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Congress is doing business on a billion dollar scale every year. The great difficulty is that the treasury deficit is increasing rapidly.

Only a week until Christmas Eve. As usual, the occasion will be observed with appropriate exercises, trees, etc., in nearly all the Roseburg churches.

No use to mention bad roads—they speak for themselves. There are 25 road districts in this county which are preparing to have good roads before another winter, and the other districts will doubtless soon fall in line.

GOING TOO SWIFT A PACE.

There ought to be a moral in the report of the secretary of the treasury. The deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30 last was \$58,000,000. It is one of the greatest in the history of the nation. Yet it is estimated that the deficit for 1909 will far surpass it, amounting to the unprecedented total of \$114,000,000. Nor is this all. The estimate for 1910, without taking into account possible loss of revenue from tariff reductions, is placed at the great total of \$143,000,000. From the standpoint of business it is a bankrupt proposition. The moral of it is that those who are conducting things are plunging. They are in a career of high finance that must be checked or affairs be turned over to a receiver. Otherwise than in government this national balance sheet with the balance on the wrong side of the ledger would be the signal for reduction of expenditures. That is the course suggested by reason as well as by business.

Our business management has been such that we have already reached the point where indirect taxation, graft and bad government cost every head of a family in the nation \$200 per year. On the average man every added Dreadnaught costing \$10,000,000 levies a toll. Every one of the ninety odd thousand federal employees put on the government salary rolls in the last four years levies a toll on him. All the thousands of governmental schemes of exploitation, costing tons of money, are a tax on his toll, his time and his talent. All this is a reason, and a vital one, for cutting government expenditures. The cost of living in this country has reached a point where wages, toll and vital forces are swallowed up in the struggle to merely exist, all due to indirect taxation, graft and the lapses of bad government. These are reasons enough for a reduction of government expenditures, by dismissal of an army of needless officials and a stay in building the armaments of an impossible war. If these, however, are not reasons enough to convince congress then the national balance sheet with its deficits, present and to come, should present the moral in the good old logic of eventuating bankruptcy.—Journal.

THE DAIRY CONVENTION.

The large attendance, the marked interest and the general trend of events at the state dairy convention held at Salem last week augurs well for the future prosperity of the dairy industry of Oregon. It was a representative attendance of men and women connected with all the various departments of the industry who take a broad view of the situation and realize that for its ultimate success

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each phase of the business must bear its share of the burden. Conditions must be right all along the line from the first steps in production to the delivery of the finished product to the consumer. The fact that cream is scarce and the demand great for butter, is no excuse for the dairyman to take advantage of the creameryman's dependent condition and deliver cream to him that is so filthy or so old and acid that it not only will not make good butter itself but will so contaminate his whole batch of cream that none of his butter can be of first grade.

the statute books and properly enforced will do much to advance the dairy interests of the state. No honest dairyman can object to the passage and enforcement of the proposed law and no legislator or tax payer should oppose the small appropriation asked for to support inspection and dairy testing associations.—Portland Rural Spirit.

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FINCH AND FISHER FOUGHT.

Two Men Watched Struggle From a Room in Another Building.

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 16.—Attorney C. H. Piggott, counsel for James A. Finch, who is charged with the murder of Ralph B. Fisher, this afternoon filed in the Circuit Court a motion asking for an order from the court requiring the appearance of H. J. Walls and C. M. Kissinger, of Eugene, as witnesses for the defense. In an affidavit filed by Piggott in connection with the motion, Piggott declares that Walls and Kissinger will testify that on the afternoon of November 28, the day Finch shot down Fisher, they were standing across the street opposite the windows of Fisher's private office; that they chanced to look up at the windows and saw Finch and Fisher struggling back and forth in front of the window. They will also swear, says the affidavit, that they saw Finch with his back to the window and with hands and arms extended; that later they heard the shots fired. Walls and Kissinger are further expected to testify that they recognized the defendant, whom they have known for many years. They will swear as to the scuffling which took place for some time while Finch and Fisher were in the range of their vision.

Arthur C. Spencer, associate counsel for the Harriman system in this territory, will be associated with District Attorney Cameron in the prosecution of Finch. Mr. Spencer will appear as special prosecutor for the state in this case at the request of District Attorney Cameron. Mr. Spencer was formerly Deputy District Attorney under John Manning.

VOICE OF PRESS ASTOUNDING.

New York Evening Sun, (rep.) The 1908 returns from the voters of the United States show more clearly than they ever did that the American people have learned to declare their wishes and purposes at the polls with distinctness and emphasis. There can be no doubt, for example, that a majority of the people of Indiana wanted Taft for president. Shall the congressional returns which changed the Hoosier delegation from nine republicans and four democrats to 11 democrats and four republicans be upset therefore? How about Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio and other states which picked and chose among the republican and the democratic candidates?

As to the unsoundness of the Oregon argument in morals there can be no question whatever. The choice of Chamberlain for senator, and the selection of candidates for the legislature which was ratified by it, were made in accordance with a primary law which was designed to effect practical election of United States senators by the voters of the state. That the primary law has not worked satisfactorily from the beginning does not mitigate for a moment the ideas immortalized in the proposal now mooted that the legislature shall not keep faith with the people. So immoral is it indeed as to evoke astonishment at the condition of public sentiment which would tolerate its projection even.

Senator-elect Albert Abraham is preparing to apply to Governor Chamberlain for a pardon for George Green, who was sentenced in the circuit court here in April, 1907, to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses. Green passed one of those \$10 Georgia State bank bills, issued before the war, upon a drain store-keeper in payment for some articles, worth a dollar in value, and received legal money in exchange. Having other genuine money on his person, Green reimbursed the store-keeper for his loss, after being brought to Roseburg, but this did not exempt him from the penalty of the law. Green comes of a good family. His brother is a prominent lawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the New York legislature and chairman of its committee on general laws. He has provided the necessary funds to defray the expense of his brother's return to Brooklyn in the event of his pardon, and Mr. Abraham hopes to secure this in time to enable the man to reach home by Christmas.

VERY FINE RECIPE.

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More people succumb each year to some form of kidney trouble than any other cause. The slightest form of kidney derangement often develops into Bright's disease, diabetes or dropsy. When either of these diseases are suspected the sufferer should at once seek the best medical attention possible. Consult only a good, first-class physician.

There are many of the lesser symptoms of kidney trouble which can be treated at home as stated by a well-known authority. For some of these, such as backache, pain in the region of the kidneys, weak bladder, frequency, (especially at night) painful scalding and other urinary troubles, try the following simple home remedy: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. These simple ingredients are harmless and can be obtained at any good prescription pharmacy and anyone can mix them by shaking well in a bottle. The dose for adults is a teaspoonful after each meal and again at bedtime.

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