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The schools of La Grande are to be congratulated on their excellent record made recently in unexpected fire drills. They were emptied in less than a half minute. This shows careful attention to detail on the part of the superintendent, principals and teachers, and discipline on the part of the boys and girls. When you stop to think of it, are there not a great many things in this world that deserve praise and commendation? Isn't it a good habit to acquire to mingle praise with blame, to search out some worthy institution and to give it its just due?

As a part of the national theatre drive, the theatres of this city have donated their houses free Friday afternoon to the Red Cross. It is hoped that these matinees will be the largest theater parties of the season.

Uncle Sam isn't worrying about the patriotism of the Boy Scouts and his schoolboys and girls. Our schools are the fountain head of our national spirit.

It is not always true that people wait until after their friends are dead to send them flowers. Some get them while they are living.

General Haig will fight it out on the present lines if it takes all winter.

LUMBERMEN PLAN TO INCREASE SPRUCE OUTPUT

Conference Held at Portland Will Map Out Intensified Campaign.

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—The intensified campaign to increase the output of airplane spruce will be mapped out here tonight. Exact specifications for rived spruce will probably be issued tomorrow.

Representative loggers and lumbermen and committees representing the Washington Employers association and other organizations arrived here today to attend a conference with Colonel Bruce P. Dieque, of the United States signal corps tonight. Plans to stimulate production, eliminate waste of timber, secure more men, especially highly trained woodsmen and loggers and the government specifications will be discussed.

It is known here that the government is not yet securing the quantity of high grade spruce that it desires, although the production has been greatly increased. Colonel Dieque believes that with further organization and more determined efforts the northwest can turn out all the spruce the government needs without going to Alaska, as has been planned. Alaskan spruce is not as high class as the Oregon and Washington spruce because of the low growth of limbs which makes much of the lumber knotty.

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—With gay plumage that still hints of youth, a Black Sumatra cock, aged 27 years, is entered in the Oregon Poultry and Pigeon Stock association's show here today. The old bird, the property of Mount Angel college, is in the best of health.

PERSONAL MENTION

E. Z. Heringer returned last night from a business trip to Enterprise.

Mrs. Millard Stearns of Union is in town today.

Agnes Biedler is in town shopping today from Casey.

W. P. Emmett, representing the Woodward Clark Drug Co., of Portland, is transacting business in town today.

M. K. Sprinkle, representing Rasmussen & Co., of Portland, is in town today on business and is registered at the Somner.

Albert Hensinger of Chicago is registered at the Somner today.

John Parrot, representing the Blake-McFall Co., of Portland, is transacting business in town today.

H. Mitchell of the Standard Oil Co. is in town today.

A. L. Ivers of the Lucky Strike Tobacco Co. is in town on business.

WAR COSTS WILL REACH VAST SUM.

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of the council of national defense \$500,000.

The war department, including \$8,668,000,000 for war purposes, requires \$8,893,850,000; rivers and harbors, \$35,800,000, while the navy establishment requires a total of \$1,466,150,000, including \$1,300,000,000 for war purposes, and \$295,000,000 for a new building program.

For the fiscal year 1919 the grand total estimated receipts are \$5,176,000,450, while the disbursements include:

Civil establishment, \$1,281,124,000; war department, \$9,948,632,000, including \$9,512,272,000 for war purposes and \$24,000,000 for rivers and harbors; navy department, \$816,374,000, including \$613,000,000 for war purposes, and \$206,140,000 for navy building program.

Shipping board costs for 1919 are placed at \$899,517,500, and the council of national defense at \$900,000.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

November 28, 1917.

To the Honorable Commission, City of La Grande, Oregon.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report for the past week.

Fire chief reports no fires for the week ending November 25. Fire Marshal Harvey Wells inspected the fire department, also watched fire drills in the public schools. Pronounced the work in the fire department satisfactory.

Fire Chief Mackey has offered his resignation, to take effect December 5.

Report of chief of police shows seven arrests for the week: five for disorderly conduct, one arrest for the state, and one for traffic violation. Number of convictions, five; number paroled, five; amount of fines and forfeitures, \$2.50. Number of tickets out for the week, five.

Street and water superintendent reports expense for the two departments for the week, \$146.39, of which \$100.97 is charged to the water department and \$45.25 to be charged to the street department.

The relaying of the pipeline across the river at North Alder street has been completed.

The water superintendent, City Engineer Dan Tanner and the manager of the Beaver Creek last Sunday inspected the flow of the creek. We discovered the amount of water to be very limited. At the Beaver Creek intake there was sufficient water to about half fill the pipe. The pipe at this point is 14 inches in diameter. At the Beaver Creek reservoir the flow was sufficient to fill the 39-inch pipe running through the dam about one foot deep. We examined the pipeline in a number of places by boring holes in the pipe, and found that the pipe was not full. The same was true at the Coal Creek line. The water in this line at the point where the pipe is six inches in diameter was about two inches deep in the pipe.

The water superintendent has made a temporary dam in the bed of Beaver Creek at a point about 100 yards below the junction of the Beaver Creek and Coal Creek pipelines, and has constructed a flume about 150 feet long, connecting with the Beaver Creek pipeline, whereby he is able to pick up the greater portion of the water seeping through the intake dam and deliver it into the pipeline. Just how much water we have gained by this, I am unable to state, as at this time Mr. Hoyt has not returned.

It is evident that Beaver Creek is not furnishing sufficient water for the city's use, therefore we have ordered the railroad company to discontinue the use of city water.

A plan that I will offer for your consideration to remedy the present situation is as follows: Install a pumping plant at the site of the original plant near the river. This will enable us to take the water out of the river at a point where the irrigation ditch now leaves the river and above the present Palmer Mill flume. This plant need not be large, as Beaver Creek supplies the greater part of the water necessary for the city. I have assurances from the city council at Island City that arrangements can be made whereby we can have the use of the Island City fire pump and motor. The pump is capable of throwing 240,000 gallons per 8 hours. The Light Company offered to furnish the current for this at a cost of \$176.50 per month. This, plus the cost of a man, will make the cost to the city for the extra service approximately \$200.00 per month. If it become necessary we could run the pump longer hours and get additional water.

The O. W. R. & N. Co. paid the city, for October, \$354.45. Therefore you will note that the railroad company's check would more than take care of the additional expense.

As per advice of City Physician Richardson, I would suggest that, by reason of the fact that there may be a necessity for using river water for



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See our display and ask us about them. All sizes, and prices from \$4.90 up.

Let Us Play Santa Claus
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NEW FURS Just Arrived
Some of you have been waiting for this for opportunity. We have just received several new sets to show you. Here are some of the new ones: American Cat Lynx, Red Fox, Black Fox, Raccoon, Opossum, Red Coney, Black Coney, Kit Coney, Hudson Seal and Muskrat. Many others, and separate scarfs and muffa of every kind. A great variety in prices. WE INVITE YOU TO INSPECTION OF THESE FURS. We also have many children's sets in plain and novelty. Prices, \$2.50 up to \$12.00.

NEW TODAY
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SINGER SEWING MACHINE Agency is now with Coolidge Paint Store. Singer machines for sale. New machines rented. Phone Main 7. R. Woolsey, Agent. 12-5-11.
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Rippling Rhymes
By WALT MASON
Three-Cent Stamps
The three-cent stamp is lavender; my aunt admires the hue, although it nearly spavined her, surrendering the two. Its back has costly maulage, and that will make it stick; I find it, in this crucial age, a tasty thing to lick. I'm tired of licking travelers who'd sell me books and lamps, and darners, knitters, ravelers—I'd rather lick some stamps. The three-cent stamp is beautiful, much smoother than the two; I feel I'm acting dutiful when I buy up a few. I send my junk to editors with stamps that please the eye, and stand-off notes to creditors which make them shed a sigh. The two-cent stamp was hideous, it broke the highbrow's heart; it had effect insidious upon our native art. From vandals and barbarians its hue was handed down; for red is for vulgarians who like to paint the town. But lavender's luxurious, a tint for the elect, and it will make us furious to quit it, I expect. (Copyright 1917 by George Matthew Adams.)

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Table with financial data including receipts, disbursements, and total amounts.

Margery Wilson in Triangle play, "Mountain Dew." Star, Thursday and Friday