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THE CHRISTMAS SEAL

The Red Cross annual roll call has been finished, and the record of this city and surrounding country is one of which we may well be proud. There is however, another call, that carries with it a specific mission; it is the Christmas Seal sale of the anti-tuberculosis society.

The little Christmas seal is so befitting the season, its mission to carry out one of the directions of the Master whose birthday the world pauses to reverence once each year, that it commands a special place in the appeals that annually come to us all.

The fight against tuberculosis is one of the hardest that medical and social workers have to wage. It is a fight against ignorance as well as against disease. It is a fight too against pride and against prejudice; and yet it is a fight so well worth making that he or she who takes a part honors himself or herself in the effort.

Tuberculosis is a preventable disease; so the authorities declare. But it must be taken in time. The victim must recognize its presence first of all and act accordingly. The relatives and friends must be brought to realize the seriousness of the disease and assist in the fight against it.

To prevent its spread society must be organized. It must be someone's business, and in Oregon that someone is the Oregon Anti-Tuberculosis society. Since the custom of passing a cheerful message on one's Christmas bundles has been so generally adopted, the society has united its philanthropic generosity with this pleasing custom, thus making the habit both practical and sentimental. It makes the aiding in the fight easy, for those who only buy the stamps.

The real work in connection with the seal sale is that which falls to the committee. The field must be canvassed, for even the public is generous in its response to appeals the appeal must be made. The public must be told. Not only must it be told of the work but must be asked to buy. Can we not this year aid the Committee then by buying quickly? That will help.

FIX THE FAIR GROUNDS

Ontario has no public park, that is none that serve the purpose of gatherings other than meetings in the grove near the passenger station.

We have the Fair grounds which are located not far from the city, but yet are not in town and are convenient for gatherings, picnics and events of that nature, if they were properly improved. There is plenty of room for this sort of improvement and for the grounds themselves this should be done.

The Fair grounds could be made so much more attractive if the land between the entrance and the buildings was leveled and grass and trees planted thereon. We believe this would add immensely to the value of the grounds and to their use.

It would require but a few years to have a grove of trees to shade the lawn thus created. This is not a big spectacular thing to do, but it is one that is worth while, one that is needed and one that should be done. We recommend it to the consideration of the members of the Ontario Commercial Club.

THANKSGIVING

The giving of thanks is a beautiful custom. It betokens in him who thus recognizes obligation the proper sense of appreciation, and appreciation is one of nature's kindest gifts.

Americans have so much for which to be thankful this year that to record each of the blessings enjoyed is not necessary. No war has marred our happiness, no pestilence has visited our land, hunger has not stalked abroad, nor have floods devastated our fertile valleys. Peace and plenty is our lot.

It is true that the readjustment from war conditions is upon us now. We could not escape the change. It is the natural order of things and is but our part.

Compared with the sufferings endured in practically every other nation on the globe during the past four years, and the condition which still exists in many today, the situation in which Americans find themselves now is so vastly better, he indeed is not appreciative who does not give profound thanks for the blessings of citizenship in our land.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Lane county's share of the market roads fund will be \$55,000.

The Buehner sawmill at North Bend has resumed cutting after a shut down of several weeks.

Electric contractors and dealers of Oregon will meet in annual convention in Salem December 7.

Miss June Dalton, a student in the Burns high school, has been elected manager of the baseball team.

Ranchers in the southern part of Coos county have petitioned the county court for a bounty of \$75 on coyotes.

A turnip weighing 34 pounds, a sugar beet 28 pounds and a potato 5 1/2 pounds are on exhibition at Cottage Grove.

One of the very oldest of Oregon's citizens, Mrs. Lucretia Jane McKennon, died at La Grande at the age of 98 years.

Fifty men are now employed on road work on the McKenzie highway, and despite the rains, good progress is being made.

Shaw & Burton of Klamath Falls are building a modern sawmill near that city with a capacity of 50,000 feet of lumber a day.

While hunting ducks, Alfred Johnson of South Inlet in Coos county, was shot in the back by a companion who had a 25-35 caliber rifle.

The Baker Improvement club has secured an option on a tract of land in that city and has formulated plans for a park and playground.

The Douglas county farm bureau is holding mass meetings throughout the county in an attempt to increase the membership from 135 to 1000.

More than 4,000,000 eggs have been taken from eastern brook trout at Elk lake. The eggs will be taken to the hatchery on Tumalo creek.

The records show that the money order business transacted at Astoria is the largest of that of any postoffice in Oregon outside of Portland.

Manufactured goods and products of Southern Oregon will be shown at a community fair to be held at Ashland the first week in December.

Two-year-old Ruth Smith died at Burns as a result of injuries received from falling into a boiler of hot water which was standing on the floor.

Mohair growers of Oregon, through the Oregon Mohair Growers' association, have decided to petition congress to place an import duty on mohair.

Elbert Dyer of Bandon is offering to give 200 acres of land in 10-acre plots, to settlers who will agree to plant and raise berries on the tracts.

Marshfield is planning an aviation field and an auto camp ground for the coming season. The city council has purchased property suitable for both.

Increasing the acreage of the Umatilla national forest to over a million acres, the Wenaha forest will on July 1, 1921, become a part of the Umatilla forest.

Rufus M. Smith, well known pioneer of Polk county, is dead at Monmouth. He crossed the plains in 1853, locating in Polk county, where he had lived ever since.

Two fatal accidents out of a total of 263 industrial casualties were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending November 11.

John E. Yeon of Portland has accepted appointment as a member of the state highway commission, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Simon Benson.

Approximately \$72,000 in prize money was distributed among the stock-breeders of the northwest last week at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland.

The sum of \$35,769 was left in Lane county's market road fund this year to be applied to next year's fund, according to announcement of P. M. Morse, county engineer.

Amendment of state prohibition laws to make them conform with the Volstead act will be asked by the Oregon Anti-Saloon league at the next session of the legislature.

Ten carloads of fine brick have been sent by the Forest Grove Clay Products company to Eugene to be used in the new buildings being put up on the University of Oregon campus.

Bids were opened this week at Klamath Falls for the lease of 12,000 acres of reclaimed land in the Tuile lake bed. The highest price in the bidding is said to be \$8.20 an acre.

Daring safe robbers operating in Portland late Saturday night with an old touring car carried away a 500-pound safe containing \$1600 from the home of Ding Wing, wealthy Chinese.

Governor Olcott will leave Salem this week for Harrisburg, Pa., where he will attend the governor's conference. The conference will convene December 1, and will be attended by governors from practically every state in the union.

\$2,272,000,000 IS INCREASE IN INCOME

Reports of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 Are Made By 178 Persons.

Washington.—The taxable income of the United States increased in 1918 by more than \$2,272,000,000 as compared with 1917, according to income statistics issued by the bureau of internal revenue. Income reported for 1918 amounted to \$15,924,639,355 against \$13,700,000,000 in 1917, though 141 persons filed returns for incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in 1917 and only 67 in 1918.

Personal returns filed during 1918 numbered 4,425,114 and the tax, both normal and surtax, amounted to \$1,127,721,825. The average tax for each individual was \$254.85. As compared with 1917, a growth of 952,234 was shown in the number of returns filed. The increase in the total tax was \$134,228,881.

Returns for incomes of from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 were filed by 178 persons, while 1,519,938 persons filed returns for income from \$1000 to \$2000. Incomes from \$2000 to \$5000 were shown on 1,496,878 returns, and from \$3000 to \$4000 on 610,095 returns. For incomes of \$5000 to \$10,000, there were 219,356 returns and for incomes of \$10,000 to \$15,000, 69,992 returns. More than 30,000 persons made returns on incomes from \$15,000 to \$20,000, and 16,000 on incomes from \$20,000 to \$25,000, while 5996 persons reported incomes of from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and 2288 made returns for incomes between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

COMMISSION ORDERS INCREASED RATES

Washington.—In its first decision on the right of the federal government under the transportation act to require railroad rates within a state to correspond to the higher levels of interstate tariffs, the interstate commerce commission ordered the railroads of New York to establish passenger and baggage rates on intrastate traffic conforming to advanced interstate schedules. Similar proceedings are pending affecting more than half the states in the union.

By its order of last August the commission authorized in the New York region an increase of 40 per cent in freight rates, 20 per cent in passenger rates, excess baggage charges and rates on milk and cream and also a surcharge of 50 per cent on Pullman accommodations. The New York public service commission granted the freight advance except on milk, but denied the other increases within the state and the carriers appealed to the interstate commerce commission.

NOTE IS SENT TO BRITAIN

Communication Deals With Oil Rights in Mesopotamia.

Washington.—The United States has dispatched a note to Great Britain protesting against secret agreements between the allies for the exploitation of territories of the former Turkish empire, it was learned here.

The note is the second of a series between the United States and Great Britain since a recent agreement between Great Britain and France for exploitation of oil resources of Mesopotamia came to light some time ago.

The first note was sent to Great Britain several months ago as an inquiry into the agreement reached at San Remo, Italy, between England and France on Mesopotamian oil territory. The state department is understood to have pointed out in this note the agreement was in violation of the stand of the United States that all nations must be given equal rights in mandate countries.

Russian Red Cross Workers Safe.

Washington.—All American Red Cross workers formerly in South Russia, with the exception of Captain Emmett Kirkpatrick, who was captured by Bolshevik forces, are safe at Constantinople, according to dispatches just received by Red Cross headquarters.

Republican Lead in House Now 179.

Washington.—The unofficial list of members of the next house of representatives, as prepared under the direction of William Tyler Page, clerk of the house, shows that the republicans will have a majority of 179.

Suffrage Indorsed By Italian Chamber.

Rome.—Equal suffrage is an accomplished fact in Italy. The chamber of deputies passed the women's suffrage bill by a large majority.

Wilson To Get Nobel Prize.

Stockholm.—President Wilson will be awarded the Nobel prize for 1920, according to Swedish newspapers.

LEAGUE TO AID ARMENIA

Resolution Adopted Calling for Concurrence of Various Powers.

Geneva.—The League of Nations Monday summoned the league council to take immediate steps to aid Armenia. Voting unanimously for the first time, the assembly adopted the resolution presented by R. Rene Viviani of France to summon the council this afternoon, with the committee to which the Armenian question was referred, to determine the scope of the league's action.

Lord Robert Cecil, a leader in that move last week, expressed willingness to accept the plan of Senator Lafontaine of Belgium for naming a commission of six to seek means of halting hostilities between Armenia and the forces of Mustapha Kemal.

Viviani proposed the assembly authorize the league council to reach an understanding immediately with all the great powers, governing the strength of the armed force to be contributed by each toward "saving Armenia."

Police Round Up 1000.

Chicago.—Nearly 1000 persons were under arrest as a result of the biggest roundup of criminals here in many years. The drive was started at midnight Saturday by Charles Fitzmorris, new chief of police, as the second step in his announced campaign to rid Chicago of criminals.

Asquith Condemns Britain's Policy.

London.—Strong condemnation of the government's Irish policy, and reprisals in Ireland, was voiced by former Premier Asquith in a speech at the National Liberal club.

Refiners Cut Sugar to \$9.50.

San Francisco.—The price of refined cane sugar was cut to \$9.50 a hundredweight at the refineries here, making a reduction of 50 cents. Beet sugar dropped to \$9.20 at the refineries.

We Have Just RECEIVED

A nice line of Children's Dresses also some excellent values in Ladies' Skirts

We invite you to come in and look them over

NOW MEN, if there is anything in the SHOE line you need, I think we can fit you up at a very reasonable price. Come in anyway as we are always glad to show you our stock whether you want to buy or not.

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10:00 Bible School.
11:00, Thank offering.
Service directed by the W. M. S.
7:00, Y. P. C. A. meeting, Leader, Evaline Chance.
7:30, Lecture by Dr. Louis Albert Banks.

Salem, Ore., Nov.—Senator Louis

Laehmund, local hop broker, recently gave C. A. McLaughlin of Independence a check said to be the largest ever paid in Marion county for a farm crop. He received \$183,728.60 for hops bought for English dealers. They were grown on a 275 acre tract.

NOT A MOMENT'S LET UP

ALEXANDER'S

BIG REDUCTION SALE

Men's Fibre Silk Shirts

Better than a Third Off

\$7.00 Fibres - \$4.70
\$6.00 Fibres - 3.50
\$5.00 Fibres 3.00

Men's Madras and Percalé Shirts

\$1.95 takes choice of all Madras and Percalé Shirts to \$3.00

Men's Outing Flannel Night Shirts and Pajamas

One-Third Off

Boys' Shirts and Blouses

One-Third Off

Men's and Young Men's Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats

Every Suit and Coat in the house without exception or condition

One-Third Off

\$20.00 for thirty dollar Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats

\$26.65 for Forty Dollar Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats

\$33.35 For Fifty Dollar Suits, Overcoats and Raincoats

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