

## CLEVELAND MAN WILL BE NAMED SECRETARY OF WAR

### N. W. BAKER IS WILSON'S MAN FOR VACANCY

APPOINTEE-ELECT WAS MAYOR OF CLEVELAND FOR FOUR YEARS

### CONSPICUOUS DURING BALTIMORE CONVENTION

Was Offered, But Refused, Position of Interior Secretary When Wilson Formed Cabinet, and for a Time was Attache to Postmaster General in Cleveland's Second Term.

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, and prominent in Democratic circles, is the President's choice for secretary of war to succeed L. M. Garrison, resigned and Mr. Baker has announced at Cleveland that he has accepted President Wilson's offer of a portfolio in the cabinet.

After first intimating that such would be the case, and assuring correspondents that a nomination would be made at once because of the fact General Scott's term must expire next Saturday, the White House admitted that Baker was the President's choice.

**Baker Much Sought For**  
Baker has twice declined the secretaryship of the interior when Wilson formed his cabinet.

Baker retired from the mayorship of Cleveland January 1st, after four years of service. He was private secretary to Post Master General Wilson in Cleveland's second administration.

**Prominent At Baltimore**  
During the Baltimore convention he made a fight against the unit rule, practically assuring Wilson's nomination and he led the minority of the Ohio delegation. He is 45 years old.

**Baker Is Flattered**  
Cleveland, March 6.—"I will go to Washington within the week. The expression of the President's confidence in me is certainly most flattering," said Baker today in admitting he had accepted the offer.

**Is Known As a Pacifist**  
The most important item in connection with the announcement is that Wilson has picked a pacifist—who has always been known as such and is still a member of several peace societies.

### ADVOCATES GRAVEL AND DIRT

James Sills of Cove is in the City Today.  
James Sills, one of the old timers of the Cove country, is in La Grande today on business. In speaking of the good roads agitation he said, "you bet, we people of Cove are for good roads, but we are in favor of something we can pay for. The gravel road and the good dirt road properly dragged have impressed our section of the county with their worth and I believe it is the general opinion that this manner of making roads is suitable and satisfactory."

### LAND OFFICE ACTIVE

Business Begins With a Rush on Monday Morning  
Presaging a busy week, business opened with a brisk tone in the land office this morning and Officials Skiff and Bramwell were kept busy attending to the week's opener. William D. Croghan of Baker, made homestead application; Levi P. Wommack of Echo, an additional homestead application; Charles Jones of Hamilton, a homestead application; Guy E. Fairens of Monument the same; Andrew Forbes of Flora, an additional homestead, and Henry A. Barret of Lema, an isolated tract.

### CHURCH CROWDS REVERE BABIES

FIGURATIVELY KOW TOW TO GROWING CHILDREN.

La Grande Joins With Nation in Bettering Baby Conditions Everywhere.

Madonnas hallow every home; O'er every roof where babies are Shines high and pure a guiding star; And mother hearts do always hear Diviner music ringing clear. And peace and love, good will on earth, Are born with every baby's birth.

Figuratively, La Grande yesterday kow towed to baby. Along with the other cities and communities of the United States, church goers and preachers revered baby. Appropriate programs were carried out and Baby week was most auspiciously opened here. Today the work was carried out by programs in the city schools.

Nineteen hundred sixteen is baby year. The facts about American babies, the needs of American babies and America's responsibility to her babies will this year be known as never before, because this week is baby week throughout the country. More than 1500 communities, representing every state in the Union, are observing this week in order that during these seven days the needs of babies may be so presented that all parents may learn a little better how to care for their babies, and all the citizens will realize that they have a special obligation to safeguard the conditions surrounding babies. And it is confidently believed by those who are interested in this nation-wide baby week that the remainder of the year will be marked by a strengthening of all community activities for saving babies' lives and giving them a better chance to grow to a healthy maturity.

The baby week idea originated in Chicago not quite two years ago. Then New York had a baby week, and Pittsburg, and other cities. Such practical benefit has in each case resulted that the General Federation of Women's clubs has undertaken to promote this nation wide observance. State health officials and national organizations interested in public health and child welfare have taken up the plan and in various ways are giving it not only their sanction but their active cooperation. The extension divisions of the state universities have promised special assistance in interesting and helping baby week in rural communities.

The federal children's bureau believes that baby week will give more parents a chance to learn the accepted principles of infant care, and will awaken every American to his responsibility for the deaths of the 300,000 babies who, according to the

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## BRYAN TALKS WITH SOLONS

### LUNCHEON PROGRESSES WHILE SENATE DEBATES

### Street Car Strike in Washington Compels Lawmakers to "Hoof It"

Washington, March 6.—While the Senate today renewed discussion of warning Americans on armed liners, across the street 20 representative talked over the subject at a luncheon with W. J. Bryan.

The House has completed plans to vote on the proposition tomorrow.

### Strike Makes Solons Walk

Senators and Representatives who don't own automobiles, walked to the capitol today. A street car strike has halted all cars. Congressmen have prepared resolutions demanding immediate arbitration. A fleet of jitneys is enroute from Baltimore.

### House, Wilson, Breakfast

The President and Colonel House breakfasted together today, House reporting about the tour to belligerent countries in Europe. It is understood they conferred regarding conditions in the warring nations, House informally reporting results of observations at London, Paris and Berlin. Later he will confer with the cabinet in a more detailed report.

## HALF A DOZEN FORTS BEFORE VERDUN RAZED

DISPATCHES CLAIM GARRISON HAVE NOT BEEN CAPTURED.

### GERMANS WAIT NEAR PLATEAU FOR CANNON

After Having Once Withdrawn From Douamont Plateau, Germans Are Withholding Further Attack Until Arrival of Artillery—French Don't Mention Berlin Claims.

London, March 6.—Official announcements from Paris and Berlin, indicated that following repulse of Germans on the Douamont plateau, they withdrew and didn't attempt fresh assaults last night. They are believed to be waiting heavy artillery support of infantry before further rushes.

Elsewhere infantry fighting has almost ceased.

Berlin reported minor operations north of Verdun, resulting in the capture of 14 French officers and 934 men. Paris didn't mention this, saying all infantry engagements were unimportant.

French heavily bombarded German positions all night.

### Many Forts Shattered.

London, March 6.—Amsterdam dispatches declare that Forts Devaux, Detavennes and Moilainville, defending Verdun, are almost completely destroyed. At noon they were still unoccupied. It is also reported that 10,000 Germans were heavily repulsed with considerably slaughter, in attempting to throw pontoon bridges across the Meuse in the vicinity of Samogneux.

Official Berlin dispatches early today didn't confirm the report that Fort Diezhe was stormed and captured after artillery preparations had ruined it.

### Chicken House Attacked

Some marauding species of animal raised a disturbance in Alvin P. Snapp's chicken house last night. None of the chickens were lost but the place is littered with feathers. Mr. Snapp thinks it was a badger that did the work as there was a hole burrowed from the bottom of the chicken house six inches in diameter and the intruder had disappeared from all indications by the same route he made his approach. A trap will be placed at the opening tonight.

### Former La Grander From Portland

W. D. Arnold, one of the early sawmill men of this section and formerly county commissioner, is up from Portland as a witness in the timber fire case now on trial in the circuit court. Mr. Arnold has not been here since the past four years and says that La Grande looks good. This weather is no worse than it is elsewhere and while disagreeable, Mr. Arnold says, will be good for the country in the outcome.

## YOUNG LA GRANDE MAN KILLED

George March, aged 24, and of splendid physique, was killed yesterday on Cabin creek near Palmox Junction when a limb crashed upon him. He died an hour and a half later. March was at work felling trees for a contractor for the Grande Ronde Lumber company, and when his tree fell it caromed against another, dislodging a limb which fell upon the workman. Imprisoned in the deep snow, he couldn't escape the blow.

His parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. March, live in North La Grande. Aside from the bereaved parents, he is survived by two brothers and a sister, of this city, the sister being Mrs. Arthur Welton, a brother in Colorado and a sister in California. The last named person will arrive for the funeral which will probably be Wednesday.

### DOG POISONER TERRORIZES COVE PEOPLE.

Six family pet dogs, one of them a Saint Bernard especially valuable, are known to have been poisoned in Cove last night and yesterday morning. The city is up in arms and has rushed inquiries to the District Attorney's office concerning the law in the matter. The biggest loss, probably, was sustained by S. E. Forsstrom who has refused \$100 for his Saint Bernard which suffered.

On the light snow yesterday morning Mr. Forsstrom traced the dog to the store and back to the house where the dose showed itself. Others to lose dogs included Will Bloom, Dr. McCrown, Mr. Hays, Walter Richards and others.

## RAID TERRORIZES ENGLAND

### WAR MOVES TODAY

London, March 6.—A British merchantman, the Masunda, was sunk and the crew saved. It is unknown if the boat was armed.

Petrograd, March 6.—Two Russian torpedo boats raided the Turkish shipping harbor at Trebizond, sinking several vessels.

Editorial Confession.—"Better interview this Lady Eglantine," suggested the managing editor of the New York Daily Squash. "Why, she's a hen. A hen can't do anything but cackle." "Well, we've printed worse interviews. Go ahead." — Louisville Courier-Journal.

## TOTAL DEAD IS 12, WHILE 33 WERE INJURED

### NORTHEAST RAID FELT OVER TREMENDOUSLY BIG TERRORY LAST NIGHT

### FLEET SEEN TO CHANGE ITS COURSE FREQUENTLY

One Old Woman Buried, But Uninjured, Under Debris When Her Home Was Wrecked—One Craft Alone Pours Hail of Explosives Upon Village and then Vanishes With the Others.

London, March 6.—Zepplin raiders killed 12 and injured 33 while attacking northeast England last night, it is officially announced. It is believed three raiders participated. Bombs were dropped at Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Norfolk, Essex, Kent, and elsewhere. Three men, four women and five children were killed. Forty bombs were dropped.

**Homes Wrecked by Bombs**  
In the ruins of one wrecked dwelling, an aged woman bedridden for seven years, was found uninjured. A few doors away a bomb crashed into the roof of a lodging house, and all escaped except one man aged 90 who was too weak to run.

**Fleet Changed Course**  
The air fleet changed its course repeatedly, finally soaring in a huge circle, evidently uncertain of its position. One detached itself from the squadron and hovered motionless over the village, dumping a veritable hail of explosives, then rose suddenly to a great height and vanished.

### OREGON CATTLE GO EAST

Baker Man Expects to Ship 2000 Head To Denver

Baker March 3.—The first installment of one of the largest recent stock shipments from this city will be made tomorrow, when F. A. Phillips will ship 18 cars of cattle to Denver buyers who night before last completed terms for the purchase. They are to be shipped to Nampa for feeding and thence on to Denver.

Two other shipments of the same number of cars will follow, one next week and the other later, the total number of cattle reaching close to the 2000 mark. The sale of this large number reduces Mr. Phillips' holdings materially.

### Fontaine Returns.

Engineer Joe Fontaine, who has been running a helper at Kamela a couple of months and more recently on a short lay-off, arrived in La Grande this morning and will take a passenger run on the same system that is now in vogue. That is he will make his home in La Grande and do the long swing from Huntington to the Junction and then lay-over here on the return. Mr. Fontaine quotes, "a lean hound for a long run," and on this he bases his own opinion that he will be enabled to adapt himself to the new run. He has been a long time in the railroad service, the most of the time out of La Grande.

### FROM PALMER JUNCTION.

Rain Has Helped Settle the Snow in Northern Locality.

Palmer Valley, March 4.—(Special)—Mr. Thomas came down to the Junction this week after supplies for his logging camp. Messrs. Hahn and Steers came down to the Junction after supplies this week.

N. N. Mason made a trip to La Grande this week and on his return he stopped over in Elgin for one night coming home the next day.

Messrs. Eckstine, Yack, Kambach, Farrer, Harold and Mr. and Mrs. Steers were all visitors to the Junction this week.

Mr. Bowery, of Island City, came down to look over his holdings this week, returning the same day. He will come down to stay just as soon as the roads are in condition to travel.

## CITY LIVERY FIRE - GUTTED

More than a dozen horses were removed from their stalls in the City Livery at 1:30 yesterday noon with choking smoke and flames licking at men and beasts while the rescue work was going on, when the stable caught fire and was all totally destroyed.

While there is no definite knowledge of how it started, the flames seem to have originated near or in the harness rooms, and once free from that space, which faces on Adams at the intersection of Fourth street, the flames spread to the huge board shack like powder, igniting some 30 or 40 tons of hay upstairs and all but trapping several horses. While all buggies, both transient and barn property, were removed many of them were badly scorched and the tops are burned off three or four.

Only in one instance did the horses refuse to seek safety when untied. In this case the animal was so badly choked with smoke that it appeared confused and only after smart whipping would it leave its stall. Several of the others—three of them boarding horses—were overlooked in the smoke until John Courtney, the proprietor of the stables, arrived and himself cut them loose. At that time the fire was nipping at their nostrils but it appears none were burned. The blanket on one horse was burned through but the horse itself escaped injury.

Two sets of expensive harnesses, one new, were burned, in addition to several saddles, pieces of harness and equipment owned by Mr. Courtney. In the meag it is hard to determine just what is burned and what is cast about by rescuers or what the loss will be. The hay was thrown out of the loft that the flames might be controlled, and all is useless except for bedding purposes. The only insurance carried by Mr. Courtney was a small amount on the feed. Nothing else was insured.

The fire department had a stiff fight on its hands. The structure is a mere shell, dry and powderlike and the great quantities of hay in the loft made it difficult to completely quench the flames. The naked rafters, charred and useless, remain, and portions of the walls still stand, but practically every part of the building was scorched more or less. Hay, pieces of harness, blankets, buggies, tools and a motley mixture cover the streets and vacant places nearby.

A clean sweep of the block consisting of Chinese quarters deserted restricted district, the St. Louis livery and other buildings was threatened until the fire department got the upper hand. This is the second big fire within a short time in that block which is chiefly shacks and board structures—excepting the big Foley

building. The Blue Mountain hotel was also located in that fire trap area. W. D. Grandy is the owner of the building and about five months ago allowed the insurance to lapse.

### Dairy Inspectors Diligent.

Dairy inspectors are getting very strict.

During the month of August of last year there were hundreds of gallons of cream seized, condemned, and destroyed, both in Seattle and Portland. It is impossible to make wholesome butter out of spoiled cream it is contended and inspectors are going to see that all bad cream is destroyed in 1916. They insist that cream must be delivered twice a week during the warm weather; also that it must be properly cooled and cared for. If this is not done the cream will be seized and destroyed. In that case the dairyman would not only lose the cream, but if he was a cream-shopper he would also lose the express charges on the cream condemned.

If cream is delivered twice a week there is no trouble in having top-grade cream. Some interesting hints are given by La Grande creamery men. They say all utensils should be thoroughly cleaned and scalded after each time they are used. Warm cream should be cooled before mixing it with other cream. Cream should have plenty of fresh air; this can be obtained by placing a piece of cheese-cloth over the top of the can.

In real warm weather the cream-cap should be placed in cold water; the top of the water being a little above the level of the cream.

There is one very important thing that most dairymen overlook; and that is the stirring of their cream at least three times a day. A man who milks ten cows will lose at least \$25.00 a year when his cream is not properly stirred. Cream or milk that is not properly stirred will get leathery on top; thereby making it impossible to get a fair sample.

The important things to remember are: Deliver often, cool cream quickly and keep it cool, absolute cleanliness, and careful stirring.

## CHURCH MEN IN CONFERENCE

Yesterday was stake conference day in the L. D. S. church and a gathering of church notables and rank and filers listened to addresses and reports during the day, topped off with the Baby week program at night. A Sunday School conference was also held at the same time.

Among the church officials high in counsel of that institution are George Albert Smith, of the quorum of 12 apostles, Joseph W. McMurrin, of the first counsel of Seventy, and William A. Morton of the general Sunday School board.

### Portland Family Arrives.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Anderson have arrived from Portland and will hereafter be residents of La Grande. Mrs. Anderson is a native of this valley and is better known by her former name—Miss Cad Rynearson. They were accompanied by their niece, little Miss Bernice Gaunt. They will make their home on their place, a portion of the old Rynearson homestead, north of the river. They have been residents of Portland for several years past.

### NEW MACHINE INSTALLED.

Arcade Puts in a Powers Movie Instrument Today.

The Arcade theatre today installed a Powers moving picture machine, said to be the last word in picture machine construction. It replaces an older machine which has been in use in the theatre for some time. The new machine will do its first work tonight on the "Battle Cry of Peace."