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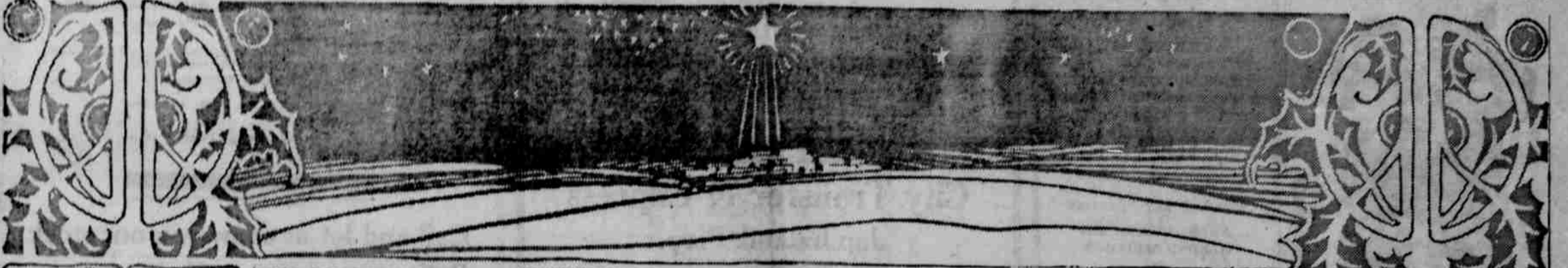
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WE WISH OUR LARGE FAMILY OF READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



BOB OSBORN WRITES TO THE JOURNAL

The Journal is in receipt of the following letter from Bob Osborn, who is stationed at Vancouver barracks. Bob is a former member of The Journal staff and has many friends in Prineville who will be glad to welcome him back home again.

"Present, Thursday, Dec. 12, 1918

"Whew! It's tough to sit here and look upon that part of a rain-swept parade ground which admits itself through the width of a window—a scene not unattractive with its light green turf, the deeper velvet-like green of the huge firs and the smaller trees of a woodsy background; here and there one can see fresh gleams of paint on a band-stand, or on the houses of 'officers' row'; grey clouds, low-hung and swiftly moving, form a blanket over all and a north wind, freighted occasionally with a gust of rain, sighs around the corners and tosses the branches of the firs. No, I haven't any fault to find with the view itself, it is that which is drawn across the picture sometimes that inwardly disturbs, i. e., a group of uniformed men with suitcases in hand going down to the ticket office, preparatory to hitting the golden road home. Not only does the home-ward line thrust itself upon me thru the window, but, just now, any time the whole day long, I can reach out a hand and touch an individual unit of that line. I can thrust out a foot and have it stepped on by a volkicking youth, who is so happy he jigs his way along the line. The noise of voices is continually in my ears, as are the clinkings of fifty typewriters, the babblings of hurried clerks and the orders of hard-bolled non-coms. Still the line goes on—going back to the scattered place from which it came. It is as if the nation with a self-filling fountain pen had dipped into its bottle of human resources, pressed the button, used the pen to write large on the pages of history, and now having written, releases the priceless fluid for normal uses of Peace. You have guessed it—I am working with the mustering out force.

"This is like a certain, well known factory, only instead of Ford's run-ning away from the back door, we send out soldiers a little happier than when they entered. Each soldier collects papers in much the same way as Lizzie grows from a heap of tin to a rattling mobile unit. When you realize that to be discharged one must fill out no less than 16 different forms, you will see what a job we are up against. One of the large barracks in the old Post has been converted into a demobilization office. First the men proceed upstairs, where they pass through a stiff medical examination—this to prevent a man leaving the army worse than when he entered and reducing to a minimum the claims for pensions. Then down stairs they come, kept in orderly lines by especially constructed railings, and as they go along, separate groups of clerks fill out the various forms. Altogether, there are something like 150 doing this sort of work.

"My particular job is to fill out a form which gives a soldier a refund on a Liberty Bond unpaid for out of monthly allotments from his army

(To be continued)

SHUMIA HOLD ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The anniversary meeting of the Shumia Club was held Saturday at the home of Mrs. J. H. Wigle, one of the charter members of the club.

The ladies met at 12:30 and were served with a dainty luncheon, after which each of the members took part in a brief program.

The club was organized and has been operated as a literary organization, and not more than two meetings each year are devoted to social events, which makes them more highly appreciated.

Christmas, 1918

Our supplications and our prayers,
For the cruel, hated war to cease,
And peace to reign within our gates
At last in God's own time, were answered.

Let Anthems ring again the song:
"Of peace on earth, good will to men!"
May thanks and praise to Him ascend,
This happy, blissful Christmas tide.

Along life's highway as you tread
May peace and plenty you attend.
May love and joy fill all your days
Thru out the coming glad some years.

ADA B. MILLICAN

STATE ENGINEER SAYS GOVERNMENT AID DUE

State Engineer Percy A. Cupper, believes that there is an early possibility of the federal government being interested in an irrigation project that would embrace all the unwatered lands in the various projects that have been under consideration in this part of the state in recent years, and thinks a storage reservoir on the Deschutes that would care for the Benham Falls project and the other lands in the Powell Butte district, as well as the Jefferson county districts, is quite feasible.

A plan whereby the federal government could build the reservoir and sell the water rights to the land owners, either outright or by the year, would be the most satisfactory, he believes, and some system whereby holders of large blocks of arid lands could turn a part of their holdings to the district for paid up water rights, thus giving the district or state some lands which might be resold to actual settlers on easy payments is one that he believes will be worked out soon too, he says.

Engineer Cupper placed emphasis on the idea that all communities in this part of the state should work together in securing government aid, as there is water for all the lands, and the large project would be more attractive to the government. If there is a division of effort, less will be accomplished, and the ultimate development of the country will be retarded to a great extent.

The engineer is a friend of this part of the state, fair and broad minded, and will do all in his power to secure such aid as is possible from the government.

He was in Prineville Tuesday, looking over the Ochoco Project, which he considers one of the best irrigation features in the west.

NOTICE

All parties owning any lumber or other articles at our saw mill are hereby ordered to remove the same within 30 days from this date.

SMITH BROS.
December 19, 1918, Prineville, Ore.
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—W. S. S.—

The parents desiring to see their little ones on the stage are invited to the Christian church Monday evening at 7:30. A little Christmas program will be given by the Junior Endeavor.

C. O. I. CO. MAKES SALE OF HOLDINGS

Final assurance of the sale by the C. O. I. Co., to the Central Oregon district of all holdings in Deschutes and Crook counties was made Friday at the meeting of the district directors in Redmond, when the amended contract for transfer of the property was approved, and arrangements for the financing of the deal completed. The purchase price is named at \$200,000, and to meet this obligation members of the district will vote on a \$240,000 bond issue on January 15, 1919. It was decided. The \$40,000 excess, it is estimated, will take care of discount and interest on the bonds for the first year.

According to the terms of the contract, the company agrees to sell all land and water rights, its irrigation system, all unpaid maintenance and all real and personal property, including the townsite of Deschutes. Forty-six hundred acres of unsold land and 1,700 excess acreage are also transferred. The actual value of these two items in the deal easily offsets the amount named in the contemplated bond issue, it is figured.

Prior water rights are specified for maximum capacity of the intakes for the present ditch system.

The bonds which will be voted on in January are for 20 years, and as the realty transferred amounts to 45,000 acres, the incumbrance on the property will amount to less than \$6 per acre.

The completion of negotiations for the sale is considered a long step in advance for the cause of irrigation in Crook and Deschutes counties.

LADIES' AID MEETING

Mrs. M. R. Biggs entertained the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid at her home Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in sewing. Mrs. Ada B. Millican gave a very interesting talk on relief work. She explained how the aid societies should get together and maintain a relief fund. The hostess was assisted in serving by Miss Hester Constable.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Louis Dishman entertained about twenty of his friends at his home on Friday evening. The occasion was the celebration of his eleventh birthday. The evening was spent in playing games, after which refreshments were served.

GRAZING RATES TO BE RAISED MAR. 1

That an increase of 25 per cent. over the rates in effect during the past year will be made on grazing fees charged users of the national forest was the announcement given out this morning at the offices of the Deschutes national forest in this city, says the Bend Bulletin. New rates will be effective March 1, 1919. It was also learned that five-year permits are desired by the stockmen. The lions warrant, and where such permits are desired by the stockmen. The change in charges, it is expected, will make an increase of approximately \$600 in receipts for this forest.

The new schedule is authorized by an order from the department of agriculture and fixes 80 cents to \$1.50 for cattle as the charge for a year period, the amount varying with the advantages offered on the different ranges. The grazing season on the Deschutes forest usually lasts for about three months for the majority of stockmen, and the rates will be less than those named in the general order.

The rate for horses will be 25 per cent. higher than for cattle, and the rate for sheep and goats one-fourth of that charged for cattle.

According to records of the local forestry office, grazing preferences are now of considerable value, as the size of the range was insufficient to accommodate a number of new applications for permits last year.

The issuance of annual permits will be continued where reductions are necessary to insure against overstocking, or where this may be required for any other reason. The plan is to bring about a more secure tenure of grazing privileges through the issuance of five-year permits as fast as this can be done in consideration of the various public interests involved.

PROF. H. C. BAUGHMAN DIES

A telegram has just been received in Prineville reporting the death of Prof. H. C. Baughman. The cause of his death was complications following influenza. Details have not yet been received other than that the remains were interred in Eugene.

Prof. Baughman was principal of Crook County High School for several years and had many friends in Prineville who will regret to hear of his death.

WARNING TO AUTO OWNERS

Owners of automobiles who have not provided themselves with 1919 licenses will find themselves unable to use their cars on January 1. Every owner who does so use his car without the 1919 license tag will be liable to arrest and fine in the justice's courts. A great many automobile users have not as yet applied to the secretary of state for new licenses.

TO AID IRRIGATION

A meeting was held at Hotel Prineville Friday at the noon hour, for the purpose of discussing the irrigation of land in the county and securing government aid for the projects.

A committee consisting of T. M. Baldwin and J. E. Myers, who had attended a meeting called for the same purpose in Redmond the first of the week, reported that Bend, Redmond and Prineville interests are working together in a common cause, and the committee was made a permanent one for the furthering of irrigation interests in this part of the state. J. H. Upton is also a member of the committee.

Another luncheon will be held tomorrow noon at the same place to receive reports from the committee, and to care for any other matters that may be submitted for the interests of the community.

