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--- This paper has enlisted with the government in the cause of America for the period of the war ---

THE ROAD FUNDS

The condition of the various county road bond funds will require an explanation from the County Court. While the county as a whole has received the benefit of the money expended, regardless of the funds from which it has been taken, it is quite certain that the people tributary to the Bandon-Coquille road will want to know how their fund is to be replenished. It is possible that the Court has plans which will enable it to replace the money borrowed from that fund by the time the project is to be started. The verdict of public opinion might well be reserved until the county officials have an opportunity to explain. Whether or not the letter of the law has been followed out in the application of these road funds is not as vital to the taxpayer as the question of whether each project is to eventually get its proportion as provided by the bond election. The legal phase can easily be determined; it is replacing the money that will cause the difficulty if there is to be any.

HOME INFLUENCE

The influence of the American home follows the American fighting man clear to the front line trenches. It is the first time in the world's history that this is the case. This influence is carried overseas by the seven great welfare organizations doing work among the soldiers, the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Jewish Welfare Board, K. of C., Salvation Army, War Camp Community service, American Library Association. Huts are established where the soldiers may spend his leisure time. Entertainment is furnished him and he is given that care and attention that he would have received in a greater measure, at home. These huts overseas are the nearest thing to home that the soldier knows. To support this great work there will be a drive for funds by the United War Work Campaign November 11, to 18.

PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE
It will finally be up to the people to decide whether business or politics shall lead them to prosperity in their industries.

Can the elevators, flouring mills, warehouses, stockyards, mines and large industries, railroads and utilities be better managed by political than individual enterprise?

Agitators clamor for public ownership.

If all the big business, including banking and insurance, is to be taken over under state management millions will go off taxrolls.

Nearly all the professional class in the state would go on the public payrolls to manage all this public business.

There would not be much left for common people to do but till the soil and work hard and support the army of officials.

That is about where Public Ownership, or Socialism in plain language would lead to.

All the ordinary taxpayer has to do is to sit down and read all their fine theories and believe them and let them run things.

Only a few insignificant things like raising children will remain to the individual if socialism or collective ownership now being proposed under different guises, were carried out.

After the treachery, deceit and intrigue practiced by German officialdom during the past four years, it will take more than a mere statement to convince the world that Germany is to be governed by the people. The statement would be much more convincing with the Kaiser and his clique in the hands of the Allies.

Coos County temporarily loses one of its foremost workers in patriotic

UNCLE SAM NEEDS FRUIT PITS AND NUT SHELLS.



Soldier with the Business Part of a Gas Mask—Tin Container in His Hand Filled with Carbon Obtained from Fruit Stones

BOYS OVERSEAS PROTECTED FROM POISONOUS GAS BY CARBON.

Save Fruit Stones and Nut Shells Over Here and Save the Lives of Americans Over There—Everyone Who Saves These Important Carbon Requisites for Gas Masks Helps in the War.

Do not throw away a single peach, plum, apricot, cherry, prune, date or olive pit nor the shell of a nut.

The United States Government asks you to give to it through the Red Cross, the fruit stones you would ordinarily throw away. About 200 peach stones will provide enough carbon for a gas mask—the only protection between our boys and poisonous gases being used by Germans.

One of the essentials in the respirator designed to protect our soldiers on the front lines against deadly gases is carbon. The efficiency of the mask to a large extent depends upon the quality of the carbon. An excellent quality is obtained from fruit pits and nut shells. These stones and shells, which are ordinarily regarded as valueless, the people of this country now are asked to save as our government is experiencing difficulty in getting the right kind of carbon. The British Government has also asked for a supply of high-grade carbon to use for the same purpose.

The pits before they are delivered to central collecting points should not be cracked, but dried carefully in the sun or in ovens. Rain will not injure the stones provided they are thoroughly dried afterwards.

Large quantities of hickory nuts, walnuts, and butternuts are to be

found in various sections of the country and only limited amounts are now gathered annually. As the meats are valuable food, they should be extracted from the shells before the latter are delivered to the Red Cross collecting stations. Nut meats will keep perfectly in a dry place for months or they may be marketed. The whole nuts may be sent, if the nut meats are not used locally. Quantities of pignuts and bitternuts remain uncollected each year, even by the squirrels, because of the taste of the meats, or their smallness; the shells of these, however, are excellent for carbon.

Only the shells of the nuts and the stones from the fruit listed above should be sent, as the Government chemists have carefully selected the kinds which are most valuable for the gas mask manufacture. It requires about 200 peach pits or 7 pounds of nut shells to produce carbon enough for one mask. This mask will protect the boy in the front line trenches against every kind of gas except one, which is seldom encountered. A mask may be used for 18 hours before its contents become so surcharged with the gas as to render it valueless.

A barrel has been placed in the doorway of the Timmons building to receive pits and nut shells in Bandon.

campaigns, with the departure of L. J. Simpson for Washington, D. C., to engage in war work. In these days we are giving the best we have of everything to aid Uncle Sam in his mammoth task.

The people of Bandon district as a whole deserve a world of credit for putting their Fourth Liberty Loan quota over the top. When it comes to individual honors, the laurels go to H. J. McDiarmid, king of rustlers.

The most successful argument with Germany is the kind that Foch and Pershing are putting up.

I Don't
My parents told me not to smoke—I don't
Or listen to a naughty joke—I don't

They made it plain I must not wink at pretty girls, or even think about intoxicating drink—I don't

To dance and flirt is very wrong—I don't
Wild youths chase women, wine and Song—I don't

I kiss no girls, not even one—I do not know how it is done—You wouldn't think I had much fun—I DON'T!!



All the music on the fighting lines in France is not provided by the whistling of shrapnel and the booming of the big guns. This Canadian official photograph shows a well-known composer entertaining members of a Canadian divisional mess at the front.



Army Labor Battalion Unloading American Wheat at a French Port.

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