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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

Should Not a Technical Man Inspect?

In Commissioner J. D. McKennon's communication published last evening in The Observer he stated the procedure followed when the city found it necessary to make repairs to the spillway at the water plant. Analyzing that procedure one finds what might be termed a weak link in the chain, namely the delegating of a duty such as inspecting a piece of construction work to the city manager who is not a technical man. The job done was a concrete job. The engineer had been requested to furnish plans and specifications for the work, which he did. Then, would it not have been better for the engineer who made the plans to have been retained on the job to see that those plans were carried out, for an engineer knows the details of working concrete and he also knows at a glance if the specifications made by himself are being followed by the workmen.

We mention this phase of the city matter now up for discussion because it has been our observation that corporations usually in contracting work keep an engineer, or some one qualified to inspect the work, on the job until it has been finished.

An example of such procedure is before us: The state is building a piece of highway near Telocasset. The state engineer or his deputy is on the job every minute to see that the work is done according to plans. It would do no good to put the governor on the job to inspect, for he knows nothing of such work. And so it is with the city—a technical man undoubtedly should be kept on a job of construction. The city manager, if he does not happen to be an engineer, cannot be

competent for such an undertaking. Mr. Curroy, La Grande's city manager, is out of the city for several days, and it is not possible at this time for The Observer to communicate with him to publish his views on the matter. This will be done as soon as he returns.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early.

Do your Christmas shopping early! The government has asked it: good judgment and a proper regard for the interests of others sustain the order. The last closing crush at Christmas time is senseless. The clerks are overworked, often to the point of exhaustion, and you do not get as good service or as good value frequently.

Now the demands of the government in a time of national peril has emphasized these things. Help is scarce, the shops and stores are all short-handed and the essential industries are calling more and more for this class of workers, making it impossible to secure the extra help needed for the holiday rush.

This trade may all be handled nicely and everybody well served if it is distributed over the next few weeks more evenly than has been the custom in the past.

This proposition seems too plain to require extended argument. Do your Christmas shopping early!

A citizen of Union county said recently: "I want the tax list published. Twice in my life I have found by the published tax list that there were taxes against my property unpaid. It was a tax that I had neglected several years back and I continued to pay tax yearly thinking that I was square with the county. When the list was printed my delinquent tax showed. Yes, sir, I am in favor of continuation of publication of the county's business in every detail. There is too much gum shoe work about grabbing titles and sneaking up to the court house to find if it is possible to get a chance on some back taxes."

USE NEW SWEATER DIRECTIONS FOR HEAVY YARN WORK

As a result of the purchase by the Red Cross of yarn from many sources a great variety is now in the hands of Chapters. As this yarn varies greatly in weight a heavy responsibility rests with supervisors in helping knitters to decide how many stitches to use. The Division urges the use of the new sweater directions, especially for heavy yarn, because there is considerable saving. The method of knitting the shoulders and arm hole is ornamental and at the same time very essential as it prevents rolling. Sweaters should be 17 to 20 inches in width but a few may be accepted as narrow as 15 inches in width. The desired length, however, as given in the latest directions from Washington is 22 inches from the neck. This varies only by a fraction of an inch from the measurement of 25 inches from the shoulder which we have been using. No khaki yarn should be used for socks. If Chapters have khaki yarn of a weight suitable for socks it may be used double for knitting sweaters.

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JOSEPH COMBATS FLU TO SUCCESS

COLD WEATHER STRIKES WALLA COUNTY THIS WEEK.

Churches Organizing For The Winter—Local News Of Interest
JOSEPH, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The weather this week has turned noticeably colder, reminding Joseph that snow may fly any moment. Mrs. E. A. Hayden and son, Oscar, left recently for Walla Walla, where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Hayden's sister, after which they will continue their journey to Port Angeles, where Mrs. Hayden's son, Elmer, resides with his family. Relatives in Concrete, Washington, will also be visited, during the winter. Mrs. D. Harold and little daughter, Francine, are here from Pueblo, Colorado, visiting at the home of Mrs. Harold's sister, Mrs. T. N. Morelock.

N. Boggan was a La Grande visitor the last of the week. Mr. Jas. H. Nichols and wife, and Mrs. C. G. Patterson, all of Baker, arrived last week to spend some time at Mr. Nichols' cottage on the west side of the lake. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Howell visited over recently from Weiser with Mr. Butterfield, a prominent sheep man of that place.

Mr. H. T. Mitchell, who formerly operated a farm near Joseph arrived on Monday's train for a business visit of several weeks in this vicinity.

Earle Gowing, of Eugene, Oregon, is here visiting his parents for a few days. Mrs. J. E. Cox and Mrs. R. B. Cox and children left the first of the week for a visit in Salt Lake City with relatives.

Mrs. O. F. Maher, who has been visiting for several months at the Dennis ranch, near Joseph, returned Monday to her home in Walla Walla.

H. E. Dawson is a business visitor to outside points this week. Mrs. Adam Beck left this week for La Grande where she will join her husband, who owns a farm near that city.

On account of some cases of influenza the Joseph School has been closed for the past two weeks. These cases have so far recovered that it is thought safe to reopen again. Mr. Max Wilson who was the first to contract the epidemic is around again and will be able to resume his duties in the school-room. Miss Bertha Earl is also recovering. Teachers and pupils have had a three weeks' vacation.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hemphill, October 21st, a girl. J. S. Rogers, of Vale, Oregon, is in town this week.

Geo. Boner returned from Hot Lake Monday. There will be regular services at the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour; 9:45 a.m.; Epworth League at 7 o'clock p.m. The hour for morning preaching service is 11 o'clock. Evening service at 6 o'clock. Mrs. McCully is working up a very good choir and music will be a special

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FORMER RESIDENT DIES.

John P. Barnes was born in Newton county, Illinois, March 9, 1844, and succumbed to a stroke of paralysis at Silverton, Oregon, October 20, 1918, at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 11 days. During the Civil War, Mr. Barnes served in Companies K and L, Sixth and Seventh Regiments from Kansas, under Captain Henry Ledger, for nearly four years and received an honorable discharge at De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, in April, 1865. In 1873 he came to Oregon, in which state he has since resided. His wife died at Elgin December 4, 1899, and a 19 year old son died November 18, 1901. Seven children, Mrs. Altha Henderson, of Elgin; Mrs. Ollie Evans, Caldwell, Idaho; John W. Barnes, Caldwell, Idaho; Mrs. Amy Simmons, Silverton, and Mrs. Izora G. Simmons, Imnaha, aside from two brothers, Thomas Barnes, of Elgin, and Solomon Barnes, of Eugene, and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Fly, of Visalia, California, and thirty grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive him. Funeral services were held at Elgin at 2:00 p. m. today.

RALPH HAMILTON.

Ralph Hamilton was born in Walla Walla March 1, 1894, and died at Camp Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, October 15, 1918, succumbing to an attack of influenza, which developed into pneumonia. He graduated from the Walla Walla high school in 1914 and entered the Benson Polytechnic school at Portland, in June, 1918. He was transferred to the Auxiliary Remount depot at Camp Johnson, August 12. Funeral services will be held at Walla Walla Wednesday.



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