

**BENNY LEONARD DOES A HARD DAY'S WORK TRAINING FOR F. WELSH ROUT**



Benny Leonard at a training stunt.

Benny Leonard, while training at Mt. Kisco, N. Y., for his title bout with Freddie Welsh, used some unusual ideas. Aside from the regular training stunts, sparring, road work and so on, Benny put on a number of manual labor stunts, one of which is shown in this picture.

**TEACHERS SUCCESSFUL IN RECENT EXAMINATIONS**

Returns from the recent state teachers' examination reached Supt. Brown's office yesterday and he is mailing out to the teachers their standings and certificates.

Besides those who received certificates at this time many others were successful in passing the examinations, and will receive their certificates when their present certificates expire or when they are ready to use the new certificate. There were also quite a number who wrote for exemptions only. When the applicants got 90 per cent on any subject they are exempted from writing again on this subject at future examinations. In this way many teachers have received 90 per cent on all subjects and thus have a perpetual certificate.

There were but few failures at this examination. In fact a much higher per centage than usual were successful. It is believed that this is largely due to the recent law which requires that all applicants without six months' experience must have 4 years of high school and take a teachers' training course.

The following certificates were issued to Douglas county teachers at this time:

Life Certificates—Victor Boyd, of Roseburg.  
Special Certificates—Mrs. Minnie

McClain, Roseburg.

One Year Certificates — Anna Berks, Edenbow; Elias J. Edwards, Myrtle Creek; Abbie Bond, Myrtle Creek; Georgie Agnes Grinstead, Roseburg; Mrs. Maud V. Halvorsen, Roseburg; Eva Pruner, Riddle; M. Anna Conn Peterson, Roseburg; Irma Constance Wright, Oakland; Mrs. Lottie E. Bennett, Roseburg; Evca Lenore Applegate, Yoncalla.

**DAILY WEATHER REPORT.**

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 1 a. m., August 1, 1916.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths:  
Highest temperature yesterday 79  
Lowest temperature last night 52  
Precipitation, last 24 hours ... 0  
Total precip. since first of month ..... 0  
Normal precip for this month ..... 3.3  
Total precipitation from September 1, 1915, to date ..... 29.32  
Average precipitation from September 1, 1877 ..... 34.19  
Total excess from September 1, 1915 ..... 5.22  
Average precipitation for 39 wet seasons, (Sept. to May inclusive) ..... 32.12

WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

**FIRST YEAR OF WAR SATISFIED ITALY**

Many Obstacles Had To Be Met During Year.

ENTIRE ARMY HAD TO BE REORGANIZED

Battles, Above Clouds and Struggles on Snow Shoes Have Been of Every Day Occurrence.

By John H. Hearley.  
ROME, July 1.—(By mail.)—Italy today is fully satisfied with the results of the first year of the Austro-Italian war.

The once strongly fortified Austrian mountain line from Giudicarie to Montafione practically is all in her hands. Only a small section of Italian territory in the neighborhood of Sette Comuni has been taken.

The history of Italy's war on land reads like fiction. When the European strife began, the Italian kingdom was unprepared. The standing army of 280,000 was disorganized and unequipped. Big and petty politics were dangerously mixed in it. The country's finances were in a bad way.

Italy's military house had to be put in order. All eyes turned to Luigi Cadorna, chief of the general staff. His father before him had led the Italians into Rome in 1870. Like him, he is a quiet man of few words and big deeds. Cadorna in 12 months worked wonders. The army was increased to more than 1,500,000, trained and equipped for all kinds of warfare. The hum of munition and gun-making machinery was heard through the land.

The enemy, it was believed, would attempt to enter the country through the Trentino in the west and the Isonzo in the east. The Italian campaign was planned to retake Trent and Trieste, lock these two gates against invasion and press on possibly to Vienna. The meeting of two Austrian armies on the historic plains of Lombardy for a possible conquest of Italy had to be prevented. The great battle Napoleon had fought on Lombardian soil had taught its lessons.

Cadorna and his intimate associate, General Porro, laid their preliminary plans well. Both knew the tricky mountainous frontier of Austria, with its natural defenses and fortifications, perfectly. Disguised as beggars, they are said often to have studied every nook and cranny of the hostile border.

Four fronts with 14 zones were established, the Trentino, Dolomite, Carina and Isonzo. At the very beginning of hostilities the right bank of the Isonzo, excepting the bridgeheads of Gorizia and Tolme, fell before the Italian arms followed by the capture of Monte Nero and Piava. These things took less than a month.

During July and August the invasion of Austrian territory continued. Extensive inroads on enemy soil were made, especially in the Carso and Trentino. By October the Isonzo front was blood-soaked. The fighting about Gorizia, the key to Trieste, grew heavy early this year. March and April crowned the Italian offensive with the capture of Cold Lina. The Austrians in May delivered their first big offensive. A fierce onslaught was made on Montafione which fell, but later was retaken.

Meanwhile on a 50-mile front in the Trentino 400,000 Austrians and immense quantities of ammunition were concentrated. Then came the tremendous attempt to open the way to Venetia. Thousands of Italians were moved down. For the first time in the war the enemy set foot on Italian soil and about 500 square kilometers of territory was occupied. It was mountainous country dotted with Alpine hamlets. The Italians still held about 4,000 square kilometers of enemy soil, including the fertile plain of Montafione and important villages.

The Italians then began to push back the enemy, slow up-hill work. Meantime General Brusati was openly charged with responsibility for the Austrian invasion and deprived of his command for "neglect of duty." This invasion cost the Italians 20,000 in prisoners and almost as many in killed and wounded. Austrian losses were heavy too. The initiation of the Russian offensive in early June relieved the pressure of the Italian front.

By then Italy's army had grown to almost 4,000,000 men and plans for adding a million more were

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made. The Italian campaign has taken a tremendous toll in dead and wounded because in the beginning Victor's forces were disposed in unfortified valleys while the Austrians were strongly entrenched on the overlooking mountains. Uphill fighting had to be waged for many months before it was equalized.

The Alpinists have been the heroes of Italy's war. Their catlike agility is marvelous. They have been forced oftentimes to climb sheer walls of mountains, pulling up men and cannon behind them to begin the slow process of fortification. Trenches had to be tunneled in the rock or hewn in solid ice.

Moving glaciers and avalanches added to the dangers as also did heavy snows and bitter cold. Alpine warfare developed many innovations in military science. Like giants throwing snowballs, one army hurled avalanches at each other. Mountain hamlets and hundreds of combatants and non-combatants were wiped out by this picturesque arm of war. Specially made smoked glasses had to be worn by the soldiers as a protection against snow-blindness. Freezing weather occasioned the invention of extremely warm but light clothing for the military.

"Heat Balls" were invented. These were made by soaking rolls of tightly drawn paper in prepared oil and grease. When lighted, they retained heat and flame for about 15 minutes. Ropes lifted baskets of them to Alpinists and soldiers, fighting in the clouds, thousands of feet

above the sea level. They were used to warm canned foods and soups.

Skees and snowshoes were also introduced to war. Engagements between whole companies of Austrians and Italians on skees have been frequent.

The spirit of the Italian army is fine. Unofficial estimates place the Austrian losses at approximately 450,000, about 80,000 of which are said to be in killed. Austrian prisoners are rumored to be near the 100,000 mark. These enemy damages, it is asserted, are not counterbalanced by the Italian casualties. The presence of the king in the field is an inspiration to the fighters.

**MELROSE ITEMS**

The ice cream social at the Grange hall Saturday evening was quite well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Ralph and Joe Petroquin have gone to Canas Valley where they have employment.

Miss Keitha Conn, of Portland, is spending her annual vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conn, of this place.

Mr. Tuttle, who has been in the Willamette valley looking for employment has returned and is now at work on the road.

Supervisor Busenbark while attending to his duties on the road was assaulted by Jack Calahan. As

this is the second attempt of assault by Calahan recently it is evident that he will finally be taken in charge by the law. At any rate such cowardice as shown by him in striking an aged and defenseless man merits punishment.

The cattle of the binder is mingling with the purr of the mower, so farmers are busy.

Mr. J. Barker, who is on his way from Portland to San Francisco is spending a few days at the home of Henry Conn.

Rev. Eaton held church service at Melrose school house Sunday afternoon. Services again the 4th Sunday of August at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Guy Flint and daughter Lillian went to Rice Hill this morning and will spend several days there visiting with friends and relatives.

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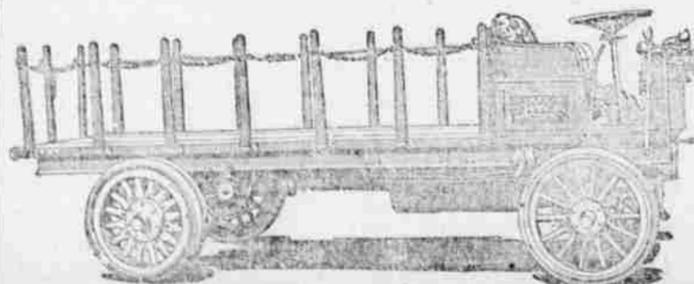
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