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THE IMPROVEMENT KNOCKER.

Every one in awhile the world produces something new, and this time the wheels of progress have been "involved" into producing what might rightfully be termed a public improvement knocker.

His latest edition knocking the much needed improvements to the county court house and jail and thusly.

It has already been suggested that there is work for the Taxpayers League to do, and that every citizen in the county should also enter a strong protest against this heavy expenditure at this time, unless they want \$50,000 added to their next year's taxes.

Now, Mr. Granger, just listen for a moment. You are among those who are anxious to see an agricultural agent appointed for this county. In the 1918 budget the county court has included \$1500 to defray the cost of the expenses of this agent, and there is no one in a better position to know the worth of an agricultural agent than the progressive farmer. As a guide to defeat one measure the knocker is trying to enlist the support of the Grange. In all probability, if he thought it was "good politics" he would be openly trying to defeat the Grange in their effort to get an agricultural agent. "Because we are at war" and there is no evidence in the country that this very thing is being done by the alleged exponent of "conservatism". The News would advise the various Granges of this county to keep a watchful eye on this "elementary" article of "economics" advanced by the petty knocker.

Again, the assertion, "Unless the taxpayers want \$50,000 added to their next year's taxes." A fabrication, pure and simple. The money proposed for the county court house improvement is not going to come from any additional tax. It has practically all been provided for in the payment already of the principal and interest on the principal amount of the U. S. V. land grant tax for the years 1912-14-15, a sum of money the county would never have received had it not been for the persistent efforts of the district attorneys of the state and Attorney General George M. Brown. It is almost pure "velvet" and there is no better way of putting it to legitimate use than to invest the amount where it will do the greatest good to the greatest number, all the citizens of a nation in the greatest, possible standing.

TRAGEDY OF THE AGES.

Another proof that Russian ruthlessness is systematic, not the acts of lawless individual soldiers, comes in a news dispatch from Amsterdam that the German authorities in that town have imposed a fine of 10,000,000 francs on the province of East Flanders because it failed to place 40,000 laborers at the disposal of the Germans by November 1, says the Spokesman Review.

This gives the American people just another glimpse of what they would be under German military occupation of the United States. The 40,000 additional workers demanded from a single province are to be subjected to conditions of such dan-

tary servitude that are worse than the darkest phases of African slavery in American history. They are put under brutal, armed overseers, driven for long hours at the hardest sort of manual labor, fed on starvation diet and lodged in concentration camps that would be a disgrace to a humane farmer's stock barns.

The term "laborers" as employed in the German command for 10,000 additional workers means not only men. The cruel Prussian dragnet draws in girls and women many of them of gentle breeding. Even the children are scourged to fever daily tasks.

We think most of the horrors of trench fighting, but Prussian terrorism has inflicted a sweet taste on millions of non-combatants in northern France, in Belgium, in Serbia, in Roumania, in Russia, in Poland and in Armenia. Witness the black eagle, the unhappy land is scourged with death and desolation. Women and children have perished in millions. It is the most unmerciful tragedy of the ages.

Again we reiterate that the best German cure if so themselves to respect the names of the disloyal ones every loyal citizen owes it to him self to do all in this power to protect the nation in this hour of its peril, and that protection may often be to the very necessity of introducing with the freedom of speech and action of our best friends and neighbors. The nation comes first in this day of many losses and hopes and ambitions, and anything that interferes with our right to occupy first place in our allegiance and devotion must be stamped out. We are no going to send our nose into the very jaws of death until they are protected at home. We will not tolerate the snigger.

To him who in his love of the Kaiser shorts his dignity to Uncle Sam, there shall some day appear at his elbow a federal officer, who shall tap him on the shoulder, and say quietly, but firmly, "Come with me." And the disloyal one will then and there disappear from his accustomed haunts, he will become a non-resident, and his friends that were with him at a high of relief, and will know him no more forever, if he was not that long.

It doesn't make any difference whether you want to teach the people of Roseburg or every town and corner of Douglas county. The Evening News is there with the goods.

This is certainly fine weather for the man who has outside work during the day and inside during the night.

Did you ever try getting acquainted with your family? It's a fine job these long winter evenings.

The German army appears before us in Italy just in time for the fall irrigation.

HOME GUARDS ARE FULL PEP AND GINGER

A decidedly lively meeting of the home guards was held at the armory last evening, the attendance was even larger than at our previous drill night and the "soldiers" took to the work like old "soup hands." Captain Haynes, assisted by Lieutenants Balfrey and Wells put the "boys" through the various maneuvers in a way that would make the German empire envious of the bunch of good old recruits and the devotion with which each command of the other is obeyed.

The popularity of the home guard is increasing at each drill and when the "big gun" arrives there is talk of its something doing.

Miss B. J. Edis has returned to Roseburg from Vancouver where she had spent six to ten months. Ben Edis, who lives in Seaside, Mr. Edis is residing in the Hotel Fremont and expects to begin shortly for Prince.

Live-wire Doings of City

Leaves For Home.

Miss Lila Lovette, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Doyle, for the past two months left this morning for her home at Grangeville, Idaho.

On Business Trip.

R. L. Thomas, a well known resident of this city left this morning for Lyons to attend to business matters. Mr. Thomas expects to be away for at least 10 days.

To Visit at Salem.

Mrs. Ben Goodman and daughter, Marie, left this morning for Salem to spend Thanksgiving with relatives. They were accompanied by A. F. Wilbur, a former resident of this city.

Willbur Sends Fund.

Mr. J. W. Short of Willbur is dead in Roseburg this morning to spend the day here, and to receive for a gift from the Willbur school of \$20 for the V. M. P. A. war work. Another \$25, donated to the same most worthy cause by other Willbur people, was also turned over to the Association authorities here by Mrs. Short.

Leaves for Portland.

Elder J. A. Rippey, president of the Southern Oregon Conference, with head quarters in this city, left this morning for Portland where he will attend a board meeting of the Portland Sanitarium.

Will Prove Up.

Wells Payne, who has been over at Marshfield for several weeks where he was employed in one of the Coos Bay saw mills, is home again. He will go out to his place near Medford, soon, to begin putting in his crop. Mr. Payne has a homestead tract consisting of 160 acres, which he expects to prove up on in the near future.

Home From Portland.

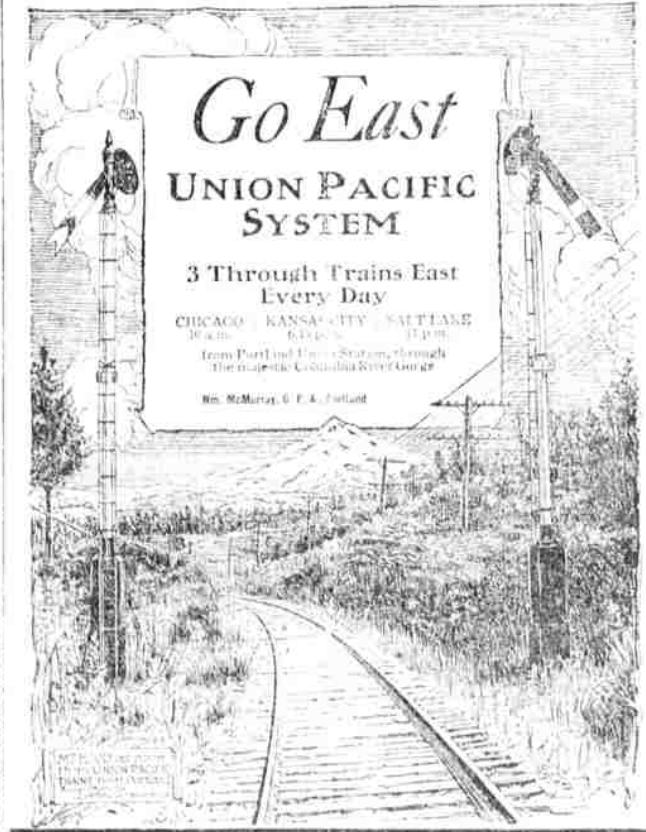
S. J. Jones arrived home from Portland where he has been for the past two weeks working as a federal grand juror. He will return to Portland again Sunday. Thomas arrives home the day after the V. M. P. A. campaign closed. Mr. Jones displayed his loyalty to the good cause and a fine patriotic spirit by calling on the captain of our 4th local team this morning and contributing \$20 to the good cause. He had already given \$25 to the cause in the past.

J. W. Swenson arrived today from Oakland and spent the day in this city looking after business affairs.



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Advertisement for coats featuring a woman in a long coat and the text: Big Shipment of Newest Models COATS Moderately Priced Bellows Store Co.

D. R. King departed today for Riddle after attending to business matters in Roseburg.

Advertisement for framed pictures: HAVE THOSE PICTURES FRAMED NOW

That family group or the latest one of the baby will make a splendid gift for you on your 4th and by sending to have it framed will insure one less present to think of later on.

Advertisement for Roseburg Book Store: ROSEBURG Book Store

Advertisement for Dixie Plate: Dixie Plate Here is a beautiful pattern of heavy silver plate which is worth a place in the most carefully appointed table.

Advertisement for Dixie Pattern: Dixie Pattern of Hallmark Plate. A. S. HUEY CO. ROSEBURG LEADING JEWELERS.

Advertisement for No. 5 Woodstock typewriter: NO. 5 WOODSTOCK

Advertisement for A.S. Huey Company: A.S. Huey Company Local Representative

Advertisement for School of Piano: SEVENTH YEAR. ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE HEINLINE SCHOOL OF PIANO

Advertisement for Viking Separator: \$33 NEW VIKING Separator at the DOUGLAS COUNTY CREAMERY

Advertisement for Sterling Character and Umpqua Valley Bank: STERLING CHARACTER Upon the character and conservatism of your bank's officers and directors—to a great extent depends the safety of your funds. THE UMPQUA VALLEY BANK

Advertisement for A Man is What He Feeds On: A Man is What He Feeds On The housewife, looking to the family health, will buy where she can get FRESH, CLEAN GROCERIES. Our Stock is Clean and Sanitarily Kept

Advertisement for Osgood Auto Lenses: OSGOOD AUTO LENSES THE SCIENTIFIC LENSE. A headlight lens that is worth twice as much. Increases the light on the road 74 per cent. No glare. No dimming necessary.

Advertisement for Stop Wasting Man-Power: Stop Wasting Man-Power Use More Electricity THAT MAN who is habitually setting all expenses to the lowest mark and is making most profit without changing exorbitant prices.

Advertisement for The Cash Store: THE CASH STORE WE HAVE NO EQUAL! WE CASH COMES to supplying your home with all the delicacies of the season, that stock is always fresh and complete in all lines.

Advertisement for We Want That Fellow: We Want That Fellow Who cares about appearances. He is just the "boy" we want to cater to. In the laundering of summer wear we have no superiors—and few equals.

Advertisement for Roseburg Steam Laundry: ROSEBURG STEAM LAUNDRY PHONE 79 OUR AUTO WILL CALL

Advertisement for Would You Win the Daily Fight?: WOULD YOU WIN THE DAILY FIGHT? Drink our coffee, And start it right. THE BEE HIVE

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