THE TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT.

Editorial Snap Shots.

If there are to be any change in the water rates they should be reducednot raised. Anyway, we don't see what the State Railroad Commission has to do with water rates. We are about tired of commissions butting in, and it is time the people "swatted" all the commissions that are doing business and sucking at the taxpayers teat at Salem.

Press dispatches say the German spy system is also in operation in the United States. As it is known that Germany's military machine embraces elaborate plans to envade every country in case of war, the United States has not been overlooked in this respect and the spy system that the Germans have maintained for so many years in European Countries, is, no doubt, well established in the United States.

Surely Oregon has its fill of freak experiments in law making but just to keep the pot boiling the Oregon State Grange now advocates a commission form of government for the state. Instead of creating any more commissions it seems to us that the State Grange should have started movement to "swat" the remaining commissions now in existance. Please give Oregon a rest from freak Legis-lation and freak experiments.

We want to speak a word of praise for J. H. Dunstan, who worked most energetically to make the Oregon State Grange a success. He is deserv-ing of a great deal of credit. There is one little joke on Mr. Dunstan that is not generally known. When the special train pulled out of Bar View he was on board and had to hunt up the conductor to stop the train an let him off. When he returned the local contingent, who were there to see the visitors off jollied him and decided that it was Mabel who was

business men who will give credit to everybody that comes along, and then complain that they cannot make collections. Isn't the business men of this respect? The way to stop book accounts is to shut off credit, for this the farmer who owns his own place is a poor time to be increasing them. The mail order houses don't give credit and have no bad debts to worry about, and isn't it a fact that some people will send cash to the mail order houses and stand the local merchant off as long as possible?

The snap shot man believes that \$1.00 a month water rate for a small family is plenty, this to include sink, wash tub, bath and toilet. Why pay so high a price for water when it the most plentiful thing in Tillamook Surely the citizens of this city have had to pay too high a price for their water, for if it was some private individual or corporation that was 'soaking" them the same as the Water Commission have been doing, what a great big howl there would be for lower rates. So instead of raising the rates the citizens should turn out and demand a lower rate than they are now paying.

We have been asked by the Christian Science Society to reconsider ou refusal to publish an answer to Rev. Van Winkle's sermon. As we stated last week, we do not allow anyone to start a religious controversy in the Headlight, and for that reason we do not intend to recede from our posi-tion. Its up to the Christian Society to meet Mr. Van Winkle in a debate and fight it out on the rostrum. There are humbugs in the business world and humbugs in the religious world, and as Byrum said the American people liked to be humbugged, that, no doubt, is why so many persons are being humbugged by Eddyism.

key-note of a great many subjects will be equivalent to a county tax and last week It was some first the county contributes in taxes, the fund will be equivalent to a county tax and not be state aid at all the county tax and discussed at the Oregon State Grange and be state aid at all. If apportion last week. It was co-operation of the ment is left to the Legislature, it is a Granges, the Women's Civic League and the Tillamook Commercial Club that made the meeting in this city so pleasant for the visitors. It was, however, Prof. French and President Kerr, of the Agricultural College, who spoke of the need of co-operation between Granges and Commercial Clubs, and especially between the farmers and the business men, for it is to their mutual interest to work hand-in-hand. This was good advice, and we hope the Grangers and the business men of this county will understand one another better and get ure so soon? together in the future.

have been quite successful in pulling the wool over the eyes of some Grangers who indorsed that material. There are some good practical men at the head of the road work in that county and we are waiting to see what material will be decided upon n expending the \$1,250,000 bond issue Other counties can afford to see how natters develop in Multnomah Couny. Here in Tillamook, we understand at a large number of the members the Fairview Grange, having seen two pieces of hard surface road put lown north of town, don't want ement for hard surfacing the road at

There is good ground for believing that when Europe was plunged into war, it was a well planned cheme on the part of the Kaiser to bring about a world wide power for Germany. And, no doubt, the Kaiser believed he could terrorize and defeat me nation after another with his nilitary machine. With that idea still in his mind, we hardly think the Kaiser is going to back down in comdiance with President Wilson's mes age. The tone of the German press have been exceedingly bitter agains the United States for allowing muni ions of war to be shipped to England and France from this country. The people of the United States are eagerly waiting for the reply from Germany, but we hope they will not be disappointed, for we expect to hear that Germany, will, as usual, place the blame on England and will continue destroying merchant vesse's and killing non-combatants and women and children of this and other countries. It places the United States in an embarrassing position, for it must protect the property and lives of its citizens. How to do so without plunging the country into war is grave and perplexing question for President Wilson and his cabinet to

The Oregon State Grange is opposand recommends a pay as you go olicy, but it is in favor of bonding to orocure money for farm credits to interest. There is nothing consistent about this. We believe it is a good olicy even for farmers to adoptpay as you go. The farmer who has ond for farm credits, but, on th other hand, the farmer who has bi off more than he can handle, and has overstepped the mark of pay as you go, in favor of farm credits. We ere in favor of farm credits where money can be loaned to the farmers at a low rate of interest, provided it an be done to help those who are not too heavily encumbered with ig mortgage plasters but it is well to ake into consideration one thing that is where farmers have paid too ig a price for land with little money down. Thousands of farmers are in that predicament today, and it is no surprising that they want farm credits to help them out of the hole. It is nly a few hundred dollars to buy ex nly a few hundred dollars to buy ex-pensive farms, and if the Oregon State Grange had taken into consideration ome of these features it would, prob ably, have discussed the great in We haven't much sympathy with ed to bonding for hard surfaced roads crease in mortgage plasters on farm lands in this state, which would conclusively prove that the farmers are not paying as they go but are grad ually increasing the yoke of bondag this city running too much risk in they have to struggle under. Cast does not want his farm bonded so that his neighbor, who has paid too much money for his land, can procure noney at a low rate of interest. The ocal Granges, no doubt, are all in favor of farm credits, but the ques tion of the large and increasing amounts of mortgage plasters being placed on the farm lands of county, shows conclusively that farm ers are preaching one thing about pay is you go in public enterprise, but when it comes down to their own private affairs they are getting into debt awfully fast with most every thing they own with a mortgage plas er attached to it. One of these fine days they will not be able to meet their obligations and they will suc rumb under the bondage yoke them selves, losing everything they have, and the business men who have given them credit will be at a loss also.

Hasty Resolutions.

In some phases the resolutions dopted by the State Grange at Tilla mook do not disclose as much accept quarter. Apparently it is only chought or investigation by the re- on the sea and against non-combat porting committees as was warranted ants and neutrals and their wives The roads resolution, for example proposes that the expenditure of state oad funds be taken out of the hands of the State Highway Commission and transferred to the County Courts that the State Engineer be relieved of authority to select the roads to be without incurring bonded indebted. The failure to give time to place in

in proportion to the amount each would be of dropping a bomb on spoils will become the basis for maas it is in the State of Washington. Roads will be built more on the basis of political influence than community

Moreover, if our information is cor rect, the road laws of 1913 are pretty nearly if not quite just as urged upon the Legislature during the session by Mr. Spence one of the Grange leaders and head of the legislative committee. Has the road law proved itself a fail-

In another resolution there is more or less of an indorsement of rural murder of ous citizens.-Spectator. The cement men have been doing credits. The State Grange is thus or some wire pulling, who are advocating cement to be used on hard surfacing the roads in Multnomah Couny, and their attorney appears to objects to the community doing the is more thorough.

same thing for the improvement of community property. Pay as you go is their advice to the body politic; pay a long time in the future is their hope for the individual. The Oregon ian is not at this time indorsing large bond issue for road work, but what is the difference in principle, pray, between mortgaging all property for all property's benefit and mortgaging a farm for the farmer's

The Grange stands for a single egislative house of from nine to fit een members to sit permanently i also of more than passing interest. Yet we are reminded that when the State Land Board was asked why it referred the Summer Lake leasing project to the Legislature when it had full authority to enter into the contract, the reply was that the members of the board felt that so impor-tand an issue should be decided by a body more representative of the entire state.

Here was a matter not local in any sense and presumably of great consequence to the state. It was quasiegislation, but still exactly of the ype which advocates of commission state government assert would be acted on most intelligently by a small legislative body. Yet it was passed up o the legislature by a commission

not because of legal necessity but be cause it was felt that the men elected from and representing every locality in the state were best able to judge of the needs and desires of the comconwealth.

If important matters ought not to he intrusted to a board or commission, what of local legislation con cerning which it would not have firsthand information, but to consideration of which is a large part of the ordinary session is now devoted?-Oregonian.

The Beautiful Adventure.

Facing sudden death in a sea tragedy that will never be forgotten, Char-les Frohman, a man of great vitality, in the flower of his years, and in the midst of many enterprises of unusual moment, said something that will take its place among the proverbal gems of the English language. He knew that in a minute he must battle for life in the sea, yet he offered this thought of high importance to an actress who stood near: "Why fear death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life." They were his last vords, and may well be his epitaph. Only a man of deep philosophical insight could have said it, and Mr. Frohman was not supposed to be a philosopher in this degree. He lived and moved in a world of brilliancy The men and women with whom he was concerned were artists and authors, the possessors of talent, often of genius. The imaginative and scenic side of human affairs were familiar to him. Aesthetics where the practical basis of his vocation. His mission was to assume the world, and yet his last utterance was something to arouse profound thoght through out the ages.

person might ask, for love of life is a master passion. But Mr. Frohman opened up a region of high hope under astonishing circumstances. Some ne has spoken of "the large amends of death." Mr. Frohman in his optimism soared far beyond that.

Why fear to be born, some other

The Crime of Centuries.

Happily for humanity, history does not record another act so infamously barbarous as the sinking of the Lusitania. The ethics of war permits the destruction of theenemy's property wherever found: the killing of himself and the looting of his home. Only the ethics of piracy per mits the secret, stealthy attack on merchant vessels, and the sudden murder of non-combatants with their helpless women and children. In the old, bloody, barbaric days, the pirate recognized neither non-combatant nor neutral. His murderous spirit inspires the submarine warfare of the

If, instead of having been an un armed merchant craft, the Lusitania had been an enemy's warship-one of these, for instance, that the Kaiser has shown so little disposition to ncet on the open seas-and she had been met by a dreadnaught of vastly superior size and power, the rules of onorable warfare would not have been violated if the commander of the larger ship had given his weak opponent the opportunity to surrender Nor is it held incompatible with honbrable warfare on land to offer or and children that murder is though conorable and is made the subject of rejoicing in the murderer's country.

The cold-blooded brutality of the murder of the men, women and children on the Lusitania horrified that part of the world that has not been mproved, and that roads be built wholly dehumanized by militarism. poats the helpless among the passen How would the Grange have the gers makes the fact of torpedoing the road funds apportioned? If divided ship appear almost as humane as

crowded Sunday school. We are told that those who ordered the destruction of the Lusitania ex onerated themselves of blame for the moral certainly that division of road death of American citizens because notice was given that whoever travelchine organization of the Legislature, ed on the boat did so at their own risk. The time has not come when the representatives of a foreign power have the right to say that the citizens of the United States shall not travel to any country with which this nation is at peace. Those who issued the no-tice or who caused it to be issued plotted deliberately against the lives of the Americans as against the lives of any suspected combatants on the Lusitania, and whatever unprejudiced public opinion there is left in the world will hold them guilty of the

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