

Optimistic After-War View Presented

It was unfortunate that more people were not present Tuesday night to hear Dr. E. S. Muckley lecture on "After the War, What?" The speaker in his introduction showed that the present clash between autocracy and democracy was an inevitable thing. The conflict between the two systems began with the teachings of Jesus. He was the world's first great democrat.

He asserted and proved by many illustrations that in the past nations made laws with reference to material prosperity, but after the war laws would be made with the view of making the world a better place for the development of man.

After the war social distinctions

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a full and complete line of accessories, Tires, Oils, Grease, Batteries and anything for the automobile. We have several used cars to select from at low prices.

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Overland Millner Company

would become obliterated. The parasite who tramps our railroads and the one who lives in the palace would both disappear. It will become unethical for a man to be worth a million.

There will also emerge from this war a new church. Business men will demand of the ministry that they stop their quarrelling over petty differences and get together on common ground.

The speaker held the attention of his audience from the first to the last word.

Did it ever occur to you, when you are trying to get ahead a bit financially, that it isn't so much what you earn that counts—it's what you save?

Plaza Barber Shop

"On the Plaza"

Guaranteed shaves or whiskers refunded

J. A. Yeo, Prop.

Oil Company to Operate in Valley

An organization called the Rogue River Oil Company was organized during the past year and has recently been completed with Dr. E. B. Pickel as president, A. Evan Reames secretary and James W. Dunlop treasurer. The board of directors is comprised of the officers, with the addition of Dr. F. C. Page and James M. Dressler. The company is capitalized at \$250,000, with offices in Medford.

The plan that this company expects to operate is along co-operative ideas with a certain portion of capital stock set aside for the benefit of any land-owners making leases to this company on a pro-rata basis of the number of acres so leased. All leases accepted by this company are placed in the hands of the Jackson County Bank as trustee, together with a trust claim deed executed by the company to the land-owner, accompanied by an escrow agreement safeguarding the land-owner. When the desired amount of leases have been secured and are in the hands of the trustee, the company will have arrangements completed so as to begin the actual field operations.

From previous test work in this field the company feels justified in their action of going ahead and thoroughly prospecting this territory in a conservative and businesslike manner.

'Two-Bit' Clubs Becoming Popular

The "Two Bit Club" is the most effective kind of a war club. Members are pledged to buy government Thrift Stamps for 25 cents each at regular intervals—one a day, if possible. When sixteen of these stamps have been pasted on the Thrift card that goes with the first stamp sold, the card will be exchanged for a government War Savings Stamp, which costs \$4.12 now, and for which Uncle Sam will pay \$5 in five years.

"Two Bit Club" members will thus become holders of United States "baby bonds" and will be lending their financial aid in winning the war.

"Two Bit Clubs" are to be organized throughout the state.

Jackson's Exemption Allowance Reinstated

County Clerk Gardner is watching the interest of Jackson county in the matter of draft with a careful eye. Jackson county volunteered far beyond its quota of soldiers and was entitled under the law to credit against its draft quota for these volunteers. Word came down that this allowance would not be made. About that time the County Clerks' State Association met and Mr. Gardner had the following resolutions adopted by that body, each county clerk in the state being a member of the local exemption board. As a result, the decision against Jackson county has been rescinded and proper exemptions are now allowed:

Whereas, almost all the members of this County Clerks' Association are members of the local boards throughout the state, and there being at this time a majority of the county clerks present; and

Whereas, owing to the great demand of the present exigency, a great demand is being made upon the manhood of every community of this state; and

Whereas, a great number throughout the state of Oregon have entered the service of the regular army and national guard, which, in some communities, has removed almost all men in Class 1 under the new Selective Regulations; and

Whereas, Section 2 of the selective service law provides that each subdivision of each state shall receive credit for all persons who were in the military service of the United States as members of the national guard on April 1, 1917, or who have, since that date, entered the military service of the United States from any such sub-division, either as members of the regular army or the national guard; and

Whereas, the acting adjutant general for the state of Oregon has made the ruling that no credit will be given for any net quota remaining on June 30, 1917, such net quota having been apportioned to the various subdivisions of the state on said date; and

Whereas, there were in some counties a net quota of from 50 to 120 which were apportioned to other counties in this state, under such apportionment, which will ultimately work a great hardship on counties

furnishing a large number of volunteers prior to June 30, 1917;

Therefore be it resolved, that this organization favors an apportionment of any quotas among the various counties in case of any future draft, that will give each county of this state credit for the full number of volunteers into the military service, and members of the national guard which were members, and have become such on April 1, 1917, and since said date, and that a reapportionment be made for each subsequent draft until a full credit is given each county for each and every person who has volunteered for service as herein enumerated.

Be it further resolved, that we unanimously congratulate the adjutant general for the splendid manner of handling his office in connection with the local boards throughout the state, and that we pledge our continued harmonious support to him in every way possible.

Shasta Limited

Not to Be Removed

Rumors that the Shasta limited may be removed from Southern Pacific schedules as a step toward traffic economy under federal control are vigorously denied by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, who recently returned from a company conference at San Francisco, according to the Eugene Register.

"There is no intention of withdrawing the Shasta from service," says Mr. Scott, "nor has such a proposal been discussed. I am at a loss to know where the rumor originated. We cannot speak for the future, but for the present no change of such nature is even contemplated."

A circular has been issued from the offices of the Southern Pacific general freight agent and general passenger agent, whose headquarters are in Portland, advising that aside from the discontinuance of soliciting business there will be no change for the present in the service.

Agents will continue to furnish shippers and passengers with all information available on request, as has been the practice in the past, but no suggestions will be made as to the routing of freight or passenger travel, the choice of routes being left entirely to the discretion of the shipper or passenger.

FIRST THRIFT CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

Portland, Ore., Jan. 14.—The first Thrift Club in Portland for the purpose of saving systematically for the purchase of United States War Savings Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps has been organized by the employees of the Prudential Insurance Company, with John Pauer, local superintendent, as president. Members of the club have signed a pledge to save a given amount each week, and check on the progress of each member will be made by the club secretary.

Many other such societies are to be organized in Portland, and reports received at Thrift campaign headquarters indicate that the plan will be generally followed throughout the state.

Thrift Stamps appeal to everybody, because everybody loves a "sticker."

ATTENTION--Men and Young Men

That belated shipment of extra good Blue Serge Suits has come at last, and they are splendid values for

\$16.50, \$20.00 and \$25.00

We have some fancy mixed Cassimere Suits that are wonderful values at

\$15.00, \$18.50, \$20.00 and up to \$25.00

Don't forget those bargains in Sweaters at \$1.50 and \$2.00, and Shirts at 69c.



MITCHELL & WHITTLE

"The Men's Store"

Long Distance

Rates Changed

The new long distance toll rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, which were recently filed with the state public service commission, went into effect January 1. The new rates are figured out on an all-line basis to conform with the rates in Washington and California. The most significant local change is the rate between Ashland and Medford, which is changed from 15 cents for three minutes to 20 cents for one minute. In general 54 per cent of the tolls were lowered, 26 per cent raised and 20 per cent remained unchanged.

Douglas County to Get State Board

The secretary of agriculture has approved the co-operative agreement for the survey and construction of the Canyonville-Galesville road, in Douglas county, Oregon, according to the announcement of District Forester George H. Cecil of Portland, who has just received a copy of the agreement signed by the secretary.

The Canyonville-Galesville road is a forest road project under Section 8 of the federal aid road act of July 11, 1916. It will replace a specially difficult stretch of the Pacific Highway in the Cow Creek canyon region, and because of its value as a military road its construction is important. The total length of this project is 11.8 miles, in Douglas county, 8.15 miles being within the Umpqua national forest.

The state highway commission of Oregon and the county commissioners of Douglas county will co-operate with the government in the survey and construction of the road. The estimated cost for the location survey and construction is \$157,000. The government will pay 42.68 per cent of the final costs of survey plans, estimates and construction of the project, and the state and county officials 57.32 per cent of these costs. The cost of maintenance, which is estimated at \$1,600 annually, will be met by the local authorities. Cautionary and informative signs will be

erected and maintained along the right-of-way by the government.

District Engineer L. I. Howes of the Office of Public Roads already has a party at work making the location survey for this road, which will require three or four weeks to complete.

Oregon's share in the \$10,000,000 allotted by the government for forest roads in the national forest states under Section 8 of the federal aid road act is \$128,111 for 1918, and a similar amount each year until 1926. Other forest road projects in Oregon which have been approved by Secretary Houston are 17 miles of the Medford-Klamath Falls road on the Crater national forest in Jackson county, 3 miles on the same road in Klamath county, and 9.7 miles of the Ochoco canyon road in Crook county, partly on the Ochoco national forest.

To the Public.

In this issue we publish a statement of the condition of the First National Bank on December 31, as required by law.

We ask our patrons and all persons interested to study this statement carefully, analyze it, criticize it, pick it to pieces and then come in and ask us any questions you desire regarding items in the statement that you do not understand.

Frankly, we are proud of the showing we are able to make. The bank is in a clean, strong, healthy condition.

Our first consideration always has been and always will be, absolute safety of funds entrusted to our care.

J. W. McCoy, Cashier.

E. V. Carter, President.

KNITTING.

And the ladies, ever knitting. Never quitting, still are sitting. Knitting things no living mortal Ever, ever saw before.

And no single word they utter Till at dusk they softly flutter From their rockers to the floor. And a voice comes from the shadow Where they cluster near the door.

"Thursday next at half past four."

—Exchange.

A camp for the manufacture of ship-knees to be used in the ship industry at Portland has been established one mile south of Sodaville. The daily output of the camp will be about 3,000 ship-knees.

AUCTION Extraordinary!

Balance of Stock of O. H. Johnson JEWELER

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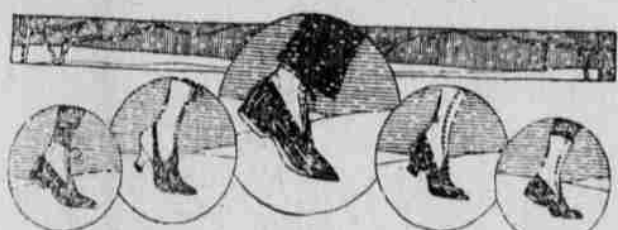
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