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The new year is here and with it comes new problems, new hopes and new promises for the individual and the community.

For the Prineville country, and the territory to the south and east for many miles, there are indeed prospects for the current year.

Many of the things that are necessary to make a successful community, good roads, good mail and telephone service, irrigation wherever possible and other kindred things that have been impossible for this part of the state to realize are within our reach apparently at this time.

In addition to these things there are others that will follow. Rail transportation, and other big things are quite probable for this year.

While all these things are possible and even more than probable, they will only be realized by the continued team work and cooperation of the people of the community. Make a resolution now for the new year. Let it be "Boost, boost, boost." Don't knock.

IRRIGATION FOR THE FLAT.

The proposition of irrigating what is commonly called Grimes flat just north of Prineville, will be submitted to the people of the district early next month.

There is considerable discussion concerning the matter, and every one is agreed that irrigation for this land will be a wonderful thing. There is but little doubt in the minds of the majority of those interested as to the feasibility of the project or the water supply.

There is a question however which it is said bothers some of the land holders under the proposed project, and that is the matter of meeting the payments on the project in the way of interest on bonds and such costs.

To these people the project should be the greatest plan that has ever been proposed.

For the dry lands in the flat at present, any of the owners would gladly accept \$25 per acre or even less. The cost of placing the water there, even at the highest estimates will not exceed \$50 per acre and those who are in a position to know, state that it will probably be much less, some say as low as \$30 per acre. Under the existing conditions the

dry lands are not saleable. No man is in the market for such lands at any figure. With the coming of the water however, such land is as marketable as wheat. Irrigated land in this part of the state is cash at \$75 to \$125 per acre. The bonds which a buyer of this land would assume automatically provide the terms that buyers of such land cannot get elsewhere.

For the man who wishes to sell land owned under this proposed project, its formation and successful start is the best thing that he can do, and will provide a buyer as soon as the purchaser can see that the district will go through to a finish.

For the man who wants a good home in the best part of the best state in the nation, the formation of the district is the only thing if he owns land that will be irrigated under the proposed project. The value of the land with water has already been demonstrated.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP
SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Number of Dead Expected to Exceed 300—American Consul Believed Lost.

London.—Dispatches from Cairo say that the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean, was torpedoed without warning and sank in five minutes.

The Peninsular & Oriental company which owned the Persia, announced that 155 survivors had arrived at Alexandria.

The survivors comprise the chief officer, second officer, seven engineers, 27 seamen, 63 lascars and 59 passengers.

"The ship was struck amidships on the port side at 1:10 A. M.," says Reuter's correspondent at Cairo. "She had disappeared completely at 1:15."

"Survivors say it was little short of a miracle that anyone was saved. There was no panic. Four boats were launched with the utmost promptitude."

Robert N. McNeely, American consul at Aden, Arabia, is believed to have been drowned.

Reuter's Cairo correspondent makes the unreserved statement that Mr. McNeely lost his life.

The captain was drowned. When last seen he was swimming after the liner had plunged beneath the surface.

The passengers numbered something more than 200 and there were between 200 and 300 members of the crew, so that apparently the death list will run in excess of 300.

CARDS OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends for their thoughtful kindness and assistance during our late bereavement in the loss of our beloved daughter and sister, Ople, who was so suddenly taken from us on December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Taylor and family.

JUDGE LAMAR



Photo by American Press Association.
Joseph R. Lamar, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who died after a long illness.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

The principal American demands in the Ancona case—punishment of the submarine commander and assurances regarding the future conduct of submarine warfare on merchant vessels—have been met in Austria's reply.

Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important visible war activity. From the Pripes to the Roumanian frontier, over a front of at least 300 miles, a huge Russian force with a great appearance of confidence is hurling sledgehammer blows at the opposing force, which, according to all accounts, totals at least one and a half millions of men.

Meanwhile in the south of the Balkan peninsula the entente allies continue their expectant attitude toward a threatened attack, although Greece seems mainly occupied in making various diplomatic protests, having followed up her polite protest to the entente allies against the arrest of the consuls by an equally polite protest to the central powers against their aeroplanes flying across Greek territory in a raid which killed a Greek shepherd and a few sheep.

The sinking of the steamship Persia with the probable death of an American consular officer brings up in the European capitals the familiar query as to what the United States will do now. Dispatches from English correspondents pictured the sinking of the Persia as a particularly aggravated case, owing to the fact that the ship was not only hit without warning or opportunity for the passengers to escape, but was also hit in a most vital part, so that she sank almost immediately, the whole time from the launching of the torpedo to the disappearance of the liner being only five minutes.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Seattle under the new prohibition, is the largest "dry" city in the world, outside of Russia.

Seven states, Colorado, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina went dry January 1.

A. L. Ringling, oldest of the Ringling Brothers, veteran circus men, died of heart disease at Baraboo, Wis., his home. He was 63 years old.

M. A. Schmidt was found guilty of first degree murder as an alleged accomplice of J. B. McNamara in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Daily Times building.

Prohibition in Portland, Ore., wiped the slate clean of 295 saloons, four wholesalers and rectifiers, 15 wholesalers, 15 grocer liquor licenses, 10 grill liquor licenses and three brewery licenses.

Governor Winfield Scott Hammond, of Minnesota, died suddenly in a hotel at Clinton, La., from a stroke of apoplexy, which physicians said apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.

Farmers' School Opens.

Puyallup, Wash.—The annual winter school for farmers, given by the extension department of Washington state college and the western Washington experiment station department heads began here Monday for six weeks. A new 35 by 70-foot, two-story tile building was built at the experiment station this summer for the school work of 120 students. If this winter school is a success a western Washington agricultural school may be developed.

Associate Justice Lamar Dead.

Washington—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died at his home here after an illness of several months. He was 58 years old and had been on the supreme bench five years.

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