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SCIENCE AND WARFARE.

Just at the time, when all the world is talking peace but is preparing for war as never before, another discovery of science threatens to nullify all the naval plans of the nations. This discovery is credited to Signor Ulivi, an Italian engineer and chemist.

Recent dispatches from Europe describe how Signor Ulivi, on board a French yacht flying the British flag, has been cruising off the coast of Normandy, making secret experiments. His invention it is declared, will explode at distances varying from 600 to 6,000 yards by wireless infracted solar spectrum waves, called F-rays by Ulivi, all explosive substances in contact with metals which may be on board any war vessel. Experiments already made, the dispatches relate, show astounding success—enough, at least, to warrant those who know the secret to predict that the invention will revolutionize modern warfare on land and at sea. The French government is seeking a monopoly on the invention.

Rough speaking, the appliance consists, in finding, by means of a special projector emitting return infra red rays, the exact distance and exact radio-magnetic capacity of metallic objects. When these have been determined with precision, the Ulivi F-ray is projected and a long distance wireless explosion ensues with mathematical accuracy.

Experiments made near Villers by Ulivi and the French government, resulted in exploding submarine mines a thousand yards distant with such accuracy that one of two mines only five yards apart was exploded at will, while the second mine remained intact.

Ulivi's invention can be applied on land as well as on sea, and also to dirigible balloons, such as the German armature. It also renders a ship containing explosive ammunition more dangerous for those on board than for the enemy.

If only one-tenth of what is claimed for this invention is true, it surely

looks as if we shall have to quit building super-dreadnoughts.

The Johns Hopkins specialists say that habitual smiling acts as a preventive of appendicitis. Surgeons who perform the operation should be immune for the time after collecting their bills.

A Michigan waiter's hair turned from black to red while having a tooth pulled. He knows now how it feels to have the hair turn gray while waiting for a chop order.

Unable to live on his charity allowance of \$50,000 a year, ex-King Manuel has taken to pawning his jewels. Evidently he is too proud to lecture.

Ambassador Wilson and President Wilson are as bitter against each other as though they were really related.

The worst trick that the alarm clock can play us is to break into our dreams as we are about to drive into the old swimmin' hole back home.

As fast as New York women quit society to go on the stage the actresses seem to quit the stage to go into society.

The highest of chivalry is for a fat man to surrender his seat to one of those cool looking little women.

Sending peaches by parcel post ought to boom trade in matrimonial bureaus.

Resents Blade Story.

La Grande, Sept. 2.—(To the Editor of the Observer): I read in last evening's Observer the "Bull" story with much interest. All intelligent people who know anything about newspapers know that the Chicago Saturday Blade takes an uneventful occurrence and makes a large flaring, dazzling type picture and hence the readers are all spellbound by it thinking it is truly wonderful. The person that wrote from Wallowa called it "News." I have read the Observer for a number of years and will say that I, for one, and the rest of the people don't call such an unreasonable thing "news." Hoping this will be allowed to be printed, I am,

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NEW DIVORCE CASE COURT.
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courts of the city and which in the future will be handled by the domestic relations tribunal exclusively. The work in connection with the new court will probably be divided under the following sub-heads: Divorce suits, Abandonment, desertion and other felony cases; cases of cruelty to wives; applications for warrants for non-support; miscellaneous complaints for contributing to child delinquency, cruelty to children, violations of compulsory education law and other minor complaints.

Judge Lacy's court was created by special enactment of the last Michigan legislature and Lacy is an appointee of Governor Ferris. The court is empowered to appoint its own salaried

special investigators, who will conduct independent inquiries into the merits of each case before the court.

Summerville News Items.

Summerville, Ore., Sept. 1.—(Special)—A costly accident occurred at Guy Glenn's thresher this week, when the four horse team driven on the water tank was drowned. The tank was placed on a high bank along the river near Hill station. After firmly locking the wheels so they would resist any ordinary pressure, the driver, E. Oswald, was busy pumping water into the tank, when one of the wheelers, a colt, began backing. The block gave way under the wheels and the heavy tank went over the bank, pulling all four of the horses with it. With one last effort to save the horses Mr. Oswald sprang from the wagon but not an instant too soon. The wood hauler, who happened along just then, hurried to Mr. Glenn, and told him of the accident. The threshing crew hurried to the scene of disaster but it was too late to save anything. The tank and horses were taken from the river after much hard work. Mr. Oswald was uninjured. Two of the horses belonged to Mr. Patterson, and the others to the McRae boys.

Miss Rose Zweifel returned home the fore part of the week from Elgin, where she has been visiting with her brother, Dave.

The linemen are continually busy repairing the telephone lines broken by the derricks.

The farmers are all very busy hauling their grain to Imbler for storage.

Mrs. Dorr and children are spending a few days with Mrs. Carl Kowen.

Dr. Kirby, of Elgin, has twice been called to Summerville this week, due to the illness of Simon Woodell's baby.

Sunday, Mrs. Mary Williamson was not very well and he paid a short visit there.

Miss Lillian Bancroft has been on Pumpkin Ridge this week.

Mr. Thomas, principal of the Summerville schools, moved to town this week.

Carl Kowen was in Elgin Thursday attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft of Elgin have been on their farm near Summerville the greater part of this week.

Mrs. John Kowen, of Imbler, visited with Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Sander-

son, one day this week.

Nat Conklin, principal of the Wash-tuna school in Washington, was in Summerville Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Ott is going to Wallowa Friday, to visit with parents and friends.

Miss Marcia Becker leaves for Elgin Saturday. She will teach a country school a few miles from town this winter.

Riders Shoot Up Band of Sheep.

Baker, Ore., Sept. 2.—A few days ago a band of sheep grazing on the hills bordering on Stice gulch, about 12 miles south of Baker, were fired into by three men on horseback, evidently riders, and three of the flock were killed by the shots, which in the confusion that followed among the other sheep, caused them to pile up in the broken down timber, eleven more were found dead.

The sheep are owned by David Lee of this city. The herder of the band saw the men and after they began shooting he returned the fire, after which the marauders beat a hasty retreat. The identification of the perpetrators of the shooting is not known.

The frequency with which sheep are killed on the range by eating some kind of poison placed there by designing persons is alarming to flockmasters and if those guilty of this cowardly offense are apprehended they will be severely dealt with.

One day last week while a band of sheep bought by David Lee were being driven from Burnt river to this city, 40 head were lost and it is confidently believed poison was the agent of death.

Mr. Lee is very much angered by this foul means to do him injury, and offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of putting poison on the range.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

To whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that the commissioners appointed by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, to make an examination of the property, upon which assessments are to be levied

to pay the costs and expenses of the street improvement hereinafter described, as to the valuation and extent, if any of the benefits to be derived by said property by reason of said improvement, have made their report in writing to said council, which report has been received by said council, and is on file in the office of the recorder of said city, and is open for your inspection. That it is the intention of said council to levy a special assessment against all the property hereinafter described for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses of improving Fourth street from the south line of "O" avenue to the north line of "C" avenue, by laying thereon Gravel Bitulithic pavement, according to the plans and specifications therefor heretofore adopted by said council and on file in the office of the recorder of said city.

That the real property included in and the boundaries of the district benefited and affected by said proposed improvements are as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of block No. 59, Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, Oregon; running thence west to a point 10 feet west of the northwest corner of lot 4, block No. 74 of said addition; running thence due south to the north line of "C" avenue; thence running east to the southeast corner of block No. 10, Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande; thence north to the place of beginning, the same consisting of and including the following described real property: Blocks 10, 11, 20, 21, 30, 31, 40, 41, 50, 51, 58 and 59 of Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande; the east half of blocks 74, 75, 88, 89 and 96 of Chaplin's addition to the city of La Grande, and blocks 11, 10 and 1 of Arnold & Dray's addition to the town of La Grande (now the city of La Grande) and the east half of blocks 4 and 5 of Arnold's addition to the town of La Grande (now the city of La Grande), and the east half of block 4 D street, of the original town site of La Grande (now the city of La Grande), and the east half of that certain tract of land lying and being between Third and Fourth streets, and "K" avenue, known as the school house property, all in the city of La Grande, Oregon, and the estimated cost of said proposed improvement is \$40,000.00. You will further take notice that said city council will meet at the council chamber in the city building of said city on the 3rd day of September, 1913, at eight o'clock p. m. of said day to consider making said proposed levy and will then and there grant a hearing to any and all persons feeling aggrieved against, or on account of, said proposed assessment.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon this 16th day of August, 1913.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE,

OREGON,

By LEE WARNICK,

Recorder of the City of La Grande,

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"Jay Walkers" Are Doomed.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 2.—A campaign of ridicule directed toward the extermination of the "Jay Walker family" was inaugurated here today by the local automobile club. The "Jay Walker family", according to explanations made today is numerous. It is

composed of those pedestrians who cross congested streets without first looking to see if it is safe to do so. The local automobile club today has adopted resolutions suggesting propaganda to be distributed all over the

country to "kill off the Jay Walker family". Automobile clubs all over the country, it was decided today, will be asked to aid in exterminating "Mr. and Mrs. Jay Walker and all the little Walkers."

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