi secedes, we would still have 450 votes, and presuming that the vote of last fall is not normal when a question of this kind arises, would we not increase our vote here in the same proportion as it would be increased in Lost river valley? Mackay's county seat clique cannot move the county seat unless an era of exceedingly great prosperity should reach her.

## TELLS HOW PHIL- IP KIRK DIED

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Kirk, telling her how her son, Philip met his death by a Hun bullet:

"Dear Madam: Your letter to the Adjutant General has been referred to me. It is regrettable that you have had to wait so long for details of your son's death and even now I can only repeat to you what my present 1st Sargeant tells me. I joined this company, unfortunately, only after the armistice was signed so did not personally know your son. The company commander, at the time of your son's death, lost his life on the same day your son did. The fact that the officer who succeeded him was likewise killed may explain to some extent why you have never had any letters giving you intimate news of your son's last moments. He was instantly killed by a machine gun bullet as he advanced in that memorable attack in the Aury river. That attack was a part of the battle of Chateau Thierry which will immediately go down in history as one of the greatest battles in history. It was there that the last German offensive which so nearly gained its end was stemmed by American troops, it mark-

ed the turning point and after it passed Germany was whipped. Sgt. Murehland, of this company, saw your son fall, face to the enemy, dead before he knew that he had been struck. The bullet pierced his brain so the sargeant tells me. I only tell you these things as it must comfort you to know that his death was absolutely painless. I hope too, my dear Mrs. Kirk, that it will be some consolation for you to know that your son did not die uselessly but that he contributed in a marked to winning the greatest battle in history. He was known in the company as an excellent soldier and a brave man.

May your just pride in him help you to bear the great sorrow which his death has caused you. Sincerely,  
Captain Judson.

### THINK STRAIGHT

This is a time for straight thinking. Make sure the other fellow is not talking drivle. Analyze his thought, don't follow it. He may be suffering with phraselogs; hemorrhage. It is epidemic now-a-days like influenza and much more serious.

For instance in regard to the Victory Liberty Loan and these fellows who thumb their vests, frown wisely, and say "Let the banks do it. They are bursting with money." They are talking drivle. It sounds fine but it isn't good sense. Nor is it good economics, which amounts to the same thing.

If the government thought it was wise to "let the banks do it," the government would let them do it. There would be no Victory Liberty Loan in the popular sense. But the government knows better than to let the banks do it.

This is the period of reconstruction right now. It is a period of many possibilities economically. One possibility is industrial depression. One preventative of industrial depression is plenty of money at favorable rates of interest to stimulate private enterprise. That means our banks must not be clogged with government securities. It means that we can't afford to "let the banks do it." The people must do it—do it from their earnings, present and future.

## MASQUERADE BALL!

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## Happenings at DODGE HALL

For the rest of the month

Wed. the 12th. "The Trail to Yesterday"  
THEN

Friday the 14th.

The Kids Masquerade  
**THREE FIRST PRIZES**

Followed by a GRAND BALL for Everybody

Saturday, the 15th. "An Old Fashioned Young Man" With a Comedy

Mon. the 17th. "Mother Instinct" With Comedy

Wed. the 19th. A Metro Masterpiece.

## FRIDAY 21

Gerard's: "MY FOUR YEARS IN GERMANY"

The Grandest Show in the Land. What our boys did. How they fought and fell. What the kaiser thought of us at the start and now. The Navy; The Marines; The Raiding of Belgium, Sinking of the Lusitania The personal experience of one Yankee Boy "Over There" who promised his Dad to get four huns and how he did it. You'll yell till your hoarse, You'll cheer because of Khaki Boys from the grand old U. S. A. Also special numbers by the Boy Scout Band  
Admission 25 and 50 cents.