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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1917.

WHY THE OPPOSITION?

The taxpayers' meeting yesterday demonstrated where the fight against the timber cruise and court house propositions had its source. While only ten thousand dollars were asked for in the budget for beginning the work of placing timber lands on an equity with farm holdings, and \$50,000 for the court house, the big end of the opposition took issue with the first item. The entire morning session, with a representative of the Roach Timber Co. in the chair, was directed against any appropriation for cruising the timber, and much time and argument devoted to showing how badly used the timber barons are! Considerable oratory of the afternoon followed the same channel. If, as was contended by interested parties, that a cruise would not raise timber land ratings on the assessment rolls, why, is asked, was such a strenuous fight put up against having such properties cruised? It is not the desire of the court or the farming population to make timber holders pay more than their share, but to have experts cruise the forests and place thereon equitable values. It would appear to any disinterested parties that this is the only way to properly handle this very important matter. The News believes that the farming interests and city small taxpayers will, upon reflection over this situation, come to see the thing in its true light, and then a demand will come to have the cruise made. It may be accepted as an indisputable fact that the big timber concerns are not opposing the cruise of their holdings the farmer and city taxpayers. That simply because they want to protect is not human nature nor the way of capital. Because, if, as was contended by some of the speakers, a cruise would lower the assessment values on timber, there would have been no organized fight to prevent the work. Right the opposite. Those various interests would stand shoulder to shoulder and insist that the county appropriate money for the work. Can any reasonable taxpayer doubt this truth?

DON'T FORGET YOUR BOY.

A soldier now in France has written to the Woman's Home Companion and he says in the January number:

"When the ordinary person is away from home for any extended period he is sure to have an attack, severe or slight, of that commonest of diseases, homesickness. And how far is France from here, and what a new and unfamiliar land it is to most of us! But the country will not be half so strange as the mode of living. The majority of us will live day in and day out in the trenches—large cavernous, interminable ditches, where it is always half dark and often cold and damp. There will be none of the comforts of our homes. There will be long, sleepless, watchful nights followed by monotonous hours of daytime. Occasionally there will be an unexpected attack or a charge 'over the top,' and after hours of fighting there will come a heavy, overpowering weariness. What will be the thoughts of your boy at such times? Quite naturally his mind

will turn back to his home, his parents, his friends, his sweet heart, the beloved scenes and habits that, as he lies somewhere on the vast lonely battlefield, seem so far away and so dear to him. "So far but one proven remedy for nostalgia has been found. This is the letter from home. It creates the impression that home is not so distant, after all, and the reader's imagination makes much out of a few simple, sincere lines written in the familiar, beloved style of the writer. "Exaggerated as the statement may seem, I believe this war may be won largely by successful letter-writing on the part of the women at home. In proof of this I could describe scores of incidents that took place during the period of the first officers' training camp at Leon Springs, Texas, this last summer. Men, older men, as well as very young fellows, who were a little more than a hundred miles from their homes would stampede the mail orderlies daily. At noon, when the letters and papers were brought down from the postoffice, little excited mobs would gather within two minutes at the distributing points in the squad rooms. One could tell by the smiles and the frowns who was getting the mail and who was not. When a hardworking student-officer suffered from a particularly severe attack of the blues, his companions usually knew he had not heard from home for several days."

We want to compliment the censors on duty in Siberia. Nicholas Romanoff was recaptured three times last week without an account of how it was done getting into the newspapers.

We have been tolerant with the kaiser while he has been posing as the direct representative of "Gott," but we denounce his nefarious scheme to assume the role of Santa Claus.

The thing that has astonished the kaiser is the distance from Berlin to Paris and the horrible condition of the roads.

We are assured by a local butcher that he will be entirely within the law if we serve spare-ribs on meatless days.

PRICE SPRUCE BOOSTED TO HASTEN PRODUCTION

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—Within a few hours of his announcement that \$85 per thousand would be paid for airplane spruce, properly cut by farmers or others who enter the business of helping the government obtain this timber, Colonel Brice P. Disque of the spruce production division, raised the price to \$90 and in an effort further to speed up production, announced that several bonuses will be paid. A bonus of \$40 per thousand for spruce accepted up to January 31, 1918 and of \$30 for that accepted up to February 28, were announced.

The government will contract with any reputable person or company to purchase all the rived spruce they produce for a period of eighteen months, Col. Disque announced.

NEW DEAN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AT O. A. C.

(By Associated Press.) CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 21.—H. P. Barrows, specialist connected with the United States bureau of education, has been appointed professor of agricultural education at the Oregon Agricultural College. He is a graduate of the Utah Agricultural College and the University of California. He has specialized in agricultural work in California and Utah for a number of years and is the author of numerous government bulletins including a course in secondary agricultural education for the southern states.

CHICKEN FAT is often wasted. The French Housewife thinks it is the finest shortening for cakes. Image of a woman in a kitchen.

RED CROSS TURKEY RAFFLED TONIGHT

The Red Cross turkey which has been on display for the past week in the window at the headquarters on Jackson street is to be raffled this evening at 7:30 in the lobby of the Umpqua hotel and exactly \$101.50 had been realized at a late hour this afternoon from the sale of tickets. Some lucky Roseburgers will hold the winning number tonight when the drawing is made and King Turkey will make his supreme sacrifice for the sake of the Red Cross by landing in the center of some lucky citizen's table on Christmas day.

The king of birds is a beauty—a thoroughbred of the Australian Red variety, and was donated by Mrs. Robert McLaughlin of South Deer Creek, the proceeds of the tickets are to be placed to the credit of the local Red Cross organization. A great deal of interest has been taken in the Red Cross turkey and he has been viewed by hundreds of admirers since his sojourn in the show window. Because of his seeming pride and willingness to sacrifice at being able to offer his life for the cause, he has inspired many to purchase tickets and the drawing promises to be tremendously exciting this evening.

IMPROVEMENT CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS 1918

A pleasant and interesting afternoon was enjoyed by all the members of the Garden Valley Improvement Society on last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Jack Parrott, it being the last meeting of the year, and every one present had a delightful time. New officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. Hugh Ritchie; vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Tooley; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Fred Parrott.

A committee was appointed to assist in the work of establishing a voting precinct in Garden Valley, and various other items of interest were discussed during the meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring president, Mrs. W. D. Hess. Her work in the club as leader for the past two years has been highly commendable.

After the meeting every one's interest was centered on a beautifully decorated Xmas tree, each guest finding a present on same with a number attached corresponding to one drawn. A dainty three course luncheon was served during the afternoon by the hostess, Mrs. Parrott, and Mrs. Hanna, consisting of salad sandwiches, cake and coffee.

The next meeting will be held January 3, at Mrs. W. L. Martin's home. Mrs. Niday will assist in entertaining.

BORN. WALKER—To Mr. and Mrs. Vante Walker, on December 19, a daughter. CHRISTMAS IS OBSERVED IN SCHOOLS

Christmas was observed in the schools today with a number of programs and Christmas trees. The Rose and Benson schools held their programs this afternoon, while the Riverside program will be given tonight. The high schools also held an impromptu program this afternoon. A number of musical selections

JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW! Image of a Red Cross logo.

OUT WORKING FOR HIS HOME TOWN

L. J. Simpson, who returned last night from Portland said that while there he made an effort to secure a couple of new industries for Coos Bay, says the Coos Bay Times.

One was that of the Sandifer Construction Corporation which has just received a contract for ten 3,000-ton steel vessels for the government. It will employ between 3,000 and 4,000 men.

While he received no assurances of being able to land it, he presented a written proposition regarding sites and other inducements that Coos Bay has to offer. One drawback is the shortage of houses but Mr. Simpson guaranteed this would be met by the time the plant would be ready to operate. Vancouver is trying strongly to land it.

Mr. Simpson also conferred with the projectors of another industrial plant and has strong hopes of landing it. He cannot give out any details now.

RECEIVES COMMISSION IN THE NAVY

Word was received in Roseburg yesterday that Harold Dumbleton, son of L. G. Dumbleton, of Winchester, has received his commission as ensign in the navy. Mr. Dumbleton is stationed at Fortress Monroe, Va., having enlisted in the navy immediately after war was declared. He is well known in this city, having attended school here for a number of years.

Why should big bets always be made in a meat shop?

Image of a man holding a large steak. Text: Because the meat man is such a good steak holder.

It's a safe bet that no shop holds better steaks than our. We don't hold them long. All wagers are quickly settled and the steaks promptly delivered to the pleased winners. You can bet on our steaks every time.

Economy Market

STOP AT THE GRAND HOTEL CASS STREET ROSEBURG

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Douglas County. In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret L. Estep, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator with will annexed has filed in above court his account in final settlement thereof and the said Court has fixed the 21st day of January, 1918, at 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day to hear objections, if any, to said final account and the settlement of said estate.

Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this 12th day of December, 1917. M. L. WEBB.

Administrator with Will annexed of estate of Margaret L. Estep, Deceased. j10

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The Last Call On Dolls! From this date on until Christmas we will give a special 25 per cent discount on any Doll in our big stock. Don't Let the Little Girl Go Without Her New Doll For Christmas. ROSEBURG BOOK STORE

When You Have a Jumping Tooth Ache You Have Our Sympathy. Economy Market. STOP AT THE GRAND HOTEL. Nathan Fullerton, Perkins Building.

After All Has Been Said and Done, the Great Unloading Sale. Has proved a peer to all sales. You are now convinced that you can buy here for less. This is the last week to enjoy the Savings so come here. BELLOWS STORE CO.

Have the Roseburg Furniture Company Send Your Christmas Phonograph Home NOW! Or We Will Deliver Later As Desired. Victrola Outfit \$89.50. Grafonola Outfit \$104. Roseburg Furniture Company

A W-W-W Ring for Christmas. A ring is a heart gift and it must be selected with care. This is a task for the head. The selection of a W-W-W ring shows that the brain as well as the heart has been at work. W-W-W rings are of real worth. They are honestly and artistically put together. In artistic beauty—in solidity of workmanship—in enduring qualities—they have no equal. In selling these masterpieces of the jeweler's art we know what we are selling. In design and workmanship they are the equal of far costlier rings. And besides, in they are substantially guaranteed against staining troubles—loss, loosening or cracking. If this occurs we will replace them absolutely free of charge. A. S. HUEY COMPANY Leading Jewelers.