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JOURNAL COMMANDEERED.

We cleared the forms for the weekly explosion of ideas, rolled up our sleeves. scratched our think cap, filled the old faithful brain heater with Bull Durham and were just in the right temperamental mood to go through all the usual motions of wising up the home folks on the latest neighborhood gossip—when things began to happen. The air became blue and the noise was deafening. The Red Cross Thanksgiving steering committee had invaded our sanctum and as near as we can get at the truth we have lost, temporarily at least, all right, title and interest in the paper thev all like to read.

After we became used to the racket these enthusiastic folk were making, we got the drift of things. It became quieter. We lighted the old pipe and mellow ideas now steel softly through the toil worn brain. This Red Cross Thanksgiving is a pleasant prospect. We are invited to brush away the cobwebs, lay aside our carping cares, turn backward the pages of memory and carry our thoughts in fancy on the wings of a wind cloud and light in the fair garden of youthful dreams. Again will we be boys and girls for a day and, to us, the thought is fragrant with pleasant memories of many, many years ago.

Now. dear reader, your old fogy editor has gone in for this thing just like a two-year-old. Those folk sure had a happy thought about Thankgiving. They carried us back to the first Thanksgiving and we know that the idea was the expression of appreciation. The many long days of privation were forgotten and the sight of a sail bringing succor over the seas inspired an idea that will endure as long as men's hearts are grateful. Now will we send that ship back over the waves laden with the things this great American Red Cross makes available for the soldier boys, tokens of appreciation of our flesh and blood that will spill itself over the blood soaked soil of striken Europe for American ideals. Yes, we are thankful and we realize that the war has added a new idea to the great American Thanksgiving. Just the other day we were caught in the whirl of excitement. Down at the depot we watched the trains that carry our boys. your boys and mine, off to the battles for humanity. When we see these big faced boys with the smiles of the sunshine in their eyes, we shudder to think of all the mothers' and sweethearts' darlings that will lay stiff and cold with only the cold starry heavens for a covering. We are conscious of the many costly sacritices that are being laid on the altar of freedom. and our old bones are filled with all the patriotic sentiments such thoughts inspire. For one, we are thankful this Thanksgiving day that such men live under the stars and stripes. We thought it all out and give it to you, dear reader, just as this committee gave it to us. In the year nineteen and seventeen, the last Thursday in November, has been augmented with the further idea of appreciation, and thanksgiving is strictly a compound word and the new significance is only understood and appreciated when we uncouple the word in the middle and pronounce it in two syllables, thus —Thanks-Giving. First, we are thankful for our institutions and their defenders; secondly, that we are giving of our plenty to those that are giving so much. When that committee showed us how they had arranged to consummate this idea in a Red Cross Benefit and make it possible to combine the old idea enriched with the new they got under our hard baked hide and blamed if we didn't tell them to take the whole sheet and go as far as they liked.

Some misapprehension seems to exist relative to the status under the trading-with-the-enemy act, of citizens or subjects of Germany or its allies resident in this country. Such persons are not iucluded within the term "enemy or ally of enemy" as employed in the act. Deposits in the postal savings banks of the United States belonging to such persons are not liable to seizure by the government and will not, therefore, be taken into the possession of the alien property custodian or be interfered with in any way whatever.

Dad and Ma LaFrenze Still Rambling Along

Davenport, Iowa—Mesars. Win and Harry Brown—Dear Friends—I believe I left you at Oklahoma City taking in and enjoying ourselves at the state fair. No doubt you thoroughly traveled the automobile row, as well as the machinery sections, saw the various tractors at work, including the Moline Universal. We are indeed sorry that we can't see the fair through with you, but we must leave you there and be gone on our journey northward again. We retrace our steps through Guthrie near where we pitch camp for the night on the bank of the Cimarron river in a beautiful wooded spot, and on the following morning we are again journeying northward through Mulhall, Orlando to Perry, thence we bear a little more easterly through Redrock, Bliss and to Ponca City, a busy town of 3000, and about 1000 feet altitude, with her oil wells, oil refineries and farming industries. Here you see the direct benefits the oil industries have on the immediate surrounding country and towns, but northward we travel to Newkirk, our last camp in Oklahoma. Here in Newkirk while driving along the street looking for a camping place we met a gentleman whom we asked if he could cite us to a good place to camp for the night. Sure, he says; just drive into that farmer's place, open the gate and drive in and make yourself at home. I am the "mayor" here and will vouch that it will be all right, and will go and see the farmer who owns the place at once. And so he did and a nice camp we had, as we could get fresh milk and eggs there. Having run 92 miles that day, and onward and northward we travel again the next day, Saturday, September 29, congratulating ourselves on our good luck and making calculations as to when we would reach Kansas City. From Newkirk northward across the state line to Arkansas City, to Winfield and on to Augusta, all busy, prosperous, good looking towns with oil and farming industries, and oil derricks everywhere. Leaving Augusta the roads begin bad again on account of the many heavy loads of pipe and machinery into the oil field. When at a point about seven miles west of Eldorado and about three miles east of Towanda we came to grief proper. Turning out for a heavy load of bailed hay we ran into a mudhole, seemingly dried up and firm on the surface, but we nevertheless went down with one front wheel and while turning to get ont the power of the engine literally shoved the hub through the wheel, breaking every spoke in it, laying us up for the time being, and camped in the road for two days. As this was Saturday p. m. and Sunday intervening it was Monday afternoon before we got started on our journey, as we had to procure a new wheel from Kansas City. However, we improved the time. Talk about hustle and bustle, it sure is here with the thousands of men working at the oil wells, drilling, building derricks, laying pipe lines, putting in and operatlng pumping batteries, and hauling machinery, pipe, lumber, provisions, etc., etc. Everything conceivable that has the semblance of an auto is pressed into service, and auto truck drivers get $100 per month, laborers get $4 per day, drillers $9 per day, everybody on the jump. The fields are dotted with derricks 400 feet each way and line up as straight as a line of electric light poles The derricks are about 72 feet high and remain there even after the well has been "shot in." Drilling is generally let by contract at $2.25 per foot, to wind up with not less than a six inch hole, the driller to furnish engine, boiler, tools and help, the owner to furnish all the rest—derrick pipe,

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET

To the Electors of the Town of Nyssa, Nyssa, Oregon:

A Mass Meeting will be held in the Town Council Room on Friday, November 30th., 1917, at 8 P. M. for the purpose of discussion on the Annual Budget. Respectfully submitted, as follows:

Street lighting	$650.00
Power for Pumps	300.00
Rents	180.00
Marshal	180.00
Pumper	240.00
Recorder	300.00
Interest	1,620.00
Sinking fund	550.00
Streets	1,000.00
Snake River Bridge	500.00
Total,	$5,520.00

Estimated amount of Revenue from other sources, than by direct taxation, $1,000.00.

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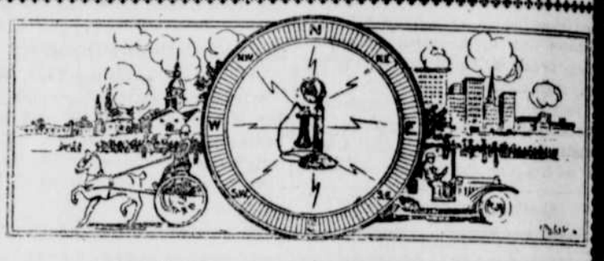
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...nks' etc. A well is usually s... ...th 16 inch pipe and then gra... ...duced and finish with 6-inch, ...hich all the larger pipe is ...gin. The wells here average ...00 in depth and about 90 per c... ...l wells drilled are produce... ...ts the owners for each well ...out $16,000. But talk about ...ss, every store and business s... ...the jump. The banks have ...us streams of customers fro... ...until 6 p. m. Mr. Robinson ...ate bank at Towanda told me ...een 24 hours trying to get a m... ...arted to Witchita to find out i... ...in $800 check was good, b... ...Western Union operator was s... ...at he could not find time to ... ...Mr. Robinson says "I'll ca... ...heck anyhow and take a chanc... ...at's the way business is rush... ...people. Well, Sunday we took ...l wells proper, going from on... ...ther, some drilling, some pip... ...he oil running to tanks and ... ...rom these tanks through pip... ...r a thousand miles or more ...refiners. We went to see ...rusher the Carter people shot i... ...ays before and which flowe... ...barrels the Saturday we broke ...What a sight to see the oil ...with such force out of a six-in... ...into a tank (setting on the grou... ...nearby this tank are two bat... ...pumps pumping the oil out of t... ...into the pipe lines. The two l... ...had 23 pumps in all. We also ...see the big well the Gypsy ...brought in and which furnishe... ...or more barrels. The quarter ...the Carter people have leased ...working on paid the widow ...who owned the land for her 8... ...royalty $42,000 for the previo... ...and that was before the bi... ...came in. On the opposite side ...road the owner refused a flat ...$100,000 for his quarter sectio... ...had just started on four wells ...were completed when the c... ...made, and a great many more ...of this kind. Yes, one othe... ...mention. A party in Wic... ...$12,000 for a 1-96 interest in a ...last spring and was then ... ...were there) yielding him a n... ...of $232 per day.

Well, Monday afternoon ...farewell to all this easy w... ...wandered into Eldorado. ...number of hours there and ... ...four miles to inspect the Am... ...& Refining Co.'s properti... ...have a number of produci...

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