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THE PRESIDENT HAS SPOKEN PEACE TERMS FOR THE WORLD.

The President has spoken the peace terms of the world. The fourteen items covered in the latest speech are complete and embody terms on which all the belligerents will eventually agree and on which the peace that must some day end this war will largely be based. But it is more than a mere statement of peace terms. We have had such statements before, and although this one is perhaps a little more clear and more accurately defines the position of the allied powers than any that have preceded it, we could get along very well at present with those statements that have preceded this one. But the president's message, sent to all the world as it has been, is at once a message to the American people and to the German people, a message to the disrupted hordes of Russia and the crowned heads of the Central Powers. It puts in concrete and easily understood form those underlying principles of freedom for which we fight and on which the freedom of America in the past has been founded and on which the freedom of the world in the future must surely rest. And it serves notice to autocracy of the things which the world has outgrown and which princes and kings can no longer impose upon their people unless they shall be able to crush democracy and the privileges of liberty and self-government throughout the civilized world. Such an undertaking would be a huge task at the present stage of world advancement, and there is probably not one ruler alive today who would be willing to risk the power he has in such a wild attempt to crush democracy.

What will be the effect of this

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message on the world? Will it rouse the dormant Russian pride in their national existence to renewed activity and bring them again into the forefront of the champions of democracy? Will it arouse the German people to a sense of the justness of the position of America? Will it bring the crowned heads of the Central Powers to a realization of the unjust and desperate straits in which they have put their people and cause them to grasp this opportunity to end the strife and save their people from further suffering and disaster? Or must the war go on to the bitter end? Only time can answer these questions which are uppermost in the minds of all, questions we scarcely dare to breathe and yet we all would fain have them answered soon.

The president has sent the message to Russia and to Germany. They cannot ignore it. An answer they must give. For any failure to reply merely means that they refuse to negotiate on the basis of a statement that all the world must pronounce as just and right and the war must go on until the world can be made safe for democracy by the destruction of those forces which menace it.

The president has cleverly put the responsibility up to those in opposition to him much the same as he did when the contest was at home and was purely political. May he be as successful in this instance as he was in the former.

HAS BEAVERTON A NEW OPPORTUNITY?

So often we hear from people who have lived here a long while pessimistic and deprecating expressions about the town that for a time we were puzzled that such things could be. But we have come to learn that these people do not mean the unkind things they say about their town and say them in much the same spirit that the modest man deprecates his own prowess by his words, though he never doubts his ability to make good. These people have confidence in the town and will do their utmost to advance its interests. Their very presence here after a long residence proves their belief that there is no better town in the world, else they would have gone there. The loyal things we have seen accomplished here is another proof of the faith these people of Beaverton have in the future of their town. Earnest co-operation in the highway matter has secured an asset of no mean value and the enthusiasm displayed at the meeting at Cady Hall Monday night proves that this enthusiasm does not die out after each time it flares up but rather smolders slowly that the next breeze may fan it into flame. Beaverton-people believe in their town and are always ready to do anything to boost it along, but long association with the town promotes a feeling of personal ownership that prompts the deprecating attitude that manifests itself often in the presence of strangers. It is often misunderstood and the people who have assumed this attitude would do well to use it with a little more caution than is often displayed, but it stands for a good and wholesome quality in a town that its older residents grow so familiar and regard the town as so much a part of themselves that they refrain from sounding its praises because modesty will not permit. But it cannot be too strongly emphasized that this town has

been a prosperous place, that it now has practically all of those elements and practically the same people who made it prosper before, that these same people are showing the activity that at a previous time made the town active, and that there is every reason to believe that the coming season is to be another prosperous one for Beaverton.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE HIGHWAY TO US.

Residents of the Eastern end of Washington County cannot overestimate the importance of the highway nor the vital necessity of leaving no stone unturned that will have an influence on having it rushed to as near completion as possible this summer. Of itself the highway is not so much more important than any other good road. It is a main artery and as such should be put in the best possible shape in the shortest possible time and should be kept in that shape at all times. Being a state highway, it will receive the attention of the county and state road officials to a much greater extent than it would as an ordinary county road and the energies of the community can thus be centered to a larger extent on the roads leading to this main highway and thus the development of the community will be furthered constantly by the expenditure for permanent roads of the amount of money now devoted annually to repairing and making passable the roads we have. But the greatest value of this highway will undoubtedly be in the impetus which it will give to business in a general way, the pride which it will arouse in the communities to keep all places up in repair and showing a presentable appearance, and in the impetus it will give merchants to keep abreast of the times. In a word, it will give us all an incentive to be and to appear what we want our friends to think we are, for we will know that the eyes of the state are on us and we must make good or our failure is bound to be noticed.

It is an educational principle that is receiving much thought just now that success is a habit and has a strong effect upon the formation of character. Superintendent Frost is calling the attention of county educators to this principle now. And it is well that the boys and girls who have grown older should bear this same thing in mind for we may not change our character after we grow old but we certainly do change our habits and more than one of us has gotten away from the success habit in the past five years. If the highway will give us the success habit as we had it five or six years ago, it will have more than justified its building and the effort it has cost.

How about the town election usually held in December? Did 1917 slip by without the usual exciting event?

P. H. Vandehey went to Hillsboro Wednesday and put in a pump for his brother there.

Ralph Watts went to Portland yesterday for a short trip.

ELMONICA NEWS

(Holt Deitz, correspondent)

Saturday before Christmas, Dec. 22, Philip Holsheimer, who enlisted in Uncle Sam's forces last fall, surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holsheimer, by coming home on a late train. After a brief stay, he went back to his post. Tuesday he received leave of absence for a day and visited his parents again.

Mrs. George Holsheimer spent Saturday in Portland and visited in Orengo Sunday.

George Holsheimer was in Beaverton Tuesday, driving to that city with his team and wagon.

On the 3rd of January George Holsheimer butchered a yearling Jersey steer that weighed about 300 pounds and retailed the meat in this neighborhood, the front quarters selling at 12 cents and the hind quarters at 14 cents. The meat sold quickly and is reported to have been of excellent quality, for Mr. Holsheimer, who is a milk merchant and sends his product to the condensery at Hillsboro, had fed the steer so well that he scarcely broke even on the cost.

Timid suitor—I suppose when you recall what a handsome man your first husband was, you wouldn't consider me for a minute? Pretty widow—Oh, indeed, but—er—I might consider you for a second.

The wood cutting still goes on merrily. The chugging of the gasoline saw is heard nearly all day.

Herbert Keehn has been absent from school for two days and may have to stay out longer because of the severity of his cold. He is not the only one to suffer from colds in the Elmonica neighborhood.

The crops are growing very nicely, green grass is springing up along the roads and in the fields and in all appearances the spring is here. Daffodils and other bulbs are springing up and some Elmonica people have nice bouquets of home-grown violets in their homes.

Henry Schlotmann's prophecy of snow before Christmas failed to materialize.

A few days before Christmas Mrs. Pugh visited her late home to see that everything was in order and to gather cedar bough and berry decorations for the Christmas festival. She met Miss Olive Curtin there and a pleasant visit ensued. Mrs. Pugh was accompanied by Mrs. Otto Erickson of Beaverton.

The many Christmas programs held in this locality were well attended and much enjoyed. The most of them were privileged to see Old Saint Nicholas in person.

Recruiting officer—Your name is what? Rookie—No, sir, it's Jones.

Mrs. O. Shepard visited in Portland Monday.

Mrs. Carl Jorgensen visited her parents in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. C. Jenny and Mrs. R. Kirby and child made the jour-

ney to Portland on Tuesday's train.

O. Shepard took his telephone to Hillsboro Tuesday to have it repaired.

The shipbuilding industry is absorbing some of the workers of our fields as is evidenced by the number of men seen on the trains who daily report for duty at the Portland plants.

Mrs. J. Fleeter, accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleeter of Sylvan, visited at "Dietzwood" shortly after Christmas, enjoying the season very much and giving pleasure by their presence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Deitz visited Portland friends Saturday. An American visiting in Dublin told some startling stories of the height of some of the buildings in New York. An Irishman who was listening stood it as long as he could and then queried:

"Ye haven't seen our newest hotel have ye?"

The American thought not.

"Well," said the Irishman, "It's that tall we had to put the two top stories on hinges."

"What for?" asked the Sam-

my.

"So we could let 'em down 'til the moon went by," said Pat.

CONTRACTS LET FOR CLEARING RIGHT-OF-WAY

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Livermore and Doy Gray, was authorized to proceed with the contract for the clearing of the right-of-way between Hare and Newton stations.

A committee consisting of W. J. Lang, Elmer Stipe and R. L. Tucker, was instructed to arrange a highway dance, the details of place, time and arrangements being left to the committee. Adjournment was taken to meet again in Cady Hall on the night of Wednesday, January 18.

REEDVILLE IS PROSPEROUS SECTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ENJOYS IT

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oline engine turns are a sickle-grinder, a big emery wheel, a hand saw, a modern drill, a tending and boring machine for refilling wheels and several other small fixtures for rendering less burdensome and more profitable the work of the skilled craftsman. Above these machines is a balcony literally loaded down with hardware for the various calls which come to the wagon-maker. A big stock of iron and steel, mower and binder repairs, and the other things that a farmer needs in a hurry during his busy season make the shop of L. R. Goff one of the most complete of its kind in Washington County.

Many mining props are being shipped from Reedville to Eastern mines and this industry, coupled with the manufacture of ties, has made the sawmill of John Simpson, located just north of Reedville, a prosperous industry. The sawing of commercial lumber as a by-product of this mill has given the people of Reedville a cheap and convenient source of lumber supply.

Huber Boy Scouts Held Investiture Saturday Night

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tinue the public and they did justice to the occasion.

Mr. Wadsworth is Scout Master at Huber and has an ambition to see a Scout Council formed in this county with a man constantly in charge of the work who has the interests of the boys at heart and will strive to develop to the fullest extent the capacity of the organization for developing good citizenship in the coming generation. Mr. Wadsworth, of course, aspires to be that man and his enthusiasm will certainly justify the small salary to which he aspires.

J. T. Melloy was in to see us the first of the week. He says the only thing new that he knew of was that his neighbor, George Davies, went to St. Helens Monday to work.

Thomas E. Parker has quit his job as a watchman in Port-

land and has gone to Astoria.

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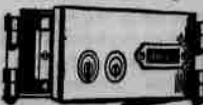
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