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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

Thursday, December 24, 1914.

It is estimated that it will require 300,000 tons of provisions per month to care for the starving Belgian people until harvest time next summer.

This means an expenditure of about \$5,000,000 a month and the United States is the only nation that can produce the stuff and pay the price. The whole country is now being organized to take hold of this relief work; it is a wonderfully big task but the people of these United States love to tackle a big job. In the furthering of this work, each community must do its part and it is gratifying to note the hearty response that is being made by the people of Morrow county. No appeal for aid of the suffering has ever been turned down here and the little nation across the water that has been plunged in to direst want because of the great war will get its due share of practical sympathy from our people.

The first car of flour and provisions should leave here for Portland before January 1st, as on that date the railroad company will withdraw their offer of free transportation. Heppner Milling Company and Phill Cohn have put the price of flour right down to cost and your order for a barrel is good with them and we urge you to be prompt so that the car can be made up and forwarded at once.

The commissioners of Douglas county have refused to pay the bill of W. R. McKenzie & Sons, expert accountants sent to make examination of their records by direction of the State Insurance Commissioner. The bill for the work was \$576, and the Douglas county court holds this to be exorbitant, and further alleges that no report of any value has been turned in by the experts. For a similar service Morrow County has paid \$499, our court finding no way of holding up the claim, though it is exorbitant, and very largely graft. The law says these examinations must be made at least once a year, and the county court can not say who will do the work, and neither can they refuse to pay the bill. A few months ago an examination was made by a competent accountant, his report made, filed and published, and the expense to the county was not half what the last examination cost. We presume what is true here will apply to all other counties of the state. The present system does not insure economy and efficiency to the taxpayers, but it does insure fat jobs to firms of experts who would perhaps otherwise be out of employment. This work should be under the absolute control of the county courts. The present law should be repealed.

A bill to re-district the state so that each county may have a representative of its own in the legislature, is being prepared and will be presented at the coming session. Three counties of the state have no representation from the boundaries of their own territory, these being Morrow, Hood River and Malheur. On the other hand, many counties have more representatives in the legislature than they are entitled to. Surely if a county is worthy to be called such it is entitled to representation, and relief should be granted by some such bill as is proposed. The present arrangement certainly needs "fixin'."

Heppner is prosperous; Morrow county is prosperous. We do not feel the need of want and our citizens are in a land of plenty. Five million Belgians are facing starvation; in fact thousands of them are perishing at this time for the want of shelter, food and clothing. Our people propose to send them at this time a car of flour and much other food and clothing. You can give a barrel of flour and there is nothing that will be more appropriate. At this Christmas season, let us all remember that it is more blessed to give than receive.

A big campaign is on to create the office of public defender in all cities and counties. Now if a citizen is indicted or accused of violating the laws and has no means the court appoints a lawyer to defend. This practice is sometimes abused by the accused receiving only formal or indifferent defense. But this is not an excuse at this time for creating new offices on a large scale, with equipment and office expense.

Oregon has 90 members in its legislative body, and of this number the coming session will contain 38 lawyers.

The first thing of importance after the new year rolls around, will be the Third Annual Morrow County Poultry Show. Are you making preparations?

Gov. West has been asked by the Oregon Belgian Relief Committee to accompany the Oregon contribution to Belgium next month and he may decide to do so.

The Gazette-Times extends Christmas greetings to all of its numerous friends and patrons. May you enjoy this festive season to the full and may the coming year bring you sweeter joys and greater prosperity, is our sincere wish.

Business conditions, the country over, are beginning to improve and a complete return to prosperous times is looked for by early Spring. Let it come; our part of the great domain can absorb its share without grumbling.

A Rhode Island Red hen has established a new egg laying record, surpassing Prof. Dryden's hen at the Agricultural College by six eggs. The former record was 303 eggs, but this hen, which lives in Pennsylvania, has finally succeeded in doing excellent work for 309 days out of the year.

The Cottage Grove Leader warns the people that a movement is on foot to re-initiate some of the defeated freak laws. That paper is offering the suggestion that all the badly defeated bills be kept off the ballot by law for a period of at least six years. The idea is a good one and the legislature should be induced to take favorable action on the suggestion.

The Hobson "Dry" resolution, voted on in the house Tuesday, while receiving a majority vote, failed of the necessary two-thirds vote required. The debate was spirited on both sides and a much larger vote was cast than anticipated. The vote stood 197 ayes to 189 noes, and failed of adoption by 61 votes. Hawley, Sinnott and Lafferty, Oregon's representatives, supported the resolution.

Australia holds the world's supremacy as a wool producer and the exhibit from Australia at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition will be unsurpassed in quantity, quality and educative value. Not only the wool itself but the Australian mode of clipping and sorting it will be shown for the instruction of wool growers of other countries. Of remarkable interest will be an international sheep shearing contest.

Among the remarkable exhibits to be shown at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco will be Thomas A. Edison's latest invention, the "Telescribe". This is a combination of telephone and dictaphone and has never before been exhibited at an international exposition. It fulfills Mr. Edison's prediction uttered in 1870 that perfection in telephone communication would be reached only when means were discovered for combining the telephone and phonograph in order that telephone messages might be properly recorded.

When the receiver of the dictaphone is removed from the hook and placed in the socket of the telescribe the acoustic connection of the dictating machine is made and then the user takes up the small receiver attached to a "telescribe" and begins conversation. In this way both sides of the conversation are recorded on the telescribe cylinder and communication with the central operator is shut off, thus preventing "breaking in" on the line. The value of the telescribe is shown by the fact that the telephone system transmits sixty per cent of all forms of communication in the United States, totalling fifteen billion conversations a year, a grand total in excess of the number of telegrams, letters and railroad passengers in the same period.

MOTION PICTURES AS TEACHERS

"Books will soon," Edison has assured us, "be obsolete in the public schools. Scholars will be instructed through the eye. With the motion picture it is possible to teach every branch of knowledge. Inside of 10 years our school system will be completely changed."

The wizard of electricity can work wonders, but he and his movies can not render books obsolete in the schools, or teach every branch of knowledge or revolutionize our public schools. The shoemaker needs to stick to his last. This scientist and inventor who is not an educator, is too sanguine and speaks overconfidently.

Nevertheless, he has made a brave start toward the fulfilment of his forecast. To his 700 inventions he has added a system of children's education motion pictures. He has tested it through practice. He has listed nearly a thousand subjects, had a specialist in fifty or sixty of them prepare the films, and brought them to the scenario stage. Each film, when made is tested by rifferent audiences. Dependence is chiefly put upon Edison's "gang" of boys, one of whom is his own son, and nothing that these frank censors disapprove goes further.

Educators acknowledge that motion pictures have their place in education as adjuncts to books. It is recognized that the movies represent a new force and instrument of education. Their alluring scenes and infinite range of subjects represent the most developed tool that has been devised in this century. The educator must use it for good, because the makers of films are educating 5,000,000 American children daily, but not always desirably. It is calculated that one-fourth of the patrons of the movies are less than 16 years old. The overwhelming majority of the pictures they see depend for success upon an appeal in undue degree to the feelings.

Italy exempts from taxation those theaters which exhibit only educational motion pictures. In Ontario, Canada, the children study geography through the help of the movies. Greece has bought 4000 machines for use in its public schools. Wisconsin has adopted the movies as a feature of university extension, and the varsity is collecting a film "library" to go from school to school of the state. Educators have shown hospitality to the new force, but special films must be made for the schools and great intelligence and conscience shown in opening this new field.—Spokesman-Review.

AN APPRECIATION.

Editor Crawford:
Dear Sir and Bro.:
Permit me space in this issue of The Gazette-Times to express my very great appreciation of the kindness you have shown me at all times. Seldom have I met with more courteous treatment at the hands of the public and professional men than has been accorded me during my stay in Heppner. I thank you sincerely, gentlemen, may prosperity attend you every one. Fraternally yours,
REV. WILL. N. FERRIS.

LEXINGTON.

Mrs. Hattie Irwin left Saturday for Portland.

W. G. Scott made a business trip to The Dalles last week.

Frank Evans and family made a business trip to Heppner in their auto.

Nellie Davis came home Saturday from Forest Grove to spend the holidays.

W. F. Barnett and family have returned from a visit to the Willamette Valley.

Hank Parker and wife have returned from a two week's visit in Portland.

Ed Duran returned from the mountains with a nice load of fir trees for Christmas decorations.

The exercises at the Hall last Thursday night were a big success. Everybody had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. R. B. Rice left Sunday for a visit to her old home in Missouri. She will remain away for two months.

There was vacation at school three days last week on account of the teachers' examinations at Heppner. All of the teachers took them.

Ralph Barton was in Lexington Thursday. He recently returned from Idaho, where he spent several months with his brother Earl.

Mrs. Ida Burchell and her daughter Hulda came home Monday evening for the holidays. Miss Hulda is attending the state normal school at Monmouth.

Mrs. Cleo Van Winkle returned to Mikkalo, Ore., Sunday. She had been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Eskelson, who reside in Marks Canyon.

Elmer Stamp and H. C. Maxwell of Vancouver, Wash., are looking around here for a location. Mr. Stamp was in this part of the country a few years ago and is acquainted with its conditions.

According to old settlers who have been in this vicinity for the past 25 or 30 years, this is the driest year they have experienced for a long time. We have had less than two inches of rainfall since September 1st.

Mrs. Arthur Finley of Sand Hollow, died last Thursday from diphtheria. She was buried in the Lexington cemetery, Dr. H. T. Allison, county health officer having charge of the interment. Mrs. Finley leaves a husband and two children. All of them are guaranteed and sick from the disease but from last reports they are improving and are out of danger.

TO OUR PATRONS:
**Merry Christmas
and Thank You!**
MINOR & CO.

PRESENTS

We have just what you are looking for in
SUITABLE XMAS GIFTS

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SILVERWARE CHINA UMBRELLAS FOUNTAIN PENS

HAMILTON WATCHES

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OUR HOLIDAY THANKS

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