

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER KIDDLE.

Commissioner Kiddle has appointed a Union county man as highway commissioner. In selecting Mr. Edward H. Kiddle, he did wisely in many ways. For Mr. Kiddle, in the first place, is an ardent advocate of good roads.

Commissioner Kiddle is a man who will devote his time to this work and take a deep pride in accomplishment. His strong integrity recommends to the entire state, for all who know him realize a square deal will be given every county in the state, and no citizen of Oregon will nurse a grievance unfeared.

With such voluminous work before us as building hard-surfaced roads over Oregon men of the Kiddle type are needed, for in him will be found earnest application and untiring endeavor.

Coming into Oregon a number of years ago, he has taken the bitter with the sweet, and the ups and downs in his career have been many. Throughout it all he has been a man who stands for principle. Sometimes many of us who work with him in public affairs think he is a trifle stubborn, but always it must be admitted he believes with all his heart in the position he takes.

The highway commission members will find in him anything but a "me too" man, and no doubt many hours will be used to convince him at times in matters which have crystallized into opinion with him. For this he is to be commended. When once he is convinced, Mr. Kiddle admits the corn. And it must not be understood that he is often wrong, for he is not. His clear vision of public matters and of business in general makes him a safe custodian of public matters and of public funds.

Union county very conscientiously says to Governor Olcott, "Your choice for commissioner is indeed a wise one."

IT LOOKS LIKE THE INITIATIVE MUST GO.

There is not much use to fool ourselves longer about the initiative, and possibly the referendum, as well. It looks as though the former had to go in order to save the state of Oregon from financial and business ruin.

Such measures cannot become laws and the business of Oregon survive. Even if they do not become laws, capital from the outside—and that is what Oregon needs to develop her resources—will shy around this state when once it is known that such laws are even contemplated by the people.

There is no use to rant and rave about Mr. Allbright for introducing such a measure, for if it were not Allbright it would be U'Ren or some other shining light. The thing for sane people to consider is what to do with the initiative.

Do we want to live in a continual business turmoil, or do we want settled conditions with business on a fair basis supervised by the state, but not subjected to ruinous laws at every election.

THE STANDING TIMBER SHOULD PAY.

Echoes from different parts of the state indicate an awakening of the people to the small amount of taxes being paid by one great resource—the standing timber. Assessors in various counties, in their desire to make both ends meet and raise sufficient money to run the business of their respective counties, are looking with favorable consideration upon having the timber resources of the counties cruised and put on the tax rolls to stay.

With such a condition no one can say there is fairness displayed in taxing timber possessions. Ask your county assessor what timber is carried on the tax rolls and you will be surprised to learn of the low valuation. Then look up the taxes on the little home of the man who is trying to make things go for himself and family, and draw your own conclusion.

Snow in the mountains means a big wheat crop. And the snow is with us now.

Union county will not get over being puffed up over her record, at the live stock show in Portland for some time to come. She has good and sufficient right to feel puffy.

With all the prosperity, with all the high wages; with all the high-priced commodities and the alleged large profits, La Grande is not especially comfortable as she enters upon the winter season. By this we mean that there are many people in La Grande who cannot withstand any prolonged period of hard luck. People are living on a close margin. A week off under these conditions means that a man with family gets woefully behind. High prices may be the thing for a winter camp, but they certainly do not do the country as a whole little good. They will continue, however, until there is more production. Don't overlook that.

In our mixup with turkey dinners and holiday frolic, let us not overlook the fact that next summer is coming and the winter crop for La Grande is still in the ground.

Some Samples of Rabid Propaganda.

Here are a few gentle utterances taken from newspapers published only in this country and distributed through the mails, all printed in recent months:

From an anarchist publication: "The people are killing the United States. We are killing their destruction, they have decided to pick the storm by passing the deportation law affecting all foreign radicals. Do not think that only foreigners are anarchists. We have a great number right here. The storm is within, and very soon it will be here. Deportation will not stop the storm from reaching these shores. It will leap and crash and annihilate you in blood and fire. Deport us! We will dynamite you."

From a Chicago I. W. W. organ, printed in German: "Until our demands are complied with, we caution the bosses and the present rulers of America that there will be no peace. We will strive for a revolution and we will carry it through to the end, until every remembrance of you is obliterated."

From a Ukrainian Socialist paper in New York: "Welcome to the heroes of Communism on this great day! Welcome now, European comrades, carriers of the red banner of the Revolution. Down with capitalism! Long live Social revolution! Long live the dictatorship of the proletariat!"

From a Socialist paper in Boston: "The working class must organize for the purpose of waging unceasing warfare against the capitalist class and its instrument of oppression by any action that has for its object the overthrow of the political state of the master class and the substitution of the dictatorship of the proletariat!"

From a Hungarian I. W. W. publication: "Brothers, take out your red cards, and fight with us for an industrial republic. We must take possession of the instruments of production. Seize industry with all that belongs to it. We must put an end to private ownership."

From a New York Bolshevik paper: "The real cause of the war was the damned trinity, Law, Ownership and State. Down with Law! Down with Ownership! Down with the State! Let this be the death of the three-headed monster. Live Anarchism! It is in anarchy that humanity will find happiness and eternal well-being!"

From an Italian publication in New York: "Will you be meek and slavish? Will you remain under the iron heel of your masters? Or will you tear your way by the Revolution to a better and happier life?"

From a Socialist paper published in Wilmington, Del.: "Onward against the economic, political and religious tyranny. Workingmen, arise! Have no pity. Long live Socialist Russia! Long live the social revolution!"

In a way, all this rabid propaganda is futile, because the great mass of Americans, including the big majority of immigrants, remain unmoved by it. These hot-heads will never accomplish their "revolution" in America. But for all that it is dangerous. It is continually planting bloody and violent thoughts in ill-balanced minds, and thus sowing the seeds of trouble. Every few days there are new instances of crack-brained men trying to put these wild words into practice.

Free speech is one thing; the preaching of sedition and incitement to crime is another. The attorney general says there are no laws adequate to suppress such utterances. If that is true, congress should provide them, and any guilty publication should be promptly put out of business.

How Many Are Too Old to Learn?

A short time ago, a man down in Kentucky celebrated his 131st birthday. He celebrated it by exhibiting himself at a county fair, "to raise money to pay off the mortgage on his farm." What a terrible record of wasted years that celebration completed. After a life of endeavor more than double that of the average man, he was reduced to exhibiting his gray hairs and infirmities to settle a portion of his debts.

There can be no other reason for such necessity than lack of thrift and saving. He undoubtedly had strength and health above the average or he could not have doubled the span of his life. He must have had uncounted opportunities. The development of his state and the nation has forced thousands such into his path. Yet he obviously did not seize or take advantage of them, through lack of thrift.

It is not unreasonable to suppose that he earned more than a mere living throughout more than half of his existence. Had he but practiced regular saving throughout a portion of those years, he would have been so far removed from poverty that a mortgage on his farm would have been an absurdity. Few will refuse to concede that it was possible for him to have saved 50 cents a week during half of his life. That sum deposited at four per cent interest compounded quarterly, the rate now paid by War Savings Stamps, from the time he was 21 until he reached 66 would have given him approximately \$204,13, or more than enough to have paid his mortgage.

Instead of being assured of life without financial cares he has struggled for 66 years after for the bare necessities of existence. The road of thrift which may perhaps have been more difficult a hundred years ago has been made smooth for present day investors. There are few citizens of this country who can not save something every week. The government issues securities, Thrift Stamps, War

Saving Stamps, Treasury Saving Certificates and Liberty Bonds, give opportunities for both safety and profit for all such sums, no matter how large or how small.

Few men would care to live to be 131 if the chief interest in life left at the end of that time was what it was necessary to hand someone who allowed them to live by the grace of a mortgage. Investment in government securities will provide both for the present and the future.

Ending State of War By a Peace Resolution.

Can the war be brought to a close, so far as the United States is concerned, by a "concurrent resolution" of both houses of congress, announcing a state of peace? Former President Taft, who is regarded as an authority on constitutional and international law, says no.

Such a resolution, he declares, "even if passed, will be only an expression of opinion by the two houses that the treaty to which thus far we have declined to be a party has created peace for us without our agreeing to it. It will have effect neither as a law nor as a treaty, nor as an authoritative declaration by any branch of our government authorized to speak in a binding or effective way on our foreign relations. It can't even be officially transmitted to Germany or our allies unless the President consents to forward it."

It hardly seems possible that congress will pretend to make peace by such an undignified and questionable process. The sensible thing, of course, is for senators of both parties to get together early in the regular session, which begins December 1 and adopt a compromise set of reservations and ratify the peace treaty in the regular way. Any other procedure will end nothing and settle nothing, but only leave a mess of war problems and international disputes for President and congress to squabble over interminably, to the neglect of vital domestic affairs.

Federal Coal Mining a Last Resource.

The federal attorney general, fuel director and railroad director have been discussing the possibility of seizing all the coal mines and operating them in behalf of the government. There is probably nothing else to do, if normal production is not resumed soon by other processes. It might be better if the various coal-producing states would take care of the matter for themselves—they have the power, and Uncle Sam has his hands full of other matters. But Uncle Sam can do it, if he has to.

It might have been a good thing if the government had taken this procedure in the first place, instead of attempting to compel a renewal of coal production by a court order, based on what appears to many as a legal technicality. The general powers of the government are broad enough for any such emergency, and acting under them, the government might have gained in effectiveness and avoided some of the criticism to which it has been subjected. But it is not too late to apply that process. Something will have to be done soon, if the mines will not go back to work, and that is the obvious thing.

The people of the town of Union must take some consolation in the results of their years of work on the annual live stock show. The Portland show reflected actual results of the efforts of the men in Union and the Grande Ronde valley, who kept the institution going.

Says Von Hindenburg, testifying before a committee of the German national assembly which is conducting a war probe: "I know with absolute certainty that neither the people, the Kaiser nor the government desired war." Germans always were famous for knowing a lot of things that no body else could ever find out.

The league of nations will be organized just the same. But without America, it will be about as effective as a certain celebrated play without Hamlet.

Now that the Prince of Wales has been made a regular New Yorker, wonder if he'll come over and vote regularly. Also what ticket he'll vote.

40 SUMMERS SINCE THEN HAVE ROLLED AWAY

Forty winters and forty summers have rolled away since persons who are living and well today first took the prescription for "Number 40 For the Blood." "Number 40" is compounded from ingredients that are all down in the U. S. Dispensatory and other authoritative medical books and follows: Employed in diseases of the glandular system, in blood troubles, mercurial and alcohol poisoning, syphilis, rheumatism, catarrh, constipation, liver and stomach diseases, under its use, sores, ulcers, boils, eruptions, and profuse bleedings that have withstood all other treatment disappear as if by magic. Silverthorn's Drug Store, Adv.

Unscathed. Old Mr. Ballington, who was fond of relating war stories after dinner, mentioned having been in five engagements. "That's not so much," said the young lady. "Why, George, cried his scandalous mother, "what do you mean?" "I'm isn't my best friend George," Sister Mary has been engaged nine times!

Watch our windows this week. Now West & Co. LADIES SUIT SALES STILL ON. Every Suit Reduced 25 Per Cent.

Now for the Holidays Everything to give—Everything for the making of gifts.



What girl would not like a strand of grandmother's

BEADS

We cannot give you grandmother's own string, but we have reproductions in our jewelry department—beads of all sorts in many different shapes, lengths and color combinations. Also imitation pearls of exceptional quality and jet beads in different shapes. Our prices range from 50c to \$4.50. Also, here, you will find Brooches, Necklaces, Pins of all kinds, Mesh Bags, Buckles, Lavabobes and many other novelties especially appropriate for the season.

WE INVITE YOUR INSPECTION!

New Silk HOSE



for the holidays. More appropriate for gifts this season than ever before. Here are several arrivals that holiday shoppers should take note of: PURE SILK HOSE, \$2.25. Black and African brown are the colors—full-fashioned hose with lace tops. All sizes. LA FRANCE. Brown, Black and Grey only—a limited amount at that. All sizes, now \$3.99. DROP-STITCH HOSE. Black, White and African Brown all sizes now. \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Xmas Candles

For decorative purposes on Xmas eve or Xmas day, or for gifts. Large, red candle in black, enameled pedestal, trimmed with large ribbon and spray of holly. To give a homelike appearance on Xmas eve without the table lamp. Price \$1.50.



BAGS of poane velvet

The most essential accessories to the fall and winter costume now, are bags of Poane Velvet, to harmonize with, or match. Why not give them at Xmas time? There is no woman who would not appreciate one of these beautiful bags. Many have pretty ivory or imitation handles—long, silky tassels and are beautiful inside with coin purses, mirrors, and toilet articles. Attractively lined with bright silks and satins. Some are partially covered. There are different shapes—All are beautiful. See them. Also there are many bags of leather, as well as coin purses, etc. Prices range from \$1.25 to \$16.00.

INDIAN ROBES

from Oregon City Woolen Mills \$10, \$12.50, \$15

Nothing can be more appropriate, more acceptable in anyone, than one of these beautiful Indian robes, they are fringed and have dian robes or Auto Robes. Made up in genuine Indian designs in all colorings, they are fringed and in felt. These are \$12.50 and \$15.00

Exceptionally low priced under present conditions, and we have a limited amount. By buying now, you have a most varied selection. Oregon City products are guaranteed. Also infants' Indian Blankets in same patterns and colorings as the large ones. Price \$1.25.

Dolls! Dolls!!

from Sants's Toy Shop



These are unbreakable art dolls—all contained in many different ways. Children like them. Already half our stock is gone, before hardly a thought was given to Xmas-time.

You'll enjoy seeing them. Some of the better ones have real hair. Prices range from

\$1.25 to \$3.50

IVORY

There are always sets to be matched at Christmas-time. You will find here all toilet articles in different designs. There are combs, brushes, hair receivers, soap boxes, nail files, trays, mirrors, frames, tooth brush boxes, polishers, perfume bottles in ivory cases, powder boxes and many other articles of importance. Our prices you will find exceptionally low.



KAYSER Silk Underwear

Every woman loves lots of fluffy, silk underwear. A very practical and handsome gift for any woman. It has more distinction, is more appreciated than it has the name KAYSER on it.

We have just received the first shipment of these beautiful silken undergarments—the supply of KAYSER will be limited this season, so if you're planning silk underwear wear this year. Here are just a few numbers of Kaysers:

Kaysers silk vests of exceptional quality and beauty—priced at \$3.75 and \$4.00. Combination suits at \$5.00. Bloomers at \$5.00. Camisoles at \$3.25.

All these articles are limited in number, in the KAYSER. Then there are lots and lots of other silk undergarments appropriate for the season, at a wide range of prices. We invite you to see our stock of silk underwear. We believe it to be the best you'll find.

FOR MEN

These are already lots of things for Xmas-time. Collar, bags, arm bands, ties, etc., in Xmas boxes. Belts with pretty lined and plain buckles in boxes ready for giving. We invite you to call to our Men's Department. See the Xmas lines we are showing. Let us help you—make suggestions. We are always glad to help. AT THE HOME OF THE HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES.

Bath Robes For All

\$7.50

Even to the baby, we can supply you with bath robes. Men, women and children—lots of them are needed for Xmas time and we have taken precautions along that line. You have many from which to choose and at almost any price you might wish to pay. THE PENDLETON INDIAN ROBES are the best—bound in silk and half silk cords and tassels, they are beautiful. Men's and Women's size in \$7.50 from \$7.50 to \$25.00.