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county court to "lay down" now would be to confess that its road policy is a failure and that the apparently splendid stretch of highway up the Wild Horse would better have been left un-built. Macadam may not be flawless but it is better than dust and mud, and we believe that the county court will elect to see its cherished project through and will be justified in so doing. Had the McComas candidate, Gilliland, been elected county judge, there would have been much more of logic in the contention that a majority of the taxpayers do not favor completion of this road.

"Them that has gets." In addition to its annual maintenance of about \$35,000 the Monmouth Normal has received from the state a \$4000 heating plant, a \$80,000 girls' dormitory and a \$10,000 gymnasium. It now asks the legislature for \$50,000 for a new training school which it will probably get—being located in the Willamette valley. Monmouth worked for one school only—in 1910, while Ashland and Weston worked for three. In 1910, and again at the recent election, Polk county cast an overwhelming vote against Ashland and Weston. It evidently pays to be selfish here in Oregon, for Monmouth has become the pampered pet of the state while two other normal schools of at least equal merit are "left outside the breast-works." Weston, in fact, was a larger school than Monmouth at the time of the senatorial debacle in 1909.

HOLY WAR INDORSED.

(Monday Crawfish.)
After mature reflection and sober deliberation on the part of its entire staff, The Monday Crawfish has decided to endorse the Sultan of Turkey's pleasant proposal to make the present great conflict a holy war.

Holiness is all that is needed to make the war a regular hellpocalypse. Add a pinch of holiness to the other ingredients—German "culture," English "love of liberty," French "enlightenment," Russian "patriotism," Japanese "progressiveness" and plain Belgian misery—and you should have a stew that will leave the corridors of time in need of fervent fumigation.

Several distinct varieties of Christians are earnestly engaged in wholesale mutual murder. Buddhists, Mohammedans, Jews and Shintoists are all mixed in the melee with the professing followers of the Prince of Peace. There is no altar on which the dove may alight without wetting her feet in red.

As if this were not religion enough to make any war holy, the crescent, as of old, must be uplifted against the cross. No such cheerful prospect of holy homicide has arisen since the Crusades, and everybody in Europe who could get away for the summer went down to Palestine to fight the Saracens for the Holy Sepulchre and any holy jewelry and sacred silverware that might be lying around loose.

This paper is strong for all this holy stuff—the holy Zeppelins, dropping holy bombs, the holy dum-dum bullets, the holy Cosacks, the holy submarines sinking holy battleships—the whole holy horror.

All these things are holy if only you get the right point of view, and the Sultan has our heartfelt thanks for calling our attention to the fact, which, otherwise, not being very religious ourselves, we might have overlooked.

If anything can be done to make the war any holier such as getting the heathen in the hinterland of the cannibals of Central Africa into it—by all means let it be done without delay.

Civilization should not be jeopardized for lack of a little holiness, when that commodity is as plentiful as cotton and as cheap, almost, as human life.

YOU'RE RIGHT, NEIGHBOR!

(Athena Press.)

There is apparently no valid excuse for leaving the uncompleted line in the Weston-Milton link of the county road improvement, and commencing work from Pendleton, westward. It would seem the height of folly and bad-management to leave this road uncompleted and begin elsewhere, when the machinery is on the ground ready for the work. The county court owes it to the East end to complete this thoroughfare, both from the standpoint of amount of travel over the road, and the fact that Athena and Weston contributed largely to the road fund, in cash, labor and material, and in reality set the pace for the county to follow in the matter of permanent road improvement. This part of the county pays the bulk of the taxes and should have a voice in the matter which will be affected by the uncompleted road. Why not couple up between Weston and Milton, and have a completed thoroughfare, then move to the west part of the county and do likewise?

NORMAL SCHOOL BALANCE WILL BE KEPT INTACT

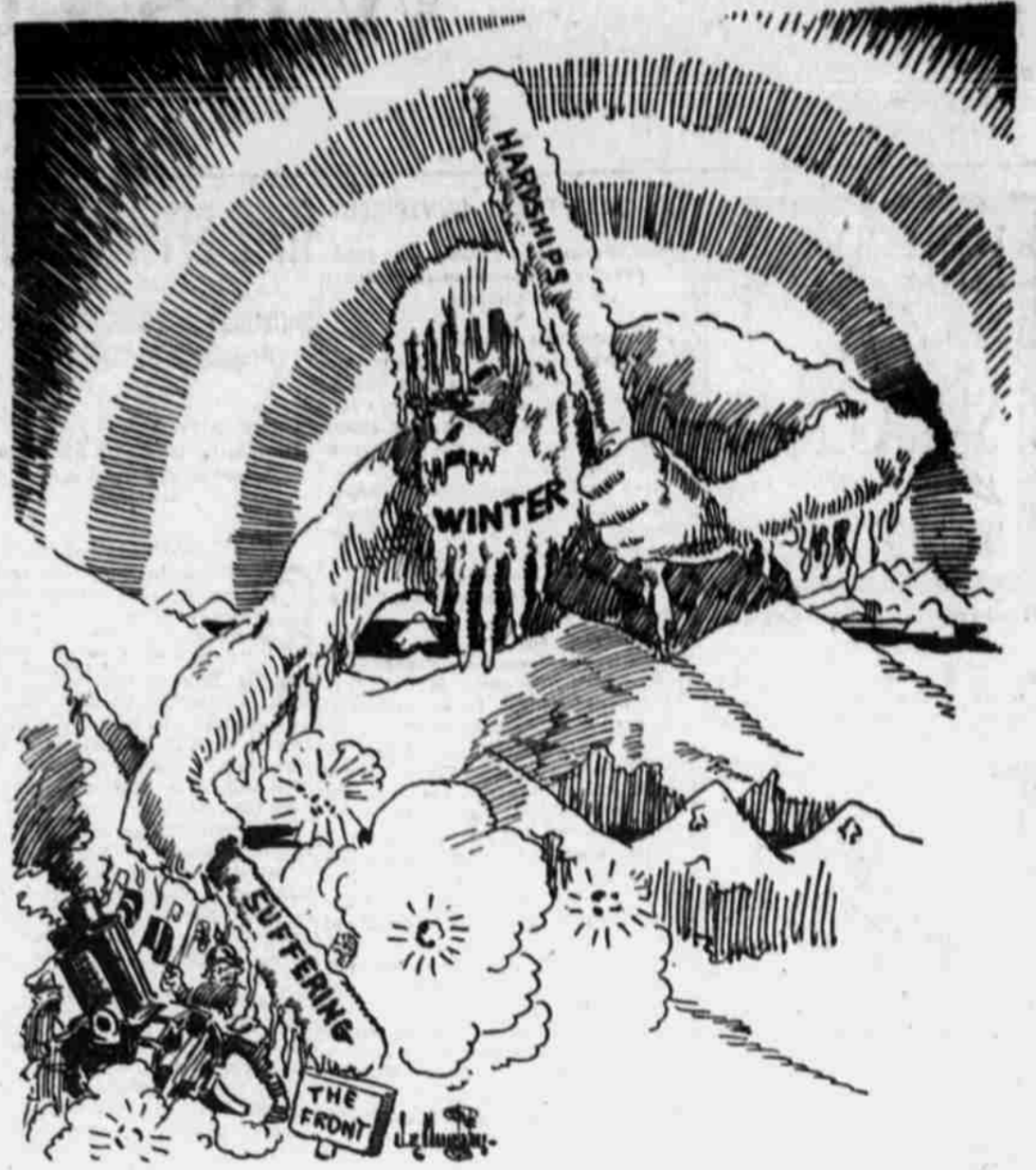
At a recent meeting of the normal school campaign committee it was decided to dispose of the small balance remaining of the campaign fund by placing it in the local bank in return for an interest-bearing certificate of deposit, until such time as it may be expedient to use the money for "normal school purposes only."

The committee has had several requests for portions of the fund from public movements of a worthy nature. These were difficult to refuse, yet the committee finally reached the conclusion that it would have no right to use the funds for any other purpose than that for which they were subscribed. These requests were therefore denied, as will be all similar requests in future. It was decided not to return the balance pro rata to the subscribers for the reason that the several amounts would be so small as to be of little consequence to any of them.

It is not considered probable here that any attempt will ever be made again to have the Eastern Oregon Normal restored. However, should a change of sentiment ever be indicated on the part of the voters of the state, the committee decided that it would be well to have a small sum available for the preliminaries of another campaign.

The James Nelson farm of 609 acres near Havas station has been bought by Dave Bain, a son-in-law of J. T. Lieualen, for \$51,000. Mr. Bain has been farming the place for the past four years.

BEGINNING HOSTILITIES



(J. E. Murphy in Oregon Journal.)

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Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906 (34 Stat., 517), pursuant to the application of Herbert Hopkins, of Weston, Oregon, Serial No. 019022, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 14th day of January, 1915, at this office, the following tract of land:

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Now that Oregon has abolished capital punishment we fear that F. Billiken Boyd, ed. of our est. Athena contemp., will never get his just deserts.

We are prone to wonder up this way as to just how much of the Taxpayers' Association is an association of taxpayers and how much is E. W. McComas.

Germany is due to reap a whirlwind of vengeance through "sowing to the wind" in its wanton and useless bombardment of defenceless towns on the English coast.

Umatilla county's assessed wealth has grown to nearly fifty millions, but it is sad to reflect that John D. Rockefeller could still easily buy the entire county for a golf links.

Charity is merciful rather than exacting, generous rather than logical, and it is easy to find reasons for not giving to a charitable cause—such, for instance, as Belgian relief.

The virility of J. E. Murphy's art is seen to good advantage, we think, in the powerful cartoon which the LEADER is privileged to reproduce elsewhere. Other artists have treated the same striking theme with more or less vigor, but it has been reserved for Murphy to give to Winter a figure of terrific majesty. One views the picture with an involuntary shudder and a sensation of ulti dread, although "toasting his shins" by the fireside.

It looks to us as though the present county court were committed to the Weston-Milton macadamized road extension and will have to "renig" if it heeds the mandate of McCo—beg pardon, the Umatilla County Taxpayers' Association. Judge Maloney has long stood for the building of a macadamized highway from Pendleton through to the state line. Commissioner Cockburn based his campaign largely on the completion of the gap between Weston and Milton, and won. For the

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