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MORROW COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

COUNTY ROAD MASTER.

The County Court have now under consideration the very commendable proposition of electing a County Road Master. They are negotiating with a man to take this place, that we believe will make the proper kind of official, should he be chosen, and his reputation for getting a dollar's worth of work out of the men employed by the county, for every dollar expended, was established when he held a similar position in Gilliam county a few years ago. We refer to Mr. McCaleb, of Arlington.

This gentleman had charge of road work in Gilliam county some years ago, and from all that this paper has ever been able to learn, he proved himself to be just the right man in the place.

Morrow county, in the very recent past, has paid dearly for a lot of road work: she has, in plain words, been robbed to a degree that is scandalous, and principally for the reason that there was not a man at the head of affairs, and acting for the county, who was free from the contamination of the so-called paving trust. No member of the county court was situated to take supervision of the work and there were head bosses, bosses, sub bosses, etc., galore, and no particular one to lay the blame upon; but the big road firm, with headquarters in Portland, raked off the profits on gross expenditures just the same, and the people of the county paid the bills.

The County Court is certainly taking hold of the situation right in electing a man to supervise the road work that will see that the money spent brings the desired results.

OUR GREATEST PROBLEM.

The immediate problem before the United States is whether private industry can keep up the high wages paid during the war.

Manufacturers have raised the question whether this country will be able to maintain its share of world trade on an eight-hour work day basis and at the present abnormally high scale of wages.

President Gompers struck back at "all the Bourbons in the United States" who try to rob labor of the advantages it has gained during the war.

But the New York Sun points out that a three-dollar-a-day wage that will support a man and his family in comfort is better than the ten-dollar-a-day wage that leaves him without a job.

The American people believe in high wages and a high standard of living.

But it seems that very high wages, prevailing, under stress of war, cannot be duplicated in private industry in peace times.

The advance in wages has been predicted on high cost of living, and that higher wages have resulted in higher living costs.

Take, for example, coal and milk. Coal operators advanced miners' wages to meet higher living costs, and this was reflected in a higher price for coal. Milk is bringing a record price.

In explaining the latest advance of a cent per quart, Mr. Hoover, the Food Administrator, said: "The Labor Adjustment Board raised wages of employees of distributors one cent a quart. Some one has to pay and it is always the poor consumer."

Milk went up because wages went up. This is typical of the whole industrial situation.

Already the price of commodities have dropped sharply since armistice.—The Manufacturer.

THE LAST DRIVE.

The coming Victory Liberty Loan will be the last.

One more big job to pay for the victory—or the immediate demands of victory—and the Liberty Loans will be history.

There must be no lagging by the American people in the drive that will come in April. It will not be a time for excuses.

The same spirit that characterized the last hour of fighting before the armistice went into effect should be shown by the stay-at-homes for whom the Yanks fought in France. Here is the official report of operations in those last few hours of the war:

"The 3rd Division advanced 3 kilometers east of Breheville. Despite increased resistance by machine gun and artillery fire the 5th Division continued to advance, capturing 18 prisoners, 3 large calibre guns, 6 minenwerfers and considerable material. In accordance with

the terms of the armistice hostilities on the front of the American armies ceased at 11 a. m."

The Yanks didn't shirk that last job. Many gave their lives with peace a matter of minutes away. Every American at home worth the victory won by those boys in khaki will work as hard in the coming loan as in the first.

Batteries Recharged Here.

Messrs. Rivers & Ackley have an announcement in this issue concerning their new battery repair department at the Heppner Garage Machine Shops. These gentlemen have gone to considerable expense the past two weeks to install an up-to-date battery repair department, which they have placed in charge of an expert battery repair man. It is not necessary now to send your batteries out of town, to either Pendleton or The Dalles, to have them recharged and repaired, all this can be done at home, with a large saving in expense, besides all the necessary supplies in this line have been installed as well and the department will be kept up to date all the time. This is a part of the auto repair work that has been heretofore passed up in Heppner, and Messrs. Rivers & Ackley have anticipated a long felt want.

Married.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Owens in this city on Saturday evening last, Judge W. T. Campbell united in marriage, Mr. William Ayers and Mrs. Elinor Ayers, those present at the ceremony being Mr. and Mrs. Owen and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Winters. The ceremony was followed by a sumptuous wedding supper which was prepared and served by Mrs. Owen.

Mr and Mrs. Ayers have been busy accepting their congratulations of their friends since the consummation of the happy event which reunites them as husband and wife again. And Mr. Ayers states that there is some credit due Judge Campbell, also, for while this was his first wedding ceremony he certainly went about the job like a veteran. He can be recommended for his ability in this line.

BUSINESS MEN'S MEETING.

The business men of Heppner are requested to meet at the I. O. O. F. hall Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock for the purpose of re-organizing the Heppner Commercial Club. Election of officers, and membership in the Oregon Chamber of Commerce, and the John Day Irrigation Project are some of the reasons for this meeting. Let's get together on affairs of interest to Heppner and Morrow county.

C. L. SWEET, President
 W. W. SMEAD, Secretary.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIANITY

No. 4. What is Salvation?

(A sermon by Frank A. Andrews of the Christian Church.)

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Rom. 1:16.

"Work out your own salvation." Phil. 2:12.

"Now is salvation nearer to us than when we first believed." Rom. 13:11.

A good many people have the idea that the salvation offered by the Christian religion consists in being admitted thru the pearly gates by St. Peter, receiving a golden crown, a halo, and a harp, and thereafter playing tunes and singing songs for evermore. It is no wonder that such salvation does not appear very desirable to the majority of thinking people. The scriptures offer very little basis for such an idea. Eternal life is a part of salvation. But concerning the conditions and activities of that life very little has been revealed to us.

Again a great many people who have made some sort of public profession of Christian faith and have been enrolled as members of a local church, seem to be under the misapprehension that they have thereby done all that the Lord required of them and have an absolute guarantee as to their future and eternal happiness.

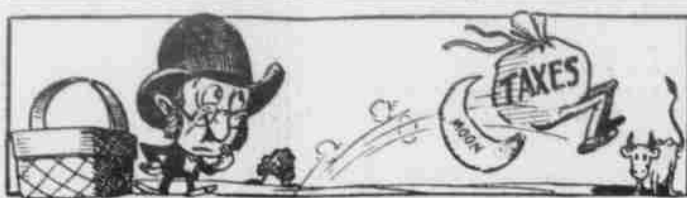
Such misapprehensions could not exist if it were thoroughly understood just what the term "Salvation" means as used in the Christian scriptures. Salvation is three-fold. It has to do not only with the life to come but also with the life we now live.

Eternal Life.

Universally man hopes for life beyond the grave. Everywhere the question has been asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?" In regard to this question science is necessarily silent. Philosophy answers the question with many various speculations and hypotheses. Christianity answers the question with an emphatic affirmation and points to the resurrection of Jesus Christ as a demonstration of the fact.

However, Christianity does not

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NOW COMETH THE ASSESSOR.

About this time of the year father's purse is slowly recovering from the Christmas fever, and the accompanying coalblittis and gasittis—not gastritis—and other ills to which the family purse is heir to.

By the middle of next month the purse will be able to walk about without a cane, and some of the deep creases in its once rotund abdomen will be slowly ironing out, and upon it, in the returning spirit of its convalescence, will descend old taxthetia and nigh send it to the grave.

Taxes in our youth were not much of a family problem.

Not only because we didn't have much of anything, and what we had wasn't worth much, but because civic and county and state expenses were low.

All governmental expenses, especially city and county, have jumped

with the cow over the moon in this country the last twenty years.

Probably there is not a state in the union that has not at least one city that spends more in a year than the entire state did two decades ago.

The bonded fever has also fallen upon us, and thousands of towns are not only each year paying taxes to the legal limit, but are piling up for future generations interest and principle charges on improvements that will be worn out, generally, long before the final bill is rendered.

Now federal taxes leap forward several hundred per cent, taxes that to this time did not visibly affect the average property owner.

The cost of being a free-born American citizen rises each year, and no man, woman or child escapes, whether they own property or not.

For the ultimate consumer pays the taxes; as he pays the freight, interest, over head, fire loss and the landlord's last poker debt.



NOTHING TO WHINE ABOUT.

We note that one Red Fox Skulhush, avowedly a Blackfoot Indian chieftain, is touring the country, making speeches to church societies, bewailing the lot of Poor Lo who has been looted by the bad white man, and who has seven thousand federal employes taking care of his property interests.

Red Fox appears to object chiefly to the seven thousand willing workers having the Indian's coin in charge.

Our experience, gathered from sojourn near various reservations, is that the only coin the average Indian has is that kept for him by the government.

Just as the Indian began to eat regular only when the paternal Uncle Samuel provided reservation beef.

We also note that federal officials are examining all Indians in the country preparatory to turning over to those fit the large property interests the government holds for

them. To date we have noticed no federal expert-examining our mental states preparatory to handing over a nice fat estate.

And we know that the average Indian child born today is heir to a fortune which neither he nor his dad earned.

"But we owned all this country before the white man came," is the old wall of the Indian.

Yes and a fat lot of good it did you, my red brother.

You never ate regularly, were warm in the winter, clothed comfortable, with money in your pocket and a fliver backed under the tepee until the horrid white man came.

There was quite a bit of cussedness and crookedness connected with Indian affairs years ago, but just the same no uncivilized people ever was so generously treated by a conqueror as was the American Indian, and the Indian today is born into a fortune that few white men acquire by a life of effort.

Red Fox should count his blessings and go to work.

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