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COUNTY CANNOT CONTRACT.

It was left to George Brown, attorney-general for Oregon, to delve deep into the musty paragraphs of the statutes and find that counties are not allowed to contract to do road work for the state. There is probably a way around the law. Work may be done and the state billed direct for such work, much as beer is sold in some prohibition states and labeled hop tea, but the county court of Union, finding that the attorney-general's opinion here directly upon the Minam road and the Telocaset road, refused to proceed with any camouflage whatsoever. Although the county had agreed with the state highway commission to do the work for a certain price and material and equipment had been purchased, it was deemed advisable to follow the letter as well as the spirit of the law, and therefore the state was handed back its order for the work and is now doing the road building under its own account.

In a way this is wrong, for every county court knows better than state officers the local conditions; knows where to obtain labor and how to obtain it locally, is familiar with the ground to be worked and a number of other details which do not fall to the lot of men who are not residents of the community.

But law is law and the county court of Union county showed good judgment when it refused to proceed with the work after the attorney-general had rendered his opinion.

THE WHEAT SITUATION.

The government is nothing more than an individual firm or corporation, except that it is a great deal larger than any firm or corporation has grown to be. When it said to the farmers it would buy wheat at a certain price, like the individual, it meant it would do its best to secure transportation for the wheat. At present it has failed. The reason is that ships must be loaded with guns and munitions to supply Pershing's men on the west front, and are therefore diverted from the wheat trade. How long this condition will prevail the government does not know.

Yes, the wheat will be bought at the government price some time, but just when it is impossible to say.

Probably this is a good lesson, for too many people had labored under the idea that the government was all-powerful and could do anything. It cannot. It can only do what its great power permits, and when that is exhausted it is as helpless as the individual firm. And this is true in war. Simply because the government proclaims

a thing and does not accomplish that thing, it is then up to the people, which are the government, to do the very thing which leaders have asked. If once it could be understood that the United States is but a bundle of switches, each switch being an American citizen, and the strength of that bundle depending upon the strength of each switch, we would all hear less talk about "what the government should do."

On every hand one hears "there ought to be a law" for this and that. Law is no good without the people behind it. Public sentiment is largely law the world over.

So, when the United States government said to the Grande Ronde farmer it would buy his wheat, for so much money, it meant every word of it, but it also meant that the government would do the best it could to market that wheat—to get it to where it could be used.

In this the government has failed and there is nothing to do but to hold the wheat. It will work a hardship in many cases, for every wheat crop is garnered with indebtedness and debts have to be met promptly. If you are in this condition bite your lips and say: "My government tried, but it was physically impossible to carry out its agreement on time. I will wait and wait patiently until the ships carry sufficient ammunition to the boys to whip the Hun and then there will be bottoms to handle my wheat."

THE DREADED DISEASE.

Do not treat Spanish influenza lightly. It is a dreaded disease. It has shown it can cross a continent with almost lightning express speed and therefore there is no community, no matter how remote, that is proof against infection. Be ready for the monster when it comes. Be ready to do exactly what the Red Cross organization asks you to do, no matter how much it inconveniences you or yours, for remember, there are others in the world besides yourself.

The treatment of this disease is yet in its infancy. No one knows, not even physicians, what is the best thing to do when it comes, but the experiences of other communities will be used and there will be well-established precedents to follow.

Be ready, and don't whine when orders are issued.

"THE CREDITORS."

(This poem was written by R. Mill Oliver, a late lieutenant in the Australian Imperial Forces, who was wounded at Passchendaele in October, 1917, and has just been discharged by reason of his wounds. He is now in San Francisco, en route to his home in Australia.)

Each mother's son, who has given his life,
 In Freedom's fight over there,
 Each wooden cross that points to the sky,
 Demands that you do your share.
 Each Belgian babe that has lost its home,
 The fatherless, motherless, too,
 Cry for succor, but not in vain,
 For their cries are heard by you.

Each tender nurse, who mothers us
 Back to strength and health again,
 Can't work alone, she needs your help,
 Though far from the field of pain.
 Each dawn that rises, sees on the tape,
 Your sons, waiting the word to go,
 And when the barrage thunders down
 They have never faltered or gone too slow.

So each over here can do a share,
 Though not in an active way,
 Just buy a bond and help to drive
 To his den, the world's beast of prey.

Drive him to his den and across the door,
 The stone of Liberty roll,
 And blot out the name that has blood-stained
 Civilization's sacred scroll.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Rees left yesterday afternoon by automobile for Walla Walla, where they will spend a few days and from there they will drive to Grant county, where Mr. Rees will inspect a ranch which he contemplates purchasing.

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OLIVER KILLS A 300 POUND BEAR

BOX SOCIAL AT PLEASANT GROVE A SUCCESS.

Summerville Ladies Give Big Linen Shower On Behalf Of The Red Cross.

SUMMERVILLE, Oct. 10.—(Special.)—Bear seem to be quite plentiful. Bert Oliver having trapped and killed one weighing 300 lbs. The bear was trapped in Emma Hug's orchard.

The eldest son of Dr. Murchison is suffering from a broken arm, which occurred while hauling hay last week.

Mrs. Roy Spencer, who has been visiting relatives here, has gone to Eugene, where she will attend the U. of O.

W. N. Park, Clifton Wagoner, Press Pugh and Chas. Oswald have returned from a fishing trip to Salmon river. They report a good time.

Mrs. Ed. Combs' mother, whom she had not seen for 27 years, is now visiting her from Oakland, Calif. Mrs. Combs' mother is accompanied by her daughter and niece.

Mrs. Clifton Wagoner and daughters, Verda and Lucille, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Niederer, north of town.

Walter Woodell and Pete Irvin have received notice to appear before the examining board in the next few days. Both were in the last draft.

H. H. Hug and family are expecting to leave soon for Astoria, where they will spend the winter.

The thrashing machines are laid off on account of heavy rains.

The box social held at Pleasant Grove last Friday night was quite a success.

There will be a chicken pie supper given in the Red Cross hall on October 12, the proceeds to go for the benefit of the Red Cross. Every one is most cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Long and father and mother motored to Cove last Sunday and spent the day.

Mrs. William West and daughter Lola, spent Monday visiting Mrs. Earle Park.

Mrs. T. A. Choate is now on the sick list.

A linen shower given for the Red Cross was held at the home of Wm. Baker, Thursday. An all day meeting was held and a luncheon was served at noon. Mrs. Earl Park, Mrs. Henry Fries, Mrs. Wm. Baker and Mrs. Wayne Park being on the serving committee. The proceeds are to be used in buying sheets to be sent to the hospitals in France. About 200 napkins and handkerchiefs were made and other linen received. Those present were Mrs. A. E. Lannan, Clare Hamilton, Myra McKenzie, Mrs. Henry Fries, Mrs. Jas. Lewis, Mrs. Mollie McDowell, Mrs. Wm. Eubanks, Mrs. Edille Hudson, Mrs. Miles Woodell, Mrs. V. E. Long, Mrs. Jno. Akred, Mrs. Wm. Cantrell, Mrs. S. N. Smith, Mrs. Elmer Baker, Mrs. Carl Cowan, Mrs. Harvey Fritzell, Mary Woodell, Mrs. Wayne Fritzell, Mrs. Mattie Fritzell, Mrs. Jno. Wagoner and Mrs. Hattie McWilliams, of Calif.

Jack Newell and Wallace Irwin motored to La Grande Saturday evening.

Miss Marcia Becker and Walter Woodell were La Grande visitors on Saturday evening.

Miss Mabel Hug returned to her home at Pumpkin Ridge last Tuesday, having been staying with her aunt, Mrs. Will Sion this summer. Harry Sanderson was a La Grande visitor on Saturday evening.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park, Mr. Charles Sanderson, Miss Ida West (of La Grande), Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Wagoner and son Carol, Burt Oliver and family, Stuart San-

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erson and D. L. Sanderson and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodell and enjoyed a bountiful chicken dinner.

TELLS FARMERS TO HOLD WHEAT

HOOVER SAYS THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR PANIC.

Grain Ships Displaced For Ships Carrying Munitions—Patience Only Is Now Required.

"Farmers, hold your wheat, and do not sell below the government price," is the advice given out to Oregon farmers by the state food administrator.

In a telegram from Herbert Hoover, national food administrator, he asks for widest publicity to the fact that enlarged demands by General Pershing for material resulting from the progress on the western front of our armies and those of our allies has necessitated the temporary diversion of grain ships to his service, which for the time being will curtail the wheat movement from seaboard, but which should not cause farmers to become "panicky" and sell their wheat below the government price.

Herbert Hoover says there is no occasion for farmers to sell their wheat below the governmental price and if holders will have a little patience the wheat will all be moved and they will obtain the full price therefor.

The wire from Mr. Hoover follows: "Please give widest publicity to the following: Enlarged demands by General Pershing for material, resulting from progress on the western front, has necessitated temporary diversion of grain ships to his service. "This temporarily curtails wheat

movements from seaboard and has filled our terminal and seaboard elevators, and thus checks the movement.

"Reported that some farmers have become panicky and are selling wheat at less than government price. If holders will have a little patience, wheat will all be moved and full price secured by every owner.

In addition to Mr. Hoover's wire, M. H. Hauser, of Portland, vice president of the food administration grain corporation, sends out a similar request.

Took Out Dreadful Soreness.

When the kidneys are weakened or overworked so that they fail to filter and throw all impurities out of the blood, the poison remains in the system, and headache, soreness, lameness, and rheumatic pains are likely to develop. Mrs. David Henry, 65 S. Lincoln Ave., Washington, N. J., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are doing me much good, both my kidneys and the rheumatism. They took all the dreadful soreness out of my limbs." Sold everywhere. Adv.

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Height: 6 ft. 1 inch

Weight: 145 lbs.


Face: Thin

Features: Prominent

Description: When last seen was on his way to hospital. Used to weigh 185, had florid complexion, good appetite and enthusiasm for work. Six months ago began to have irregular bowel movements. Took pills. Lost weight—still irregular. Took salts—violent results. Had medical examination: doctor diagnosed case as self-poisoning, due to clogged, decaying, food-waste in large intestine; said pills and purges had weakened the intestinal muscles so they would not function. Man protested violently that he was not sick. Doctor replied that he had been sick since first bowel irregularity. Prescribed complete rest and the Nujol Treatment. Said if he had cultivated regular habits with Nujol he would have had no trouble—now, however, he was an easy mark for the poisoning he was allowing in his own body.

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