

## Newberg Graphic

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917

An "every member" canvass for the American Red Cross is to begin next Monday. Enroll on the membership list and thus help in the relief of suffering humanity.

W. R. Smith has made an exchange of the Oregon Motorist, published in Portland, for the Myrtlepoint Enterprise and has changed the name of the latter to The Southern Coos County American, which has rather a top heavy sound for a local paper.

A few days ago a message from Washington stated that Charles E. Hughes was expecting to call on President Wilson. Charles E. Hughes, the candidate for president for whom the people were told to vote if they wanted war. Oh horrors, what a close call the country did have.

With the number of Newberg men now working in the various ship building plants in Portland, we ought to have a competent force of experienced builders of water craft sufficient to construct a full fleet for the navigation of the waters of the Chehalis when this cruel war is over.

We have not taken the time to make an accurate count of the letters reaching this office since last publication day asking for free publicity for this and that proposition "of interest to your readers," but the total will probably reach thirty or more, and many of them are very urgent. Not a penny in it for the publisher and a ton of news print paper just received from Portland to be paid for.

The Grand Ronde Indian Agency road is a long ways from Newberg but it is gratifying to note that the county court has included in the tax budget for next year an appropriation of \$10,000 which is to be added to \$15,000 each from the state highway commission and the federal government, making a total of \$40,000 to be expended on this road, which has long been an eyesore to everybody who travels that way in going to Tillamook beach resorts.

A Graphic subscriber writes: "I read the Graphic with a great deal of interest and wish to commend you on the high type of paper you edit and publish." Another one in closing a letter says: "By the way, do you realize that the Graphic is a well read paper? People in this part of the county who take the Graphic seem to read all of it, which shows its opportunity to help mold public opinion for the right." Thanks for the kind words. It is gratifying to know that the work we are doing in the community in trying to publish a clean, readable, local paper is appreciated. It helps to lighten the task a bit.

Of course the postal employees all down the line just love boss Burleson back at Washington, from whom they take their orders, and now the rural carriers may be expected to fall on his neck and weep for pure joy and affection over his latest move, for Burleson is strong on logic, it must be admitted. In one sentence he says the rural carriers are getting too much money for the service they are rendering and in the next he makes the heart-rending complaint that many of them are leaving the service to accept more lucrative jobs, thus making it difficult to keep the places filled. He gets 'em coming and going. His plan of reform is to let the routes out by bids, the same as the star routes, and says it will be a saving of some millions a year to the government. We believe we express a belief that is quite general among the people when we say that if Burleson's job could be let on the same plan, a much more competent man could be found for the place at a substantial saving in salary to the government.

It is a good time now for those who tried back lot farming for the first time last season to "take stock" and try to ascertain where mistakes were made, with a view of avoiding a repetition of them next season. Soon after locating in the Willamette valley the writer learned that the most successful gardeners made it a rule to plow the ground in the winter or early in the spring and then replot once or twice more before planting, and we have found that this method brings splendid results. The ground pulverizes well and holds the moisture much better than it does where it lays until planting time before stirring. An application of some sort of fertilizer is also a necessity and there is nothing better than barnyard manure if it can be obtained. With a good application of ma-

nure, early plowing and liberal cultivation before planting, which should not be too early, the battle will be much more than half won. Late plowing and poor cultivation before planting doubles the work that must be done after the crop comes up, and also doubles the liability of failure from lack of moisture when it is most needed. Many who were urged to do their bit last season to increase the yield of food stuffs and who made the trial met with disappointment. Much late plowing of ground that had not been worked for several seasons, was done, and the dry season we had was disastrous in many instances. The government is already beginning to urge people to plant largely again next season and every assistance possible should be given in order to get the best results. The columns of the Graphic are open to any who may have helpful suggestions to offer.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Townsend, who was the widow of the late Judge Townsend, a long time resident of this county, died in Portland Wednesday. Burial will be made in the Dundee cemetery Friday.

The annual school meeting held last Monday was a most harmonious gathering and evidently the people have full confidence in the school board, for the estimated budget for next year was given the O. K. without a dissenting voice. There were just four in attendance.

A number of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Swan Benson came out from Portland Tuesday to attend the funeral of little Marion Evelyn Benson, whose death is mentioned in the West Chehalis notes. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers banked about the casket at the W. W. Hollingsworth Co. chapel where the remains were viewed by the immediate relatives. Rev. H. G. Crocker conducted a short funeral service at the cemetery.

Marvin Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moore, who had visions of air navigation before enlisting, writes from Camp Kelly No. 1, South San Antonio, Texas, that the nearest approach he has made to the ideal so far has been his engagement over the dish pan, unloading oak cordwood and in exercising with the pick and shovel. On the way down they had a stopover at Los Angeles long enough to enable him to take a run out to Whittier for a short visit with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Moore, who loaded him up with eatables enough to make a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner on the way.

# CHRISTMAS SPECIALS AT BAIRD'S

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We have a few Ladies and Misses Coats left. They will make a good serviceable Christmas present. You can get special prices on what we have left.

Cash Paid for Eggs **E. C. BAIRD**

Miss Floy Langworthy was given a surprise Monday evening when members of the W. H. E. Club gave her a miscellaneous shower at the home of Misses Edna and Lulu Forsythe, in honor of her approaching marriage to Walter A. Goyer. Numerous presents were given, all teeming with best wishes for a long and happy life for the bride-to-be. Miss Frances Elliott entertained at the piano, and dainty refreshments were served by the club. Those present were Mesdames George Snow, D. Bates, D. Blackburn, H. Patterson, M. Campbell, E. L. Evans, A. Bristow, and Lillian Jeffries, Misses Stella Badley, Helen Scott, Effie Patterson and Alma Forkner.

Chester Zumwalt, in writing home from San Antonio, Texas, says he is fitted out with the regulation uniform and is fast getting down to the routine of army life. Quoting from the letter: Went to the Presbyterian church this morning with five of our bunch and they gave all the soldiers present a splendid feed in the basement, free, and entertained us right royally. They do it every Sunday. It's going to be hard for me to break away and go to the M. E. church next Sunday, but they may do as well by me. You have heard of Southern hospitality—too much cannot be said for it. And their inflection of speech is a treat to the ears. The machine gun class

is booming tonight and I'll have the same work soon. The paper work is easy, but, as the Captain says, we get out of this course just what we put into it. He thinks some of us will get commissions, but if I get the ordinance sergeant's chevrons with \$51.50 per and standard Pullman accommodations I'll not kick. My commandant is I. J. Hayes, Captain U. S. Infantry. This was our Thanksgiving bill of fare, turkey, oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, peas, asparagus, mashed potatoes, yams, pickles, olives, radishes, onions, cake, mince and pumpkin pie, and lemonade. A sack of apples, oranges, nuts, candy, bananas and cigars was given to each of us.

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