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BELFAST AUTOS READY TO HAUL MEN TO WAR

CARSON'S MEN READY FOR MINUTE CALL TO FIGHT AGAINST HOME RULE.

TROOP LOYALTY STILL MATTER OF CONJECTURE

Belfast Quiet this Morning But Ulsterites are Armed and Equipped With Uniforms, Ready to Fight When Crisis Comes—Situation Generally is Tense and Ready to Break.

Belfast, March 23.—Though Belfast was outwardly quiet this morning, real war preparations are progressing. The government's disposition of troops is almost complete. Loyalty of several regiments is uncertain, and the pending crisis may come at any time.

Leaders Work Boldly.

Anti-home rule leaders are boldly carrying out their military plans. The distribution of uniforms to Ulster soldiers is going on. Four thousand men are being fitted out today with all the precaution and care that any nation ever went to war with.

Autos for Transportation.

Report is current that automobile facilities for transporting 2000 armed men to any threatened point within three hours' run of Belfast, have been completed by the Carson leaders.

MOTORCYCLE SPILLS RIDERS.

Art Stillwell Considerably Bruised Up in Fall from Cycle.

Art Stillwell took his first ride on a motorcycle last Saturday and he promises it will be his last. Roy Rice picked him up on the way to the Palmer mill and Mr. Stillwell accepted the invitation to ride along North Second. About the time the Rice machine was getting heated up, a careless dog jumped at the front wheel. The dog stopped, fatally hurt, but Mr. Stillwell and Mr. Rice went on. Peculiarly enough Mr. Rice escaped with no injury whatever, whereas Mr. Stillwell was knocked unconscious and had to be taken to a nearby house. A scalp wound and a badly injured hip tell the story of the seriousness of the fall.

The dog which caused all the trouble, was so badly hurt that it had to be killed.

DOOR AWAITS CHAIR.

Boston Murdered Will Be Electrocuted Tonight is Belief.

Boston, March 23.—William A. Door, convicted of murdering his relative George Marsh, awoke in prison today, it is believed, from his last sleep on earth. Under the law, he may be electrocuted any night this week, but it is generally thought he will die shortly after midnight tonight.

UNCLE WEBB IS LOW.

Ex-State Treasurer is Still in Precarious Condition.

Word received by J. H. Stevens, from his wife, who is at the bedside of her father, ex-State Treasurer Webb, is to the effect that the aged citizen of Pendleton is very low. While there is some hopes for recovery, the prospect is not a bright one. Mr. Webb is in his 90th year.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA.

R. Baird of Baker, was a visitor in the city Saturday evening, satiating at the Sommer while here.

Catholic Mission Opens to Run Through Two Weeks



Likeness of Rev. Father Thomas J. Brady, apostolic missionary for the diocese of Baker, now engaged in conducting a two weeks mission at St. Mary's Roman Catholic church.

Yesterday morning Father Thomas J. Brady, apostolic missionary for the diocese, opened the two week's mission at the Catholic church and delivered a powerful sermon to the morning congregation, on the subject of "The Voices of the Past, the Present and the Future." The evening sermon was on the subject of "The Salvation of the Soul." In this sermon he compared the soul to the city of Jerusalem and just as that city came to its ruin through its excesses, so, too, the soul of man comes to its

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GAME WARDENS GATHERED HERE

CONFERENCES WITH SPORTSMEN IMPORTANT.

Dinner Tonight at Foley Grill Will See Sportsmen Assembled.

District Game Warden Averill, of Pendleton, arrived in La Grande this morning to attend the reception to be given this evening to State Game Warden Evans and Chairman Bilyeu of the fish and game commission by the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club of this city. Other deputies who will be in attendance are Leffel of La Grande, Jackson of Lostine, and Hazeltine of Canyon City.

The deputy wardens were called together here by Mr. Evans for a conference in which the work of the department will be discussed in order that complete harmony and cooperation may prevail throughout the service. According to Mr. Averill the new state game warden is a real sportsman and is anxious to learn at first hand the actual conditions and needs of the sportsmen in every section of the state. He believes it will be for the good of the cause to have the eastern Oregon deputies here this evening to hear the views of the sportsmen. After the sportsmen tell the wardens what they expect of them some of the wardens may be given an opportunity to tell what they think the sportsmen can do to help in the work of protecting and propagating game.

Deputies Hazeltine and Averill are already in the city and Deputies Jackson and Leffel will arrive this afternoon at 4:30 from Wallowa county in company with State Game Warden Evans and Mr. Bilyeu, and tonight at 6 o'clock these men will be guests of the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club at the Foley grill.

Geo. Grimmatt Dies At Coos

WAS FIRST BRICK MASON IN THIS VALLEY.

HAD '49 GOLD FEVER

Former Citizen of This Valley Dies At Coos Bay—Body Here.

Grande Ronde valley's first brick burner and brick mason died at Coos Bay a few days ago and the remains are now in the Henry & Carr undertaking parlors. Tomorrow they will be shipped to Weiser, Ida., for interment. This man was Geo. A. Grimmatt, aged 81, and for 15 years a blazer of valley trails in this county. Thirty years ago he moved to Idaho and has lived there since, but recently went to Coos Bay to visit his daughter, Mrs. Wood and died there after a brief illness. His daughter is here today at the home of her son, J. J. Carr.

Was a True '49er.

The late Mr. Grimmatt was a true pioneer. He came west from Missouri to the California gold fields during the fever of 1849, and soon after came to the Grande Ronde valley. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grimmatt, among whom were the late Joe Grimmatt of Island City, and Mrs. John Carr Woods, now of Coos Bay.

Built Local University.

Blue Mountain University, many years ago a prosperous educational institution of La Grande, was built of brick burned by Mr. Grimmatt, and he was the first brick mason to come to this valley. His wife first used a cook stove after her marriage to Mr. Grimmatt.

DEPUTY WARDEN HERE.

J. B. Hazeltine, deputy game warden of Canyon City, stopped at the Sommer yesterday.

VILLA DRIVING FEDERAL FORCE INTO TORREON

ATTACK ON SUBURBS MOST TERRIFIC—LOSSES HEAVY SAY DISPATCHES.

TWO SUBURBAN TOWNS FALL BEFORE DAYLIGHT

Artillery Pours Terrific Fire Into Outposts Commencing at Midnight and Simultaneously—Suburbs Fall Readily and Battle of Torreon is Now Really Under Way.

Constitutionalists' Headquarters, Before Lerdo, Mex., March 23.—The battle of Torreon is on. Before closing in on Torreon itself, it is necessary for the rebels to take several of the suburbs, and this they are now doing rapidly. The first one was seized Saturday afternoon and others are falling rapidly.

Double Assaults made.

Last midnight, the combined armies of Generals Urbana, Hernandez and Rodriguez, 5000 strong, attacked Ledro, six miles from Torreon, under General Villa's direction. In it, the heavy artillery poured its fire. Simultaneously, the combined forces of Generals Ortega, Garcia and Pereyra, numbering 4000, opened fire on the suburb, Gomez-Palacia, four miles from Torreon.

Both assaults were extraordinarily fierce and losses were heavy.

OLD TOWN WINS AGAIN.

Decisive Defeat Administered to High School Nine.

The "Old Town Nationals" defeated the High School nine in the last contest on the high school grounds. The score was 20 to 8. One home run was made by McPherson of the High School. The first four innings were interesting, the score being four to nothing in the Nationals' favor. But after the fourth, the Nationals started their heavy hitting, and the game ended in a goose egg. The batteries for the "Old Town, Matott and Montgomery; for the High School, McPherson, Furgerson, Carpy and Arthur.

The Score R. H. E.
O. T. . . . 4 0 0 0 2 9 0 0 5—20 25 4
High S. . . . 0 0 0 0 2 1 4 0 2—8 10 8

DREAMS MAN'S THEME.

M. S. Pittman, head of the extension department of the Oregon State Normal, delivered a lecture in the high school auditorium this morning on the subject of dreams. He opened his remarks by relating a dream he had the night before, and made the proper deduction that this kind of dream had little or nothing to do with the real progress of the world, that it was in fact nothing other than foam and suds as the Germans say.

When he referred to the dream that makes men great and strong, he spoke of an altogether different dream. "This dream is the one which men carry in their minds from year to year, broadening and deepening as they grow in age and experience, and one that gains momentum as they progress in the accomplishment of that about which they dream," he said.

From a viewpoint of oratory and brilliancy and real deep meaning, high school professors are unanimous in stating that it was the best lecture delivered to the students during the course of the year. His diction was simple and lucid and the thread of thought so connected that the dullest could understand the full import of his meaning.

City-Wide Move Afoot

OREGON HYGIENE SOCIETY LAYS PLANS.

PHYSICIANS ACTIVE

Four Sections to Hold Two Meetings Each in Next Fortnight.

Social Campaign Dates.
First series of meetings—
March 27, District No. 3; Meh.
31, District No. 2 and No. 4.
April 3, District No. 1.
Second series of meetings—
April 7, District No. 3; April
10, District No. 2 and 4; April
14, District No. 1.

Gauged to reach every home in La Grande through personal invitations to attend a series of meetings in every part of the city, a state-promoted movement to spread the gospel of social hygiene in La Grande will, during the next fortnight, be carried out with a vengeance here. A campaign has been arranged that takes two local speakers—a physician and a layman in each instance—to each sectional meeting of which there are to be two in each section.

Several thousand invitations have been printed which will be taken personally to the doors of every home in

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BLIGHT ARMY NOT MERE JOKE

DISTRICT COMMISSION ISSUES WARNING TO ALL.

Names of Those Reporting Bad Orchards to Be Kept Secret.

Elgin, March 23.—To the Editor.—Owing to fast spread of the blight last season, it becomes a very important matter this year that every effort available be put forth to fight the disease.

It is just as important to the man owning land, not growing orchard, as to the orchardist, that this disease be exterminated, as prospective settlers will be scared out of the country by this bad condition even if he does not expect to raise fruit for a living.

Orchardists and every person having apple and pear trees on their farm should get in at once and make a good cleaning up, and now that it is time for trimming trees, 90 per cent of blight can be eradicated by careful work and with a second going over as soon as the leaf is well out, by cutting out such dead twigs as will not put out leaves, practically all the disease will be eliminated from the orchards.

It must be understood from the start that every orchard, great and small, will be inspected by the county inspector, Mr. Cate, or his deputies, and the owner will be advised of the true condition and at the same time be advised what to do and how to do it.

I expect to make inspection from time to time to see that the county officers are doing their duty, and where neglect is found to exist the party responsible for some will be called to time.

Any person knowing an orchard to be in bad condition will immediately report same to C. C. Cate, La Grande, Ore., who will treat such report as strictly confidential. Mr. Cate will give such report his personal attention, however, should he fail to do so, a report to my office will bring prompt action. If you are trying to keep your orchard in condition and

FARM PRODUCE TO BE SENT PARCELS POST

EGGS, FRUIT, BUTTER, POULTRY AND VEGETABLES GET RIGHTS.

PLAN BEING TRIED OUT IN SEVEN CITIES ONLY

Society Women Think Burleson's New Order is a Smart Rap at the High Cost of Living and Welcome the Innovation—Grocers and Commission Men Not in Favor of Order.

Washington, March 23.—What is claimed as a healthy swat at the high cost of living is an order issued and signed by Postmaster General Burleson permitting eggs, butter, poultry, vegetables and fruit to be shipped by parcels post. The plan is not to be universal however, at least not for the present, inasmuch as shipments of these articles have not been made extensively and the department desires to know just how it can handle and deliver them to best advantage.

For the present the plan will be tried out in the cities of Washington, Boston, Baltimore, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Detroit and San Francisco, and will extend to every city of the United States in the event the experience is favorable to its extension. It is supposed grocers and those dealing in food stuffs will censure the postal department for this move but the government is up against the proposition. The tariff has not had the beneficial effect in this direction which was predicted of it prior to its passage, and the cabinet is making a special effort to make some kind of showing.

Farmers will welcome the new system because it will bring them more money for their goods, than they have been getting from the commission men, and enable the purchaser, the ultimate consumer to get food stuffs at a more reasonable price.

Will Appeal Case.

In the case of Hamilton vs. the Grand Ronde Lumber company, the jury brought in a verdict for the defendant. The case was one of damages for trespass. The plaintiff will appeal the case to the supreme court.

PORTLAND FEELS EARTHQUAKE

Portland, March 23.—A slight earthquake shock was felt at 6:30 this morning. No damage was done.

Seattle, Wn., March 23.—The University of Washington Seismograph registered a slight tremor at 11:05 this noon.

your neighbor is not, report the matter, so your neighbor will be compelled to get in line. This is not for one neighbor to get even with another, but for the protection of all.

The names of any one making such reports must and will be known to Mr. Cate or myself alone.

This matter of dealing with the blight this year is not going to be a farce, and it must be understood that those who will not clean up will be cleaned up at their own expense.

Mr. Cate is prepared to make microscopical examinations and tell you what is troubling your orchards and what to do for same and I trust every person in doubt about any phase of the situation will keep in touch with him.

H. H. WEATHERSPOON,
District Com.