T the first of the New Year, you no doubt are planning on economies and making use of labor saving devices. The telephone is one of the greatest labor saving devices of the day. Can you afford not to have one in your residence? Five cents a day or less than one cent per call for the average subscriber is the rate.

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Oregon-Washington Telephone Company

A Happy New Year

FROM

THE KRESSE DRUG CO.

The Rexall Store

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Business men contemplating additional or new banking connections are cordially

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HOOD RIVER, OREGON





A Happy New Year!



PAT LINDSEY

The 1917 Figures

A year ago we published a comparative statement of deposits and the following figures show that the financial improvement in Hood River Valley which began two years ago has continued down to the present time.

About \$80,000. of the increase since May is the business we acquired from the Hood River State Bank, our own increase being well over \$200,000.

	Deposits, 1916	Deposits, 1917	Increase
January 1	\$404,927.36	\$516,160.26	\$111,232.90
February 1	385,213.81	503,109.46	117,895.65
March 1	415,367.29	497,446,22	82,078,93
April 1	456,454.95	576,622.13	120,167,18
May 1	411,855.46	642,317.32	230,461,86
June 1	459,869,43	732,473.80	272,604.37
July 1	445.329 68	764,198.17	318,868,49
August 1	449,841 83	778,752,87	328,911.04
September 1	433,923.71	721,866,66	287,942,95
October 1	456,320.93	712,776,96	256,456.03
November 1	488,748.46	759,843,17	271,094.71
December 1	487,907.54	780,497,66	292,590.12

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FATHERS, Sons and Grandsons, each within their time, have found Oldsmobile durability, endurance and comfort inseparably woven among their fondest family traditions.

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go hand in hand here. We will help you do your bit toward conserving the wool supply of the country and to economize on the clothes question at the same time.

Almost everybody is paying particular attention to their old clothes now in place of buying new. Let us show you what can be done with your clothes. How you can get more satisfactory service out of that old suit or coat than you ever dreamed was possible.

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-May the Year 1918

be for all of us full of the blessings of life, fruitful of those happenings that strengthen us in our ideals and make us a stronger and nobler citizenship.

Yours for Service

L. H. HUGGINS

Sanitary Market and Grocery

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Automobile Owners!

Do not store your cars for the winter without first bringing them in for our inspection.

We have added to our business an automobile repair branch. Our new department will be maintained with the care that has characterized all of the work of our shop. H. P. Jochimsen will be in charge of this work.

With best wishes to all of our Hood River Valley friends and customers for

> A Happy and Prosperous New Year. W. G. SNOW

HOOD RIVER.

OREGON

NEW PLANS FOR HIGHWAY WORK

PERMANENT_CREW MAY BE USED

Budget Advisory Committee Hears Suggestions and Makes Recommendation-City Tax to be 36.15 Mills

The county's total tax for the coming year, according to the budget, will be \$124,240, exclusive of state tax, which will be \$28,979.10. A summary of the different items follows: County school fund, \$17,000; high school fund, \$3,000; road fund, to be raised from all assessable property outside of city of Hood River, \$40,500; Highway bond interest, \$3,750; Highway bond sinking fund, \$6,250; bridges and culverts, \$26,000; salaries and miscellaneous expenses \$27,740. enses, \$27,740.

The members of the advisory board present were Chairman Blanchar, M. M. Hill, J. M. Taylor, C. C. Walton and J. H. Shoemaker.

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On a millage basis the county tax for the year will be as follows: General fund, 8.2; roads (to be assessed on all property outside of Hood River), 5.7; general school fund, 1.9; high school tuition, .65; highway bond sinking fund, 1.1; a total of 17.55. The city tax is 11.7 mills and the special city school tax, 12.6. The total city tax in millage will be 36.15.

Because of the heavy damage that recent freshets have cause highways

recent freshets have cause highways and bridges, it is estimated that beween \$12,000 and \$15,000 of the road fund will have to be expended the ming year in repairs.

WORK STARTED ON THE NEW LIBERTY

theatre, and yesterday actual work on the Liberty was well under way. H. Cramer, the local contractor, will now have a full force of men at work on the building. The electrical contract was let to the Apple City Electrical

will be of the latest interlocking tile with five dead air spaces in the wall, making an absolute fire proof lamp-All observation and machine parts will be arranged with automatic fire shutters. The wiring in the building will be entirely installed in iron conduit and will conform to all local and Underwriters' ordinances. The auditorium floor will be of fireproof construction and will be flushed daily, a great advantage over a swept audi-torium. Modern ventilating and heat-ing systems will be installed in the theatre, while on the mezzanine floor in the ladies' rest room will be found every convenience and comfort for lady patrons of the theatre. The balcony will be of the latest improved type with no supporting posts to interfere with the line of vision of patrons on

Pierre Taglio, a well known North-west decorator, is making two copies of the Statue of Liberty for the Lib-erty, one to be located on the mezzan-ine floor and one above the screen. Mr. Kolstad will make a trip to Portland this week to select new hangings and draperies for the foyer, stage and mezzanine floors. It is hoped the new theatre will be ready to open by the niddle of February. While the Electric is closed the Gem

will run every day, showing the same shows as were being booked in at the

MRS. C. E. COPPLE'S

News was received here last week of the death of Charles Walker Young, aged 87, at his home three miles north of Eugene December 28. Mr. Young was the father of Mrs. C. E. Copple, of this valley, who was at her father's bedside during his fatal illness and death.

Mr. Young has been a resident of Lane county continuously for 65 years, having kept intact and in a high state of cultivation his donation land claim of 640 acres.

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On February 22, 1852, Mr. Young was married to Miss Mary B. Gillespie in his home county of Lafayette in Missouri. He and his bride in the early spring of that year crossed the plains, reaching The Dalles in August. They arrived in Lane county in October.

In addition to Mrs. Copple Mr. Young is survived by two sons and four other daughters, as follows: Baxter Young, of Springfield; Cal Young, of Eugene; Thomas Van Duyn, of Coburg; Mrs. James Shields, of Bellingham, Wash.; Mrs. William Wallace, of Spokane; Mrs. Frank McAlister, of Eugene.

Funeral services were conducted Sun-Funeral services were conducted Sun-day afternoon at the family residence,

interment following at the Gillespie cemetery. Mr. Copple was present at the funeral. Oregon Gives Christmas Dance

The guests of the Hotel Oregon and The guests of the Hotel Oregon and friends enjoyed a Christmas tree and participated in a dance through the hospitality of Mine Host Chindlund and Mrs. Chindlund Christmas eve. The occasion was the delight of all present and lasted till the wee sma'

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DRAFT ELIGIBLES

Except to fill vacancies in calls already made, no more men will be drafted from Oregon or other states before February 15. As all questionnaires will be completed before that date, this will give men taken hereaf-ter, except such few as may be needed prior to February 15 to fill vacancies, the advantage of the new classification

Very few men would have been taken from Oregon in any event prior to the recommendations of citizens at a public meeting held Thursday for the discussion of the 1918 budget, road work the coming year will be centralized. This is one of only 10 states that have already filled their quotas in the first draft, barring a few vacancies caused by rejections at the training camps.

The proposal, made by Commissioner Hannum, that a crew of half dozen or more skilled road workers be employed permanently met with general approbation. According to Mr. Hannum's plans the county will buy a light motor truck to supply quick transportation to any part of the county.

It was also recommended at the meeting that the county secure a strip of forest land along Neal Creek road in order to preserve the scenic beauty Very few men would have been taken

meeting that the county secure a strip of forest land along Neal Creek road in order to preserve the scenic beauty of the drive. R. E. Scott has offered skilled in agriculture or industries. It is secure by subscription \$500 to be applied to purchasing adjoining timber land. It is said that the county will be required to appropriate \$700 for the purpose.

The county's total tax for the corn.

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been granted.

A limited number of officers not now in active service, and retired officers of the Oregon National Guard, who are physically fit and between the ages of 23 and 47, are eligible for enlistments privates first class for attendance at the next officers' training camps, which begin January 15. Official word to this

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"THRIFT"

CARL H. VAUGHAN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT GEM THEATRE

the local board announcing that they work: are placed in group A, Class 1. Such "Yo are placed in group A, Class 1. Such 'Your campaign workers braved the claims are passed on by the district weather and went from house to house

IS WITHOUT SNOW

Shop.

The Liberty promises to be one of the most up to date and modern little houses in the state. The lamphouse Mount Defiance, the forested peak lyand said to be the highest wooded peak in the United States, is free from its usual deep covering of of mid-winter snow. Because of its elevation apple growers are accustomed to glimpse the season's flow. snow. Because of its elevation apple growers are accustomed to glimpse the season's first snow on Defiance, and the blanket lingers there until early summer.

The results in Hood River county speak for themselves. To your heroic workers belongs the credit. It was instate that won again for Organical state that won again for Organical states and the line of the state of the state

The warm rains of the past two otic achievement. "No mere lett heavy toll of the snows on the base of Mount Hood. As is indicated by the milky waters of the Hood river, the of Defiance to vanish, have taken a warm rains have eaten away the snow newly fallen since fall began and are now consuming the glacier formations that feed the stream in summer.

The reward is in the consciousness of sacrifice made and duty done, but in behalf of the Northwestern division cambally of the Northwestern division cam

13TH ANNUAL FIRE

Given a military significance by the presence of numerous men in olive drab uniforms, the 13th annual ball of the Volunteer fire department held Mon-day night at Heilbronner hall, was a success from every standpoint, and the sum of \$120 was cleared for the relief fund of the organization, eleven members of which are now in the service of

their country.

The ball was attended by 350 men and women, who greeted the New Year at the first stroke of 12 o'clock with a FATHER IS DEAD patriotic demonstration and the singing of the national anthem.

The firemen in charge of the ball were Earl Franz, T. D. Waldie, Cecil Lafferty, P. G. Ripper and Chief Morgan. The music, furnished by Kolstad's orchestra, was one of the feature. tures that had much to do with the success of the occasion.

SOLDIERS TO EAT

Oregon apple growers will contribute matrially to the success of the cammatrially to the success of the campaign begun by the International Apple Shippers' Association to raise 100 carloads of barreled and boxed apples for free distribution among the American expeditionary forces. C. W. McCullagh, who has been appointed chairman of a soliciting committee for Oregon, reports that the local Association and the Rogue River Fruit & Produce Association, S. V. Beckwith manager, have each contributed a full carload of the best apples.

"In addition to apples," says Mr.

meeting of the woman is the Oregon National Defense Council the Valdo hall.

Drafted Men Brave

When men called under the selective service law reach the cantonments they service of army service. Infantry is most often preferred, artillery second engineers divisions are third in popularity and quartermasters work fourth.

Investigations of far made by the

the best apples.

''In addition to apples,'' says Mr.
McCullagh, ''we will receive contribu-McCullagh, "we will receive contributions of cash from fruit districts that
have already disposed of their product.
Carl Wodecki, a prominent fruit man
of The Dalles, has been made manager
for Wasco county and promises a fine
report from there."

The government will take the fruit
in charge on delivery to Atlantic sea-

in charge on delivery to Atlantic sea-board. The Red Cross will distribute the apples.

MANY PPLES ARE STILL HELD

Situation Expected to Clear as the New Year Advances - Export Situation Very Doubtful

More local shipments of apples are

IS ATTAINED

Manager Scott announces that the Hood River county Christmas drive has resulted in 2,000 members, the re-vised quota for the county. The orig-

nal quota was 2,500. Glose canvasses of all districts have been made, and more than 100 addi-tional new members were turned in at effect has just been received by John M. Williams, Acting Adjutant General, from the Chief of the Bureau of Military Affairs at Washington, with the received that it be given sublicity.

request that it be given publicity.

Applications for the camps by such officers must be approved by the Bureau. Those qualifying at the camps, which will be held in southern California and the southern states, will restate has attained the record ahead of the Main and the southern states, will restate has attained the record ahead of the Main and the southern states, will restate has attained the record ahead of the Main and the southern states, will restate has attained the record ahead of the Main and the southern states of the state of

ceive commissions.

The local exemption board states that men claiming deferred classification because of agricultural or other necessary industry should not be alarmed when they receive a card from the local board appropriate that they work.

For over a week a small force of board, and the final classification will and farm to farm, canvassing for Red carpenters has been working in the upper story of the present Electric trict board is received.

There was no hardship they were not willing to undergo. The distressing shortage of hardship they were not willing to undergo. The distressing shortage of buttons and other supplies embarrassed them, but they went ahead with lofty courage. They were animated by love of our country, affection for our soldier boys and a desire to be of actual service in relieving the suffering caused by frightful war; also they were determined Hood River county should do its full share in the enrollment of members in response to the appeal of

foremost states of our Union in patri-

"No mere letter of thanks can co striving for personal credit. Their rich ANNUAL FIRE

BALL SUCCESSFUL

Half of the Northwestern division campaign committee, will you kindly convey to each and all of them through any channel that may be available, the deep sense of appreciation felt at division and state headquarters for their devoted service."

MRS. CASTNER HAS A BUSY WEEK

This will be a busy week for Mrs. C. H. Castner. Yesteday Mrs. Castner delivered an address at the Oregon Agricultural College home makers' week program on 'The Club Woman week program on "The Club Woman in War Work." Today she will pre-side at a conference of the women's organizations of the state. Addresses will be delivered at this conference by presidents of the different state organizations and by Mrs. Alexander Thompson, of The Dalles.

Mrs. Castner states that she considers the part given to women in home

The music, furnished by Kolsorchestra, was one of the feathat had much to do with the so of the occasion.

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APPLES OF OREGON

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Investigations so far made by the committee on classifications of per-sonnel in the army which has the

The high school students resumed their work yesterday. The Christmas vacation was cut short because of the Lieut. Pineo, here from Camp Lewis on a furlough is at the Cottage hospital suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

The apples.

Vacation with from studies in October, when the boys and girls aided so materially in the apple harvest.

The grade schools will resume work next Monday.