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Not a Pipe Dream.

WITH the rains of the last two days, thoughts of our people are concentrating on growing things. We are all hoping for much benefit to the new wheat crop, to hay fields and ranges. And with these should be given consideration for the possibility of introducing new, and mayhap, more profitable crops.

Some of our citizens have interested themselves in the possibility of raising peas in Morrow county, and in these columns before we have cited benefits that have been derived by other sections of eastern Oregon and Washington from this infant industry. Admitting Morrow county's potentialities for raising this crop may not be the same as those where it is now doing well, still the possibility is so appealing as not to be forsaken without serious thought.

Over in Umatilla county, many farmers deeply in debt were placed on their feet in one or two years by peas. The leguminous crop has been rebuilding the soil to where it will again produce the large wheat yields of old. In fields and canneries, jobs for old and young have been provided to a point where the relief problem is disappearing. In fact, peas have started the pulse of the economic life of large sections.

Authorities in the pea industry say it will require many more acres of the crop to begin to satisfy the demand. How long that condition will exist one may not say.

In any event, Morrow county should test the situation thoroughly. If some variety of pea can be found suited to our soil and rainfall which may be grown successfully, it might be responsible for starting a payroll industry here, help in rebuilding our soil, help to bring our farmers out of the red, and do away with relief.

It is not a pipe dream, for it has been and is now being done in our neighboring county to the east.

The Best Course.

STATE and sectional farm organizations, including the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, which this week made unified demand for legislation to avert public suffering in the future as a result of strikes, should have the support of everyone. There is no reason why transportation facilities, or other industries should be tied up absolutely because of difficulties between employer and employee.

Legislation making it mandatory that such disputes be arbitrated should be passed, surrounded by safeguards so far as possible to protect the interests of all parties concerned.

Instead of making the state labor conciliation board an investigating board only, as it now is, powers should be delegated to it giving it authority to hear and weigh evidence and render decisions. In the meantime no walkouts should be permitted. While the case is being tried, both employers and employees should stay on the job and keep things moving, then when the case is settled all adjustments could be made, and the public would not be made to suffer.

Neither laborer nor employer gets any sympathy under the strike sys-

tem. In fact it is costly to everybody without really accomplishing anything for anyone.

In the end there has to be a concurrence of opinion, no matter what course is taken. The only logical way is to give a competent court of arbitration, composed of disinterested parties, the authority to settle the disagreements.

Then there's the Scotchman who told little Sandy that Santa Claus had shot himself.

Monday was the shortest daylight day of the year. All of which reminds us there is still plenty of time for winter.

Christmas never grows old for him who remembers that it is more pleasing to give than to receive.

Sometimes when things look the blackest there is a rain cloud hovering o'er head.

The fireside glow at Christmas-time—all hearts are warmed.

Merry Christmas.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Liquid Legislature
- G. O. P. Counties
- Cut Valuations

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—The forthcoming legislative session promises to be a liquid one in many respects. Gasoline, milk, beer, wine and hard liquors will come in for their share of consideration at the hands of the lawmakers according to reports already filtering into the capital from the far corners of the state.

County courts will support a move for a bigger cut of the gasoline taxes for county roads. Nor are they all going to be satisfied with the tentative agreement already arrived at in which \$400,000 a year would be added to the present \$1,600,000 fund which is being distributed among the counties under an act of the 1931 session.

Representative Eckersley of Clackamas county has announced that he would demand an investigation into the activities of the Milk Control Board looking to the possible abolishment of that regulatory body as a result of the recent hike in the price of milk to consumers in the Portland area. In this move Eckersley will have the support of a number of his colleagues while many others, particularly those from the dairy counties, will just as strenuously oppose any tampering with the milk control act.

Ideas about what should be done with the problem of liquor control seem to be about as numerous as the legislators. There is a well defined move on foot to abolish all beer parlors and to confine the sale of both beer and wine to liquor stores and agencies in the original package. This move has its incentive in the lax regulation of beer dispensaries under the present system with its wide open drinking and drunkenness on the part of women and girls and the rowdiness which prevails in so-called night clubs, especially those outside the jurisdiction of city police. Countering this move the Liquor Control board has recently started to clamp down on beer parlor operators who fail to preserve order in their places of business. In direct opposition to this move to concentrate the sale of all liquors in the hands of the state hotel and restaurant keepers are expected to renew their fight for the right to serve drinks to their patrons, a fight which served to enliven the last regular session in the attempt to pass the so-called "cocktail" bill.

Maintenance of Oregon's penal and eleemosynary institutions during 1937-38 will cost at least ten percent more per capita than during the current biennium according to Dan Fry, state purchasing agent who points to the steadily increasing cost of foodstuffs, clothing and other supplies.

While Oregon went Democratic in a big way in the recent presidential election the Republicans elected a majority of the county officers throughout the state, a compilation

of election returns just completed by Dave O'Hara, elections clerk in the state department, reveals. Of the 237 county officials elected in November 131 were Republicans, 93 Democrats and five Independents. O'Hara's compilation reveals the following results:

County judges—9 republicans, 4 democrats, 1 independent.

Commissioners—19 republicans, 16 democrats.

Sheriffs—17 republicans, 13 democrats.

Clerks—23 republicans, 11 democrats.

Treasurers—9 republicans, 24 democrats, 1 independent.

Assessors—22 republicans, 7 democrats, 1 independent.

Surveyors—16 republicans, 9 democrats, 1 independent.

Coroners—24 republicans, 9 democrats.

Two of the newly elected legislators resigned their posts on state boards this week in order to clear the way for their qualification as lawmakers. Phil J. Brady, representative-elect from Multnomah county, resigned as a member of the State Board of Conciliation, and Thomas P. Graham, Jr., senator-elect from Multnomah county, resigned as a member of the State Welfare commission. Several other resignations are expected as a result of a ruling by Attorney General Van Winkle that membership on state boards and commissions or employment at a lucrative state or federal job is a bar to membership in the legislature.

CAN HE SAY IT NOW?

Dr. R. C. Lawrence ran across a sticker in the name of Wojciechowicz, Fordham football center, so he asked Oregonian's Sporting Editor

Gregory how to pronounce it. Mr. Gregory, in his Tuesday column, quotes Polish authorities from Chicago and San Francisco, who responded with "Voy-chey-hov-yetch" and "Wo-ji-ho-witz," saying how certain of the vowels should be sounded as well. Doc Lawrence is a real football fan, and should be edified by the attention given his request, but he may need a few lessons in linguism yet before he gets his tongue around this one.

CCC CAMP NEWS.

The local CCC basketball squad won over the Lone town team by a score of 29 to 24 at Lone last Monday night.

Captain W. R. Reynolds, camp commander, left last Saturday on a twenty-one day leave for Santa Monica, Calif., where he will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Lt. T. L. Ricks, Q. M.-Res., from Squaw Creek, at Gibbon, has taken command of the local camp until Capt. Reynolds returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Dixon are leaving today for Molalla to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Dixon's parents.

ON HONOR ROLL.

Eastern Oregon Normal School, La Grande, Dec. 21.—Lorena Wilson and Jennie Swendig, both of Heppner, are listed on the honor roll of the Eastern Oregon Normal school

for the fall term. This distinction indicates a high standard of scholarship. Both young women are second-year students and are active members of the Women's Athletic association.

TOWNSENDITES, ATTENTION.

If you have any filled petitions, send them in immediately. If they are not full, try to fill them and send them in by Monday if possible. Any who have not yet signed one may find one at Green's Feed store and are urged to sign.

Election of officers for the new year will be held Monday night at the Methodist church. A large attendance is desired.


BUYS RESIDENCE.

F. F. Wehmeyer has been busy this week renovating the former Bartholomew residence on Chase street which he purchased recently, and into which his family was moved last week. Included in the renovating is the reconstruction of rooms, installation of modern bathroom and septic tank.

Miss Evelyn Humphreys has arrived from Los Angeles to spend the holidays with her father, T. J. Humphreys, and sister, Miss Leta Humphreys. She has held a position as accountant in the California metropolis for the last year.

Anna Q. Thomson, New York Life Insurance.

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“THERE are many things from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited . . . Christmas among them. But I am sure that I have always thought of Christmas time *** apart from the veneration due its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that . . . as a good time, a kind of forgiving charitable pleasant time, the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely *** And therefore, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket *** it has done me good and will do me good, and I say 'God Bless It.'”

Reply to Scrooge
by Charles Dickens.

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