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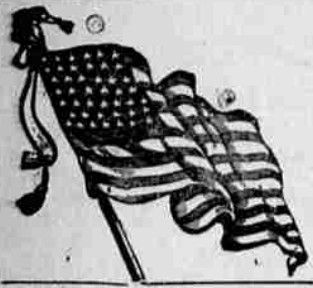
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PRESIDENT WILSON'S SURPRISE.

Nothing in recent months has created as much surprise as the identical notes sent by President Wilson to the different nations now engaged in the conflict in Europe. The surprise is all the more complete, as it follows closely on the tentative peace proposal made by the German kaiser, and transmitted through the aid of or diplomatic channels to the other belligerents. Through the secretary of state, the president makes it clear that neither the recent proposal of the kaiser or the speech of the English prime minister, has anything to do with its promulgation, but that it has been under way and consideration for some time. Throughout the note, and between the lines, can be read the growing impatience of that portion of the world still neutral, and particularly in our own country as representing the largest and most powerful of them, at the continuance of this terrible struggle, and while no tender is made to act as mediator, the inference is left that it is time for a halt to be called. The frank admission of the secretary of state that we are "drawing nearer to the verge of war" and that "the situation is becoming intolerable," places a new aspect on conditions and one of which no hint was given up to now, and this being the case, it is the

paramount duty of Americans to stand back of and support the administration wherever this may take us.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE.

It was such passing events as occurred in the office of the county judge this morning, that adds to the pleasures of life and cements the bonds of friendship. It was the occasion of presenting a mark of esteem to a retiring official by all the other officials, chiefs and subordinates, with whom he has been in close contact for a number of years, the recipient being Harry E. Pinkston, who has been an able, honest and competent commissioner of Douglas county during the past four years, and who declined the endorsement of the voters and his party for another term. During his incumbency of this important office, Mr. Pinkston has not been a mere figurehead, for his capacity for hard work, his sagacity in business matters and his progressive conception of the needs of the people of his county, have been of inestimable worth to his fellow officials, and much of the splendid constructive advancement of the county is due to suggestions and initiation on his part. His many friends throughout the county, regardless of political affiliations, sincerely trust that the beautiful and expensive cane presented him today may not be needed for many years to come, to support the infirmities which come with old age, and that it will ever be a reminder of the kindly feeling toward him of the many donors.

There are evidently too many present and prospective owners of autos among the members of the Douglas County Taxpayers League, to be caught in the neat little snare prepared by Bob Smith, in which a tax of one dollar was to be assessed on each horsepower used in the machine. When the resolution was introduced so as to get the opinion of the meeting on it, the verdict was a unanimous refusal to go on record as being in favor of the move. Some other means will have to be invented to help keep down the taxes of the big timber barons.

It might be well to issue the usual warning again about the reckless use of lighted tapers and candles on the highly inflammable Christmas trees, for it may be the means of preventing a tragedy which would turn the joyous occasion into one of gloom and sorrow. A little extra care, a trifle more caution will cost but small effort, but it may save both life and property.

In your exuberance and joyousness over the charity dispensed at this special season of the year, do not crowd all your efforts in the space of one day, remember there is want and hunger and sorrow in the days following, where some of the surplus or duplication of today will be appreciated.

CITY NEWS.

Dr. Plyler left this afternoon for a few hours at Sutherlin.

E. H. Pinkston returned to his home at Oakland this afternoon.

J. A. Winniford, of Calipoolia, was a visitor in this city for the day.

Mrs. E. C. Spray left this afternoon to visit with friends in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Jennie Price, of Myrtle Creek, spent the day in this city shopping.

Attorney E. B. Hermann went over to Sutherlin for a few hours of business.

C. A. Dailey and J. W. Mitchell, of Sutherlin spent the day in this city.

Mrs. F. J. Gonier left this afternoon to spend a few days in Portland.

Mrs. J. W. Wade, of Drain, returned to her home after a brief visit in town.

Fountain pens cleaned and repaired, at the Roseburg Book Store. 1258-dswll

Mrs. L. Woody and Mrs. A. Cole, of Winchester, spent the day in this city shopping.

Mrs. Vida Carter left today for Portland and Albany to visit with friends for the holidays.

George Hammond returned today from the University of California to spend the holidays at home.

"Auntie" Cox leaves Saturday for Corvallis where she will visit with her, and Mrs. C. H. Cleaves during the holidays.

H. S. Baird and wife, of Wilbur, spent the day in town attending to business and finishing the Christmas shopping.

Former County Surveyor Frank Cain who has been spending a few days in the city, will return to his home at Riddle this evening.

J. H. Booth today filed suit in the circuit court against Kenneth J. Baldrige and others to quiet title to several sections of property.

Frank Brown, through his attorney, C. F. Hopkins, today filed an application with the county court to vacate certain parts of Fair acres, situated on the west side. This procedure is very rare and only a few cases have been heard under the statute.

NEW TODAY

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START THE NEW YEAR

OFF WITH A RUSH

After the holidays every merchant will find some lines broken, and merchandise which he will want to close out at the earliest possible moment. This can be accomplished by judicious advertising. People read advertisements that are well written and changed frequently.

The Evening News
And The
Umpqua Valley News

Reach Every Part of Douglas County

Advertisements placed in these publications, backed up with merchandise of merit that priced right will bring results. The merchant who does not bring his goods before the public thru the medium of the Press, pays the bill of the merchant who does.

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