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INDUSTRIES EXEMPT FROM TAXATION

PITTSBURGH has long been the industrial center of the United States, and in order to hold this enviable position and gain on new industries she has made a gradual reduction of taxes upon industrial plants and products.

Some years ago all taxes on machinery, stocks of raw materials, finished products, book accounts, etc., were exempted from taxation. Then the classification of land was abolished and now 10 per cent is being deducted at each taxing period from the value of buildings. Other cities in Pennsylvania are now asking for the same tax laws.

Pittsburgh works on the theory that by encouraging industries to establish there, vacant land is settled up, new homes built, etc., the taxes from which more than offset the amounts that are deducted from industrial enterprises. Also taxes which most cities levy against factories must be added to the price of products, hence such a city cannot compete industrially with one which abolishes this factor of manufacturing cost.

This should be a striking object lesson to the states of Washington, Oregon and California, which have, by their radical and drastic legislation toward industries of all kinds, together with accompanying high taxes, made it almost impossible to interest outside capital in coming here.

It is high time our great Western states were assuming a different attitude toward capital. It is time we let up on radical and freak legislation, single tax measures and a hundred and one other kinds of experiments which drive business from our doors.

Let us refuse to longer be the experimenting ground for every freak law that some rattle-brained politician wishes to try on the public. Let us, by our actions, show industries and capital that they will have a square deal here, and in this way open our doors to receive our share of the tremendous industrial activity that will spread over this country in the next five years.

KLAMATH MEN IN LINE FOR PAROLE

STATE PAROLE BOARD MEETS SATURDAY TO CONSIDER PAROLES FOR THIRTY-ONE CONVICTS AT PENITENTIARY

Thirty-one prisoners at the state penitentiary who are eligible to parole by reason of the fact that they have served their minimum sentences, are anxiously awaiting a session of the state parole board Saturday at Salem. At this time the board will investigate their prison records to determine if they should have their terms shortened.

There are two men sentenced from Klamath county included in the list. One of these is Henry Schmidt, who was arrested with Paul Durney in 1910, charged with assault and robbery, following at attack with a beer bottle upon a man. Schmidt was sentenced to from three to fifteen years' servitude.

Milton B. Clark was sentenced to from one to five years for a statutory crime. His minimum term expires December 11th of this year.

More Homesteads

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The 122,729 acre national forest in the Western Kansas sand hills was abolished by presidential proclamation today. A small part of this may be made a government antelope preserve. The balance will be thrown open to homestead.

Dances on Her 101st Birthday



MRS. ANNA KIRCHNER

When her friends and relatives decided that they would celebrate Mrs. Anna Kirchner's 101st birthday, they asked her what kind of an entertainment she wanted.

"Why, I want a dance," said she. Mrs. Kirchner arose early on her 101st birthday and began to arrange her home in New York for the celebrations that were to follow. She cleaned her home from kitchen to parlor just as she has done for many years. Since her husband died forty years ago she has supported herself, but she says that is the reason why she has lived so long and so happily.

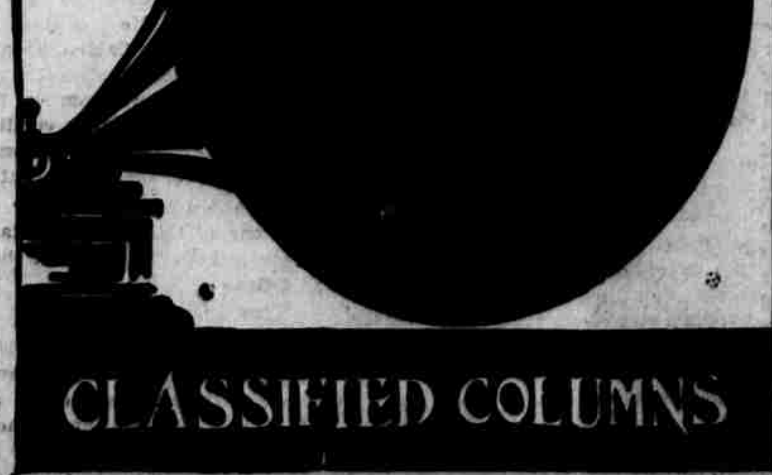
At 8 she had cleaned her room and done all her duties about the house. Then she read the morning paper, as usual taking great interest in the events of the war.

Mrs. Kirchner was born in Germany, and has never relaxed in her loyalty to the Fatherland. Later in the morning she went out into the yard, and after walking about she watched the flag salute in her honor.

She ate a heavy dinner, during which a German band brought to the home, played. After dinner she rested for an hour, but was ready by 2 o'clock to receive callers and friends. When they had left she again straightened her room, and by 6 o'clock was ready for the beginning of the evening festivities.

Just as soon as the dance started she sought a partner and was soon on the floor. So lively did she dance that many of the others stopped to watch her. She went through the whole dance, but was a little winded at the end. After resting a while she went on with another, and by the time the celebration was finished she had danced as often as any person in the room over 50 years of age.

Mrs. Kirchner came to the United States in 1850, and has been back to her home country only once. After the death of her husband she worked as a laundress.



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Realizing that a school house in a rural district can be of as much benefit to the grown people for get-together sessions, etc., as to the children for educational purposes, the progressive people of the Henley neighborhood are making the Henley school house more convenient for social and community gatherings. Electric lights are now being installed.

With electricity available, the lighting question is most cheaply solved. The fact that current is available also makes it possible for the Henley people to enjoy stereopticon lectures, and perhaps, at no late date, motion pictures, as the projecting machines are operated electrically.

Klamath county is second to no section of the state in the development of rural schools and it might be added that in rural school work, Oregon leads the nation. The use of the school houses for civic, social and community activities, such as held in Henley, Pine Grove, Mt. Laki and Shasta View schools, is a most valuable custom, and one that should be fostered and encouraged all over the country by the school boards and the teachers, as this tends to create more constructive interest in school district affairs than any other means, and at the same time it brings the people of the district together in a social way, and promotes friendship and co-operation.

What the War Moves Mean

By J. W. T. MASON
(Written for the United Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The central powers are beginning to fear that Rumania will join the allies. The Turks are concentrating in Bulgaria, near the Rumanian boundary, and the Austro-Germans have moved across Hungary to threaten Rumania's flank.

German's announcement that the Serbian campaign has closed is probably due to the necessity of threatening Rumania. Nevertheless, the subjugation of southern and western Serbia is still incomplete. The main Serbian army is still intact, and yet Germany has abandoned the campaign. It is therefore apparent that the Teutons believe Rumania's entrance into the combat on the allies' side is the more pressing danger.

As a result of the Teuton maneuvers, the Bulgarians in southern Serbia may soon find themselves between the fires, with no German help near, but the Rumanian peril must be guarded, Germany feels, at all hazards.

MERRILL MENTION

The Parent-Teachers Association will hold its next regular meeting at the public school building Friday, December 3d at 2:30. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Superintendent J. E. Van Fossen of the Klamath M. E. district, was here Saturday, and held the quarterly conference.

Mrs. Patterson gave a very delightful little party Saturday for her son, Kenneth. The occasion was Kenneth's twelfth birthday.

Mrs. Wolf, who has been very seriously ill for the past few days, is improving.

The following program will be given Friday afternoon, December 10th, at 2:45, by the Irving Literary Society of the high school:

Recitation Itha Turnbull
Vocal duet—Alma Wilson and Elmer Stukel

Essay Pauline Giacomini
Wriggle—Audrey Toile, Ada Durham
Instrumental duet—Anna Hill and Mildred Hill

Recitation Hazel Hadley
Dedication Mr. Olney
Pantomime—Hazel Wright and Jeanette Harter

Literary Outlook Alma Wilson
Critic's report Helen Baker

Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1106, L. O. O. F., will give a social dance at the Moose Hall on Friday evening, December 3rd, and each Friday evening during the winter. Four-piece orchestra. Good time assured. 1-31

Every Briton in Trenches Is to Receive Xmas Gifts

(United Press Correspondence)

LONDON, Nov. 1.—(By mail)—

The armies in Northern France are preparing for another winter campaign. Relief societies in England are taking extraordinary precautions to see that the trench dwellers do not endure hardships such as they suffered last year.

Within two months, every mile of British and Belgian trench will have been equipped with square, box-like charcoal and coke trench heaters, specially made and costing \$500 per trench mile. It is estimated that each \$500 contributed will warm 3,000 men. About 4,000 of these heaters already have been shipped to the Belgian trenches.

Trench pumps will dry out flooded trenches. Trench kitchens and trench cooking supplies also will be in evidence. The frozen feet, rheumatism, ague and fevers that sent thousands

of men from the trenches to hospitals a year ago will thus be avoided.

Every fourth woman in Britain belongs to some relief society, most of whose members are knitting stockings, mufflers and heavy garments for the Tommies and their Belgian and French allies.

Several societies and newspapers have started a Christmas Pudding campaign for the soldiers. One newspaper got \$10,000 the first two weeks. No Tommy shall miss his Christmas pudding, the campaigners declare. Officers' wives whose husbands are serving in the Dardanelles have a society for sending Christmas cheer to the men there.

Queen Mary will provide every soldier and sailor with a Christmas gift. This honor last year fell to Princess Mary, who distributed over a million handsomely decorated metal boxes filled with food and useful articles. The increased land and sea forces will make Queen Mary's a more difficult and expensive task.

Defense Railroad Around United States Suggested

(United Press Correspondence)

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 1.—A

defensive railroad built around the rim of the United States, about which thousands of coast defense guns could chase and ward off the combined navies of the world, is the skeleton of a preparedness plan just submitted to Secretary of War Garrison by George L. Campbell of this city.

Campbell says this would be such adequate defense for New York, San Francisco, our other coast cities and coast generally that we would not need much of a standing army nor much of a navy. He adds that the belt line defense system would be economic, because freight and passenger traffic would pay for the road in peace time.

"The vulnerability of this country to attack lies in its unprotected Atlantic and Pacific and Gulf coasts. A navy large enough to defend such a coast line involves expenditure sure to arouse antagonism in a people unused to considering sacrifices involved in

protection against the menace of modern warfare.

"To protect these coasts by fortifications of the usual type is impossible. An intermediate course could be followed whereby we could hold the combined fleets of the world at bay without the expense of building a navy and with practically no expenditure for the usual permanent type of coast fortifications.

"I would suggest that a standard gauge, double track, military railroad be built around our coasts; that each standard gauge track be further gauged on the outside for special trucks for mounting mobile heavy defense guns.

"In peace times such a road could earn its own maintenance. Standard engines, in war time, could move long trains of the wide gun trucks rapidly to any part of these coasts and standard trains could follow with troops, machine guns, and the like. Thus we could employ thousands of guns against an attacking fleet's hundreds. Coast cities like New York would be lifted from their present defenselessness."

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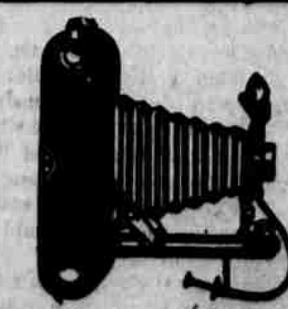
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