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OFFICIAL PAPER FOR MORROW COUNTY.

Thursday, November 29, 1917.

THANKSGIVING.

Today our people are observing the great American feast day. This is Thanksgiving day, but what does the average American think of it? To him it is mainly a day for feasting and a time to make merry. He gives no thought to the great underlying principles that brought about the institution of the day and forgets entirely that it has a deep significance. We are a nation that boasts of its Christian civilization. We are supposed to recognize the fact that a great Supreme Being rules over us all, and that through His providence we enjoy the fat of the land. We have become so puffed up in our own strength, as it were, that we take unto ourselves all the glory and reap our harvests and enjoy our feasts and never concern ourselves with the thought that there is a power reigning over us to which we should be truly thankful for our temporal blessings. This, we say, is the apparent attitude of the greater number of our citizenship.

At the time of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers on the rocky New England shores, this was an unexplored country. They had reached here amid the severest hardships and after spending their first harvest season in the new land, these people were so thankful that they called for a day of general thanksgiving. This was observed, as history tells us, in a very reverent and religious manner, and to God they gave their sincere thanks for the harvest. This gave our people the idea of an annual observance of the day, strictly along religious lines and it became finally one of our National holidays. Every child in school is familiar with the history of Thanksgiving. Rightly observed, it is our greatest holiday.

In this present year our nation is engaged in war, the most terrible the world has ever witnessed. It may be that many have thought it inappropriate to observe Thanksgiving. On the other hand, there is no better time than now to enter into the true Thanksgiving spirit.

As a country we have so far been blessed by not having to get right into the battle line. This day is upon us, however, and now our boys at the front are beginning to fall. They have gone forward to do battle for the liberty of the world and America has become not only the store house of the allied nations; but their chief support at the battle front. We should be thankful that we are able to go into this fight for liberty and democracy so well equipped; that our crops have been abundant and that we as yet are suffering no lack of the necessities of life.

We believe that God is on our side; let us bow before him in humble thankfulness for the great blessings we enjoy, asking his guidance and protection of our rulers and people in their time of peril, and not forgetting in our feasting and revelry that

we are facing a great crisis as a nation of people and that there is no hand except His that can guide us aright.

A ROUSING SCHOOL MEETING!

Somebody said there was a "rousing" school meeting in Heppner on Friday last, the time announced and published for the special meeting to adopt the budget. This must have been so, for there were just three persons present. The meeting was organized and Chairman Bisbee of the school board presided. The budget was gone over, item by item as advertised, and upon motion the same was adopted. This budget calls for the raising by special tax on the property of the district the coming year of nearly \$12,000. The matter of voting a little tax upon the district of this amount evidently was of no concern to the taxpayers, for had it been there would undoubtedly have been a big turn out. The budget would have been adopted, perhaps, just the same, but really there should be a better interest manifested in school affairs in this district.

We hear a great deal of boasting at times about Heppner's fine school facilities; we are all proud of what the district has to offer, but did it ever occur to the average citizen of this community that it is possible to get much more for our money than we are now getting. In other words, would it not be better if more cooperation was shown in the school work. These meetings should be attended and matters of interest looking to the improvement of the school should be taken up and discussed. There should not be such implicit faith placed in the good judgment of the school board and the faculty. These people no doubt are doing their best. Of this we are fully convinced, but there should at least be the encouragement of both school board and faculty by a lively interest of the patrons and public in general in our schools.

We believe a good thing for this community would be a Parent-Teachers Association. This organization would keep up a lively interest in school affairs and lead to many improvements. Why can't we have it?

SAVE THE SUGAR.

Because of the world shortage of sugar and the urgent need of conserving the present supply in the United States, so that we may respond in a measure at least, to the appeals of our Allies for additional sugar, the United States Food Administration has restricted the use of this commodity for the manufacture of candies to 50% of the amount normally used. This restriction is being drastically enforced through Government supervision of wholesalers and their inventoried supplies. With the holiday season approaching, the confectioners of the United States are facing the problem of meeting the largest demand of the year with 50% of their most essential ingredient curtailed.

While confectioners everywhere are exercising their ingenuity in the manufacture of appetizing candies made largely of figs, dates and nuts mixed with honey, molasses or other syrups, inevitably the candy manufacturers must suffer a serious financial loss through this necessary government action. They are accepting this loss with cheerfulness and in a splendid spirit of patriotism, feeling that it is a necessary sacrifice.

Herbert Hoover, the nation's conservation chief, makes an appeal to the public to assist the confectioners, the first branch of trade to suffer direct curtailment of its business by curbing its own appetite for sweets.

"The candy manufacturers have had their sugar supply cut down one-half," says Mr. Hoover, "and it is up to their patrons to make a voluntary individual cut of 50% in their candy consumption. Also to eat candies made of fruits, nuts and syrups, rather than demanding the fancier sweets high in percentage of sugar. This rule should also be observed in the home manufacture of candies."



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goods, fancy works and
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ments and a jitney
dance.

All Come

J. B. Sparks returned from a business trip to Portland today. While below he booked a number of special features for his Theatre. He also secured a trap drummer, and this addition will be made to the orchestra for furnishing music at the show and for the Saturday and holiday dances to be featured by the Theatre.

Mrs. J. T. Rue of Monument is rapidly recovering from an operation for appendicitis which she underwent on Saturday last at Heppner Sanatorium. Dr. McMurdo also operated on Bob Owen on Friday for the same ailment and reports him doing well.

FORD FOR SALE—This office offers for sale a 1916 Ford runabout. The machine has just recently been overhauled and put in good condition by a first class mechanic; has run less than 3000 miles and was bought new in August, 1916. Price, \$325.