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A REAL GIFT

One of the finest gifts of which we have heard being given at this Christmas season was that of a child's life. This gift was made by an Ontario man, and this is how he did it: He gave his wife \$16 to subscribe to fund for the relief of the starving European Children. That child's life is her Christmas Gift.

Think of it. The gift of a life. Could there be any gift, save that which The Master described when he said:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

Next to that supreme gift, it seems to us, is the gift of continued life to those starving children.

If these children were near at hand, say in Idaho or Washington, we, men and women, and children too, of Oregon would be striving every day to give them more than just one bowl of soup. We would be sending clothes and anything else they might need to relieve their distress.

Tho they are far away, the three and a half million starving children of Europe are just as real as though they were in our own land. They need our help just as urgently. The call reaches us now, and with other Americans, Oregonians will answer it.

PRESERVING THE GAME

Deputy State Game Warden I. B. Hazeltine has, it is evident taken the right course in his efforts to preserve the game of Malheur county, tho it will take time to fully demonstrate this to be the case.

We have faith, however, in the men of Malheur county. Knowing them as we do, and we sincerely believe that their honor having been appealed to in a manly way they will respond in just as manly and sportsmanlike manner.

Out of the meeting held at the City Hall last Friday evening there has been a greater evidence of purpose to accomplish results than has been shown by any meeting in recent months. Not since the days of war drives, when the patriotism of the gathering was appealed to, has there been such a purpose manifested as that evidenced by the men who gathered to organize a game association.

In fact the meeting was a regular revival in sportsmanship. It resembled the old fashioned religious revivals by opening with a testimonial meeting that apparently was good for the souls of the participants, and enlightening to the visiting officials. The number of men who admitted their sins of unsportsmanlike commission were many and their pledges of a change of heart equally profound.

With this purpose evident at the meeting, and since repeated many times by the men who were present, Malheur county is going to have a band of sportsmen who are going to co-operate with the officials to see that the game and fish of this region are perpetuated; that the game hog shall become extinct, and that he who plays the game fairly and honorably will not be penalized for his sportsmanship.

Best of all they are going to incorporate in their plans means of aiding the ranchers of the predatory animals. In other words they are going to co-operate with the men in whose fields the game birds live for the mutual advantage of both. No object could be more worthy and to the success of the movement, all good sportsmen and others who have only the interests of the entire community at heart will gladly subscribe.

BUILD FOR PERMANENCE

Next year Malheur county will have the largest road fund in many years. This is the result, not of the plan of the county court but of a wise law which the legislature passed a few years ago compelling the levying of a five mill tax for highways.

While the sum which the county is to raise is not sufficient to meet the needs of the county for good roads to every section, it is of such proportions that if expended on a definite program, will in say five years secure the construction of good roads to all sections.

With the state highways as a skeleton, and they are but a skeleton of the highways needed in this vast county, a definite program should be laid out covering expenditures for a number of years, just as the state highway commission works on its program, so that at the

end of a given time Malheur county will have a comprehensive system. We believe that such a program is possible, and it is worthy of the study of the County court, and we know will receive serious consideration from that body.

UNIFORM AUTO LAWS

Sam Koser, secretary of the state for Oregon, has inaugurated a movement that should result in great good for the western states. Mr. Koser proposes that Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California enact uniform automobile laws.

It so happens that the autos of all of the states, bordering on Oregon use the roads of this state a great deal. In this section many Idaho cars operate continuously, while Oregon cars operate just as extensively in Idaho. Along the Columbia river, Washington cars cross to Oregon every day, while on the southern border the California license plate is by no means a stranger.

The use of autos, the distance traversed by touring cars and trucks increase the need for uniform laws. This is particularly true in the case of trucks, which have become the greatest enemies of good roads.

The other day over on Dead Ox Flat the writer saw a truck, apparently overloaded, plowing thru the mud. It was throwing dirt and dig-

ging ruts in the road at a rate almost beyond imagination. Malheur county is going to pay a great deal for that one trip that truck made; and that truck carried an Idaho license.

No doubt Oregon trucks are doing the same thing every day over in Idaho. We are certain that is the case for we heard an Oregon truck driver, whose truck is rated at two and a half tons, declare he could with his trailer carry six tons. We have heard since that he boasted of bringing eight tons from Boise to Ontario.

What does this mean? It means that roads built with the license funds of thousands of pleasure cars are being torn up by a comparatively few truck drivers who pay but a small fraction of the costs of the highway. It is absolutely unfair. The truck men are asking the average auto owner to maintain a right-of-way for them, for which they pay practically nothing.

While the secretaries of states are about it, they should ask the legislature to compel the installation of scales at convenient points in every county, in every town, if need be, and before a truck driver leaves to travel over a state highway he secure a weight from an official weighmaster. Unless some such scheme is adopted the state of Oregon, and

its sister states will soon find that the vast sums expended on highways has been wasted.

CHRISTMAS EDITIONS

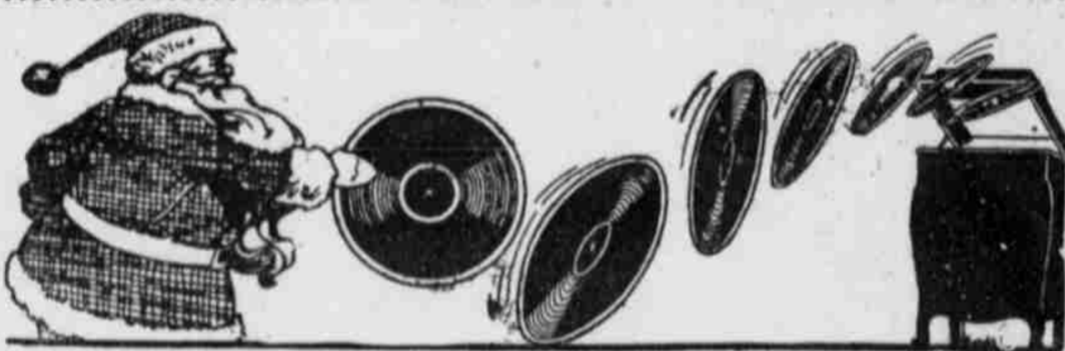
Among many publications which this year presented their reader with special editions especial mention should be given the Midvale Reporter, from Midvale, in Washington county, Idaho. Tho Midvale is not a large town, its publisher, George Rochester last week sent forth 36 beautifully illustrated pages of the possibilities of that community and the surrounding country.

Not to be out done by Midvale, the Welser Signal contributed a handsome 24 page edition telling of the opportunities of the metropolis of Washington county. Many contributors aided in making the issue one of which the Signal force may well be proud.

Both the Signal and the Reporter were generously supported by the business men of their communities and pleasing advertisements were conspicuous in both editions.

While we are answering the appeal for the needy of Europe of course we should not forget, nor will we forget, they who need our help this Christmas time here at home.

Fortunately we have comparatively few of those who are in dire need that we have some there is no doubt but we must remember them.



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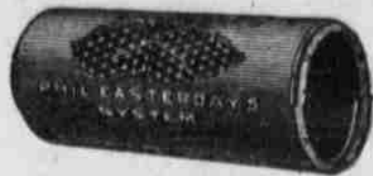
OF ONTARIO, OREGON

As Made to the Comptroller of the Currency at the close of Business November 15th, 1920

RESOURCES:	LIABILITIES:
Loans and Discounts\$527,441.95	Capital\$ 50,000.00
Overdrafts 775.42	Surplus and Profits 55,455.25
Bonds and Warrants 148,883.13	Circulation 12,500.00
Banking House and Fixtures 39,999.44	Federal Reserve Bank on U. S. Treasury Certificates 20,000.00
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\$829,738.20	\$829,738.20

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