

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

J. E. Turnbull, of Eugene, is in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Bert R. Elliott and baby have returned from a visit at Salem.

G. W. Smith, of Wolf Creek, was in the city yesterday on business.

Sani-Flush. Sabn has it. 31

Mr. and Mrs. Zera Pool arrived last night from McCloud.

C. E. Tucker and D. Cameron, of Takilma, are in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Webber and S. H. Hathaway, of the Copper King mine near Placer, are at the Oxford.

Hemstitching and peoting at 10 cents a yard—All work guaranteed.

The Vanity Shop, Medford, Ore. 271f

Roy Williams, of Murphy, went to Glendale last night to work in the logging camp.

Mrs. Thos. Ahern, of Hugo, was in the city yesterday, returning home this morning.

Wm. MacMaster, of Portland, spent the day at River Banks, the guest of Mr. Niles.

H. E. Selby, formerly foreman of one of the River Banks farms, has secured his discharge from the aviation service and will return to River Banks.

Mrs. Jeanie Burke, president of the Oregon Assembly of Rebekah lodges, left last night for eastern Oregon to make her official visit to subordinate lodges. She will be absent from two to three weeks.

J. H. Godfrey and family and Mr. Godfrey's mother arrived here this morning from Chico, Cal., to make their home. They have purchased the Yonkers place five miles from the city. Mr. Godfrey left this place a year and a half ago.

NEW TODAY

AUCTION SALE of household goods, farm implements and a team at the H. H. Wardrip ranch in Fruitdale, Saturday December 7 at 1 o'clock p. m. Read the posters for particulars. 34

WANTED TO BUY—Power circle saw outfit for cutting cord wood. Write Box 44, Merlin, Ore. 32

A FEW ASPARAGUS plants still left and it is not too late to set them out if done at once. One cent each. W. W. Canby. 32

1917 MAXWELL in good condition, trade or sell, also one Ford roadster and one Overland roadster. Inquire R. Timmons, 506 South Sixth street. 32

AT THE MOVIES

Big Thrills in "Queen of the Sea"
The Annette Kellerman production, "Queen of the Sea," which will be shown at the Joy theater this week abounds in daring feats. You will see:
Annette Kellerman's 85-foot dive from a cable into the sea.
Swimmer's life-and-death battle in the boiling surf.
Heroic rescues of men from ship afire in mid-ocean.
Tremendous storm that batters vessel to pieces.
Desperate fight in sea cavern with balls of fire as weapons.
Heroine's miraculous escape from death under revolving knives.
Chained woman attacked by ferrets in the dungeon of the screen villain.
Terrific combat beneath the waves between mermaids and sirens.
Girl's amazing fall from the clouds into the yawning ocean.
Sword conflict in the dark between dismounted cavalry forces.

CITIZEN.

GLASS SAID TO BE NEW SECRETARY OF TREASURY

Washington, Dec. 4.—Word went around unofficially today that Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, had been chosen to become secretary of the treasury.

GERMAN SPY SYSTEM STILL BUSY IN BELGIUM

Brussels, Dec. 4.—The German espionage service in Belgium continues active, notwithstanding the armistice, according to the Gazette. In a village near Brussels the police arrested two German soldiers disguised as women who were taking photographs of passing French soldiers.

WOUNDED AMERICANS HOME BY CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 4.—All American wounded in England, with the exception of about 500 of the most serious cases, will be back in the United States by Christmas, according to present plans. Efforts now are being made to move the Americans quickly.

Loan Men Here—

M. Razema of Seattle, John Van Zandt of Portland, and C. F. Risselada of Utrecht, Holland, are in the city today. They represent the Holland Farm Loans company.

Office Phone Changed—

Call 124-Y or call at 415 G street for F. G. Isham, transfer. 31

Free Ballot Paper—

The Courier will supply free slips for the use of lodges or other organizations having election of officers. Call for them.

Returning From Shipyards—

Robert Sexaur returned last night from Astoria, where he spent the past summer working in the shipyards. Lee Courier and "Doc" Mansfield have also returned from Astoria.

Knitters Attention—

A letter from Red Cross headquarters dated November 30, is asking for more sweaters to give relief to our men who must stay in France this winter. Rapid completion of the work is necessary. Anyone able to finish a sweater by January 1st is requested to call for yarn Thursday afternoon at the courthouse.

Miss Cox Remains in Portland—

Armistice and peace conditions in Europe have changed the plans of the war department as to reconstruction aides, occupational therapy, medical department, and the order given last month for Miss Gladly Cox to go abroad for such work, has now been revoked by another order from the office of the surgeon general of the war department, because of these changed conditions. Miss Cox will, therefore, continue the instruction of art in the public schools in Portland.

Selma Woman Dies—

The death of Mrs. Henry Hudson, of Selma, occurred this morning, being caused from cancer. Mrs. Hudson was born July 24, 1862, and came to Josephine county in 1918, and lived at Selma until her death. She is survived by her husband and two sons by a former marriage, Jesse M. and E. T. Cyrus, both of Roseburg. The funeral will be held at the family home on Thursday at 1 p. m. and interment will be at the Deer Creek cemetery. Rev. Louis Huff will conduct the service.

CITY HEALTH OFFICER DISCUSSES THE "FLU"

The article appearing in yesterday's Courier under the heading "Many Flu Cases," and attributed to Dr. J. C. Smith, county health officer, is quite untrue and very misleading, because it says, "there are now 128 cases of influenza in the county, 125 of them being in the city." Just how or why such a report was made is a mystery, the object of which is difficult to understand when we stop to consider what it means to the business of the city and general welfare of the whole community. Outside people will not go to a disease infested city to trade or shop, and they are wise in not going.

The facts of the situation are, at the time the report was made there were exactly 51 cases of influenza in the county—all but one case being in Grants Pass. Quite some difference between 50 and 125 cases as reported yesterday.

From the very beginning of the epidemic in October up to and including yesterday forenoon there had been reported only 134 cases to the county health officer. And in the period between November 14th and 28th, or for two weeks there was not a single case reported in the county. And I don't believe we had any cases during that time. Then from November 28th or last Friday up to and including yesterday forenoon there were the 51 cases reported.

I understand that the school board at their meeting yesterday decided to not close the schools in view of the present outbreak, which is in a very mild form, which in my judgment is the only practical thing they could have done, because we are going to have these sporadic outbreaks all through the winter, and very likely next winter unless medical history fails to repeat itself, and it would only mean that the schools would be closed and opened alter-

nately for four or five weeks every other five or six weeks until the warm weather comes next summer and stamps the thing out.

What we need now is more co-operation and consideration with and for our neighbors and the teachers of the various schools, and not so much long whiskered Bolshevik propaganda with its secret underhand agitation. Think of your own precaution always and avoid crowds in warm, poorly ventilated rooms; wear sufficient clothing to keep your body from chilling. Sleep in open or well ventilated rooms with enough bed covering to keep you warm at all times of the night. Eat enough well selected and prepared food to keep your body resistance up to par. But first, last and all the time avoid crowds if you want to avoid the flu, and take plenty of prophylactic vaccine. It has proved exercise in the open. Also take the its worth in about 90 per cent of all the people vaccinated and it does prevent pneumonia following the influenza.

DR. J. O. NIBLEY,
City Health Officer.

U. S. CASUALTY LIST

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces for publication today:

Killed in action	68
Died of wounds	330
Died of accident	13
Died of disease	517
Wounded severely	107
Wounded, degree undetermined	264
Wounded slightly	5
Missing in action	368
Total	1,732

Oregon

Killed in action—George W. Gilson, Portland.

Died of wounds—Lieutenant William F. Feustel, Portland.

Wounded slightly—Cledith S. Bullock, Portland.

Died of disease—Robert J. Boswell, Ontario, Ore.; Fay K. Lofland, Medford.

Missing in action—Jesse V. West, Portland; Gust S. Toskan, Medford.

CITY TREASURER'S NOTICE

There are funds in the city treasury to redeem all warrants drawn on the general fund numbered 13,617 and 13,654 inclusive.

Interest will cease after December 4th, 1918.

Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, December 3rd, 1918.

G. P. JESTER,
City Treasurer

TAX RATIO FOR JOSEPHINE

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was found to be assessed at but 71 per cent of full value all that could be returned, or certified, to be written on our assessment roll was 71 per cent of this amount or \$1,941,905.03. We do not yet know this year what this class of property has been assessed, but suppose it to have been assessed by the tax commission at the same valuation as last year, \$7,735,077.52 and the tentative ratio of 60 per cent had remain the permanent ratio, instead of having 71 per cent of this valuation to put upon the assessment roll as last year

The Nation's Lesson

All people are children, either young or grown up. And all children must learn life in many lessons. This year's lesson for our people is

FOOD ECONOMY

It will not be learned by depriving yourself of needed food. It will be by judiciously selecting the foods that you need. In this we want to help you. We have many suggestions, that will help you to cut the H. C. of L. Economy prices, too.

THE ROCHDALE

THE STORE OF GUARANTEED GOODS
C. R. FIFIELD, Manager

Sale Price on Blow-out Boots

Heavy vulcanized boot—all sizes—regular 75c seller
For short time only

50c

SEE OUR WINDOW

C. L. HOBART CO.

we would have had but 60 per cent of it or \$1,641,046.51, a shrinkage of \$300,858.52.

"If the ratio of 60 per cent had been correct and permitted to stand, on the one hand we would have been required to pay approximately \$3,500 more state tax than last year and on the other would have lost from the assessment roll in round numbers more than \$300,000 in valuation of public utilities assessment, and if the average rate of taxation for all purposes in the county should be 25 mills or more, as last year, it takes but a short calculation to find that there would be a direct loss from that source of more than \$7,500 in actual taxes.

"The total locally assessed property for the year 1917 was \$7,061,460 and for 1918, \$6,725,103, thus showing a shrinkage of \$336,357, of which \$211,580 was property of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company and was actually removed from the county before March 1, 1918, the time of assessment, which leaves a net

shrinkage of property actually within the county of \$114,777.

"At the request of a meeting of taxpayers the county judge and assessor went before the state board of equalization armed with these facts and many more, and after ascertaining that our law rating was in a measure due to shrinkage of the locally assessed property but somewhat to the belief of the state tax commissioner that former ratios given this county had been too high and that a 60 per cent ratio was about all we were entitled to, the committee attempted to show, and thinks it did, that the principal of shrinkage in the roll was due to the beet factory having actually removed from the county and not to any radical cut in valuations, and that the slight reduction made was due to the class of property reduced having been sold and at the time of assessment being offered on the market for less than last year's assessment, and for that matter radically less than the assessment this year."

Keep Up the Christmas Spirit

WITH A MESSAGE OF CHEERFULNESS

—If ever we should send out friendly cards of Christmas greeting, it is this year.

—There is hardly anyone for whom the war has not caused some hardship. Everyone needs a word of encouragement—the boys away from home—the folks back home—our neighbors, relatives and business acquaintances.

—We have now on display a fine selection of ENGRAVED CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS

Demaray's Drug and Stationery Store

Joy Theatre

ToNight and Thursday

FAT ARBUCKLE

"HIS WEDDING NIGHT"

Lina Cavalieri

"LOVE'S CONQUEST"

Admission 20c and 10c

A Thrill a Minute!

GREATEST SPECTACLE OF THE AGE

William Fox' Magnificent

"Queen of the Sea"

featuring

Annette Kellerman

GREAT STORM AT SEA
WRECKING OF SHIP.
HEROIC RESCUE OF SAILORS
HEROINE'S DARING LEAP
WOMAN'S BATTLE WITH SURF

Beautiful mermaids—wonderful photography—marvels of the sea never before filmed. See this matchless drama of love war and intrigue

ADDED ATTRACTION --- MUT and JEFF COMEDY