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****** OREGON WEATHER

Fair tonight, rain Tuesday in west portion. Fair east por-+ tion, increasing southeasterly + winds.

ONLY FOUR MONTHS MORE

The country is now definitely voted dry. More than the requisite three-fourths of the states have ratified the federal prohibition amendment. Others will ratify it during the next few days for good measure. It is not likely that more than half a dozen will withhold their approval.

The amendment does not become immediately operative. It is to go into effect one year after ratification. That means a little more than one year from the present time, because the ratification is officially dated at the time the secretary of state receives formal notice from the state governments. This constitutional amendment, therefore, must wait until February or March, 1920, for fulfillment.

Actually, though, the whole country will be dry long before that, as a result of the congressional act which becomes effective July 1, this year. This act provides only for prohibition until the army is demobilized, but it is hardly possible that the demobilization will be completed before the amendment is effective. Actually, then, the liquor traffic has only a little more than four months' lease of life.

der most people will be when it is are getting in each other's way. all over and the nation can settle down to a period of permanent sobriety.

DISCRIMINATION

000 road bond issue will be passed dent has let him get out of line. by the legislature, but whether the object to be obtained justified the mobile owners feel that an unjust the road-hog. burden is to be fastened upon them.

While most owners of cars-both business and pleasure vehicles-are of a progressive turn of mind and willing to pay a heavier road tax, Coast States—Normal temperatures we stayed a couple of days and startthey feel that the proposed law and frequent rains. would be unjust and that they as a class are discriminated against. The argument is ventured that all who use the roads should help pay for their construction, and it seems that would be the fairest and squarest method of taxation.

The proposed high tax on carsespecially on heavy trucks-might land many a truck owner on the breakers.

LET THE PEOPLE KNOW

It is reported that General Pershing is to return soon with President Wilson, for the purpose of appearing before a congressional committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the war. Senator Chamberlain will very likely take the leading part in the investigation.

The war department has been the recipient of much bitter criticism,

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having been charged with careless ness, incompetence and general delinquency of duty. Congress should open up the investigation and prosecute it with relentless severity, giving the general public the whole unvarnished story of our preparedness program and the part played in the war, or else withhold their accusations. But the matter has probably gone too far to be recalled. Start peenul" know the worst.

Grants Pass people, a committee was here goes, appointed to cooperate with the

the war with Germany no doubt had about three miles from the train, now, others have us in the states by something to do with the industry

this sound piece of advice to the cit- awaken at 7 a. m. when we were or- for the best. It's a cinch I'll be izens of that prosperous little coast Havre, France, on the 20th day of to think that all I have is a light city: "Let's speak to each other July. Well, we paraded through La when Mr. A. C. Ross and his asso- Havre to another rest camp. It was clates are here. Pull together for here I saw my first German prisonone week and watch the railroad er and experienced the hardest rain

there are so many clerks that they

Indications are that the \$10,000,- est navy in the world. The presi-

proposed manner of raising the he had a caterpillar tractor for but hike except our trip into Bel- to hear from you soon. Your loving money is questionable. Many auto- about three minutes when he meets glum.

> FORECAST FOR PERIOD JANUARY 27 TO FEBRUARY 1

Washington, Jan. 25 .- Pacific

THU-TUT!

A Bad Snarl

SOLDIER LETTERS

Sergt. Casside Writes of "Father's Day" November 26, 1918

My Dear Father:

The Stars and Stripes, the A. E. F. the fireworks and let the "common the purpose of encouraging the Ypres, Belgium, Saturday, October oversea soldier to write to their 19. We hiked into Ruiter, three

At the recent banquet given by special occasion, consequently we front on October 28. We stayed in the Medford Commercial club in that are allowed to tell the "old gent," a town called Isighem while the regicity, which was attended by a few as the paper puts it, everything, so ment went on up to the front, stay-

Chamber of Commerce of this city Karoa on July 5th and sailed with mans in sight save an occasional aron matters pertaining to highways in on July 6th at 10 a. m. and zig-zag- The regin Southern Oregon. A capital idea. ged our way across the Atlantic for ber 10, and then came the good news Combined effort might accomplish 12 days arriving at Glasgow, Scot- that set the world rejoicing. Now considerable. There should be no land, on the evening of July 17 and this is only a synopsis of affairs, unloaded the following morning.

right through the heart of the city, tail as soon as I can get home. the west. A firm at Oakland, Cal. We boarded the train at 11 o'clock is manufacturing harmonicas. While and rode all day till midnight passharmonicas are said to have been ing through Manchester, Birming- to Paris, France, to parade there in manufactured to a limited extent in ham, England, arrived at Southampthe eastern part of the United States, ton, and then hiked to a rest camp rumors have us on our way home We went to bed about 3:30 a. m., Christmas, but it all seems too good only to awake about 7 o'clock and Personally I think we will stay here getting a foothold on our western roll our packs and hike to the dock, till peace has actually been signed, There we boarded a large side wheeler and set sail on Friday, July 19th, within 30 days after that, however, The Crescent City Courier carries at 9 p. m. for France. Had no sooner you can never tell, so here is hoping in my life.

The next day we hiked to a rall-Hostilities ceased almost three road and boarded a train for a little months ago, but the casualty lists arriving there three days later. We Wet states and wet communities are still coming in. Someone is to stayed there until Tuesday, Septemwill probably make the most of it. blame for this slowness. Possibly ber 3, when we packed up and started on our little jaunt that has taken me through practically everything Away we hiked, 16 kilos, and pitch-Henry Ford is like the Irishman's day we hiked 12 kilos, arriving at papa and believe me I'm going to flea. Once Henry was our leading a railroad town called Chalandrey. peace advocate, now he says the We boarded a train here two days a month upon my arrival home. This United States should have the larg- later and after one night's riding we arrived at Demonge, staying there for several days when we started on our real expedition. Sep- Well, I think I've done a pretty good Many an automobile driver wishes Demouge until now we did nothing I'll be back as soon as I can. Hoping

From September 10 to 13 we were close behind the lines on the St. Mihiel drive in reserve, but we were not needed, so we hiked to auto trucks and jumped over to the Meuse-Verdun sector, arriving at a

of woods about one kilo from the front line, called the Forest de Hess. It was here we stayed in preparedness for the big offensive, and moved into the trenches at 12 midnight and went over the top at 5:30 a. m. Septemper 26 under a terrific barrage I never will forget it as long as live. The barrage started at 11 p. m. the night before, and one shot every 10 seconds and gradually increased until it was one will deafening roar. The earth trembled and the sky

ed on our hike for the front, marc ing from September 16th until Sep-

tember 20, and arriving at a sect r

was as bright as daylight from the exploding cannon. Our regiment was pass the German front line in less than 15 minutes after they had gone over in spite of heavy barbed wire entanglements which, by the way, was all the resistance old Fritz offered until along about 7 o'clock. three kilos from the front line. It would take a year and a couple of tons of paper from me to relate all the dope from here on. Anyway we kept after the Huns until October 4. when we were relieved for two days and again went in October 6th and stayed until Friday, October 11. when we were relieved once more and biked 40 kilos to a town called official newspaper, has inaugurated a Mussy. Here we boarded a train "Father's letter writing day," for and rode two half days arriving at fathers and tell them all about it. kilos from Roulers, and received our The censorship is lifted for this replacements and started for the ing in for just a short while as it . We boarded the English steamship was just a case of hike and no Ger-

The regiment went in on Novem papa, but I have a complete diary We paraded from the dock to the and will be able to relate all the Another industry is springing up in depot, a distance of three miles and happenings, experiences, etc., in de-

We are now hiking out of Belgium and are suposed to be on our way honor of President Wilson. then we will do well to get away pects good of being discharged, so I guess I'll have to save my francs. which is almost imposible over here as a little piece of chocolate costs 8 francs or \$1.

The first drive I was in was known as the Argonne offensive and the last one the Flanders drive or as the soldiers called the "turnip drive," owing to the endless fields of turnips.

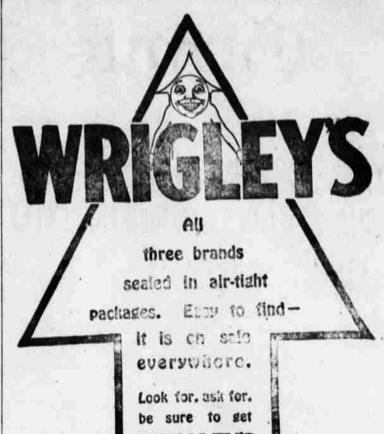
ed tents for the night, and the next is a rest. This has been some grind take a little rest of a few weeks or old war has taught me a whole lot and I intend to take advantage of every opportunity from now on. tember 10 we left Demouge and from job this time so have patience and

> SERGT. LAFE CASSIDY, 361 Infantry Band, A. P. O. 776.

American Ex. Forces,

Threshing Machine Record. Hardin county, Iowa, claims the state record for the continuous service of a threshing machine. Ed Johns near Iowa Falls, has a machine which ne is still using which was built in 1879. The machine was originally bought for \$1,200.

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