

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

One of the things advocated by the President in his message to the new congress was increased loans to farmers through various means, either by increased stock in the federal land banks or to farm cooperatives through the farm board.

It does seem very strange that national leaders still believe that continued loans to farmers will result in farm prosperity. Ever since the war the government has dealt out farm relief by making arrangements for more loans to farmers until now practically every farmer in the land is burdened with debt that cannot be paid. What the farmer needs and must have before he gets ahead is a good enough price for his product so that he can pay off some of the debt he has already contracted. He has been unable to make the interest on what he has borrowed from the facilities so far offered by the government.

It is common assumption by economists that the war debts will not be paid back to the United States for the very good reason that our tariffs are so high that the indebted countries cannot ship us goods which is their only means of returning us our money. The farmer is to a certain extent in the same position for he cannot repay what he has borrowed from the government and private companies unless he is permitted to sell his products someplace at a profit.

Italy, Germany, France and now England have made tariffs on wheat that make it almost impossible for our American farmers to ship their surplus to those countries. Also these countries have increased the percentages of home grown flour that must be put into bread sold for their domestic use. France, for instance, will not permit bread to be sold that is not made of at least 97 percent French wheat.

Probably no one thing is wrong with the world's economic condition, but it certainly seems likely that this tendency toward prohibitory tariffs which the United States started has done much to retard the movement of goods and money.

It might be a much wiser policy for the government to do something to speed up the circulation of world's goods instead of merely suggesting another poultice on a sore spot that is already blistered.

CHILDHOOD'S CHRISTMAS

Residents of the county do not have to be very old to be able to remember the Christmas programs that were an annual event before the war when prosperity was ahead of us instead of behind.

The churches combined to furnish the program and children of all ages spoke and sang with happy faces anticipating the happy time to come after the last song. A committee had gathered some stray change from the residents of the town and had bought candy, apples and oranges to delight the little folks.

There was always a big Christmas tree and nearly everyone brought their presents to be hung thereon; it was literally covered with an assortment of all kinds of givable things imaginable. Its branches were weighted down until they swept the floor. After the program was over men with stepladders and women from the floor unburdened the tree and ushers distributed the presents to the crowd.

Was there ever such an exciting times as those Christmases used to be? A few appropriately funny presents always enlivened the occasion; children always had enough candy and nuts to bring them to that delightful stage of physical perfection when they could hardly hold another bite; groups chattered and gossiped and exchanged "Merry Christmas" greetings in the friendly spirit that the season always bring.

Ab, ha! Those were the days!! They say that those who look back on long past times in pleasant retrospect and with partially concealed longing have begun to be a little old and just a little "doggy" as the woodcutter might say; don't feel self conscious, old timer, if fond memories of other days come to you more often than they did. Stay with your guns. Go down with colors flying. Those were the days, when all the world was young.

ELEPHANTINE DRINK.

A lot of editors in these parts are going to set themselves down and peck off a witty editorial or essay about Tusko and his thirt. Those who are wet will dilate upon the joy the huge pachyderm had from his big drink and the good it did him in warding off the impending cold; the ones who are dry will have the opportunity of discoursing on the greatness of a ten ton animal's headache.

Arranged this way everyone will have a chance to vent his or her feelings and draw his or her favorite moral about prohibition without harming the truth.

It is reported that some people are so hard pressed this winter that they haven't time to listen to the daily bridge game.

And now, as if the world did not have troubles enough already, Congress has to meet.

Bertram Snell, Oh, yes. Whose all American team was he appointed to anyway?

Dear Santa: Please bring us six feet of snow and weather warm enough to make the coal pile last till spring.

Wheat Farmer

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Justensen of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Mat Simons of Grass Valley visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justensen Saturday, while Mrs. J.N. MacInnes and children, Donald and Marjory were visitors at the Justensen home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson are visitors at the home of Mrs. Nelson's parents Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walton.

Among those who were visitors in The Dalles Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wilson, Virgil Schadewitz Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell and daughter, Marguerite, Roy Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lyons Sunday.

Pamona Grange will be held in Grass Valley Saturday December 12 at the Grass Valley Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rees of Shaniko visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap Sunday.

The Kent Auxiliary ladies met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Dunlap last Thursday and worked on toys to be sent to the Child Welfare committee for distribution at Christmas time.

Mrs. Rita Harpe and Miss Della Helyer were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Borstel Sunday.

Miss Lorraine Darby spent the week-end at her home in Wasco.

W. C. Helyer was a visitor at the road camp on Shearer's grade Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jregg and family of Bend visited at the Carl Gregg home Sunday. Mrs. Gregg remained in Kent to visit other friends and relatives this week.

The Rebekah card party which was given last Thursday Dec. 3, was well attended, there being five tables of cards. Cecil Norton was the lucky person who won the money prize of \$2.30. Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Dick Abell won the prize for high scores; and Mrs. Ada Guyton and Mr. A. A. Dunlap won consolation prizes. Refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Ollie Helyer, Mrs. Louis Sather, and Mrs. W. C. Helyer.

The Kent Grange No. 688 held an all day session last Saturday December 5. About eleven o'clock Grange took up in regular form for the transaction of business, then Master Corless Andrews called a recess for dinner. As the men prepared and served the meal, George Witter acting as Chef, Luther Davis, as chief table setter; while Elinor Helyer furnished artistic decorations of sage-brush and juniper. Jerry Wilson acted as toastmaster and responses were made by Mrs. Ada Guyton, Mrs. Cora Guyton, Mrs. Nora Morrow, Mrs. Louis Sather, Mr. Luther Davis, and George Witter. The bountiful dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all the ladies present.

After dinner business was resumed and the officers for the next year were elected as follows: Mr. C. B. Andrews, master; Mr. Louis Sather, overseer; Jay McKay, steward; Pauline Davis, lecturer; Jesse Helyer, gatekeeper; Mr. W. G. Helyer, chaplain; Mr. J. L. Davis, assistant steward; Mrs. H. E. Morrow, secretary; Mr. H. E. Morrow, treasurer; Bernice Howell, Flora; and Clarice Wilson, Ceres. The next meeting will be held Wednesday December 16. Clarice Wilson, Mrs. Rita Harpe, and Bernice Howell were appointed on the entertainment committee.

Grass Valley

Mrs. Harold Hughes Mrs. Arne Annula drove to Hood River Wednesday for a short visit with Mrs. Annula's parents.

The Grass Valley Grain Growers have made final payment on all the checks that they had unpaid on account of the bank failure, thus cleaning up several worrisome debts.

At the city budget meeting

held Monday night the budget was passed with a change made in the Marshall's salary. Whereas it has formerly been at \$115.00 per month it was cut to an even hundred.

The Shearer's Grange will give a dance in their hall after the meeting of the Pomona next Saturday night. Admission will be fifty cents and supper will be served at twenty five cents a plate.

Mrs. Ernest Farrell visited her husband at Rams Horn Camp for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan and children were wrecked last Monday on the grade near Maupin by running their car into a band of horses on the highway. Mrs. Buchanan is a sister of the Garrett brothers of this place and she remained here a few days to recover from injuries.

Two men who operate a service station near Willowdale turned their car over on cemetery hill last week while traveling the highway. No one was seriously injured.

There will be only one women's club meeting this month and that will be held on Monday before Christmas, December 21st. Mrs. R. H. Johnson will be hostess and each member is requested to bring a small present not to exceed ten cents in value.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nelson has been ill from tonsillitis for the last week.

Con Rust and family have moved to the Fritts house during the past week.

The Dean Olds family have moved from the Wilcox house in the south end of town to the Dugger house.

Arch Russell has leased the place southwest of town known as the Jones place and is moving his family and farming equipment there this week.

Alton Olds was returned home last Saturday by his father who drove down to Portland to get him. While he has not recovered from the operation yet he is getting along very well when his serious condition of a few weeks ago is considered.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor left hurriedly for Eugene where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Taylor's aunt. Mr. Zielke substituted at the station during their absence.

Brick Schamel and his sister Charlotte visited here for a few hours last Saturday at the Shepard home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Strange returned to their home in Portland after visiting with relatives here for several weeks.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe returned from Spokane the first of the week after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Mathews.

Mrs. E. M. Alley and two children have moved to town for the winter and are occupying some of the rooms over the drug store.

Hubert Hutchcroft is reported to be recovering in St. Vincent's hospital from a serious illness caused by blood poisoning.

Paul St. Germain and Mr. Cameron, of the International Harvester Co., were here Tuesday interviewing R. J. Baker, the local dealer for that company.

Dolores Simon was taken to Wasco Monday night to have Dr. Butler stop a painful toothache by removing the cause.

Mrs. Roy Justesen, of Portland visited this county last Sunday, spending some time at the Justesen home near Kent.

Great Confederate Soldier Although without military training, General Forrest was ranked as one of the best cavalry leaders in the Civil war. Sherman said he was "the most remarkable man the war produced on either side." He was the idol of the South, and one of the last of the Confederate chieftains to give up the struggle.

Not Bicycles In Sioux 40 volumes of old laws have been rediscovered, and we understand that there is one among them that forbids riding elephants on the sidewalks.

Old Indian Pastime A snow snake is a long, slender shaft, curved slightly at one end, to be launched so as to glide endwise over a surface of ice or snow—a game which was popular with the American Indians, and is still played to some extent today.

COMING SHERMAN COUNTIANS

Moro School Notes

Miss Helen Kutch announced her engagement to Clarence J. Hurd at a Sunday breakfast at the Beta Phi Alpha sorority house on the Oregon State campus during homecoming. Mr. Hurd is an Agricultural Engineer and graduated in the class of 1927. Miss Kutch is a graduate of Oregon State in 1931 and she has been the commercial instructor at Moro since January 1931.

The Tewose Camp Fire Girls are making very attractive scrapbooks to send to a children's hospital in Portland.

Ralph Henkle is back in school after being ill with smallpox.

After a week of six weeks exams the report cards were given out Tuesday. The students who are eligible for the honor roll are:

Doris Amidon, Iva Belashee, Sybil Belashee, Gordon Fraser, Tommy Fraser, Maxine Hendricks, Marjorie Kunsman, Marjorie Nahouse, Lavon Sayrs, Helen Searcy, Janet Stephens, Flora Williams and Grace Cothran.

RUFUS SCHOOL NOTES

Earl Williams—Editor. The Rufus basketball team defeated Mosier in a one sided game Friday, November the 20 at Mosier. Clinton Deyo, Ray Brown and Bob Chase were high point men. The score stood 42-18.

Only two pupils of the high school were on the honor roll this six weeks. They were Howard Hill and Inez Thomson, both sophomores.

The school has started on there play for Christmas; it is progressing nicely.

Two first year typing students are typing well above the required fifteen words. Gladys Eakin has reached 23 words per minute and Margaret Burnett 25.

The school has fourteen more books added to its library. Some titles are: "Houdini" by Kellogg, "Literature and Life" by Drinkwater and Napoleon by Ludwig.

The theme chosen from the grade for the school paper was written by Thomas McNab. It was entitled "What A Man".

For the month of November eleven pupils earned perfect attendance certificates in the intermediate room.

In the recent examination held in the eight grade room Harold Dingle and Doris Johnson raised their grades more than anyone in their class.

The primary room has no more time for "Busy Work" all the spare moments being used for reading supplementary readers or library books. Those completing three books in a month receive rewards.

Rufus lost a hard fought game of ball to the Dalles Friday by a score of 36-13. The Dalles played very good ball and their shooting was spectacular. Most of the baskets being made from near the center of the floor. Osborne of The Dalles was high point man with 16 counter shots.

The Dalles has the same team that went to the state tournament last year and should be strong contenders again this season.

Deyo did some splendid work for the losers taking time after time The Dalles guards out of position, but he was unable to connect with his shots.

Kent School Notes

Hester Lyons—Editor. The Epicurean Club met at the home of Clarice Wilson last Friday December 4. Virginia Helyer and Clarice Wilson demonstrated the making of golden rod eggs and puffy omelet. Margaret Dunlap gave a talk on proteins. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Lorena Young and Rua Helyer.

The Junior English class has been divided into two sides headed by Richard Sather and Lester Wilson respectively, to debate on the question, Resolved: That bad environmental accounts for more dependency than bad heredity.

The Madras boys' basketball team will play in Kent, Saturday evening December 12.

Rose Ellen Barnett returned to school Monday after two week's absence but was absent again Tuesday.

New class officers of the intermediate room are: president, Charlie Bill Wilson; vice-president, Eugene Norton; secretary, Maxine Pleumks; florist, Luther Davis; librarian, Edna McKay; housekeeping committee, Anita Dunlap and Annie Laurie Haynes.

The following pupils in the primary room were awarded certificates for being neither absent nor tardy for twenty days: Juanita Mitchell, Jeanne Haynes, Earl Lyons, Roy

Hogue, Carl Bennett, and Carsten von Borstel.

The pupils of the various grade rooms and the high school have drawn names for the exchange of Christmas gifts.

The members of the English 3 class have been working on a dummy newspaper which they are going to publish for class use. The following officers were elected: Hester Lyons, editor-in-chief; Clarice Wilson, associate editor; Lester Wilson, boys' sports editor; Alta Norton, girls' sports editor; Richard Sather, exchange and joke editor; Rua Helyer, high school news editor; Marguerite

Mitchell, grade school news reporter, Marjory MacInnes, society editor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap visited school Tuesday afternoon.

Harley McKay is back in school after three days' absence on account of sickness.

Pupils of the seventh-eighth grade are beginning work on a short play for the Christmas program.

Phyllis Haynes received the highest average in the seventh grade in the second six weeks' test, while Jack Sather received the highest average in the eighth grade.

Robert Helyer has sold the largest number of Red Cross seals up to date.

Prague Church Modernistic

A church thoroughly modernistic in design is in Prague, Czechoslovakia. With its rigid lines and its glass-enclosed half-cylindrical column at one end, it resembles an American industrial plant. The auditorium is inside the column. A tower at the other end contains a clock and is surmounted by a cross.

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EDITORIAL.

The merchant who does a credit business naturally has full confidence in his customers when he "books" the account, but what a jolt he gets when his customer fails to pay as agreed—then what a "joyful feeling" when the tardy customer comes in with the money. E. E. Gervais, Yard Mgr. and Editor.

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