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Nearly two thousand years ago, the glad message of the Christmas season, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward's Men," was heralded. Does it not seem a travesty on our Christian civilization, that today with half of the nations at war that message is more needed and less heeded, than at the time of its origin?

Yet, we, fortunate citizens of the United States of America, State of Oregon and County of Clackamas, can honestly pass on these glad tidings, and enjoy the real Christmas Spirit, for we are a people of peace, plenty and happiness.

When we come to consider, it is wonderful how the true Christmas Spirit has permeated all classes of society today. The members of a family welcome one another with the same wish, for a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, neighbor greets neighbor, casual acquaintances voice the feeling of gladness and even the hard headed, conservative business men, are now terminating their letters, with the welcome words, "Wishing you the Compliments of the Season" or "Wishing You a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

While the thoughts of the Christmas presents, good dinners and festivities are always uppermost in our minds, it is a blessing the underlying truth is, "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARDS MEN."

If the legality of the two mill road levy, for the building of hard surfaced pavements in Clackamas County is questioned and if the trouble is liable to originate in the cities, which are now entitled to 70% of the road tax raised in the city road districts, why not appease the city road districts first?

If the \$60,000, which would result from a two mill levy, will build about 5 miles of hard surfaced pavement per year; it would be good policy to build during 1916, a mile of such pavement in each of the following five cities in the county, Oregon City, Canby, Molalla, Estacada and Milwaukie and the following year, build in Oswego, Gladstone, Sandy, Boring and Barton and

thereafter keep extending out of those cities.

Such a plan would meet with little opposition from the so called city road districts and should meet with the approval of the rural taxpayers, who do their trading in the cities.

The Taxpayers Meeting did one good thing, when they recommended that all county printing be handled on bids and among Clackamas county printers, instead of placing orders with favorites, either in the county or in Portland. If this recommendation is adhered to, the Progress may get a chance to bid anyway, although it dares not hope to land a real order.

The Committee of Fifteen, who handled the preliminary arrangements for the Taxpayers Meeting, in many instances had a hard time to find any detailed records in the various offices, on which to base their recommendations for the various office expenditures.

The different departments had asked for in the budget, sufficient sums for their current expenses, but were more or less unable to furnish reliable records, on which they based their estimates.

Someday, Clackamas County will wake up and effect a big saving, by installing up-to-date business methods and systems in the various departments, with an accurate record kept of every single cent expended.

Will you sign a petition to invoke the referendum, to force the question of the purchase of the Canby Fair Grounds, onto the next ballot?

If you are attending school or the parent of a pupil, don't fail to read and meditate over the

facts shown herewith, as presented by Prof. Straub of the University of Oregon. They are facts, not fancies or theories.

Springwater Wins 38 to 6

In the opening basket ball game of the season, last Saturday evening at the Dodge Hall, the fast Springwater Athletic Club squad decisively defeated the Waverly Club team of Portland, by the score 38 to 6.

Springwater, in order to give all the boys a chance in the game used the following lineup: F Horner, E. Kilgore, J. Closner, Guards; S. Lawrence, E. Kilgore, Center; H. Horner, E. Horner, J. Moger, E. Closner, Forwards.

Announcement will be made in a few days of their next scheduled game.

Nature Films To Be Shown Here

Among the local sportsmen, who attended the session of the Oregon Sportsmen's League in Portland Monday, were Messrs. Patton, Heylman, McMillan and Standish. The banquet at the Commercial Club that evening with its program of nature films, shown by State Biologist Finley, was especially enjoyed. Arrangements are being made by the Estacada Rod & Gun Club to obtain these films to be shown in Estacada within a few weeks.

Among the college students who have returned for the holidays, are Miss Rachel Reed of the University of Washington; Chester Womer and Adolph Spiess of Willamette University and Ken Bartlett of the University of Oregon.

R. G. Marchbank of Estacada, returned Friday from a week's stay at Hood River, where he went to obtain relief from his asthma.



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