

CENTRAL CITY PAPER MENTION'S RECORD

Eastern Nebraska Newspaper, in its Issue of Last Week Speaks Good Word for Lloyd Thomas

The Central City Nonpartei, one of the progressive newspapers of eastern Nebraska, contained the following article in its last issue regarding the editor of The Alliance Herald, now candidate for re-election as state representative from the 73rd district:

"Lloyd C. Thomas of Alliance, Neb., editor of the Alliance Herald, is a candidate for re-election for the office of State representative from that county, and the fact will be of much interest to the people of this city, a large number of whom are personally acquainted with him, during his numerous visits to this city. Mr. Thomas is one of the men that has helped to place western Nebraska on the map, due to the fact that he is a Nebraska man, and anything that is of benefit to Nebraska you always find Lloyd Thomas pulling for. In the business circles of western Nebraska he is one of the ring-leaders, and has also been very instrumental in the development of the potash industry of that section, thus enabling this state to furnish something for its country that heretofore has been imported from Germany and other nations.

"His record as a member of the State Legislature is also a very enviable one, due to the fact that in attending to business for the state he has exercised the same care as he does with his own private business. Since first going to the legislature Mr. Thomas has been very active and taken a deep interest in all affairs concerning the state. During the last regular session he helped in the bitton Law, the 18-mile per hour Live Stock Transportation Bill, the State Publicity Law, the law creating the State Council of Defense, and

the resolution asking the government to take over and control the railroads, telegraph and telephone systems.

"At the special session in 1918 he helped introduce and pass the Soldiers Voting law, the Sedition law and the Home Guards law. In fact he has been behind every patriotic law that has been placed upon the statute books of the state during the last two years. He is a true American, and stands for everything that is just and right."

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THE WESTERN FRONT AT HOME

Earn and give. For a year the young people of America have been coached in thrift. Instead of the old problem in the arithmetic book, "If Mary's mother gave her three apples, Jane gave her two, and she ate one, how many would she have?" the third grade girl is now sent to the blackboard to solve, "How many Thrift stamps at 25 cents apiece will Mary own at the end of 12 months if she saves 10 cents a week?"

The girl in the grade above her is learning in her arithmetic lesson how many Thrift stamps it takes to buy the yarn for 500 helmets for the soldiers in France. Still farther on the eighth grader is told to figure in terms of War Savings stamps how much it costs to supply a regiment of Uncle Sam's men with shelter tents.

And now the Earn and Give club of the younger girls of the Young Women's Christian association is organized to turn those Thrift lessons into giving. The children of America have been turning in pennies and nickles and pasting a green stamp on their Thrift card. The Earn and Give club can now use some of those cards and War Savings stamps in their campaign among the younger people for the united war fund.

This fall when the war council of the Y. W. C. A. made plans for the 1918 war drive, it included in its program the rule that no young girls under eighteen can do any solletting, on the streets or otherwise. They can give, but they can only give by earning. Consequently in order to coordinate the efforts of the girls in all the districts over the country, the Earn and Give club is enrolling members and has given out an estimate of \$5 apiece to be earned for the war fund campaign by the American girls who still count their age in 'teens. Five dollars apiece for the younger girls of the country will mean that the nation as a whole will fill its charitable organizations' war chest.

Some high school girl in New York city is going to earn her \$5 by shining her own shoes instead of stopping at the Greek stand on her way to school and by making her own sandwiches for her noon lunch. Out in Iowa the girl who has been spending 15 cents plus war tax for a movie three nights a week is going to draw a line through the movie habit except when there is an especially good bill. More than one girl plans to clean all her own gloves this winter and to salvage all the paper and collections of junk about the house which should be sold to the junk man to be worked over into some productive industry. The girls in their 'teens are going to earn instead of ask others for the money. They are to sacrifice and give in their own names and older women will make the public requests for money elsewhere.

Many of the girls who are waiting to join the Earn and Give club are already Patriotic leaguers, and they have learned several practical lessons in the thrift that will make them effective members of the new club by their conservation of fruits and vegetables. They have canned and pickled. Now when the end of summer brings the beginning of school they will change their thrift into winter thrift and begin saving their \$5 for the Y. W. C. A. war fund.

"Wherever You Are Is the Western Front" is the slogan which the Earn and Give club has adopted. Anna, one wry thirteen-year-old daughter of New York's East side, who was one of the first and youngest members to join the campaign at a New York settlement house, had to have it explained to her that instead of western front meaning fight and fight meaning fists, the western front means work and work means save in order to give.

The girl who joins the Earn and Give club will discover that in conjunction with her working and saving in order that her club will furnish its quota of the money that is going to help the girls like herself in France and Belgium, she will also find numerous ways in the community to help the war that she had never dreamed of. She will see that all the fruit pits and stones that can be saved from her own dining table and from those of her neighbors, are dropped into the little red barrel at the corner, in order that the carbon which the seeds contain can be used in making charcoal for the American soldiers' gas masks. She will save all the tin foil that she sees for the Red Cross. She will help collect clothing for the French and Belgium orphans and perhaps send them some of her own.

School girls in India, children from squalid, dingy homes, with absolutely no spending money, gave last year to Belgian and Armenian relief when they themselves were not getting enough to eat. They gave up their meat once a week for the Belgians, though they only had it twice a week themselves, and for the Armenians they set aside the handful of fresh grain that otherwise each girl would have ground in her own little stone mill. Both contributions, from all the girls in one missionary's school, amounted only to \$5 a month. "But it was a tremendous sacrifice," their teacher writes, "although a joyous one. It actually meant less bread each day, and once a week a meal of dry bread and water. This was done by 80 girls from the meanest homes in the world—children between the ages of five and fifteen."

Four hundred thousand girls in 47 states have become Patriotic Leaguers since America declared war. If as many school girls and working girls from all classes pledge to earn and give, the united war fund campaigners will have \$2,000,000 of their \$170,500,000.

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