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Heppner's new water system will soon be put to the test as the irrigation season approaches. We will soon know whether we have a sufficient supply to keep lawns, gardens and shrubbery alive and green during the heated season, as well as having a sufficient supply of good, pure water for domestic uses. Just now there is a deal of speculation going on, as well as considerable complaint that the water being furnished to the city is not just the quality it should be, and some days we are led to the conclusion that there must be a band of cattle or sheep frolicking around the headwaters of the creek where the intake is located and are stirring up the mud and sediment at a lively rate. This summer will bring forth all the bad points in the system and will give the city fathers something to work on for its improvement. Right now the council is facing the necessity of further extensions and connections with other live springs in the vicinity of the headwaters, and the problem of getting these improvements will no doubt have to be worked out soon. In this connection it is pertinent to remark that the Heppner water department is more than self-sustaining, and should any extensions be found necessary, the funds for the same can be provided without in the least increasing the tax burden. It is also well to say that the citizens of the town, as they use the water this season, should co-operate with the water commissioners and avoid all possible waste. The hours for irrigation have been fixed and by using the water at this time as provided in the regulations, we should have no shortage and all the water that is necessary to keep lawns and vegetation alive and vigorous will be supplied.

The Gallon-A-Week Decision.

It is well to inquire for the seer who sang "Poor John Barleycorn, don't you cry, you'll be a drugstore by and by!" Some day somebody will want to raise a monument to him, and it is well to fix the facts indelibly while they are fresh. For this decision is destined to become as famous as the Dred-Scott case. Even the incidental circumstances will interest future inquirers. The last bottle was in sight when every deaf man in the dry world heard Mr. Palmer say distinctly, "A gallon a week." The Aurora Borealis glowed; the glide on the cellar stairs changed to a clog-dance, and great expectations turned millions of men into Micawbers.

The point looks like a legal one. It is really a transfer of the fate of the future from the hands of the lawyers to the doctors. Legally a brewery is a chemical factory and a gin-mill a pharmacy—or potentially something like that. If the distillery is to be replaced by the apothecary's shop we are in the way of becoming a nation of superficial hy-

giondriacs and admission to the select circle of hard drinkers may be achieved through a slip of paper bearing Latin symbols. What was once but a convenient establishment for the purchase of powder puffs and nostrums may yet rise to the dignity of a club where the social amenities may be practiced with surreptitious zeal. Water, once miraculously changed to wine, has been changed from wine to medicine. Epidemics will become popular. Chronic invalidism may be envied, and vigorous giants in prime health will be subject to scandalous faint-fits. This is the sanguine supposition. It may not work that way. For, not being sneaks or liars, few of us will invite suspicion by being sick, while our friendly circle indulges in more snickers than sympathy. Besides, medicine costs more than beverage. —Leslies.

Slats' Diary.

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—As we was marching out of the skool room tonite Jane accidentally happened to get by my side. We looked at I a nother & I kinda smiled & so did she to. & then I skweezed her hand & she dittoed, o boy it give me a thrill like wen yure a setting in a 2nd hand ford with the engin running and etc. I guess mebbly I aint solid with her. I emagine she will be a awe fully good cook wen she is groan up. But I never sleep tonite. We woodent never have no arguements on polaticks. I wood vote just as she. Like pa does. Why not. Whats the differents about a ole president enny way. Home life is the big idee.

Saturday—they are a lotta weddings happening now. A nother bride and her bo got married this evening. Mrs. Triggs was there & she stopped to tell ma & pa which was a wateing at the gate. She sed it was very sad. Pa sed Surely Surely & ma give him a look full of tempachure & he shrunk in to the house. Mrs. Triggs sed the bride was a balling like everything but the grume went ahead & married her enny way.

Sunday—ma was called to Ant Emmies house which she is sick with nervus prosperity. So pa & me diddnt go to s. skool, nor church.

Monday—tride to dodge skool, nothing doing, pa is all most bad as ma wen he gets contrarie. I herd him saying to Jakes pa he had went & lost 7 \$ of money. If he lost it why dont he look for it instead of getting a grouch. Men is queee.

Tuesday—had to stay in tonite for laffing at Pug Stevens. Teecher ast him what acks on the fud wen it hits the stumick. He replied & sed The Jinnastic Juice. He was wateing for me wen I cum out but I seen him 1st.

Wednesday—ma still gone. the cooking is not mutch. weener worsts for dinner. & supper.

Thursday—ma still gone. Ant Emmy better. weeners agen. washed all the dishes in the house.

The question of dating of the Heppner chautauqua is now agitating the local committee. At the time of signing up the contract last summer, there was nothing said about the time of holding the chautauqua this year, and it was naturally supposed that Heppner would be given the June dates, but the people at the other end of the line, in making up their itinerary, have placed our dates as

July 21-26, which will bring the chautauqua here right in the midst of harvest, and will make it impossible to have a successful meeting. Farmers are not going to stop their harvest work to come to Heppner for a six day's program at the harvest season, and without their support the chautauqua will fail. As yet the local committee have not been able to get any concessions from the Westco people, and it may be that the entire program will have to be abandoned for this year.

Will Taxes Mean Bankruptcy?

Reports sow that the government's revenue from excess profits and income taxes has fallen off heavily. Reports from various states show that state tax delinquencies are getting new high records. Bankers know that more money has been withdrawn and borrowed for tax payments than ever before. This indicates two things. First, that the abnormal business conditions of the war are past and that profits are on a peace basis, and do not justify war taxes. Second, that the multiplicity of taxes, city, county, state and national, have increased to such an extent that the average citizen is hard pressed to make sufficient profit to meet them and leave the requisite capital for operating his business.

There is hope that federal taxation will be reduced. But in the average western state taxes for the next two years will be increased, due to the enormously increased amounts demanded to meet the appropriations of legislative sessions just closed. Never before has the average citizen felt the hand of tax oppression as he is feeling it now and will feel it for the next two years.

There is just one outcome. These tax burdens will increase so long as the people fail to demand and enforce a program for retrenchment in public expenditures and the expansion of officialism.

Twenty thousand bodies of American soldiers who fell in France have either been shipped to the United States or are now in process of being returned for burial in their native country. With 102 officers of the American army and a personnel of more than 2,000 men working night and day in many sections of France the Grave Registration service of the American army has reached a point where it is possible to forward 4,000 bodies a month. The work of sending back the 52,311 bodies designated for interment in America will be completed by the end of next October, if present plans are fulfilled.

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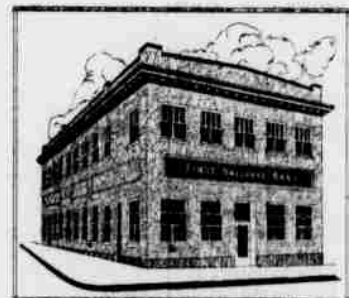
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