

AMERICAN LEGION REACHES IRON CO.

**Ex-Service Men Organize Post and
Will Hold Front of Stage
Monday and Tuesday.**

BIG BANQUET MONDAY NIGHT

**Organization Will be of Benefit to
Men and Also to People at Large
Who Look Upon ex-Soldiers as
Nations Great Balance Wheel.**

To the ex-service men of Cedar City and Iron County: We want you to read this short article. It ought to interest you very keenly.

We have from time to time published in The Record a number of articles relating to the American Legion which is being organized out of the men who were called to the colors in the recent world war, from America. You may or may not have read these articles. You may or may not have become acquainted with the movement through reading other newspaper and magazine articles, or circulars that have been distributed, but the fact that your local officers here state that difficulty has been found in enrolling you in the local posts would indicate that you were not advised as to what was being done, and the aims and objects of the organization. For the purpose of giving information on the subject, which is fraught with so much of interest and importance to you, as well as to the nation at large, a special service will be held in the Tabernacle next Sunday afternoon, as well as in practically all the churches throughout the nation. The local service will be addressed by Dr. M. J. Macfarlane, a member of the Draft Board which served during the period of the war. He will have a message for you that you should not miss.

On next Monday evening a banquet will be tendered in the Relief Society hall to all ex-service men and it is hoped at that time to get the boys together and while promoting a more fraternal feeling still further interest them in the American Legion.

Do you boys who wore the khaki in the recent war know that today you are the hope of this nation? That the eyes of the people instinctively turn to you as a last and final recourse in the industrial troubles that confront the nation today? Do you know that it may yet be up to you to save America from the radical element which is overrunning the world, just as you have already saved the world from autocracy? Do you know that you have it within you to demand anything in reason, in legislation, in commerce and industry—in positions and employment, and that if you ask unitedly it dare not be denied you?

Your position is unique. But you returned from the war, in most cases, heartsick and weary—so anxious to get back to civil life that you have tried to obliterate and efface your army experiences. After a while, when you are rested and composed, you will remember with pride that you did your bit for your country and for humanity. You will acquire a fraternal feeling towards your companions in arms, and you will take pride in the fact that you were once a soldier in so just a cause. You are naturally of a peace-loving nature, and war is hateful to you, as it is to the rest of us; but the world has not yet reached a point where we can afford to put aside implements for self-defense. The training and lessons that were taught you were not in vain, and ought not to be too soon forgotten. The necessity for preparedness is one of the lessons of the great war. You should be the minute men of this nation, and the great balance wheel in all times of agitation and uncertainty. You should, in fact, live up to the ideals laid down for you in your state constitution, which under the title of "Objects" contains the following:

The objects of the organization shall be:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a 100 per cent Americanism; to

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preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligations to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual happiness.

Could any association have more lofty and praiseworthy aims and objects!

All persons are eligible to membership in the organization who were in the military or naval service of the United States during the period between April 6th, 1917, and November 11th, 1918, both dates inclusive, and all persons who served in the military or naval services of any of the governments associated with the United States during the world war, provided that they were citizens of the United States at the time of their enlistment and are again citizens at the time of application, excepting those persons separated from the service under terms amounting to dishonorable discharge, and except also those persons who refused to perform their military duties on the ground of conscientious objection.

On October 6th some of the boys of this place met and organized a post of the legion, with the following as temporary officers: President, Mr. Virgil Tollestrup; secretary, R. T. Forbes; treasurer, Stanley Ivins; and as additional members of the executive board, Walter Granger and Ashton Jones. Secretary Forbes was sent to Salt Lake City to represent the local post in the state convention, and reports a very successful meeting, including three business sessions, besides banquets and other amusements.

For the purpose of raising money to defray the expense of the local banquet Monday night, a grand ball will be given Tuesday evening, to which the public are invited. Turn out, good people, and assist the boys in getting their organization started.
