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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."

**NATIONWIDE PROHIBITION DURING THE WAR**

Finely significant, ominously significant, according to the point of view, are the several declarations of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Spokane, of the presbytery of central Washington, of Theodore Roosevelt and of the United States Brewers' Association.

The Methodist church on Sunday petitioned President Wilson to put forth every effort to stop the manufacture of intoxicating drink during the war and to close our saloons. The presbytery at Kittitas urged the temperance forces of our state to request the president and congress to abolish permanently the sale and manufacture of liquors. Mr. Roosevelt advocates immediate measures to limit the quantity of grain which may be used for distilling or brewing intoxicants, justly declaring that grain required for food should not be diverted from its proper use into alcoholic drink. The brewers' association sees the hand of doom writing upon the wall and through its general counsel begins to oppose the movement for the conservation of grain.

The Roosevelt idea that grain needed for food should not at this time of threatened shortage of food be used for the manufacture of spirituous or malt liquors is the sound policy to pursue during the war. The St. Louis conference on the American situation as to foodstuffs had previously suggested that closing American breweries and distilleries would effect great savings of food cereals. President Waters of the agricultural college of Kansas affirmed that shutting down the distilleries and breweries would yearly save us 6,000,000 bushels of wheat. In such times as these the saving of a single bushel of grain to feed human beings and our live stock is greatly to be desired.

Closure of the manufactories of intoxicating drinks during the war would do even more than conserve cereals for food. This economy would be only a fraction, a little fraction, of the economic gain to the country. Immense waste in other ways would also be eliminated. England has found, for example, that the manufacture of liquors takes enormous amounts of much needed sugar. Shutting the distilleries and breweries of the United States until the war shall have ended will be worth millions to the people.—Spokesman-Review.

**PREPAREDNESS**

Every day that passes emphasizes more clearly the great part American industries must play in the protection of our nation.

A modern army is useless without a highly developed system of transportation, power development, mining, manufacturing and farming behind it.

To reach the highest state of efficiency our industries must have the help and co-operation of both state and national governments, for after the war is over, our struggle has only begun, to retain the commercial prestige we have now attained.

Much legislation now hampering our industries must be remedied and regulations and restrictions which tend to discourage American initiative must be corrected.

Military and industrial preparedness must go hand in hand.

**BIG BUSINESS WILL BACK NATION**

Is it true that money, the big men who represent money, see in war opportunity for gain? Let us take a look at the facts. Within the last few months we have had various propositions laid before our government. Here are a few of them:

Henry Ford offered his plant, one of the most wonderful in the world, to the nation without profit. He also offered his entire fortune to the nation without interest.

Charles M. Schwab offered the Bethlehem steel plant, which has a capacity greater than that of the

Krupps, to the nation's service at any price set by the government.

The copper producers of America offered copper to the government at one-half the price it sells for today. The zinc, the aluminum and other producers are expected to follow the example of the copper men.

The shipbuilders of America offered to cast aside all their rich private contracts and work for the government alone on a 10 per cent basis.

Willard, Ford, Coffin, Edison, Rosenwald, Baruch, Schwab and a score of other men of great wealth and great ability have placed their services at the disposal of the government. They have offered to the nation the love and service that no money can buy.—Richard Spillane in Commerce and Finance.

**MILITARY PREPAREDNESS**

Moving of heavy gun carriages, and heavy loads of ammunitions and army supplies, necessitates better roads than at present are available in Oregon.

Our state is exposed to attack; the railroad facilities are not as well adapted to carrying heavy guns as are improved highways, and it is up to Oregon to get its through trunk roads in shape to facilitate the movement of supplies.

Should the railroad centers become too congested, owing to war burdens, or should they fall into the hands of an enemy, the through roads would be the only means of communication left to get supplies from place to place in the interior. Farmers would of necessity depend upon the through roads for marketing their crops. Every resident of Oregon will see the necessity of the situation once this is called to his attention and will see the bearing this has on the road question to be voted upon June 4.—The Dalles Chronicle.

**AS TO ADVERTISING**

When concerns like the Pullman company, the railroad and telegraph companies spend thousands of dollars every week to acquaint the public more fully with their service ambitions, it must be that they consider advertising as a profitable investment, for it cannot be said that they have suddenly gone daft in a desire to part with their money. These large concerns realize the value of advertising. Some concerns, however, think of advertising as an expense, donation or loss, but such concerns grow fewer each year. With consistent advertising little concerns grow big and big concerns grow bigger.

**OREGON GETTING STARTED**

Some people in Oregon seem to think that six millions is a big amount of money for good roads.

Down in California, where they have good roads and are willing to spend good money for them, such a sum would be considered paltry.

If all proposed county bond issues are carried, California will have appropriated \$101,000,000 for improved highways by 1918. Of this enormous sum \$15,000,000 now is being expended in completing two trunk state roads and laterals running north and south.

If the California farmers were not profiting by their having good roads, they certainly would not be willing to support such a tremendous road program.

If Oregon is to get out of the mire, she must build good roads. At last Oregonians have an opportunity to make a good start.

There is no reason why the voters should not approve the road bond measure referred to them by the legislature.—McMinnville, Telephone Register.

The valuation of taxable property in California has increased one billion dollars during the past six years. It is a significant fact that California is known as the good roads state, and moreover, it is apparent that the expenditure of some \$50,000,000 on hard surfaced roads in the state has been a great factor in developing the state and increasing the value of taxable property. If Oregon will make a real start towards building good roads, in the course of the next few years, the development of the country will demonstrate the wisdom of such action. A vote for the road bond issue will get the ball rolling. The election is June 4, and the voters of the state should help "pull Oregon out of the mud."

Anticipating the heavy demand that the national crisis will make upon the resources of the railroads, the Southern Pacific Company has placed an order for eleven additional locomotives for delivery this year in time to assist in the heavy crop movement.

None of the money to be expended for good roads under the bonding act will be expended in Multnomah county, although that county pays 40 per cent of the automobile licenses of the state and a proportionate share of the regular quarter-mill tax.

**THE KID ENLISTS**

The Kid has gone to the Colors  
 And we don't know what to say;  
 The Kid we have loved and cuddled  
 Stepped out for the flag today.  
 We thought him a child, a baby  
 With never a care at all.  
 But his country called him man-size  
 And the Kid has heard the call.

He paused to watch the recruiting,  
 Where, fired by the fife and drum,  
 He bowed his head to Old Glory  
 And thought that it whispered:  
 "Come!"

The Kid, not being a slacker,  
 Stood forth with patriot-joy  
 To add his name to the roster  
 And God, we're proud of the boy!

The Kid has gone to the Colors  
 It seems but a little while  
 Since he drilled a school boy army  
 In a truly martial style.  
 But now he's a man, a soldier,  
 And we lend him listening ear,  
 For his heart is a heart all loyal,  
 Unscourged by the curse of fear.

His dad, when he told him, shuddered,  
 His mother—God bless her—cried;  
 Yet, blest with a mother nature,  
 She wept with a mother pride.  
 But he whose old shoulders straightened  
 Was granddad—for memory ran  
 To years when he, too, a youngster,  
 Was changed by the flag to a man!  
 —W. M. Hershell in Indianapolis News.

**ST. HELENS BOY WRITES OF NAVY LIFE**

Is Receiving Good Training and Getting "Good Eats."

The following is parts of the letters received from George Pringle. The first one, written on April 19, says:

"Dear Mother and Father: Just a few lines to let you know I am all right and having a fine time, and we are kept pretty busy. We have a fine commander and if we attend to business we will get along fine. Believe me, I am going to attend to business. Kenneth and I are in the same company but not in the same tents, but it isn't so bad as long as we are together in the company. Don't know just how long we will be on the island but don't think it will be very long. I saw one or two fellows I know."

The next one, written April 21, says:

"As we have the afternoon off I am going to write you a letter. We just got back from a long walk. Our commander took us up on the top of the island. It sure is a great view, you can see Frisco so plain, also some of the battleships at anchor. I still say our commander is a fine fellow, and if one pays attention to him he sure will make it all right. You see, there are different camps. As one company goes to sea the next company moves to their camp. I think we will move to the lower camp next Tuesday or Wednesday. It is better down there. They have movies and other kinds of amusements. I did some washing yesterday; so did Bud (Kenneth). Washed some towels and handkerchiefs. Believe me, they looked pretty good. You soak them in hot water for a little while then put them on the table and take a scrub brush to them. All it takes is a little hard labor—that's all. You won't have to do any of my washing when I come home. I will be a regular washwoman. Well, I am going on my first guard duty tonight—it's from 8 o'clock till 12. We are on the radio watch, that's the wireless station. There are three men in each tent, and one hundred men in our company. It's quite a class. Warren Sonneland came up yesterday. I didn't get to see him till today. Dick Brown, a boy from Houlton, is here, too. That is all the fellows I know besides the ones we came down with. We sure do have good eats here. Nothing very fancy, but it sticks to your ribs, and that is all that is necessary. We had hash on toast for supper tonight and a piece of cake. Not so bad, eh? But, of course, I would like a good piece of mother's pie and cake that sticks to your ribs, too. They just sounded bugle for colors. That's when the flag goes down—it's at sunset. They do the same in the morning at 5:30, when they raise the flag—that's getting up pretty early. How is everybody? Tell them all hello for me."

"Sunday afternoon—Will finish this letter. Had to clean up camp this morning, and then we went to church. Had a good speaker. He was from the army and navy Y. M. C. A. We sang some of our old songs. There sure was a bunch of us, about three or four hundred. There are four German ships here by the island. Uncle Sam has them now. We had a fine dinner today—had ice cream for dessert. Some class, eh? George's address is Company C 2, U. S. Naval Training Sta., San Francisco, Cal."

A vote for the good road bonds on June 4 will be a vote to help pull Oregon out of the mud.

The City of John Day has voted \$10,000 bonds for the purpose of constructing a water system.

A fund of \$100,000 has been raised in Oregon to increase crop acreage and systematize the planting of crops.

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