

## BOOTH-KELLY GETS INTO RUNNING IN BASKETBALL GAME

Methodists Are Defeated by a Score of 36 to 25 in Their First Game.

## BAPTISTS WIN OWN GAME

Large Crowd Attends Both Contests, And Cheer For Favorite Players Next Games Saturday.

League Standing

Team	Won	Lost	Perct.
Christians	1	0	1.000
Baptists	0	1	.000
Booth-Kelly	1	0	1.000
Methodist	0	1	.000

Nearly 200 people witnessed the second games of the Springfield Sun-School Basketball League at the Opera house Saturday night. The Booth-Kelly first team defeated the Methodist tossers 36 to 25 and the Baptist second team succeeded in beating the Christians by five points, the score was 15 to 10. Both games were fast and were strongly contested to the last foot of the referee's whistle.

The outcome of the game between the second teams was not decided until the last basket was thrown. At the end of the first half the Baptists led by only two points. They kept the lead and slowly increased it during the second period. The teams were evenly matched although the Baptists showed a better ability to handle the ball than did the Christians.

The second team lineup was:

Christians	Baptists
Vincent	C. Chase
McKinney	L. Hill
H. Nixon	Keenan
Conley	Hardy
I. Nixon	Bryan

Points: Vincent 2, McKinney 6, H. Nixon 2, C. Chase 9, L. Hill 2, Keenan 4.

The first period of the big game ended a tie between the Booth-Kelly players and the Methodists. The Methodists had a slight edge on the B-K's during the first half for team work but they went to pieces in the second period and came out 11 points behind at the finish. Harry Bird of the Booth-Kelly team seemed to have a lease on the basket and made 34 points for his team. The players and positions were:

Methodists	Booth-Kelly
Feagles	Bird
W. Dimm	L. Calkins
R. Dimm	Perkins
C. Brattain	Wyld
R. Scott	Parker

Points: W. Dimm 15, Feagles 6, R. Dimm 2, Brattain 2, Bird 24, Calkins 4, Perkins 6, Wyld 2.

Ently Farley of the State University was referee. Next Saturday night Booth-Kelly and the Christian first teams mix and the Methodist and Christian second teams play.

### Taxes on Advertising.

The Uruguayan government has passed a law which places a tax on all classes of advertising posted in public places in the city of Montevideo. This applies to all handbills, theatre programs, names printed on awnings or windows, electric signs and street car advertising. Matter sent through the mail pays no tax.

### He Sold The Rubber-Tired Buggy.

Just as an example of how it pays to advertise, a Springfield resident inserted a three line ad in the Springfield News on December 4 and on December 7, paying 25 cents for the two together. On Thursday the seventh he received a telephone call, and a little later in the day, sold the rubber-tired buggy advertised to a man from Jasper.

### District Quarterly Meeting To Be Here

The quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist church for the Roseburg district will be held at the Springfield Free Methodist church this week commencing on Thursday, December 14 and continuing over Sunday. D. D. Dodge of Grants Pass will have charge.

## BEREANS MEET AND ELECT

Clinton Conley Returned As President Class Has Business Session.

Officers were elected, one game was played, "eats" were enjoyed, and the membership contest now on, was discussed, at the regular business meeting of the Berean Sunday school class, which was held at the home of the teacher, E. E. Morrison, on Thursday evening.

Clinton Conley was reelected president, defeating Harry Nixon and Roy Cairns for the place. Miss France Travis is to be vice president, having outstripped Miss Nell Nixon, the other candidate for the place. Miss Gertrude Williams and Miss Ethlyn Powers won out, respectively, in the contest for secretary and treasurer. Miss Beatrice Holbrook and Orle Nettleson were their rivals for these positions.

The membership contest ends next Sunday, with 72 already enrolled in the class. Harry Nixon and Roy Cairns are leaders of the two divisions. Apples and cookies were enjoyed during the course of the evening.

## OREGON UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR TALKS TO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

Prof. A. R. Sweetser Tells Botany Class About Bacteria—Illustrates His Work.

Through the efforts of Miss Esther Campbell, high school botany class teacher, Professor A. R. Sweetser, head of the botany department of the University of Oregon, addressed the botany class for about an hour last Friday morning. The class had been studying bacteria so it was upon this subject that he spoke. Stereopticon lantern slides were used to illustrate the talk.

"Although bacteria are usually spoken of as germs, microbes and bugs," said Professor Sweetser, "you need not think that they belong to the animal kingdom, in fact, they are practically the lowest form of vegetable life. Bacteria are by no means all harmful as is commonly supposed, if it were not for these tiny organisms life would soon be extinct on this earth." He then explained the different kinds of bacteria, and gave illustrations showing the rapidity with which they might increase if in favorable conditions.

Mr. Sweetser spoke of the danger of contagion from disease. The house fly, milk, and drinking water were named as common carriers of disease. "There never has been a medicine made that could cure tuberculosis," he stated, "plenty of fresh air and sunshine, wholesome food and pure water is the best cure known."

Several interesting cultures of different bacteria that had been made in his own laboratory were shown to the class.

## CLASS OF BEREANS AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH ENDS LIVELY CONTEST

Roy Cairn's Side Defeats Harry Nixon's Team By 74 Points—Have 63 Members.

The Berean class of the Christian Sunday school closed its contest yesterday, December tenth, with 63 enrolled members. Roy Cairn's side won over Harry Nixon's side with 323 points to 249 points. Mayor E. E. Morrison is the teacher.

The contest began November fifth when the class was divided into equal sides and the captains appointed. Great enthusiasm was shown during the entire contest, each member working conscientiously for his or her sides by bringing old or new members and visitors. There were few absences throughout the six weeks of the contest and on the last Sunday there were 58 present out of an enrollment of 63. The class set fifty as the goal but they did not stop at this.

The losing side, under the supervision of Harry Nixon, will entertain the winning side with a large chicken dinner next Monday evening, December 18. Everyone is looking forward to this event with anticipations of a fine time. There is no doubt but that several are even fasting so that they can do full justice to the chicken dinner.

Points were given for new members, five; old members brought back, three; visitors, two; attendance on time, two; attendance late, one; and one was subtracted for non-attendance.

## H. C. OF L. STRIKES AT 1917 BUDGET OF U. S. GOVERNMENT

Cost of Commodities Used By People Have Increased 34 Per Cent in Year.

## WILL MEAN LARGE BUDGET

Secretary of Agriculture Recommends That More Land Be Put Under State of Cultivation.

Washington, Dec. 9.—"We must take our choice in the coming year of paying wages and purchasing supplies on the current basis or else must still further restrict the public work," says Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield in his annual report to congress today, in discussing the high cost of living. It had hit the government service hard, he says, and he forecasts a considerable increase in the cost of maintaining the public service due to general increases in the prices of all supplies and the wages which must be paid men to enable them to live.

Prices increase 34 Per Cent. There has been, he said, an increase of 34 per cent during the last year in the cost of commodities which go to make up everyday needs of the normal family. Secretary Redfield offers no remedy for the situation, apparently feeling the high prices must be paid.

The report says that the favorable balance of trade of the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, was \$2,135,775,355. The total exports amounted to \$4,333,858,865 and the total imports to \$2,197,883,510. The report states that the promise for the ensuing year is for an even greater foreign trade.

Further, Secretary Redfield reports that our foreign indebtedness has been cut down \$2,000,000,000 and that the United States has lent abroad the tremendous sum of \$1,500,000,000 since the war began.

### Wealthiest Nation on Earth.

"We are the wealthiest nation in the world and the most prosperous one," says the secretary. Our debts are trifling, he says, some foreign nations less rich than some of our states bearing heavier burdens of debt than the whole American nation.

Secretary Redfield says that to maintain our strong position and our sound gold reserve we must not only continue our heavy exports, but must increase our loans and investments abroad. In this he takes issue with some of the other government authorities, notably the federal reserve board, which have cautioned the country against investing too freely in foreign securities.

Secretary Redfield reports that his department has done much work in protecting the lives of steamship excursionists. He reports that the steamboat inspection service has never before been so active as during the past year in safeguarding persons bound on pleasure trips on the water.

On 8859 occasions during the year, the report says, inspectors have counted a total of 3,244,953 passengers embarking on excursion steamers. On 167 occasions the inspectors have stopped the embarking of passengers because the safe limit of capacity had been reached. It is reasonable to assume Mr. Redfield declares, that had not the inspectors halted the embarkation the boats would have been overloaded, with possibly many fatal accidents resulting. The public does not cheerfully cooperate in this work, the report says.

As an echo of the Eastland disaster in the Chicago river, Secretary Redfield urges that a board of naval architects be attached to the steamboat inspection service to pass upon the safety of excursion steamers.

### New Food Fish Introduced.

The report says that during the year the bureau of fisheries has by its investigations and experiments added several new food fish to the diet of the American people, in this way helping to keep down the cost of living.

The American merchant marine has increased more rapidly in the last two years than ever before in the history of the country, says the report. During the period the tonnage engaged in foreign commerce has been doubled and now reaches 2,191,715 gross tons.

## FOOD SUPPLY KEEPS PACE WITH GROWTH OF U. S. POPULATION

Meat Supply in States Has Had Most Marked Decline—Pork Holds Up.

## DECREASE STOCK RAISING

Bureau of Fisheries Has Introduced New Food Fish as Diet To Keep Wolf Away.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Fears that the population of the United States is growing so fast that it will outstrip the production of food are set at rest by the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston, made to Congress today. The production of foods in the United States has held its own in some branches and has increased in others. The alarming decline in beef production which set in some time ago reached the lowest point in 1913, and since then has increased materially. At the same time there has been a marked increase in the production of swine.

### Sheep Are Fewer.

Sheep have declined slightly. More of these meat animals have been slaughtered under government supervision during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, than ever before, the report states. The heaviest slaughtering has been accompanied by an increase in the number of living animals, however. Secretary Houston says that the situation gives reason for the brightest optimism, it being indicated that the United States cannot only supply its own food needs, but can feed a large proportion of the people of the outside world.

### Disease Is Combated

The report states that the department has energetically worked through the eradication of disease and the development of stock raising, to increase the food supply. He recommends the inauguration of the vigorous campaign against tuberculosis in hogs and cattle, which, he estimates, is causing annual losses in the United States of \$25,000,000. The grazing capacity of the public domain has been increased from 15 to 30 per cent during the year, the report says. The perfection of grazing regulation on an additional 250,000,000 acres of public lands would enhance meat supply, says the secretary. Secretary Houston advocates more sheep raising.

The secretary's report states that the secret of continuing to feed the world lies in the expansion by the American people of the acreage of tilled lands. Food crops should be stabilized and better regulated, he declares. Crops should be rotated scientifically and the entire business of tilling the soil should be placed on a more scientific basis.

Mr. Houston's report says much progress has been made in improving methods of marketing crops, particularly fruits and vegetables. He tells of his market news service by which news of shipments of crops is distributed to the farmers.

A marked improvement in the quality of food and drugs offered the public has been brought about through rigorous enforcement of the food and drugs act, says the report.

### Receives Drawing of Springfield Home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lee have received from the latter's son, Ben Conway, formerly of Springfield, but now employed at Denver, Colorado, a faithful pencil and crayon drawing of the former's home, just northeast of the city. The picture is remarkably good, being drawn from memory, as it had to be. The house, with the bridge and river bend behind it, and farther in the background, the Springfield hill, are all shown in the small cardboard picture.

### Will Open Feed and Seed Business.

J. J. Browning has announced that he will go into the feed and seed business in this city, opening up in the office formerly occupied by E. E. Morrison, on Saturday, December 9. Mr. Browning has no plans to give out now, further than that he will discontinue the real estate business for a time.

## SMALL YOUNGSTER MOURNS

Four-Year Old Inconsolable Over Death of Tony, Pet Dog, Killed by Auto

One of life's small tragedies occurred on Friday when a passing automobile traveling at a high rate of speed struck and almost instantly killed, "Tony," the little white spitz pet dog, belonging to Donald, four and one-half year old son of J. C. Holbrook. The dog had been accustomed to play near his small master's home on Fifth and E streets, and was known and petted by all the nearby residents. The small boy was inconsolable, and even "Tony's" older friends were sad when they saw the little stiffened body.

Those who saw the accident say the driver of the car, whose name is being withheld, was on the wrong side of the street, had all the curtains drawn and was driving at a speed much in excess of the city limit. Had the obstacle in the way been a child instead of a dog, it is just as probable that it would have been struck.

## PARENT-TEACHERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING ON FRIDAY

Superintendent Kirk Makes Plea For New Play Shed At Lincoln School.

Thirty teachers and 15 parents attended the first meeting of the Springfield Parent-Teachers Association at the Lincoln school Friday afternoon where several subjects of importance to parents were discussed.

Miss McCormick, domestic science teacher, emphasized the necessity of appetizing lunches for school children in a very pointed talk. She said that it was not the quality and quantity of the lunches brought by the children that should be corrected, but it is the neatness that is used in preparation and the selection of the articles that makes the lunch attractive to the pupil.

Superintendent R. L. Kirk made a plea to the parents for a play shed for the children so that they will have a dry place to amuse themselves at recess and at noon time instead of having to run around in the mud. He emphasized the fact that the children would play in the rain at noon and get wet up to the knees and would then sit in the school room all afternoon and try to learn their lessons. Mr. Kirk reasoned that the parents spend enough for medicine and cough syrup each winter for colds caused unnecessarily to build a play shed.

Professor P. M. Strond of the high school spoke on parents visiting the schools and becoming acquainted with the work their children are doing while they are in charge of the teachers.

Mrs. J. B. Campbell, president of the association and Mrs. McKay addressed the meeting. The next meeting of the Parent-Teachers will be January 4, at three o'clock.

## BOOTH-KELLY TEAM IS DEFEATED; ELMIRA TAKES SCORE 42 TO 15

Home Team Is Handicapped by Small Hall, Poor Lights, Low Ceiling Game Is Fast

The Booth-Kelly basketball team was defeated at Elmira by the Elmira team Thursday night 42 to 15. The local players were very much handicapped by the condition of the hall. It was small, the ceiling was low and it was lighted by oil lamps. The Elmira boys were used to this and had the advantage. The Booth-Kelly boys were outshone on team work which cost them many baskets.

The game was fast and clean. There was little unnecessary roughing. The local team plans to bring Elmira here for a game some time this month.

The lineups were:

Booth-Kelly	Elmira
Bird	Draper
Calkins	Yoder
Perkins	Marsh
Parker	Lewis
Wyld	Simpson

Points: Bird 7, Calkins 4, Perkins 3, Wyld 1, Draper 7, Yoder 13, Marsh 22.

The team was taken down to Elmira by Levi Neet in his Overland. Walter Dimm was referee.

## NEW SIX PER CENT TAXING LIMITATION PUZZLE TO MANY

State Officers Urge Bond Issue To Pay For Highway Work.

## FEES ARE SUGGESTED

Merger of Commissions And Roads Advised To Reduce Expenses Deficit Will Be \$550,000.

Salem, Or., Dec. 10.—As a solution of some part of the financial problem confronting the state as a result of the passage of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment, state officials have evolved for presentation to the coming legislature a plan which they say in nowise contravenes the provisions of the amendment. It contemplates:

First—Legislation bonding the state for all future highway construction work.

Second—The abolition and consolidation of state departments, and commissions wherever possible, and the reduction of the operating expenses of all departments to the lowest possible minimum.

Third—The enactment of legislation increasing the fees of all the present revenue producing departments, and the creation of others, if necessary.

### Road Fund Could Be Used.

Funds for highway construction work are now raised by a millage tax that produces approximately \$240,000 annually. By availing itself of the provisions of the 1912 amendment to the constitution, and authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of all highways, the legislature can make this sum available for the conduct of the state government next year, for the levy will have been made before the session convenes. Good roads enthusiasts favor this plan, for the present highway appropriation has been considered inadequate, and they believe more money can be obtained by bonding.

### Merger of Departments Urged.

Although but few departments can be abolished with any consequential saving, there are a number of commissions and departments that can be consolidated with a saving and without impairing their efficiency, it is asserted. A considerable saving can be made by consolidating the child labor commission, the industrial welfare commission and the labor commissioner with the state industrial accident commission, it is pointed out. This consolidation is pronounced feasible, and with three commissioners composing the latter commission it can cover the work of the first three with but little added expense, it is contended.

Another possible consolidation is that of the state, desert land board with the state land board. The salary of a secretary and several stenographers could possibly be saved by this consolidation.

By consolidating the state tax commission with either the public service commission or the state board of control another saving could be effected, it is argued. This commission is now composed of two salaried commissioners, a secretary and two stenographers. A consolidation would save the salary of at least one commissioner and secretary. A consolidation with the state board of control would be preferable, as it would lodge responsibility for all taxation problems with the chief officers of the state.

### Some Boards Might Be Dropped.

Several persons advocate either the abolition or consolidation of the livestock sanitary board, and the bureau of mines, with some other department. Reductions in expense could be made, it is maintained, in a number of offices, notable among them the state engineer, the clerk of the supreme court and the state water board. Suggestions have also been made that the present policy of the state of aiding private charitable and sectarian institutions is unwise, and that by abandoning it more than \$100,000 could be saved biennially.

Chief among the state's revenue-producing departments are the cor-