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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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A FRIGHTFUL TAX.

From the Oregon Journal.

Today the average man in Great Britain who earns \$1000 a year and upwards, must give one month's earnings out of the twelve to the government.

Out of every \$12 he earns, \$1 goes to help carry on the war. And what is worse, it is morally certain that this tax will not only continue for a generation, but that it will be increased. It is even expected that those who earn \$1000 a year and upward from investments, will be compelled ultimately to give one fourth of their earnings to the government.

Two years ago, David Starr Jordan computed the war debts of Europe at \$25,000,000,000, a sum inconceivably vast. It is an amount nearly eight times greater than all the gold mined in the United States in 125 years.

About the same time, David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the British exchequer, reckoned the war cost of Europe in times of profound peace at \$2,250,000,000 a year, a total which he said had nearly doubled in 20 years and which he predicted would double again in less than ten years if the war madness is not stopped.

In a British naval debate, Sir Edward Grey, one of the sanest of Europe's statesmen, uttered this impressive warning:

Unless the incongruity and mischief of mounting military cost be brought home not only to the heads of men generally but to their feelings as well... the rivalry will continue, and it must in the long run break down civilization. You are having this great burden piled up in times of peace, and if it goes on increasing by leaps and bounds as it has done in the last generation it will become intolerable. There are those who think it will lead to war precisely because it is already becoming intolerable.

Words could scarcely have been more prophetic. The war of which Earl Grey spoke has come. That it came because the cost of militarism was "becoming intolerable" is not unlikely.

Its toll in money is the least of its cost, but it is piling up war debts under which Europe is already staggering and at a rate which Earl Grey foresaw must ultimately, unless checked, break down civilization.

Great Britain is still struggling with the debts of the Boer war, fought half a generation ago, a war that is but a skirmish in comparison. How are the inconceivable debts of the present unparalleled conflict to be paid?

THE FIGHT FOR TAX REFORM.

The press of Oregon was almost unanimous in the campaign that resulted in defeating freak measures on the ballot.

The Press is again leading the fight for tax reform and reducing the expenses of our State government.

The State Tax Board and the various city, county and school taxing bodies are all busy cutting down levies.

In addition to that the press of the state will be the influence that will compel retrenchment in the legislature and lop off extravagant appropriation.

A square fight will be made by the state press association to reduce running expenses of the state government, at least half a million dollars.

The Press proved more powerful in preventing vicious legislation than all the other organizations put together.

In the campaign for tax reduction the newspapers will accomplish more than all the pledges in the political platform.

This beautiful weather gives us all something to be thankful for.

Heppner will send delegates to the Irrigation Congress which meets in Portland next month.

Are we going to have a Poultry Show this year? This is the question several people have asked us the past week. We re-echo the question, Are we going to have a Poultry Show this year?

THE LATEST WAR WONDER.

The report of Colonel Goethals of the building of the Panama canal, with the exact figures of the cost, is something so splendid in achievement that it passes above the usual data from which the progress of nations is computed; it is a notice to the world of the latent and active power and energy of the United States. It adds majesty to our nation's flag.

For eight years past the powers of the old world have been preparing for war, and whatever reasons may be given, underlying all was a dream for more land and the extension of commerce.

During those years our country has been making a conquest of peace and when we go back for a comparison for it, we find there has been none since Columbus found a new world.

It has involved no sacrifice of armies; no destruction by fire and sword; no speculation; no overthrowing of temple of art and industry and learning and religion; no sinking of gallant ships; no breaking of hearts and hopes.

Rather it has been joining the world's two greatest oceans, to make a new route for commerce, to draw the peoples of the earth in closed relationship.

And is it wholly an American work, American in conception and execution, in the brains to seize and solve every problem connected with it and to pay for it.

The purpose behind the building of it was altogether generous, for it was plain from the first that the greatest immediate result would be the transferring of millions of workers from overcrowded Europe to the cheaper lands on this side of the Atlantic where they could better their condition and at the same time have a steady effect upon the volatile races of Spanish-America.

Looked upon from any standpoint it is great—it is another command: "Civilization, forward march!"—Goodwin's Weekly.

APPLE COOKERY SUCCESS AT THE SHOW.

From a domestic point of view, the prize contest over the cooking of apples that is conducted at the apple show by the O. W. R. & N., under the direction of Mrs. Reddington, is a revelation and an invitation.

It has placed the show on a higher level educationally. It has opened the eyes of hundreds and even of thousands to the culinary possibilities of the apple. It has been a fine and effective demonstration of the pomological opportunities that the finest of fruits offers to the housewife for the household bill of fare at little cost—a consideration of no little consequence during the reign of the H. C. of L.

In this connection it may be pointed out that it is a development of much significance that a great railroad system should interest itself in increasing public understanding of the worth of the apple. Its employment of a culinary expert, such as Mrs. Reddington, to lecture and demonstrate on the apple as a big asset for the table shows practical men's appreciation of this fruit as a source of revenue. It also shows how the railroads work constantly to open new lines in the development of industries.—Spokesman Review.

WHY NOT A CHRYSANTHEMUM CITY.

The writer wishes to offer as a suggestion that we name our city of Heppner the Chrysanthemum City. There is no where that they can raise chrysanthemums with so little or less care than we can in Heppner. I attended a chrysanthemum show in Savannah, Ga., Thanksgiving Day in 1901. This chrysanthemum show was a big affair, people from all over the state and outside of the state were there. This leads the writer to suggest that we can make Heppner, our city the chrysanthemum city and designate Thanksgiving for the chrysanthemum show. Let Heppner be spoken of only as the chrysanthemum, city, let the commercial club and Ladies' auxiliary begin to plan to make a show on Thanksgiving Day of 1915 a great success and it can be done.

The chrysanthemums are blooming in the yards of Heppner today without any protection whatever. This is no exception, for the last six Thanksgiving services this has been true in Heppner. Even far in the sunny South of Savannah, Ga., there were yards and yards of bunting tacked upon frames above the chrysanthemums from fear frost might hurt them. This is a great benefit for the chrysanthemums and very little expense and would afford beautiful flowers should the people of Heppner take interest to plant the settings early next spring. One other suggestion and I am through, the machinery be put in operation at once for this to be a success next year. A canvas should be made of every house in town and a pledge made and a record kept to show of all who enter heartily into this plan to make Heppner the chrysanthemum city and the first annual show a success.

I presume that the County Fair pavilion could be had for such exhibitions, there certainly could be no objection unless some one has a better suggestion. I cast my vote to make Heppner the Chrysanthemum City.

J. PERRY CONDER.

COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S TRAVELS.

From the Portland Oregonian.

The Scribners have now published Colonel Roosevelt's South American "Travels" in book form and they will have many readers. His lively style and acute powers of observation would make a dull trip interesting, but there was nothing dull about his experiences in Argentine, Paraguay and Brazil. Everything he saw became a romantic episode. All the incidents of his daily routine glowed with interest and adventure. The flowers of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish in the rivers all entertained and instructed the alert traveler.

The best part of his narrative deals with his voyage down the "River of Doubt" which the Colonel himself discovered. Here he went through dark disasters and perils dire. His canoes were wrecked and his men fell sick from hardships and privation. One of them went mad, committed a shocking murder and fled into the wilderness. Toward the end of the adventurous journey it began to look as if the party would never see civilization again. But the clouds finally cleared away. Perseverance at last brought them in sight of outlying planter's cabins and they fared safely through. Now they rejoice to think their perils past and in the security of home and radiance of hard-won glory enjoy the plaudits of friends and readers.

Colonel Roosevelt is the most versatile of living men. Rarely does history tell of anybody so highly gifted in so many directions. To find a parallel for him we must perhaps go back to Julius Caesar, who excelled the Colonel a little as a soldier and lawgiver, but not as a traveler and narrator.

OREGON APPLE CROP STATISTICS.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24, 1914.—The 1914 apple crop of Oregon is estimated at 3,294,000 bushels, according to a report of the Federal Department of Agriculture issued recently. The yield in 1913 was 3,500,000 bushels and 4,100,000 bushels in 1912. The condition of the crop at the present time is 75 per cent of normal, and the average condition during the past ten year period has been 77 per cent of normal. The apple crop of continental United States is estimated at 230,249,000 bushels for 1914, while the yield last year was only 145,500,000 bushels. The average price being paid to farmers for apples at the present time is 62 cents per bushel.

A MILLION HOMES.

From the New York Mail. A million homes. That is in round figures the number in this huge city. Ten times 100,000 places that men and women and children call home, where they rest after the day's toil and eat their bread and enjoy the solace of that peace that can be had nowhere else than home. Imagine these 1,000,000 homes destroyed, leaving 6,000,000 men, women and children homeless, their dwellings pillaged and burned, every possession of value swept away, seized by an enemy or turned into charred wreckage.

Imagine this and you have some faint idea of what happened in Belgium.

WAR IN EUROPE AID TO POSTAL SAVINGS HERE.

That the war in Europe is proving a big boon to postal savings in this country, is the gist of a statement recently issued by the postal department. One reason for the large increase in postal savings is that thousands of people, largely of foreign birth are now depositing their money in the postal savings bank, whereas before the war, these same people sent their money abroad. Since the opening of the war, postal savings deposits have increased \$16,000,000.

Budget For the City of Heppner for 1915.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEPPNER: Gentlemen:

We, your committee, appointed to prepare budget of expense for the City of Heppner for the year 1915, respectfully submit the following itemized estimate:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Lights and Lighting, Regular Marshall's Salary, Extra Marshal and Police, Recorder's Salary, Treasurer's Salary, Fire Chief's Salary, Board of Health Salary, City Recorder, County Fair Board, Incidentals, Bridges, Streets and Public Property.

WE RECOMMEND:

That a five mill tax be levied on all taxable property in the City of Heppner, to cover the general expenses, and further that all money received from Saloon license, be it more or less than \$5600.00, now received be set aside, for the building of bridges, the improvement and maintenance of streets, and other public property, of the City of Heppner. Further, that all money, now in the hands of the City Treasurer and all money that may be derived from fines and additional license, be considered as reserve for the purpose of oiling streets and defraying the general expenses of the City of Heppner, until January 1915, and the period intervening between the 1st day of January, 1916, and the time when the taxes will be forthcoming, for which time the City will be without apparent funds.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND SIGNED: GEO. J. CURRIN, A. L. CORNETT, W. B. BARRATT.

There will be a meeting of the council on Monday, November 30, 1914, at 7 o'clock sharp for the consideration of this motion, and all interested are invited to attend.

HIS PRIVACY INVADED.

Knew There Was a Mistake Somewhere, and His Surmise Was Correct.

Once in awhile a man who has never been inside a theater more than once or twice in his life comes to Broadway for a supply of city impressions and experiences. One of these stepped into the lobby of a theater and said to the man in the box office: "Give me a seat in one of them little rooms by itself."

He was given a ticket which entitled him to a box. Armed with this, he went around to the gallery entrance and climbed the long flight of stairs to the top of the house, where the ticket taker admitted him without question. He found a seat, but seemed ill at ease and at the end of the second act went back to the doorman with a displeased frown.

"Look here," he demanded petulantly. "What does this mean? What is all them people doin' in my box?" He indicated the crowded gallery with a comprehensive sweep of his arm. When the nature of his complaint was realized by the staff he was duly conducted to the box that belonged to him in the middle tier.

"Nobody but you will be allowed to sit here," he was told in response to his anxious inquiry. "The place where you were sitting before is the gallery." "I know there was something wrong, and that is why I spoke of it," he explained. "I allow that the gallery is a box for the general public! Am I right?"

They assured him that he was right. —New York Times.

First Aid to the Injured.

Helplessly he lay by the roadside, groaning and writhing with pain. A policeman, hearing the groans, hastened toward him and proceeded to investigate what ailed him. But all he could get from the sufferer was this: "I ate one too—I ate one too!" The policeman was puzzled, but not for long.

"Poison," was his diagnosis. Now, poison cases, so the policeman remembered, need immediate treatment, and poisons have antidotes. Hastily he procured what he believed to be a suitable antidote. Then he administered it.

The result was astonishing. Like a rocket the recipient sat up and abusively demanded the reason for such treatment. On being told he only became more angry.

"What did I eat?" he yelled. "Why, you idiot, I-S12 is the number of the car that knocked me down!"—Chicago News.

All to His Credit.

"My dear," he said, "you are superb! To any man a credit. You'll be the reigning belle tonight," and kissed her as he said it. "My love, I'm glad you like my clothes," with beating heart she said it. "Because this party gown and wrap are also to your credit!"—Stray Stories.

Blow at Woman's Rights.

Patience—I see a Pennsylvania man has invented a machine for moistening postage stamps when about to be applied to a letter.

Patrice—Of course it would be a man who would try to prevent women from using their tongues.—Yonkers States man.

Mightier Than the Sword.

"It seems out of place to confer knighthood on a poet by tapping him on the shoulder with a sword." "What do you suggest?" "They ought to use a fountain pen."—Kansas City Journal.

A Grafter.

"I know a man who is grafting all the time in his business, yet he can always get the public to swallow it." "What is he—a political officeholder?" "No; he runs a peach orchard."—Baltimore American.

The Brute!

Wife—I want to go into that store for curiosity. Husband—I didn't think you'd ever run out of that.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Advertisement for 'A Rare Opportunity To Buy A 20-Acre Tract on Willow Creek'. Includes details about the tract (12 acres alfalfa, small orchard, four-room house) and terms (\$3000; \$1500 cash). Mentions 'SMEAD & CRAWFORD Heppner, Oregon'.

Advertisement for 'People's Cash Market'. Phone Main 73. All kinds of Fresh and Cured Meats, Poultry, Lard. We pay highest cash prices paid for Stock, Hides and Pelts. HENRY SCHWARZ, Proprietor.

Advertisement for 'Choice Flour, Feeds, Wood, Coal and Posts, for Sale by HEPPNER FARMERS' UNION WAREHOUSE CO.'. Handle Wheat and Wool. Highest Price Paid for Hides and Pelts.

Advertisement for 'To Our Subscribers: We Are Now Offering You The Excellent Opportunity to Take Advantage of Our Bargain Day Offer in The Weekly Oregonian and The Gazette-Times \$1.50 Two Papers for the price of one. Get at the local and state news as well as un-merous special features at your home every week.'