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PENDLETON.

Pendleton is a city in Eastern Oregon containing about 8000 people. It is a well built town but in streets, buildings, stores and schools, Pendleton is not a great deal unlike any other progressive small city.

But Pendleton is the town with a punch. More can be accomplished in Pendleton in a given time than in any other city of like size that we know of.

There is a coordination of spirit in Pendleton that we cannot explain. No other city has it. When a thing is started there, it is finished on schedule time and the results obtained are usually from 50 to 100 per cent better than was dreamed of in the beginning.

Pendleton is mostly famous for her Round-Up. This show has been more widely advertised than any other like show in the world. Consequently Pendleton has received an endless lot of advertising from that source. But to an outsider, reading about the Round-Up would mean nothing. A trip to Pendleton and a view of the big show would mean everything. It is here that you feel the electrifying touch of the Pendleton spirit. It is here that the great big western hospitality takes you by the hand and you are ushered into the homes of Pendleton as real guests. Pendleton people give up their own beds on that occasion and sleep in the cellar if necessary.

It was the good fortune of the editors of Oregon to come in close touch with Pendleton and her grand spirit last week. They are entertainers of the highest order and they have made an impression upon the state press of Oregon that will have a lasting good effect not only upon Pendleton but upon the entire state as well.

ROAD COOPERATION.

While in La Grande last week we heard Walter M. Pierce of that city state publicly that he was now behind the State Highway Commission with all the force now that he formerly used in opposing the road bonding issue. Mr. Pierce can plainly see, now that the road bonds have been carried, the only sensible way to act in the matter is to give the highway commission all the support possible.

This is a new condition the highway commission is finding all over the State. It is a laudable condition.

In so far as Morrow county is concerned, we here are confronted with a peculiar situation. The commission has designated two roads. One goes up the Columbia river on the north and the other is a more southerly route, coming up Willow creek through Ione, Lexington to Heppner and proceeding on to Pilot Rock.

It will be years probably before either one will be totally

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hardsurfaced. Possibly a little stretch will be completed each year and in this manner the roads can finally be permanently surfaced throughout. It is a question of on which route work will be started first.

The commission is bound that all rag chewing will be eliminated if possible. Therefore if both sides in Morrow county want results there will have to be cooperation between the two. Certain understandings must be reached.

A TIP TO GERMANY.

Lloyd-George's Glasgow speech, like President Wilson's epoch-making address to Congress, may be said to have been addressed even more to the people of Germany than to his hearers in Scotland. The following significant paragraph seems almost like a "tip" to the German public as to how it can secure peace if it really wants lasting peace:

"No one wishes to dictate to the German people the form of government under which they should choose to live. But it is right we should say that we will enter into negotiations with a free government of Germany with a different attitude of mind and a different temper and different spirit and with less suspicion and more confidence than we should with a government with whom we feel today to be dominated by the aggressive and arrogant spirit of Prussian militarism."

This is a formal notice to the German people that if they choose to adhere to their present autocratic form of government—a government that is dominated by war-mad militarists—the Allies have no other course open to them than to fight on until the German military leadership that bathed the world in blood is crushed. On the other hand, if Germany should liberalize its government and make it responsible to the people, the Allies would be inclined to revise their terms rather radically.

President Wilson stated the purpose of the United States in entering the war when he said that the world must be made safe for democracy, and this purpose has been formally accepted by the Allies. So long as the present despotic government commands the support of the German nation there is nothing to do but to fight until Germany is crushed, for the peace of the world is not safe as long as the kaiser and his half-crazed leaders have back of them the weight of a whole people. If the German people, however, should see fit to take into their own hands their proper share of the business of government, the outlook for peace in the future would be so tremendously bettered that the Allies and the United States could well afford to remake their terms.—Eugene Register.

The Fifth Annual Morrow County Fair is only a month and a half away. Are you thinking about it?

Huckleberries will be on the bushes in abundance this year, if we are to believe the predictions made by some of our best known mountaineers.

Come out to the road meeting Friday night and hear some live discussions on this subject. Heppner is getting to a point where she is going to do something or forever after hold her peace.

The Kaiser's own Prussian pot is boiling over with peace talk, ministry dissention, cabinet crisis and what not. The old boy and his immediate family with a few of the dear old friends are having a rough time steering the ship of state these days.

BOTTLE UP THE GERMAN SUBMARINES.

German submarines can only pass out into the Atlantic through the northern end of the North sea, for the southern end tapers down into the English channel, and the entente allies have completely blocked the narrow passage with an effective system of nets, mines and patrols.

If the northern end could be as effectively blocked, the German submarine would be bottled in, and U-boats out in the Atlantic could not return to their home bases for repairs and supplies. The submarine problem would be solved.

Some high naval authorities in the United States believe that a concerted effort should be made by England, France and the United States to block the north end of the North sea by a concentration of mines, nets and patrols. The distance across, from the northern part of Scotland to the southern end of Norway, is about 300 miles, and the task has hitherto seemed so difficult that the allies have not made the attempt. But now the United States is in the war, and its navy available for patrol service, a project offering such certain and brilliant results should have immediate consideration.

Germany has confessedly staked everything on her U-boats. Once their further use were completely checked, the kaiser's last hope of victory would die, and the public clamor for peace could no longer be stemmed. Germany would have to sue for terms.—Spokesman-Review.

EDITORS GIVE SUPPORT

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was authorized to investigate the terms of the tax law before congress and, if desirable, advise the senator of the course considered to be toward the best interests of the newspapermen of Oregon.

The association by a rising vote, expressed its appreciation of the work of its officers during the past year and extended its thanks for the entertainment provided by the men and women of Pendleton.

Resolutions of sympathy and condolence were adopted in memory of Leland Hendricks, of Salem, John E. Roberts, of Vale, P. C. Lever, of Coquille, J. H. Upton and Mrs. T. B. Ford, wife of the chaplain.

New Officers Named.

A. E. Voorhies, of Grants Pass, vice-president of the association, was elected to the position of president. George H. Curry, of the Vale Enterprise, was named vice-president. Phil

Bates was retained as secretary. E. E. Brodie, retiring president, was elected a member of the executive committee succeeding W. J. Clark, of Forest Grove. None of the offices were contested.

Invitations for the next convention were received from Marshfield and North Bend, where the fine home of L. J. Simpson is offered for the use of the association; and from Grants Pass. George P. Putnam, of Bend, announced the desire of that town to have the convention at some future time, but deferred the invitation for another year. The executive committee yesterday fixed upon Coos bay as the site.

Matters of great interest to the members of the newspaper profession were considered in the addresses of the day. Among the speakers were Edgar B. Piper of the Portland Oregonian, E. E. Faville, of the Western Farmer, Lloyd Riches, of the Weekly Oregonian, J. G. Kelly, of the Walla Walla Bulletin, Eric W. Allen, of the state university, Eugene, George Palmer Putnam, of the Bend Bulletin, and Elbert Bede, of the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

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