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MUST CURB FOOD SPECULATION.

Consumers throughout the country are wondering where the Hoover system is going to carry them. Prices on all substitutes for fine wheat flour have been advanced to meet the "emergency". Corn, of which there was the greatest corp in the United States in 1917 that fondest dreams conjectured, has been boosted to a point where "corn pone" is almost prohibitive. The fish jugglers got on the job early in the game and meatless day was the signal for prices of the finny tribe going up at one bound to a pinacle where that food is a close running mate to breakfast bacon and other meats specified in the Hoover schedule. It does not cost any more to place fish on the market now than it did before the war. They are fed by the Almighty through natural agencies, but notwithstanding this fact the greedy fish trust has undertaken to enrich itself at the expense of an overburdened public. In New Jersey the state government is preparing to place a restraining hand on the fishing interests, so that the public may get relief and food products of the river and sea brought down to a reasonable basis. The Oregon food administration should hasten to do likewise. The fact of these greedy industries being allowed to bleed the consumer for all the traffic will bear is most discouraging and conducive to laxness in observing the food conservation plan advocated by the government. Consumers naturally resent such impositions, and expect the administration to give relief, and where the matter is allowed to go on and on without official authority being used to curb get-rich-quick schemes, become weary of a one-sided fight. The News suggests that the administration take immediate action to reduce the cost of Oregon fish, of which salmon is the chief, to a reasonable basis. Fresh salmon that sold in the open market at retail for 12 to 12½ cents a few months ago is not worth one fraction of a cent more now than then. Cured products, salmon, cod and others should be proportionately reduced.

Prices on cereals, rolled oats, corn meal and such products are scheduled for a big slump shortly after January 1, if market experts are correct. Owing to a big crop of these commodities a very small per cent of which is subject to exportation, a drop in prices is looked for, and regarding this matter, a New York paper, in an issue just received here, says:

"Consumers may not be aware that the new crop of food concentrates promises to be at least 20 per cent in excess of domestic requirements, and practically no cereal except wheat is being sent abroad. Corn will probably drop below a dollar by January, oats and barley take a proportionate slump. The trade is posted on this overbuild—knows that it can afford to retail products without profit for a few months, and by averaging seasonal costs still come out ahead on the fiscal year."

Fortunately, or perhaps it may be otherwise, the government makes no provision in the questionnaire for the exemption of poets from military duty. It is not known whether the administration's attention was called to this matter or not. It is barely possible that it was, but the president and General Crowder and all others having to do with this affair, thought the front line trenches an excellent place for poets, and so allowed them no exemption.

We can still be thankful though, possibly the worst is still to come. In Russia a single quart of milk costs $1.50 and a fellow writing to friends in Oregon states he paid $22.50 for the privilege of renting a horse and saddle for one day, while a night's lodging and three meals costs the insignificant sum of $24. Other alleged luxuries are proportionately as high—and then some.

Mother Jones, who is always facile with her language and emotions, remarks: "It is our duty to stand by the president in the crisis. Help the government now to lick the kaiser and then we'll lick the coal operators." This theory of duty before pleasure has its good points.

The "reds" in Russia are facing a food shortage. Having tried counterfeit money, they may import the same kind of food, such as sawdust bread.

LET US BE PATRIOTIC.

What relation has the $50,000 embodied in the budget to do with the next liberty loan, the next Red Cross drive and a dozen other war measures that may be proposed within the next twelve months? The money is already on hand to make the court house and jail work complete. The taxpayers are not going to "go down in their pockets" for any money to make these necessary improvements—not one red cent will be added to their taxes to carry out the proposed plans. This sum comes from the O. & C. land grant taxes. It is already on hand—no petitions are in circulation and there doesn't seem to be any great effort on foot to have the county court expend any of this money to buy liberty bonds, to assist in the great work of the Red Cross and other deserving war measures. Then why this dyspeptic howl about not spending the sum provided in the budget for legitimate improvements in our own home town and county? Some of the strongest opposition comes from men who would not invest ten cents in liberty bonds or any other cause to help the nation in this world-wide war were it not for fear of being exposed in their nefarious game and avaracious desire to get something for nothing. Still, when it comes to knocking down a deserving public improvement they would get under the apron of patriotism head and shoulders to accomplish their end.

If you want to talk patriotism do it in a way that savors of sincerity, don't try to camouflage the matter with a pretended desire to accomplish entirely different ends.

If you want to bring the $50,000 placed in the budget to where it will do the greatest good to the greatest number The News would favor matching the amount with another $50,000 and investing the whole cheese in liberty bonds. If the county court will take this action there will be some excuse for connecting up the expenditure of $50,000 "because we are at war" with the proposed improvements to the court house and jail. Otherwise we fail to see how one affects the other.

Tom Carlyle is authority for the assurance that a lie cannot live, but some of the made-in-Germany varieties were doing well at home resorts.

There is a physiological reason for the affinity between the cranberry and the turkey. But why bother with physiology when the colors blend so well?

Think of the enforced inquisitiveness of General Crowder, who must put his question to 9,000,000 men!

Los Angeles has gone dry, being convinced that its excellent climate is stimulant enough for its people.

When a man takes three spoonfuls of sugar for one cup of coffee, does he really love his country?

ALL HANDS JOIN ARMY; RESTAURANT CLOSED

Geo. Poatch, of the Royal Club Cafe, is looking for a good man and woman to take charge of his restaurant known as "George's Place," on lower Cass street. Three of his regular hands netting the "war bug" yesterday and have made arrangements to enlist in the service of Uncle Sam. This sudden determination on the part of Mr. Poatch's employees was the cause of this restaurant being closed this morning, the owner being unable to secure sufficient help to handle the business. Mr. Poatch says he will content himself for the present running the Royal Club in until such time as he can secure some one to permanently remain in charge of the other place.

AL. HENRICKSEN VISITS IN ROSEBURG TODAY

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. weather bureau, post office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending at 5 p. m. December 11, 1917.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths.

Highest temperature yesterday 47
Lowest temperature last night 36
Precipitation, last 24 hours 0
Total precipitation since 1st of month ..... .83
Normal precip. for this month 3.4
Total precipitation from September 1, 1917, to date 5.91
Average precipitation from September 1, 1877 ..... [illegible]
Total deficiency from September 1, 1917 ..... 7.76
Average precipitation for 40 wet seasons (Sept. to May, inclusive) 31.98

WILLIAM BELL,
Observer.

WOODSON MADDOX WRITES THE NEWS

Tells of Trip From California to Aviation Field at Long Island, N. Y.

NOT LEFT FOR FRANCE

Other Roseburg Boys However, Are Probably on Way Across the Waters—Glenn Eddings Has "Pulled Stakes."

125 Aero Squadron, Aviation Field No. 2, Garden City, Long Island, A. E. F., New York, Dec. 6, 1917.

Editor Evening News:

Just a few lines to let you know the former village "courthouse" is still alive but that is about all. We left San Diego, Calif., on November 26, and started on our trip across the continent. When we left San Diego we were 164 strong. This includes six officers and five hospital men. Our train was composed of nine cars, five Pullman cars, three baggage cars and one cook car.

We all fared in a great fashion. The food was more than could be expected on a troop train. It was practically the same as we received at North Island. There being nothing but body building and necessary food stuff, such as potatoes, beans, fresh meats, carrots, onions, bread, butter and coffee. Everything was cooked well and nothing was wasted.

In the towns of any size or importance we visited there was always a warm welcome awaiting us. In Needles, Calif., we were given a banquet which started our trip out in a great style. In Kansas City we were given sweaters, toilet articles and many useful articles. In St. Louis we were treated to a supper which surely made us all homesick. In Post Jervis, New York, we were given tobacco and magazines. Believe me it all helped and was certainly appreciated by all of us.

The climate here is just the opposite from what it is in California. Instead of the sun shining and it being nice and warm it is very cold and is raining very hard. During the day it rains and when evening comes on it begins to freeze and when we get up in the morning everything is frozen hard and solid. We are all near about dead with bad colds and sore throats.

I would tell you all about Long Island, but our letters are all censored, so you would not receive that part of it if I did write it.

Glenn Eddings, a Roseburg boy who stuck out here up until a few days ago, but his signature very suddenly disappeared. Go where no one knows and would not tell if they did know. Bill Dolan is here in camp some place, but so far I have been unable to locate him, but I certainly hope to in the near future. Milton Hooks is here with the 162nd Oregon, but he is not anywhere near "Soup."

As it is time for parade (11 o'clock noon time here) I must close.

WOODSON MADDOX.

MEMBERS K. OF P. LODGE SUTHERLIN LAST NIGHT

Quite a delegation of Knights of Pythias, members of the Knights of Pythias were visiting brothers from Roseburg last night when the Knights of Pythias lodge at Sutherlin conferred the rank of knight upon a number of candidates. A large number of members with their families came down from Roseburg in a special car and it was late in the morning when they got home to place their tired bodies between the sheets. Those who went down from Roseburg were: W. A. Goad, L. A. Harris, A. [illegible], Walter Chanler, [illegible], McCormick, Attorney Reeves, [illegible] and T. [illegible] and W. [illegible] presiding.

MASQUERADE BALL.

A masquerade dance will be held at Looking Glass Hall on Wednesday evening, December 19. Everybody invited. Come masked. Good music. Good time. [illegible]

LODGE DIRECTORY.

I. O. O. F., Fulton Encampment No. 9. Meets in Odd Fellows' Temple every Thursday evening. Visiting brethren always welcome.
K. H. PICKENS, C. P.
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JAMES EWART, P. S.

A. F. & A. M., Laurel Lodge No. 13. Regular communications first and fourth Wednesdays each month at Masonic Temple, Roseburg, Ore. Visitors welcome.
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WOMEN OF WOODCRAFT. Lilac Circle No. 49.—Meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday evening of each month at Odd Fellows' hall. Visiting members in good standing are invited to attend.
DORA GILBERT, G. N.
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O. E. S., Roseburg Chapter No. 8.—Holds their regular meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month. Visiting members in good standing are respectfully invited to attend.
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FREE JOHNSON, Sec'y.

R. A. M.—M. Noble Homestead No. 1828 meets at Masonic hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Visitors welcome.
E. R. PERRINE, P. M.
C. W. CLOAKE, Sec.

I. O. O. F., Rising Star Lodge No. 171 meets in the Odd Fellows' Temple every Friday evening. Visiting brethren always welcome.
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CARL W. OHMAN, Rec. Sec.
M. FICKLE, P. S.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, Oak Camp No. 127.—Meets in the Odd Fellows' hall in Roseburg every 1st and 3rd Monday evenings. Visiting neighbors always welcome.
J. M. THRONE, C. C.
M. M. MILLER, Clerk.

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REBEKAHS. Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F. Meets in Odd Fellows' Temple every Tuesday evening. Visiting sisters and brothers invited to attend.
MRS. IDA TURNELL, N. G.
MRS. THERE JOHNSON, Sec.
MRS. FLOSSIE HEMPHREY, F. S.

B. P. O. ELKS, Roseburg Lodge, No. 326.—Holds regular communications at the Elks Temple on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. All members requested to attend regularly, and all visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend.
CARL E. WIMBERLY, E. R.
IRA B. RIDDLE, Sec'y.

EAGLES, Roseburg Aerie No. 1724 meets in their hall on Jackson St. on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers in good standing always welcome.
J. C. KOUNS, W. P.
B. F. GOODMAN, W. Sec.
Phone 183.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE, Roseburg Lodge No. 1037. Meets Monday evenings of each week, at 8 o'clock, in Masonic hall. All visiting brothers in good standing always welcome.
W. J. MOORE, Dictator.
H. O. PARKER, Secretary.

I. O. O. F., Pilot Rock Lodge No. 8. Meets in Odd Fellows' Temple, corner Jackson and Cass sts., on Mondays evening of each week. Visiting brothers in good standing always welcome.
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[illegible] Christmas morning, [illegible]

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[illegible] all this wonderful array of talent [illegible] at Christmas time—and

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