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THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Christmas is the only one of our holidays the observance of which is based upon love and thoughtfulness for other people than our individuals selves. Other holidays are for the most part as is fitting, in recognition of a great national event or in memory of those who have done and suffered great things for their country. Thanksgiving expresses gratitude for our blessings, and New Year's, if we keep it with thoughtfulness, is an occasion for a little self-examination and some fresh resolves.

But Christmas is rightly a day of generosity and love.

We make the children happy with toys and candies, we think of the gift which will please mother, wife, sister, husband, we plan pleasant home entertainments. But Christmas lacks something if our observance of it is bounded by our family circle and our friends.

The festival will be an especially joyous one for America this year. The shadow of a great and cruel war has been lifted from us. We look for prosperity.

But at the same time there has never been a year when generosity was more needed. Prices of all commodities are appallingly high, and the little income of many a family has been sadly diminished by the absence of one or more of its wage earners in the army. If we consider this and, not forgetting our own dear ones, do what we can to bring relief and pleasure to those in need, we shall indeed feel the blessedness of a real Christmas. As we have been prospered, so let us give.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE PAST.

Most of us are good people. We admit it. If we weren't we wouldn't admit it as often as we do. The trouble is to get other people to believe it.

When a man has had a first-class opportunity of profiting by sinister practices and hasn't taken advantage of it he doesn't need to toot his horn. His record does that for him.

Your Uncle Sam is in the position of that gentleman. He has had many a chance of territorial expansion at the expense of weaker neighbors, and has turned it down. He isn't perfect, but his record is pretty good, and it will help him at the peace conference. Not many of the conferees will attend with as clear a conscience.

The world is fortunate in not having to depend on guesswork in sizing up America's principles. It has the same advantage with regard to the British navy.

If England were to assure us that naval supremacy would be benevolently used we might be skeptical in default of proof. But England's maritime strength has been exercised with singular benevolence—not

ably in the suppression of slave traffic where no mercenary motive was even faintly perceptible. Just exactly who has been victimized by it is hard to say.

The meaning of that mysterious expression, "The freedom of the seas" has never been completely clarified. It doesn't need to be. We know by experience what free seas are. The seas have been free to everybody since Noah went sailing, and it is rather late to start an argument about it now.

If Uncle Sam contributes his vast naval power to the policing of the oceans no one will welcome him more heartily than John Bull. But Johnny is not likely to junk his dreadnaughts, and we should worry while Johnny pays for them.

If there was ever a time when the U. S. Senate ought to "shut up" it is now. But, on the contrary, it is an open season for gab. To read the Congressional Record of the doings of the U. S. Senate one might be led to believe that the Huns had taken Washington. If a private citizen gave voice or utterance to the views expressed on the floor of the senate he would be sent to a Federal prison. It is a shame. It is a disgrace. When all the world is marking time and waiting for the day of the peace conference when the World's Declaration of Independence will be signed to have a lot of loose-jawed, wind America's delegates. The situation is delicate and critical and it is no time for the Senate to give encouragement to the Hun, the Bolshevik, the I. W. W. and all those who are constitutionally opposed to every thing that is constituted. At its best the U. S. Senate is a useless, worthless and superfluous appendage, and if it has one virtue it ought to be at least silence until the destinies of mankind are given consideration at the world conference.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

Good to buy, good to hold, good to give for Christmas:—War Saving stamps.

The Red Cross has sent 2375 women workers and 2921 men workers to France for specialized work. Most of them are volunteers, but highly skilled.

The citizens of Des Moines, Iowa, are obliged by the Board of Health to wear "flu" masks at all times except when within their own homes. The city must present the appearance of a grand masquerade.

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All you need is a heart and a dollar

COUNTY COURT BUDGET

To the Tax Payers of Harney County:

Notice is hereby given that the County Court of Harney County, has fixed Monday, December 30th, 1918, as the time, and the Court House at Burns, Oregon, as the place, where the estimate of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, 1919, may be discussed with the said County Court, also, when and where any taxpayer subject to such tax-levy, when made, shall be heard for or against any proposed tax levy.

Itemized estimates of the amount of money proposed to be raised by taxation for the ensuing year, 1919, by Harney County, Oregon, and the purpose for which the said money is proposed to be expended, to-wit:

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| County Court: | |
| Salary of County Judge, per diem of Commissioners etc..... | \$ 1,764.50 |
| Circuit Court: | |
| Salary of bailiffs, reporters, jurors, witnesses, etc..... | 5,030.00 |
| Justice Courts: | |
| Fees of justices, constables, jurors, witnesses, etc..... | 630.00 |
| Sheriff's Office: | |
| Salary of Sheriff and deputies, traveling and office expense, etc. | 7,555.00 |
| Clerk's Office: | |
| Salary of Clerk and deputies, and Office expenses..... | 5,155.00 |
| Assessor's Office: | |
| Salary of Assessor and deputies and office expense..... | 4,200.00 |
| Treasurer's Office: | |
| Salary of treasurer and office expense..... | 1,500.00 |
| School Superintendent's Office: | |
| Salary, travelling and office expenses..... | 1,520.00 |
| Coroner's Office: | |
| Fees of coronor, jurors, witnesses, etc..... | 200.00 |
| Stock Inspector: | |
| Salary of Stock Inspector..... | 400.00 |
| County Health Officer: | |
| Salary of Health Officer..... | 100.00 |
| District Sealer of Weights and Measures: | |
| Harney County's pro rata share of expense..... | 105.00 |
| Widows' Pension: | |
| Allowance on account of the widows' pension law..... | 2,500.00 |
| County Charges: | |
| Hospital charges, transportation, supplies, burials, etc..... | 6,000.00 |
| Insane: | |
| Examinations, etc..... | 100.00 |
| Court House: | |
| Salary of Janitor, lights, fuel, care of grounds, etc..... | 2,000.00 |
| County Jail: | |
| Board of Prisoners, etc..... | 900.00 |
| Library: | |
| Library fund..... | 150.00 |
| Refund of taxes..... | 10,000.00 |
| Juvenile Court..... | 100.00 |
| Registration and Election..... | 1,750.00 |
| Bounty on Wild Animals..... | 12,000.00 |
| Audit of County Records..... | 450.00 |
| Advertising delinquent taxes..... | 350.00 |
| Water master, per diem expense..... | 1,500.00 |
| District Attorney, expense of office..... | 100.00 |
| Incidental, and Miscellaneous expense not enumerated..... | 5,900.00 |
| Proposed reduction of General Fund warrants outstanding..... | 5,000.00 |

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| Total to be raised by taxation on General Fund | \$ 76,059.50 |
| To raise this amount it will be necessary to make a levy of..... | .0054 |
| Estimated State tax..... | \$ 28,000.00 |
| Levy to raise the amount..... | .002 |
| County School, apportionment of..... | 19,800.00 |
| Levy necessary to raise the amount..... | .0014 |
| County High School, teachers, janitor, fuel, supplies etc..... | 9,240.00 |
| Levy necessary to raise the amount..... | .0007 |
| Roads and bridges, salary of Roadmaster, survey, construction, repair, lumber and general expenses, including \$33,000.00 to cooperate with State Highway Commission..... | 55,792.50 |
| Levy necessary to raise the amount..... | .0039 |
| | \$188,892.00 |

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| Statement of probable receipts of Harney County, for the year from sources other than by direct taxation: | |
| Interests on County deposits..... | \$ 400.00 |
| Percentum of Public land sales..... | 470.00 |
| Percentum of Forest rentals..... | 2,017.74 |
| Repayment, by the State of one half of Bounty on wild animals..... | 6,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous receipts..... | 250.00 |
| | \$ 9,137.74 |

Total probable receipts which sum derived from probable receipts will be used for the reduction of indebtedness, and for other uses to which they can properly be applied. Total amount of property listed on tax roll..... 14,132,542.00

Total amount of tax levy..... .0134
Total to be raised by taxation..... \$188,892.00

Statement of special school district levies on file with the County clerk:

| Dist. No. | Amount | Dist. No. | Amount |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| 1 | \$13,104.37 | 33 | 1,205.00 |
| 4 | 6,500.00 | 34 | 671.34 |
| 5 | 402.16 | 35 | 145.32 |
| 6 | 255.02 | 36 | 622.10 |
| 7 | 221.20 | 37 | 2,886.80 |
| 11 | 1,339.38 | 44 | 306.53 |
| 13 | 338.95 | 45 | 799.63 |
| 15 | 755.00 | 48 | 2,500.00 |
| 17 | 383.97 | 50 | 736.45 |
| 18 | 221.20 | 51 | 1,686.70 |
| 20 | 377.74 | 53 | 498.22 |
| 25 | 615.70 | 56 | 1,905.20 |
| 27 | 150.00 | 57 | 1,340.72 |
| 30 | 276.65 | 62 | 1,016.41 |
| 31 | 935.00 | | |
| 32 | | | |

You will please take notice that the amount of warrants outstanding and unpaid against the several funds on Dec. 1, 1918, and the amount of cash in the hands of the County treasurer of Harney County available for payment of such warrants, was on December 1, 1918:

| | Warrants | Cash |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| General fund..... | \$23,783.76 | \$35,381.20 |
| Road fund..... | 4,702.91 | 11,555.77 |
| High School fund..... | 1,436.51 | 6,100.00 |
| Rabbit bounty fund..... | 15.20 | 7,734.32 |
| Building fund..... | 46.14 | 67.90 |

Dated at Burns, Oregon, this 4th day of December, 1918, under the direction and by the authority of the County Court.

CHESTER DALTON,
County Clerk.

Buy a War Saving Stamp.
Thirty-two thousand school children in the schools of Paris were receiving regular lunches from the Red Cross during the past year.

The Red Cross sent 15,000,000 cigarettes, 50,000 stacks of cards, 20,000,000 boxes of matches and 1,000,000 chocolate bars to England for American soldiers, waiting to go to France.

Seven hundred portable houses for various uses were sent to France by the Red Cross.

Uncle Sam's best Christmas present will be his boys home again. It may not be delivered, however, until late in the winter.

The Red Cross is sending 1,500,000 packages of chewing gum a month to France for American soldiers.

Ten thousand pounds of other were shipped to France by the Red Cross, so our soldiers might have relief from pain.

Thirty thousand letters a week are written by the Red Cross to the families of soldiers, answering questions.

It is to be hoped that all the khaki colored articles in the shop will be sold before Christmas. By next Christmas there may be nothing for them to match.

In Vienna, just before the armistice was concluded, shoes sold at from sixty dollars to ninety dollars a pair. A Vienna father could quote, "Blessings on thee, barefoot boy," with genuine fervor.

Mrs. William Hohenzollern, coming to join her husband in Holland, brought him a supply of wines. It is not stated whether they were French wines, but they were evidently intended to relieve his spirits.

STATE OF OREGON, } ss.
County of Harney }
I, Mrs. M. J. Harkey being first duly sworn on oath say I am the same person that on or about the 30 day of November 1918, purchased the dwelling house that I live in from H. Theis, I bought said property for the purpose of having a home of my own and for no other reason at the same time and place I purchased the dwelling house situated on the same lot said dwelling house now being occupied by Mrs. Ralston, and I further depose and say I did not purchase said property for the purpose of ousting Mrs. Ralston, therefrom, the sole purpose of buying said property was to have a home of my own and I so informed Mr. Theis, and Mr. Sizemore, at the time I bought the same.

Mrs. M. J. Harkey.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of December 1918.

Geo. S. Sizemore,
Notary Public for Oregon. My Commission Expires May 2, 1919.

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