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THE SPENDING OF \$240,000 allowed in the county budget for county roads is perhaps the most important part of the court's work.

The road fund for 1915 will contain almost three times as much money as is required for running the rest of the county, schools excepted.

The proposed levy, 8 mills, is larger than the state tax levy, the general county school tax levy, and is larger than the rate adopted by a majority of the incorporated towns in the county.

The employment of a county road engineer is a long step in the direction of right road management and the policy which has been followed during the last year under Mr. Hobson has been an improvement over the disjointed scheme of things in years previous.

Every county and every state will some time or another adopt permanent hard surface roads as the only business-like, sane and safe policy in road work.

Under Mr. Hobson the county has constructed several expensive oil-bound macadam highways in the belief that they were permanent. The county court is to be congratulated on its determination to build lasting highways, but should be educated as to what a permanent highway is.

With half of the money to be collected for roads in the county, many miles of the highest grade of permanent highways could be constructed.

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and have become weary of the bridge playing circle of their inn, they pass their evening gazing dejectedly at the red and white tiling of the floor.

The new member may find himself on some committee like ventilation and acoustics, the duties of which could be performed by a clerk. If he tries to address the house, he usually finds the floor held by some one who showed no sign of desiring to speak.

Congress is big and unwieldy. There is no real debate in a hall twice too large for members to be heard. About as many big questions are usually decided in a session as could be cleaned up in a National Board of Trade meeting in a week.

IN THE PERSON of Ben Selling, Oregon has one of its leading philanthropists. He is a man who is inclined toward charity because of deep sympathy in the sufferings of those around him.

Mr. Selling has taken a leading position in charity work in Portland. In his restaurant on Burnside street he serves 800 meals each day at five cents each to unemployed men. He has found beds at 10 cents a night for hundreds who otherwise would be forced to walk the streets.

At present, the condition of the people in the devastated countries of Europe has attracted the attention of Mr. Selling and he is prominent in a movement to send a shipload of foodstuffs from Oregon and Washington.

The suggestion shows the benevolent character of Mr. Selling. The sufferings of a foreign people, across a continent and an ocean, have attracted his eye and now he pleads in their behalf.

TO PREPARE FOR WAR is to invite war, yet the cry for a larger army and navy continues. The man who packs a gun is bound to shoot.

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Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, is heading a movement in the United States, with headquarters in New York city, for the amelioration of the suffering in Belgium due to the war.

GRESHAM CHURCH IS FILLED AT REVIVAL

GRESHAM, Ore., Dec. 11.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—Gresham got a "shaking up" Sunday evening when the Rev. A. J. Ware preached from the text: "Thou Art Weighed in the Balance."

COAST LEAGUE PRAISED

SPORTING LIFE, one of the best known baseball magazines, has the following testimonial for two well known managers in this territory. Here it is:

MORRIS WINS ON FOUL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 16.—Carl Morris, heavyweight of Oklahoma, tonight won on a foul from "Sailor" Carroll, of San Francisco, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout.

UNIVERSITY CLOSES BECAUSE OF MUMPS

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 16.—The breaking out of a small epidemic of mumps among the students of the university within the past few days resulted today in the dismissal of classes until after the Christmas recess, January 4.

FRENCH GIVEN SENTENCE

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Dec. 12.—Jay A. French, county judge of Walla Walla county until he resigned a month ago, was sentenced today to serve from one to five years in the penitentiary. He left this afternoon for the state penitentiary at Salem, in charge of Sheriff Marvin, his friend for many years.

TRONSON GETS LIFE TERM

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—Fred Tronson, convicted of the murder of Emma Ulrich, was sentenced to life imprisonment at 10 o'clock this morning by Circuit Judge Henry E. McGillin.

TAXPAYERS CUT BUDGET \$18,935

for in the budget will be done away with after April 1. The meeting passed several resolutions, a majority of which were directed at state laws now in force.

BUD OFF FOR WALLACE

Bud Anderson, accompanied by Frank Dupuis and Stanley McDonald, left Tuesday for Wallace, Idaho, where he meets Frank Barriean in a 16-round Monday night in Oregon City.

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FOUR BEAVERS SIGNED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Although Portland contracts will not be sent out until around the middle of January, when the local magnates are expecting a warm season with some of their players, who will not be up to the cut in store for them, the local team has nearly half a ball club under contract now, with two more men, Reed and Murphy, who come from the Phillies, as good as signed up.

BEAVERS NOT AFFECTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Last year it was the Portland club which suffered most severely from the raids of the Federals, losing three men, two of whom would have been of little use to the club, and a third whose loss was felt rather severely.

EVERS' CONDITION UNCHANGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The condition of Johnny Evers, captain of the Boston National league baseball club, suffering from pneumonia, was reported as unchanged today. Physicians assured President Gaffney, of the club, that the Braves' second baseman was in no immediate danger.

What Is the Matter With the United States?

(By HERBERT N. CASSON.)

In Associated Advertising for December.

"What is the matter with the United States?" As I have been residing in London since the beginning of the war, I have been hearing this question asked on all sides. I have never heard any satisfactory answer. No one seems to know.

Why are the American factories not running night and day? Why are the railroads not opening up new territories and getting ready for the millions of immigrants who have already made up their minds to leave Europe as soon as the war is over?

Why are there not fifty American drummers in London right now, trying to sell \$200,000,000 worth of American goods in place of the goods that were bought last year from Germany and Austria?

Why have advertisers become quitters, just at the time when their advertisements were most needed and most effective in cheering on the business forces of the United States?

From the European point of view, the United States is a haven of peace and security and prosperity. It has no troubles that it dare mention to Belgium or Austria or France or Germany or Serbia or Great Britain or Russia.

Every tenth Briton has enlisted. Every tenth Frenchman is at the front. Every tenth Belgian is dead. What does the United States know of trouble?

If I could afford it, I would charter the Mauretania and Lusitania, and convey a party of 5,000 American Advertisers to Europe for a trip of education. I would give them a week in London, a week in Paris, and a week in Antwerp.

I would let them look at the United States from the scene of war. I would give them a look at REAL TROUBLE. I would let them see trains, ten at a time, five minutes a part, packed with the maimed and the dying.

I would let them hear, from fragmentary survivors, the incredible story of battlefields 150 miles wide, and armies that are greater than the entire population of Texas.

—I would let them see graves 100 yards long and full, and Belgium, the country that was, nothing now but 12,000 square miles of wreckage.

Then, when they began to understand, to some slight extent, the magnitude and awfulness of this war, I would say to them:

"Now go back and appreciate the United States. Realize your opportunities. Don't start digging trenches when nobody is firing at you. Don't fall down when you have not been hit. Don't be blind to the most glorious chance you have ever had in your life.

"Go back and advertise. Get ready for the most tremendous business boom that any nation ever had. Build your factories bigger. Train more salesmen. Borrow more money. Go ahead, and thank God that you are alive and that your family is alive, and that you are living in a land that is at peace, at a time when nearly the whole world is at war."

Japan, Having Defeated Russia, Believes She Can Defeat Almost Anybody

By THOMAS B. NEELY, M. E. Bishop of Philadelphia

THERE IS GRAVE DANGER IN UNASSIMILATED IMMIGRATION. JAPAN MEANS TO FORCE HER CITIZENS UPON THIS COUNTRY ON EQUAL TERMS WITH CITIZENS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SHE MEANS TO FIGHT FOR IT IF SHE HAS ANY HOPE OF SUCCESS.

If the time had been ripe a few years ago Japan's hope for success might have been realized. Had she fought then she would have taken the Philippines and Hawaii, her FLEETS WOULD HAVE BOMBARDED OUR PACIFIC COAST CITIES, and she would have landed an army on that coast. Some smile at that danger and mention the one hundred million people in this country as a safeguard against invasion. My friends, a great army is not made in a day. We have one hundred million people, but that does not mean one hundred million soldiers.

JAPAN IS STRONG AND BUOYANT, AND SHE HAS A "SWELLED HEAD." HAVING DEFEATED RUSSIA, SHE BELIEVES SHE CAN DEFEAT ALMOST ANYBODY. FOR THIS REASON I BELIEVE IN THE CANAL; THAT WILL ENABLE OUR FLEETS TO RAPIDLY CONCENTRATE IN THE PACIFIC.

Advertisement for The Bank of Oregon City, featuring a savings pass book and Christmas presents.

Advertisement for Electric Bitters, a tonic for various ailments.