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BATTLE OF CRAONNE COST SEVERAL THOUSAND LIVES

FRENCH CLAIM GERMANS LOST FULLY 20,000

GERMANS, TOO, SAY CRAONNE IS STREWN WITH FRENCH DEAD AND WOUNDED.

IN THREE DAYS TERRIBLE LOSSES HAVE BEEN FELT

Paris Statement Lays Claim to Having Slaughtered Germans With Disastrous Fire During Past Three Days and Berlin Says French and English Losses Have Been Heavy.

Basel, Jan. 28.—Private advices from Vienna state that Franz Josef has sent Baron Rajecz, the new Austrian foreign minister, to Germany to confer with the kaiser with a view of bringing the war to an end. There is no confirmation to the story.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Germany's losses in France and Belgium during the fighting of the last few days are at least 20,000. This is the estimate of the German high command. The statement says that the Germans lost between 7,000 and 10,000 killed and wounded in the three days of fighting for possession of the heights near Craonne. The French lost heavily too. Then the Germans lost between 2,000 and 3,000 to take the British position at Labasse. Dozens of attacks under murderous fire brought the great death-roll. The hillside at Craonne and other points of the battle front are covered with dead and wounded, due to the heavy German birthday losses. A lull in infantry fighting in those regions has been taken so that the ambulances may recover the wounded. The French offensive in the North has advanced nearly a quarter of a mile, it is said.

French Lost Heavily. Berlin, Jan. 28.—French losses the past few days run far into the thousands.

NO SPECIAL DOCTORS.

Some misunderstanding seems to exist as to the requirements for the physical examination preliminary to admission to membership in the Y. M. C. A. There are no requirements that make it necessary that an applicant must consult any certain physician for physical examination. The certificate of any physician in the city is all that is necessary, and the applicant has a choice of physicians.

At the meeting of the board of directors last night George Gilbert was elected recording secretary of the board to succeed R. L. Duignon, who resigned because his duties did not permit his giving the time necessary to the office.

The meeting last night was a special one called to consider minor details that have come up at the opening of the building to use, and was the first meeting of the board to be held in the new building. This afternoon the boys in the grade schools of the city will take charge of the building, invitations having been issued to all of the boys over ten years of age in the different schools in the city to be present. The boys will indulge in a short session of calisthenics followed by a dip in the plunge.

Offer A Joké Declares Matil.

Baker, Jan. 27.—Hearing of the arson complaint against Earl Lunsford and John Matil will be held before Justice of the Peace Hubbard tomorrow morning. Lunsford's confession, made before county authorities, will constitute the greater part of the state's case although Matil still declares that he is entirely innocent. Matil declares that he might have made the remark that he would divide the insurance money with Lunsford in the event of a fire but he said today that he does not remember having made any such remark and that if he did it was purely in fun. Lunsford insists that Matil made the offer not once but many times.

Other testimony obtained by Chief of Police Jackson the morning after the fire will also be introduced and the authorities believe they will have sufficient evidence to warrant binding both Lunsford and Matil over to the grand jury.

ands say German dispatches to Berlin. The heights of Craonne show 1,500 dead Frenchmen in the trenches which the Germans captured yesterday. In addition 1100 were taken prisoners. The bulletin declares the German attack on the hills near Craonne has been resumed. That 500 yards of French trenches were taken is claimed.

WHEEL SCHOOL DATES ARE SET

FINE PROGRAM FOR EACH DAY OF SCHOOL.

O. A. C. School on Wheels to Bring Many Mrs.

(By C. J. M'INTOSH.)

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—How can hens be made to lay the most eggs at the time of year when eggs are most needed and prices are highest?

How can the farm herds of horses, sheep, cattle and hogs be so improved by selective breeding and so fed and managed that they will yield a financial return to the owner each year and at the same time be developed an improved into more valuable foundation stock?

How can the field crops be so selected and rotated as to yield a maximum profit in feed for the livestock and in cash for sales and at the same time maintain and increase soil fertility?

How can the farm and commercial orchards be so planted and managed as to secure fruit crops that best fit into the general farm scheme and at the same time supply the home and markets with fruits of the most profitable types and varieties?

How can the family budget be so made up and expended that it will secure the maximum amount of the most desirable home supplies with a minimum of expenditure?

In general how can farm life be made more profitable in a financial way, more wholesome, enjoyable and cultured and more attractive to the people now on the farm and to the young people who in a few years must choose between making their homes on the farm or in the city?

These are mighty problems, the complete solution of which is doubtless beyond human power at this time but the latest and most authentic information bearing on these questions will be presented to the people of Imbler, Elgin, Island City, Cove and vicinities by specialists of the Oregon Agricultural college during a six days itinerant school, February 8 to 13, inclusive. This school will be conducted by the Extension Division as arranged by Director R. D. Hetzel and will be similar in many ways to the many successful schools that have been conducted recently in various parts of the state. Special features of local interest to Union county farmers will be introduced and all subjects have been carefully selected with reference to local needs. No charges are made for admission to this school but all persons attending are expected to register for a part of all of the course. The school will be conducted under the immediate auspices of the county agricultural agent, C. C. Cate, who will have charge of all local arrangements. Following are the program.

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NEW AND OLD KHEDIVES OF EGYPT IN THE WAR.



The statement from Geneva just published, that the old khedive of Egypt is going to Berne to consult surgeons there for a wound in the jaw brings to light the fact that he was shot some time during the troubles following his ousting from his throne by the British government after the Turks entered the great war. The old khedive cast his lot with Turkey, and as a result Great Britain installed a new khedive.

The old khedive was wounded by a bullet. It did not heal, and he has found it necessary to consult the best surgeons in Europe. This fact, it is stated, has caused the delay in an invasion of Egypt to recover his throne. That accounts for the stories that the Turks would not try to invade Egypt. It indicates that as soon as the khedive is physically fit he will lead an army into Egypt.

EAST SHIVERS, THE WEST FEELS JANUARY THAW

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The entire middle and northwestern sections of the country are in the grip of the worst cold wave of the winter. It is below zero in a dozen states. Two deaths are reported at Chicago, where it was nine below at 9 a. m. today.

Suffering among the poor is intense. The cold wave is sweeping eastward; many states on the Atlantic coast already reported below zero weather.

FIRST THAW COMES

While East is Bitterly Cold, Thaw Strikes Eastern Oregon.

Today, while the East is shivering in the grip of a frightful cold snap, La Grande is experiencing the warmest day of the month and the first generous thaw of the month, has gone a long way toward removing the prolonged siege of icy sidewalks and streets.

POLICE BELIEVE MAD COYOTE EPIDEMIC HAS REACHED CITY

That mad coyotes which have been threatening livestock in the vicinity of Starkey, have scattered their dangerous mania to dogs in La Grande has become almost an established fact, and city officials last night launched a campaign against dogs. That rabies were present in certain coyotes killed at Starkey recently, is an established fact, and that dogs have been discovered in La Grande the past few days, with every outward indication of being mad, is also a fact; hence the campaign to

remove the dangers. It is believed that by beginning now the dreaded malady can be stamped out. The mountains are apparently alive with infected coyotes, which, during the deranged state, have no fear of man or beast and come close to farm houses where they nip domestic dogs, they in turn spreading the disease to other dogs and in that way, it is explained, the spread has reached La

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Wilson Swings Veto Ax On Literacy Test Bill

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson's veto of the Dillingham immigration bill was received in the house today. The president rejected the measure which passed both houses because of the provision for a literacy test for immigrants.

The president's message which accompanied the bill, explained that the measure, in effect, was an "open door" which the United States maintained to immigrants. He objected to the use of the literacy test and other restrictive provisions in the bill. The

message in connection with the veto said:

"It is with unalloyed regret that I find myself constrained by clear conviction to return the bill. Not only do I feel it is a most serious matter to exercise my veto power in any case, because it involves opposing single judgment of the president against the judgment of a majority of both houses, but candor and a sense of duty with regard to responsibility so clearly imposed upon me by the constitution in matters of legislation, leaves me no choice but to dissent."

TWO MINORS MADE MAJORS

AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEAGUES BOOSTED.

National Commission Announces Promotion of Leagues.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Two minor baseball leagues were today made major, in the fight, it is believed, to keep public favor in these territories with O. B. The American Baseball association became a major league this afternoon when President Chivington announced that the national commission had consented to its removal from the provisions of the draft rules.

New York, Jan. 28.—The International league was made a major league by the National Commission today, it was announced.

TEACHERS MEET FRIDAY

Program and Luncheon Make up Afternoon's Attraction.

Friday the teachers and parents connected with Riveria school will meet at 8 o'clock for an interesting program. Luncheon will be served and it has been asked that all be present.

Face Badly Burned.

While assisting in putting the finishing touches to the work on the furnace in the Y. M. C. A. building this morning Jimmie O'Hara was badly burned about the face. While the burn is painful it is not at all serious.

RIVER WATER USED.

Regular Supply Again Low Due to Dry Winter.

The continued freezing weather has made it necessary to again resort to the pumps in the Grande Ronde river in order to supplement the city supply. Up to this time the pumps in the river have been operated only during the day but tonight and as long as it is found necessary a night shift will be maintained.

The freezing weather has called for an unusual drain on the water supply as many hydrants and faucets over the city have been kept open all night to prevent freezing. The Beaver Creek supply also has been somewhat curtailed because of the freeze.

Analysis by the state board of health has proven the river water to be free from any typhoid germs, and while the water may not be as palatable as the pure mountain water, due to the vegetable matter in the river bed, yet there is thought to be no danger of ill results from its use even without boiling.

An inspection of the reservoir by the city manager and water superintendent this morning showed that the source of supply was very low but the double shift at the pumps is thought to be all that will be necessary to relieve the shortage.

W. H. STANCHFIELD DEAD.

Demise Occurs This Morning After Protracted Illness.

After an illness that has lasted more or less critically for a period of years, W. H. Stanchfield died this morning. He has been extremely low for several days. No definite funeral arrangements have been made but the remains will likely be laid away Sunday.

The widow and two children, Enid and Bernice, survive the middle-aged husband and father.

TWO DOLLAR WHEAT DUE

PRICE TODAY ATTAINS A RECORD OF \$1.50 AND TRADING VERY BRISK.

TRADERS SEE CERTAINTY OF TWO DOLLAR WHEAT

Only Thirty Million Bushels of Export Wheat is Available, and Traders Feel Confident of World's Record Mark for Wheat the Coming Season—Other Grains Go Up.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—Dollar and a half wheat is now a reality. May wheat opened at that figure today, showing an advance of five-eighths cent over yesterday's closing.

July made the same gain, opening at \$1.35. Other grains are up too. May opening today was the highest since the Leiter corner several years ago.

Prediction that wheat will attain a price of \$2.00 per bushel before the new crop is sold, was freely made by traders today. The forecast is based on the estimate that only 30,000,000 bushels of the usual export wheat supply is still available.

May wheat closed slightly under \$1.50 today.

SPEAKING TUBE INSTALLED

City Recorder's Office and Manager's Sanctum Linked.

City Manager F. J. Lafky now enjoys the advantages of another modern convenience in shape of a speaking tube from the recorder's office to the office of the manager on the second floor of the city building. The tube is a source of great saving in time and trouble for the city officials as it does away with a lot of running up and down the stairs, as all that is necessary now for party at either end of the tube to attract the attention of the party at the other end is to exert sufficient lung power to operate the whistle and then talk as if in the presence of the other party.

BUSHBOOM BABY DEAD.

Last of Twins Born Recently Dies This Morning.

Selma Anna Bushboom, four-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bushboom who live at Third and Adams, died this morning at an early hour. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Lutheran church, Rev. Drahn officiating. The remains are now at the Bohnenkamp chapel.

A twin sister to the deceased, died December 20th.

Hallowell Concert February 5.

Elks are looking forward to February 5th with a great deal of interest and music lovers among the citizens of La Grande who are not Elks are likewise interested in that date, for the Hallowell Concert Co. will give its splendid program on that occasion at the Elks' hall. The program will be followed by a dance. The public is invited.

Panama Opening Delayed.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Formal opening of the Panama canal will probably be delayed until July 4th, according to President Wilson, in statements made to Congressional callers today. That date would be more satisfactory than March 4th.

Birth Record.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Bennett, 1942 O street, a 10 pound boy. Mrs. E. C. Ryder was the nurse.

MANY DEPOSITIONS IN BAKER COUNTY DAMAGE SUIT TAKEN

A very important session of court has been in progress in Room 12 at the Foley hotel this week, in which depositions are being taken in the case of Hindman vs. the O. W. R. & N. Co. The defendant is suing the railroad company on 20 causes of action, alleging that livestock belonging to him have been killed by the railroad company between Baker and Nelson, in Baker county.

The suit was brought in the Circuit Court of Baker county, but by arrangement between the attorneys to both sides of the case the depositions of the railroad employees involved in the suit are being taken in this city, in the neighborhood of 30 employees having testified up to date. Several thousand dollars are involved in the suit.

W. A. Robbins, of Portland, is here representing the railroad, assisted by Bert Wilson of the claim department of the road, and Wm. Packwood and Claude Hindman, of Baker, represent the plaintiff.

Colon R. Eberhard, of this city, is presiding.

While members of the Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' association were to have met in this city tomorrow, some questions developed today as to the possibility of holding it on date set. A few of the prominent members cannot attend tomorrow and this afternoon it will be determined whether it will be necessary to postpone the meeting or not. Much important legislative matters and other pertinent questions are to come up before the meeting.

Lumbermen to Hold Meeting.

Baker, Feb. 27.—Lumbermen of the Baker district will meet in the immediate future to discuss various proposed legislation. Opposition to any eight-hour day enactment, as proposed by State Senator Bingham will be voiced, the lumbermen declaring that such legislation would force them to close their mills instantly. The meeting will also go on record as favoring the Michigan plan for the remodeling of the workmen's compensation act, it is said. The meeting was originally called for today and may yet be held tonight in the event that the officers from La Grande arrive this evening. They are today sending telegrams to Senator Strayer and Representative Cartmill asking that the Baker county men oppose any effort to lessen the efficiency of the forest fire protection.