

THE EVENING NEWS

BY R. W. BATES BERT G. BATES

ISSUED DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Subscription Rates—Daily. Per year, by mail, \$3.00. Per month, delivered, .50. Semi-Weekly, \$2.00. Six month, 1.00.

Entered as second-class matter, November 5, 1909, at Roseburg, Ore., under act of March 3, 1879.

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 1917.

IS OURS A DEMOCRACY.

That our oft boasted freedom of the press is but a passing fancy is shown by a recent bulletin authorized by the "committee on public safety," which appears by the attached signature of "George Creel" to consist of that gentleman. This bulletin expressly forbids the publication of arrival or departure of all merchantmen in the "Atlantic, Trans-Atlantic or war zone trade," and such movement of shipping "must remain scrupulously safeguarded, directly and indirectly. No hint of their names, routes, times of departure, destinations or cargoes is permissible." And yet congress positively refused to grant any such power either to the president or to any board or boards that might be created, established or named. More than this the constitution guarantees freedom of the press. In addition to all this, to exemplify the utter uselessness of such an order, the press of the United States voluntarily placed upon itself a censorship of any information that might be of aid to an enemy. Because the press of America has established a self-imposed censorship, the order promulgated by Mr. Creel in this connection amounts to but little, except as showing the tendency of the time to concentrate power and establish a one-man despotism in a free land. That there is such a tendency is verified every day. Only a short time back a number of socialist papers were suppressed by the postmaster general, who denied those publications transmission through the mails. It was an arbitrary and unwarranted act—a despotic act. The present measure before congress, directed by the administration, demanding that one man be given absolute control of the food situation in the United States, and refusing to listen to the senate amendment for a commission of three to look after this most important matter, is another demonstration of one man power that is a violation of the spirit of democracy for which we are supposed to be engaged in the world war at present. Instead of getting closer to republican ideals, the nation being taken into confidence of the administration, and the people allowed within the inner circle, we are drifting in opposite direction to a remarkable degree. Many of the great influential daily papers of the country see this deplorable situation, and are sending out a warning cry, hoping that the people may arouse to the emergency and assert themselves in governmental affairs before any greater damage is accomplished.

BONDS FOR EVERYBODY.

It is expected that the next war loan, to be issued perhaps in September, will include "baby bonds" in denominations as low as \$10. This would be a very desirable innovation. It would undoubtedly result in swelling by several millions the number of liberty loan investors. More important than that, it would contribute greatly to the establishment of a new national thrift habit. Our people have never saved half the money they might easily have saved, simply because they knew of no easy, secure way of investing it. Bonds were supposed to be for the rich. Most Americans have never seen a bond. Before this war is over, the government should see that they are made as familiar as bank notes.

A writer in the Saturday Evening Post suggests that buying bonds ought to be made as easy as buying cigars, candy, stockings and shaving soap. If small-denomination bonds

were on sale everywhere, he says, people would buy them as a matter of course, with money they now spend for things they don't need. They would readily supply the government with all the money it needs to carry on the war, most of it being money that would otherwise be wasted. Thus millions who have never saved before would "get ahead in the world." And the nation as a whole would benefit greatly. There would be abundant capital for all legitimate enterprises, opening up national resources hitherto untouched.

"Once the habit of saving and buying a bond is established," says Frank A. Vanderlip, the New York banker, "it will not be abandoned when the war is over, but a million new springs of wealth will be developed."

BANTAM MAY FIGHT.

The "bantams," after all, are to be given a chance to fight for their country. Surgeon General Gorgas has advised that the height limit for army candidates be lowered, and the war department has so ordered. Formerly the minimum height was five feet four inches, and the minimum weight 120 pounds. Now men are to be accepted as low as five feet one inch, and weighing 110 pounds. The change will meet with general approval. The old rule was based on military tradition rather than the facts of present-day warfare. The Japanese war proved, once for all, that little men can fight with modern weapons as well as big men—the diminutive Japs licked the giant Russians in nearly every engagement. The present war has demonstrated that the "bantams" at least suffer no disadvantage because of their size.

They have some real advantages, aside from the reputed fighting spirit of the small man. They take up less room in the trenches, and they offer less conspicuous targets for bullets. A small man can, of course, shoot a rifle or machine gun or cannon as well as a giant, and drive an airplane better. This letting down of the bars will greatly increase the number of men eligible for military duty. The war department doubtless had that fact in mind. And in relaxing the height and weight regulations thus early in the game, it has profited by Great Britain's experience. The British authorities at first turned away the small men, and later on were glad to get them. And in no case is it recorded that the "bantams" showed any fighting inferiority.

ROSEBURG MUSICAL CLUB ENTERTAINED

One of the best musical treats ever given in Garden Valley was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hess on last Saturday evening when the Musical Club from Roseburg delightfully entertained a large number of people in that community, and those present felt highly honored and very grateful to the participants of the program.

The numbers of the Improvement club feel deeply indebted to Mr. Arundel, who kindly offered his services for this occasion and under his directorship the program was gotten up which consisted of instrumental selections, vocal solos, duets and readings. The club realized a neat sum from the proceeds of the sale of refreshments served at the close of the program to be added to the funds for the community house which they are endeavoring to raise.

Those assisting in the evening's entertainment were Misses Marie and Anna Bryan, Miss Fancher, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Poy and Mr. Arundel. The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. L. Martin on Thursday afternoon August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wilson, of Green station were business visitors in Roseburg Monday, returning to their home in the evening.

Live-wire Doings of City

Injures Eye.

Clyde Carnes, of Carnes, was a visitor in Roseburg Monday afternoon where he received medical attention for his eye. Mr. Carnes painfully injured his eye while working about his farm and it was necessary to consult a physician.

Auto Travel Heavy.

The auto tourist travel is at its height. Probably 40 cars pass through the city every day that hail from as far away as Pennsylvania and Kentucky. California furnishes more than any other state, even including Oregon.

Base Ball Games.

A very interesting exhibition of the national pastime was staged in Winchester Sunday afternoon when a team of that place crossed bats with the Calapooia nines. The score was 13 to 19 in favor of Winchester. Captains Demann and Moore.

Transferred to Roseburg.

Fred Montgomery, who is an S. P. brakeman, has been transferred to Roseburg from Springfield, Ore. He will be joined by his wife Sunday. Mrs. Montgomery was formerly Miss Eula Starr, of Stephen, Ore., and is a niece of Mrs. O. P. Henderson, of this city.

Building New Garage.

Councilman Bullwinkel is building a handsome garage in the rear of his house on West Douglas street. This is the residence formerly occupied by Dr. Vincil, and into which Henry Harth, of Harth Toggery, will move.

Leave for Sacramento Tonight.

Mr. Rife, the man injured in the motorcycle accident on Rice Hill a short time ago, and who has since been at Mercy hospital, is much better, and accompanied by his partner, Mr. Altmecker, will leave for Sacramento on train No. 15, tonight.

Horners at Beach.

Mrs. J. B. Horner and daughter, Miss Pearl Horner, accompanied by Miss Vera Horner and Miss Maybelle Miller, who arrived at noon from Roseburg, departed this afternoon for Newport, where they will spend several weeks. They will occupy a cottage at the beach.—Corvallis Times.

Fire Hazards Increase.

Local Observer William Hill this morning received a wire from the San Francisco office stating that pressure conditions were favorable to increased fire hazards, with wind westerly, shifting to northerly. The weather bureau suggests extra precautions be taken to prevent fires.

Stops Over in City.

Mrs. A. H. Lamb, of Phoenix, Ariz., stopped over in this city yesterday enroute to Nome, Alaska, where she will reside permanently with her brother, who is a prominent every man of that section. Mrs. Lamb will visit during her stay in Roseburg with her father, who resides at the Oregon soldiers' home.

Will Leave for France.

Hilbert Wilson, a popular employe of the Motor Shop garage, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilson, will leave early in August for Eugene, thence to Pennsylvania where he will train for a couple of weeks prior to sailing for France. Mr. Wilson is a member of the American ambulance corps under command of Dr. Wm. Kuykendall, of Eugene, which is composed of university boys.

Visitors Return to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donough, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lindoy, left for their home in Portland Saturday night. Mr. Donough is connected with the Geneva Furniture Co. there, and his wife was formerly Miss Emma Thompson, of Clatsop Valley. They were accompanied by automobile by Mr. and Mrs. Lindoy, who returned here Sunday.

Two Deaths at Soldiers Home.

Charles Harper, sergeant A company, 1st Kansas infantry, aged 25 years, died at the soldiers home yesterday at 2:30 p. m. He was a native of Missouri and came to the home February 22, 1897. So far as known no relatives survive. Martin V. Andrews, private 1st Maine infantry, Company A, aged 27 years, of Gardiner, Ore., died this morning at four o'clock and will be buried tomorrow at ten o'clock. He survived by two sons, G. M. and J. F. Andrews, both of Gardiner.

Silk Road Good.

From a clipping issued by the Umpqua Valley Sentinel the old Cass Bay wagon road is in a better condition than first reported and a contingent of the Cass Bay society takes exception to the item declaring that "it is 20 miles pass over the road" "without any trouble whatsoever." "The riding and plowing can now be done from Roseburg daily," said Mr. J. D. Laird, the informant. "The first experience traveling over the route experienced much trouble, but according to Mr. Laird wonderful changes have been wrought and it is a pleasure to travel by way of Reunion, thence to Cass Bay."

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

Flag Signal Practice.

Members of I company were doing flag signal practice on the court-house lawn last evening.

Portland Visitors Pass Through.

Rev. J. H. Boyd and family, of Portland, passed through the city this afternoon enroute south. They spent several hours in Roseburg.

Afternoon Luncheon.

Mrs. Irvin Hruan entertained a number of her immediate neighbors at a light luncheon yesterday afternoon which proved a very enjoyable affair. She was assisted by Mrs. J. L. Boggs in making the occasion a very delightful one.

Nursing Painful Hand.

Earl Strong has been suffering quite severely the past day or two from an abscess in the palm of his right hand. He had the unwelcome "visitor" lanced yesterday which brought much relief, but it will be some time before he will be able to use the member.

Moving to Portland.

Thomas Dean, who has conducted poultry market on North Jackson street for the past two years, expects to move to Portland tomorrow. The poultry market was sold to other parties about a month ago, and they have taken possession of the property.

Touring Southern Oregon.

This morning at five o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ritchie, of Salem, who are touring the state in their car, left this city for Klamath Falls and way points. They were accompanied from Roseburg by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carman and son. The party will be gone a week, and will visit many points of interest during that time.

Stewart Passes Examinations.

A postal card received today by Mrs. E. A. Stewart, of Laurelhurst ranch, from her son, Earl, who for the past eight weeks has been studying at Berkeley, Calif., for the officers' reserve, states that he successfully passed the examination, along with a great many other young men in the class. He will immediately go to San Diego, where the art of aviation will be taken up, and practical experience in that line of the service be obtained. The many Roseburg friends of Earl Stewart will be delighted to learn of his rapid advancement.

Kellogg Residents Here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peters, of Kellogg, motored up from the lower Umpqua river section today and spent the day in Roseburg. They were accompanied here by Miss Lewis, of Los Angeles, a sister of Mrs. Peters, who is a guest visiting friends and relatives in this county. They expect to return to Kellogg this evening.

Divorce Granted.

In the case of J. B. Smith vs. Bertha E. Smith, action for divorce, Judge Hamilton today handed down a decision granting a decree of divorce to the defendant, and giving her the custody of the minor child, May Smith, and requiring the plaintiff to pay the sum of \$15 per month for the support of the child. Attorney A. N. Orcutt appeared for the defendant.

CITY NEWS

Floor paint, any quantity, Cordon & Bishop, a24

Auto paints, all kinds, Cordon & Bishop, a24

Fred L. Strang, county fruit inspector was called to Looking Glass this afternoon to investigate evidence of silver leaf disease reported in that vicinity.

Mrs. J. H. Rankin, of this city, left Monday evening for Oakland, Calif., where a couple of weeks' sojourn with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. T. Williams will be spent.

Miss Amy Marsters arrived last evening from Albany where she has been employed in a business establishment of that city. Miss Marsters will spend her vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. L. A. Marsters, of S. Pine street.

WANTED, HORSES.

If you have any good young horses, 1000 to 1500 pounds, see J. M. Judd, or phone 60, a1p

WANTED.

All kinds of root vegetables, such as carrots, beets, turnips, etc. Let us know about what quantity you will have. Phone 83, 364-4f ROSEBURG FRUIT CO.

ROSEBURG'S Summer Carnival! Aug. 7th to 11th (INCLUSIVE,) AUSPICES Fire Dept. and Red Cross FOLEY & BURK COMBINED SHOWS OF MERIT The Largest and Best Equipped Carnival Company in the West. Big Free Act Every Afternoon and Night 5-Big Days and Nights-5

Wash In The Basement BENJAMIN TWO-WAY PLUG Besides, it fits any socket, anywhere around the house, and adds a place to quickly attach all kinds of electrical devices. ROSEBURG ELEC. COMPANY Fixtures, Electrical Supplies and Motors Roseburg, Ore.

It's Easy to Save MERELY a matter of spending less than you earn. Keeps growing easier, too—becomes surprisingly easy after you have practiced it a while. People fall into the habit of spending money thoughtlessly and imagine they cannot save. Cultivate thoughtfulness and carefulness and you are bound to save. Open an account today—there's protection, encouragement and satisfaction in a savings account. THE UMPQUA VALLEY BANK B. W. Strong, President; J. M. Throne, Cashier; D. R. Shambrook, Vice President; Roland Agee, Vice President.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN WANTED—Contractors for sawing wood. Phone 180-L. 382-4f WANTED TO RENT—Furnished house. Close to depot. Address N Y Z care News. a-1p WANTED—Competent woman for general housework. Mrs. W. J. Phillips, Sutherland, Or. 351-4f WANTED—Woman for chambermaid work. Apply to Mrs. Geo. Fouch, Royal Club Cafe, Cass and Sheridan streets. WANTED—Furnished or partly furnished 5 or 6 room house for a year. Call or address 1216 North Jackson street, City. 404-a1 WANTED TO TRADE—Good work horse, 2nd hand buggy and harness for 2 or 2 1/2 horse gasoline pump engine or will trade for hay. R. Stubbs, Medford. 312-a12 WANTED—Man of experience and ability to teach small country school; excellent references required. Salary \$70 to \$100. Apply Co. Supr. of C. Brown for particulars. 317-4f I WANT TO WORK—Young married man, good stenographer, bookkeeper and all-round office man, desires either temporary or permanent position. Excellent references. What can you offer? Address Box 403, City. 431

FOR RENT. FOR RENT—A furnished house. Phone 216-L, or 2873. 400f ROOMS TO RENT—With or without board. Inquire or address 451 S. Jackson street. 402-4f BROCCOLI GROWERS—See us before buying plants—Will have a surplus from both imported and domestic seed. Foster Rutner, Roseburg Gardens. Phone 497-11. 224-4f ENJOY CITY LIFE—For short time will offer fine Roseburg property for small stock ranch. Parties with trade in mind will do well to investigate. Address Owner, care News. 304-4f FOR SALE—Ford bug in first class condition. Bosch magneto and Stromberg carburetor. Blue steel racing body, price \$100. Inquire H. R. Burchfield, Winchester, Ore. a6 FOR SALE—Three farms, one 42 acres, 4 acres orchard; one 70 acres with 25 acres orchard. Both in Looking Glass. One 58 acres, 7 1/2 miles north of Roseburg. Price of latter place \$2500. Inquire of Phone 1372. 382-a2 FOR SALE—On terms. Stop contributing to the landlord's prosperity. Buy a house for wife and kiddies. Ten lots, fine trees, fruit, small house, delightful location near pavement, \$750. Worth \$1500. Address News No. 303. 382-a2 FOR SALE—If you want a good country store business paying a handsome net income, steadily growing farm and forest trade, \$4,000 stock, part terms on acreage and buildings. Look this proposition up at once. It will bear the closest investigation. By owner. Address 546 Pitzer street, Roseburg, Ore. 376-131 FOR SALE—40 acres, seven acres cleared, 2 miles from Myrtle Creek. Good creek runs through place and good spring on property. All fenced—no other improvements. Make an excellent chicken farm. Price \$1,000, \$300 down, balance at small yearly payment at 6 per cent. Address Mrs. L. A. Daugherty, Myrtle Creek, Ore. 388-a1 FARM LANDS. THE GOVERNMENT needs farmers as well as fighters. Two million, three hundred thousand acres of Oregon & California Railroad Co. grant lands. Title reserved in the United States. To be opened for homesteads and sale. Containing some of the best land left in United States. Large copyrighted map showing land by sections and descriptions of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature, etc. by counties. Postpaid one dollar. Grant Lands Locating Co., Box 619, Portland, Ore. 313-a21 WANTED. WANTED—Young man for water or dishwasher at George's Place. WANTED—Girl at Roseburg Steam Laundry. Girl with experience preferred. WANTED—Experienced waitress at once. Write or phone Hotel Clark, Glendale. 268-4f

FOR SALE PIPE! 5,000 FEET Second Hand, 1 inch Water Pipe. See J. H. SINNIGER SHEET METAL WORKS 119 Oak St.

FOR SALE PIPE! 5,000 FEET Second Hand, 1 inch Water Pipe. See J. H. SINNIGER SHEET METAL WORKS 119 Oak St.

Jack Tar Middies! Newest Models Now Ready! Made in Galeta, Khaki, Silk, Pongee \$1 to \$3.50 Bellows Store Company A Woman's Shop for Woman's Wear