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Contentious throughout the country are being searched to secure all colored men with technical training now in service for the formation of an artillery regiment at Camp Meade, Md.

At the last reports Coos county stood well up towards the top in its percentage of Red Cross Christmas subscriptions. Coos has the habit of giving all that is asked and then some.

Christmas was a dark day here, soggy with rain, but there was abundant cheer indoors and judging by what the merchants tell us of their trade, Christmas gifts must have been much in evidence.

Estimates based on the latest census place the number of church organizations in Oregon at 1600. The value of the church property is 5 millions. At an average expense of \$1000 the total cost of maintenance is one and a half millions.

Last September the war insurance rate charged by the United States on ships entering the submarine danger zone was 6 1/2 per cent, October 6 this was reduced to 5 per cent and November 28 it was cut again, this time to 4 per cent. The Germans who have been banking on the submarine boats winning the war must be feeling heart by this time.

It's time to begin to think about the income tax returns Uncle Sam is asking for. Every single person whose income has been as much as \$1,000 a year and every married person, living with a husband or wife who has taken in as much as \$2,000 in cash above the running expenses of the business in which he or she has been engaged will have to tell Collector Milton A. Miller about it.

It has been so warm here lately during the prevalence of a protracted chinook season that the frogs in the low grounds along the river are as plentiful as in midsummer and the season might be June or September from the temperature; while the pastures are as verdant as in May, and the scarcity of provender is being mitigated to a considerable extent and hay is in less demand than was anticipated a few weeks ago.

The Post Office Department is telling of a man at a cantonment regarding whom the story was circulated that he was lame and had never received a letter since arrival in camp. Then came the deluge.

In one mail he received 1,200 letters, 19 special delivery letters and parcels, and 54 ordinary parcels. Investigation showed he could neither read nor write. He was found surrounded by several other soldiers who were helping him with his mail.

When men called under the selective service law reach the cantonments they are given, so far as practicable, their choice of Army service. Infantry is most often preferred. Artillery second, Engineer divisions are third in popularity, and quartermasters' work fourth.

FUEL THAT MUST BE SAVED
 In the east the shortage of fuel and sugar (which is fuel for the body) has become very acute and shrewd and shortsighted will evidently have to be closed for lack of the black diamonds to any notion of the suffering in homes. A New York paper at head with attention to the fact that there is one business in which they get all the coal they want—add that in the brewery business. Comparing fuel conditions in these different lines H. H. Losh, assistant fuel administrator for the state of Ohio, says:

If the Lashians were now floating the main, the coal used annually in the manufacture of beer in this country would furnish fuel for 730 round trips for the giant ship and transport 27,000,000 tons of supplies to the Allies. Coal used for the manufacture of beer in Ohio alone would furnish more than 90 round trips and carry nearly 1,600,000 tons of supplies a year to the Allies.

It requires 120,000 cars, or 6,000 trains a day, to move the 730 million tons to the breweries.

We have heard a great deal about the grain in the beer and about the sugar in beer. Coal is one of the principal ingredients. It takes almost a pound of coal to produce a pint of beer.

WE MUST FIGHT TOGETHER.

If we had our allies are to win the greatest war of all the ages, the best informed authorities appear to be agreed that, barring the unexpected, our "darkest before the dawn" is to be in 1918. Germany will make a tremendous effort to wear the French out before our troops get into the trenches or in sufficient numbers to settle the matter. Germany has come to perceive very clearly that two million Americans on the firing line mean her finish—but she is stalling everything on a quick blow early next year on the French front and the French can hardly be expected to sacrifice themselves again at Verdun as they did before—they have lost too much blood, are too fatigued, too war weary. But with England's help and the Scamplers coming in larger and ever larger numbers to back them, we are expecting to see Germany held at bay next year. The following year, if the war is not sooner finished, will see Germany's collapse. The dark hour, the critical hour, is going to be the spring of 1918. Every American who does not help now to the extent of his ability in everything necessary to win the war is helping the Hun. Only a few are deliberately doing that and we look to see all of them behind prison bars in a few months. It is those who are not awake to conditions, who do not realize that the present is of all times the day and the hour on ages telling that are our most dangerous foes.

GOOD ADVICE WELL PUT.

In the past the Sentinel has been compelled to disagree with Attorney A. E. Hammond, of North Bend, about many matters of local concern, but the following communication from his pen which we find published in the Coos Bay Times it gives us a great deal of pleasure to endorse in every word and sentiment. Though it is not all new, it is so tersely and clearly expressed that it can hardly fail to impress every reader:

"There is more than one way to help win the war."
 "The government is urging every one to economize, for every dollar saved recruits a dollar in the service of the United States."
 "One of the things Uncle Sam is urging us to do is to buy local products. We are not doing this."
 "Right here on the Bay is produced the best brand of condensed milk that is manufactured anywhere. Yet our groceries are stocked with condensed milk that is shipped in from other points."
 "We produce in Coos county as good butter as any in the world, yet every ship and train brings butter from outside the state."
 "Doubtless many other articles might be added to this list."
 "Every time we buy anything that is produced in California when we might buy the same thing produced in Oregon, we absolutely waste all the energy which it requires to transport that article from California to Oregon. When we buy anything that is manufactured in Chicago when we might buy the same thing manufactured in Portland, we destroy just as much energy as it requires to move that thing from Chicago to Portland. Conservation of energy is vital to the safety of our country."
 "This war is a contest of energy. We are trying to push the Hun off the earth. It may tax our strength to the

limit. Every time we save an ounce of energy, a dollar, a crust of bread, we make enemies more sure.
 "Anything that every cent you pay for an article produced in Coos county remains in Coos county."
 "This money will buy a lot of Liberty bonds."

SEPARATE CITY ELECTIONS.

In 1918 the voters of Oregon adopted a revision and confining amendment to the state constitution providing that all city elections must be held on the same days as the state and county elections in November of each year. The sole thought of the author of that amendment and of the voters who made it a part of our constitution apparently was to save expense and make the election boards which conduct the November elections take over the work of the city elections in addition.

But next fall, while the city elections will be held on the same day as the county and state elections, they will have to be held at different places, with different election officers and separate and distinct ballots the same as before.

The reason for this was that, so far as this amendment was concerned, the legislature that met in January of the present year slept at the switch and made no provision whatever for carrying the provisions of that amendment into effect.

In order to make the amendment effective, except as to the day of holding the elections, the legislature will have to enact a new law and the cities will be obliged to amend their charters and then the county courts will have to rearrange the election districts of the state.

ONE WAY TO HOOVERIZE.

A Hood river rancher writes to a Portland paper to tell how he is Hooverizing. He gives his experiences in two lines. First, he parches and grinds his own coffee, thus paying himself the profit of two people who handle coffee. The other is in the use of the coffee mill in making flour. When wheat was \$3 a bushel and flour \$4 for a 49 pound sack, he brought into use a coffee mill that had been in the family of his parents for 80 years. He bought a bushel of wheat for \$3 and in one hour on that old coffee mill ground that bushel of wheat, thus giving him 60 pounds of whole wheat flour for \$3, instead of 49 pounds for \$4. Very good pay for one hour's labor. Besides, that whole wheat flour contained all the ingredients that go to make muscle, bone and other tissue, something lacking in the finely ground flour.

The cooking of wheat whole gives better nourishment than by making it into flour. One pound of boiled wheat at the present price of, say \$2.30 a bushel will make a good meal for less than 4 cents. Any person living on a farm, no matter how remote from store or threshing outfit, can grow sufficient wheat for the family.

In the olden time people cut the grain by hand and either beat out the wheat or trampled it out with oxen or horses. The same thing can be done now, and there is no necessity whatever for the small rancher away in the interior to conserve one pound on flour or wheat. He can have the best in the land, and while those in the cities are having wheatless days he can have wheat every meal. And why? Because he cannot get his wheat to market. Because he cannot get a threshing outfit to him.

SOLDIERS INSURANCE LAW.

Last week we published something from a Portland paper about the weak points of the insurance of the United States is selling to its soldiers. Here is a statement we received directly from the U. S. Treasury department which directly controverts the statements made by the Telegram:

Any man or woman of any age in the active military or naval service of the United States can obtain Government insurance. It has been ruled that members of Officers' Training Camps are under the act and can obtain insurance. The cost for each thousand dollars of insurance is from sixty-five cents a month to persons at the age of twenty-one to one dollar and twenty cents a month to those of the age of fifty-one.

The beneficiaries are limited to wife, husband, child, grandchild, brother, or sister, stepbrother or step-sister, adopted brother or adopted sister of the insured, as well as parent, grandparent, or stepparent either of the insured or of his or her consort.

The insurance is not compulsory, but the cost is low and the protection great, and not only are all persons eligible afforded every opportunity to obtain this insurance without trouble or extra expense but they are specially urged to do so.

Gen. Pershing and thousands of other officers and tens of thousands of soldiers have already taken out insurance. Up to date policies of insurance have been issued aggregating \$1,000,000,000.

NEW ABOUT YOUR INCOME.

It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law.
 Collector of Internal Revenue, Milton A. Miller, announced that fifteen officers will start from his headquarters on January 1st and on January 3rd every one of them will be on the job at the points in the respective counties as designated, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officers assigned to Coos county is due to arrive here on Jan. 28 and to remain until Feb. 12, both dates inclusive. He will have his office in Marshfield where he may be found every day of the dates stated.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1000, or over, and every married person living with his wife or husband, whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000 or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay," Collector Miller says. "The person subject to tax who does not make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government will get after all income tax slackers."

There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay the tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who had a total income of \$1,000, or \$2,000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man.

The man sent by the Collector will have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write for forms.

The Collector suggests that everybody start figuring up now what his income and expenses are, so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, don't mean family expenses, money used to pay off principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling) etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

FROM THE HEART OUT.

Some wag in Washington thus sought to express his feelings on the present situation as it bore upon his personal comfort:
 My Tuesdays are meatless,
 My Wednesdays are wheatless,
 I am getting more restless each day.
 My home it is heatless,
 My bed it is sheetless,
 They are all sent to the Y. M. C. A.
 The barrooms are treatless,
 My coffee is sweetless,
 Each day I get poorer and wiser.
 My stockings are footless,
 My trousers are seatless,
 My, how I do hate the Kaiser.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache, headaches or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. In such cases the kidneys often need help.
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