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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1919.

## +++++ OREGON WEATHER +++++

+ Rain west portion, fair east +  
+ portion tonight; Sunday rain +  
+ west, rain or snow east; mo- +  
+ derate southerly winds. +  
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## RECOGNIZING MERIT IN CONGRESS

One of the most hopeful bits of news coming out of Washington lately is the report that the leaders of the party which will control the next congress intend to abolish the "seniority rule" in the organization of house and senate. The plans are said to include everything from the speakership down to the chairmanship of the least important committee.

If this is not true, it ought to be. Both parties have long operated under the absurd system by which any representative or senator automatically comes into a committee chairmanship or other place of leadership by virtue of his period of service in congress, without any regard to his fitness for the position.

Such a system would be tolerable only on the theory that every member of congress was a statesman capable of performing any task assigned him. Its evils have become very evident with what most observers regard as the progressive deterioration in the personnel of congress in recent years. The present congress has been extremely unfortunate in some of its important chairmanships. The next congress will be unfortunate too, if it does not inaugurate this promised reform, demanded alike by the most enlightened members and by the best sentiment of the nation.

## DRUGGISTS AND SALOONISTS

An odd angle of the prohibition movement has developed in Ohio, which has decided to go dry for itself before the federal law becomes operative. The state pharmaceutical association asks the legislature to keep saloonkeepers from setting up as druggists when their places are closed in May.

This looks, at first glance, like a funny reversal of an old problem—trying to keep saloonists from doing a drug business instead of trying to keep druggists from doing a saloon business. Somehow, druggists and liquor dealers seem natural rivals. But there are special reasons for the rivalry in the Ohio case.

The saloonkeepers want to go into the drug business because the prohibition law provides that druggists will be allowed to handle wines and alcohol for sacramental, medicinal, manufacturing and scientific purposes. The liquor men see in this a possibility of continuing some of their old lines under new auspices, subject to disagreeable restrictions of course, but still promising profit. The druggists are animated both by a praiseworthy desire to keep up the standard of their profession and by a natural yearning for whatever profits may accrue from the legitimate sale of wine and alcohol.

The problem is likely to become national in scope. And however it

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may be solved, one thing is certain—under a regime of universal prohibition it will be necessary to keep the drug stores under strict surveillance.

## At the Churches

**Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning preaching service at 11 and evening service at 7:30. Rev. John E. Youel, sergeant in the regular army, at present stationed at Fort Stevens, will preach both morning and evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all these services.

**Church of Christ**  
Our Bible school is growing rapidly. Mrs. Ellen Thrasher is our superintendent. Come and enjoy this study of the word of God. There will be a 10 o'clock surprise promptly on the hour. Communion at 11. Sermon subject, "The Two Fold Message" of the Restoration Movement. Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "The Gospel in Picture." This will be a chart sermon. There will be special music at the evening service. Come, let us reason together.

Chas. R. Drake, minister.

**Newman M. E. Church**  
At 11 o'clock the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary societies will hold their annual thank offering service. Sermon by the pastor. Anthem by the choir and solo by Mrs. C. A. Lynch.

Evening service at 7:30 o'clock, sermon by the pastor. Anthem by the choir. Solo by Mrs. Roat. Violin offertory by Mrs. Carpenter.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

A welcome at all these services. Melville T. Wire, pastor.

**Baptist Church**  
Rev. C. M. Cline wires that on account of illness he has been delayed and will be unable to occupy his pulpit Sunday, and Rev. J. M. Powers will preach the morning sermon. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6:30.

**Catholic Church**  
Masses on Sunday at 7:30 and 9:30 a. m.  
Rev. Father J. G. Vien.

**First Church of Christ Scientist**  
Christian Science services are held every Sunday, in the W. O. W. hall, at 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings at 8 o'clock. The subject for today is "Soul."  
Reading room is open from 2 to 4 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the reading room.

Legal Blanks at the Courier.

## SOLBIER LETTERS

## A Letter From Russia

Dear Mother:

Since answering your last letter I have been transferred to the machine gun company and I sure like it a lot better than the old replacement. There's so much more system here and all the non-coms are old soldiers. In the replacement battalion all our officers were practically new men to the game and made it pretty hard for us.

In this company they have a grade system, A, B and C classes—A's can stay out until 9:30; B's until 7:30 and C's not at all. There is justice in that, for it is a shame to make all the unoffending suffer for the offenders. Were all kept in 7:30 checks in the replacement. Why, I don't know, except that they judge the whole company by a few.

We are having a great old snow today. Light and fine, but it's covering the ground just the same. My! the country looks bleak, but there is beauty in it too when one is wrapped up well. I am sure glad animals exist that have fur. How would you like to see me all togged up in fur coat, hat, mittens, etc.

I hear they are asking for volunteers to serve in Siberia two years. I hope they get them and let us out.

This is sure a funny country. Hardly any snow on the ground at Christmas, but New Years we had a regular storm—hard winds and snow lasting about 24 hours. In the woods the snow is up over my knees in places, while where the wind was felt there is no snow at all. Big drifts and bare ice covered the ground.

They keep the ice breakers going continually up and down the bay so as to keep traffic in motion. The transports still come and go. I am sorry for the poor of Vladivostok. I don't see how they keep from freezing to death. They have some Chinks here today putting in window panes and relining our stoves.

Did I ever tell you about our stoves. They are queer things, perhaps 12 feet high. A cylinder of sheet iron lined with brick three feet in diameter. They have a base for the fire and you get them hot and they hold heat nearly all night.

Another fellow and I were out on the hills the other day, investigating some old dug outs when—smack! We weren't sure what the thing was but when some time later a bullet clipped the weeds a little way from us our wondering ceased. I don't mind being shot at but I'd like to see the fellow who is doing the shooting and do a little of that myself. Of course these might have been stray bullets, but—

Ralph sure must have had an exciting time. I almost envy him. If I'd enlisted six months earlier maybe I'd have had a chance too.

It's about time I got another bunch of letters from home. It is

so cold I haven't been out all day. Give me California or give me death. Your loving son,  
EARLE E. ROOT,  
Machine Gun Co., 31st Infy.,  
A. E. F., Siberia.

## Never Too Old to Learn.

It has often been said that a man cannot learn a new trade after he is forty, but this statement has frequently been disproved. Peter S. Du Pont was eighty when he wrote his valuable treatise on the Cochise Chinese language, and had only then recently taken up the study; and the late John Bigelow was still an author turning out a book when he passed his ninety-fifth birthday.

## Long to Make Real Pie.

The one great ambition and dream of Countess Maria Loschi of Rome, Italy, is to make a pie. Yes, a regular American, home-made pie—the kind mother used to make before war substitutes came into vogue. The countess is in Boston to study the economic and social conditions of American women workers and the vocational educational institutions of the United States.

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Josephine County will hold a special examination of applicants for one year State Certificates at the courthouse as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, February 26, 1919, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 28, 1919, at 4 o'clock p. m.

**Wednesday Forenoon**  
U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship).

**Wednesday Afternoon**  
Physiology, Reading.

**Thursday Forenoon**  
Arithmetic.

**Thursday Afternoon**  
Grammar, Geography.

**Friday Forenoon**  
Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling).

**Friday Afternoon**  
School Law, Civil Government.

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## Announcement

We want to apologize to our patrons. During the last year owing to war conditions and shortage of skilled mechanics our Ford shop work was not always up to standard and there has been just cause for complaint. We did the best we could, however, and hope that Ford owners will consider the difficulties under which we worked.

We have just returned from Portland and have secured the services of the best shop foreman obtainable regardless of cost. Hereafter we will maintain a shop and service station which will need no apologies. Our foreman, Mr. Leadbetter, is a gentleman and knows his business. Drop in and meet him. We guarantee satisfaction. Don't let inexperienced men experiment with your car.

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