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JACK FROST ESSENTIAL TO REAL CHRISTMAS

Some perverted, aged, thin-blooded decadesnts may find delight in celebrating Christmas under an orange tree and making a monkey out of Boreas by taking a dip in the surf, but we hold that there can be no proper Christmas spirit in a land where a hot plum pudding makes you shudder.

No sir, the Anglo-Saxon race, the race that kept Christmas alive on earth, was a race of the north, and more especially are the traditions and customs of our holidays—our real holy days—frozen deep in the glacier deposits of New England history.

The blazing yule log, the steaming toddy, the smoking roast pig, the sharp-ringing skate blade echoing down the winding wintry stream.

The bob sled and the "belly coasters," with the turkey shoot and the roast goose, they are as truly an essential part of Christmas, as the spruce of cedar or pine that breathes the incense of the forest through the house on Christmas eve.

Florida and California and the South Sea Islands are fine places to go if you have a bad case of rheumatism and a dependable bank account, but don't befool yourself into thinking that your Christmas Day under a Southern Cross is anything but a double cross to your soul, because the north, the friendly, manly, red-blooded, happy north, where youth rejoices and old age sits bubbling by the open fire, is where the feel and the spirit and the incense of Christmas are native.

Those who have spent the winter ice bound in Nome, or some other Arctic oasis in the wildness, always remember the Christmas under the northern stars where the sons and daughters of men were near enough the Great White God of Things to sense the spirit of Christmas, which of course is nothing but simple love.

Love without hope of reward, without pretense; abounding love that exults in doing gracious deeds to perfect strangers for the fine thrill of it.

Imagine that sort of a spirit in a Florida resort hotel!

AMERICAN EFFICIENCY.

General Pershing's recent war report gives us a history of the work which the American army has done in France. The report is a concise and soldierly document, evidently without trace of exaggeration. But reading between the lines we see the high courage of our American boys clearly revealed. The general closed with a wonderful tribute to the patience and heroism of his officers and soldiers.

The work which the Americans have done in the war is far more than military experts foresaw as possible in so short a space of time. It was not to be expected that a body of young men drawn from peaceful civilian life and with a training belief through intensified, should be able to prevail wherever they were troops.

There success can only be attributed to the national American character. The American is resourceful. He has initiative and is full of latent possibilities. As Kipling says he

—"turns a keen, untroubled face
Home to the instant need of things."

If he undertakes a new job he uses his mind upon it, applies the principles of his last work, so far as they are applicable, figures it out and becomes master of it.

Great efficiency doubtless arises from the drilling of men to some one set task. But it is not the efficiency of the American, which comes from his innate adaptability and the use of his reasoning powers.

Our young Americans took hold of war as they would of any other new work. Inspired by glowing patriotism, they attacked its difficulties and mastered them. They brought to war the American idea that "the job had to be done and it was up to them to do it."

The page of history for 1918 will show how our boys carried out their idea. General Pershing's words are none too strong: "Their deeds are immortal and they have earned the eternal gratitude of their country."

SIMPLICITY OF LIFE.

The war has taught us many things and among them to discriminate between the essential and non-essential things of life. We have found that when inspired by anxiety for a great dominant cause we could easily dispense with many things which had always seemed to us mere necessities and comforts. From a great civilization of luxury and extravagance we were transformed to a body of people willing to sacrifice new cars and furniture and to walk last year's suits for the one purpose of "winning the war."

Now the war is over, but the obligation of renunciation is still upon us. We have practiced it for the sake of our sons and our country and we must continue for the sake of humanity.

We could not sit at a banquet with any comfort if there were starving people looking in at the window. And we will come to the point where we cannot indulge in luxuries and feel that whole nations are starving and suffering on the other side of the world.

Perhaps this will lead us to a new simplicity of life. When Europe is once more self-supporting, we may still feel inclined to lay aside the non-essential things. We may realize that simplicity in our aims and in our lives will really in the end give us more satisfaction than a restless striving for luxuries.

RECENT LAND SALES OF THE COLONIZATION COMPANY.

While in town Frank Johnson of the Oregon & Western Colonization Co. reported the following sales of land during the past week.

E. L. Ashby	4500
Wm. Ledford	2480
H. J. Lister	640
Bennett Bros	640
E. G. Barnard	240
Chas. King	160
Donald Stewart	1280

Do your Christmas shopping early.

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:

County Court:		
Salary of County Judge, per diem of Commissioners etc		$ 1,764.50
Circuit Court:		
Salary of bailiffs, reporters, jurors, witnesses, etc		3,030.00
Justice Courts:		
Fees of justices, constables, jurors, witnesses, etc		630.00
Sheriff's Office:		
Salary of Sheriff and deputies, traveling and office expense, etc		7,655.00
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, traveling and office expenses		1,820.00
Coroner's Office:		
Fees of coroner, jurors, witnesses, etc		260.00
Stock Inspector:		
Salary of Stock Inspector		160.00
County Health Officer:		
Salary of Health Officer		160.00
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		3,500.00
County Charges:		
Hospital charges, transportation, supplies, burials, etc		5,000.00
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		5,000.00
Proposed reduction of General Fund warrants outstanding		5,000.00
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 $34,000.00 to cooperate with State Highway Commission		56,792.50
Levy necessary to raise the amount	.0039	
		$188,892.00
Statement of probable receipts of Harney County, for the year from sources other than by direct taxation:		
Interests on County Deposits		$ 400.00
Percentage of Public land sales		470.00
Percentage of Forest rentals		2,017.74
Reimbursement, by the State of one half of Bounty on wild animals		6,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts		250.00
Total probable receipts		$ 9,137.74
Which sum derived from probable receipts will be used for the reduction of indebtedness, and for other purposes 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	$13,16[illegible].57	33	1,205.00
4	6,[illegible].00	34	671.34
6	402.16	35	145.32
7	255.62	36	622.10
11	[illegible]	37	7,856.80
13	1,389.83	44	306.53
16	378.95	45	799.63
17	755.06	48	2,500.00
18	183.97	50	736.45
20	321.20	51	1,686.70
25	377.74	56	193.32
27	615.70	56	1,905.20
30	150.00	57	1,340.72
31	276.66	62	1,016.41
32	935.00		

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	$28,783.76	$35,[illegible]
Road fund	4,702.91	11,[illegible]
High School fund	1,456.51	6,[illegible]
Malheur County fund	15.20	7,[illegible]
Depositor fund	46.14	47.50

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.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the Final Account of Maggie M. Levens and A. C. Welcome, joint executors of the Last Will and Testament and of the Estate of Jacob C. Welcome, deceased, has been filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney County, and that said court has appointed Saturday, the 18th day of January, 1919, at the hour of ten o'clock, A. M., at the county court room in the County Court House, at Burns, Harney County, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account, or to any particular item thereof, and contest the same.

Dated December 20th, 1918.

MAGGIE M. LEVENS,
A. C. WELCOME,
Executors.

Buy a War Saving Stamp.

DIGS ALL DATA FOR WILSON'S PEACE.

When President Wilson quotes facts and figures in his various peace stands at Versailles, he will know absolutely whereof he speaks. Dr. Sidney Mezes, president of the College of New York City, accompanied the president as chairman of the committee whose duty it is to furnish all such data.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR HARNEY COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of Pedro Ariztia, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Pete Egoscue, has been duly appointed by the above-entitled Court Administrator of the Estate of Pedro Ariztia, deceased; and has duly qualified as such Administrator.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me at Fields, Oregon, together with proper vouchers therefor and duly verified, within six (6) months from the date hereof.

PETE EGOSCUE,
Administrator of the Estate of Pedro Ariztia, Dead.

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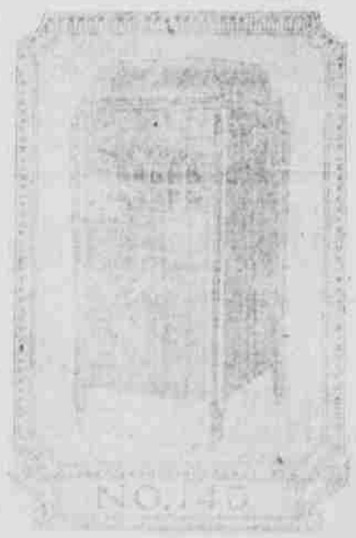

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