

## DR. HOLT SELLS HIS INTEREST IN THE HOSPITAL

CONTROL OF GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL SOLD TO DRs. WHITING AND HALL.

FORMER PROMINENT ELGIN PHYSICIAN

Dr. Whiting Will Immediately Begin Practice of Profession Here—New Owners Will Make No Radical Changes But Endeavor to Maintain the High Standard of the Institution—Dr. Holt to Take Vacation.

On account of his recent ill health and his desire to put himself in physical condition so as to be able to accept the commission as major surgeon in the Army Hospital Unit for which he has been recommended, Dr. Holt this morning disposed of his interests in the Grande Ronde hospital to Dr. F. W. Whiting of Elgin and Dr. M. K. Hall of this city. This gives Drs. Whiting and Hall a controlling interest in the institution.

Dr. Whiting will begin the practice of his profession in La Grande at once, taking over Dr. Holt's office. Dr. Whiting is a Canadian by birth and graduated from the University of Toronto, Canada. He first practiced his profession in the state of Nebraska and came to Elgin, Oregon, 16 years ago. He has built up a large practice in the north end of Union county and has attained a degree of success in his work considerably above the average. Dr. Whiting's many personal friends will be gratified by his decision to become a resident of this city.

Drs. Hall and Whiting announce that as far as they are concerned no radical changes will be made in the conduct of the hospital but that earnest endeavor will be made to continue the high grade of service to the community which has been the object of the institution and which has been so well achieved under the able management of Dr. Holt.

Dr. Holt feels that he has accomplished the purpose for which he came to La Grande, to establish a community hospital upon a good, permanent basis. He came to La Grande five years ago this summer, has built up the hospital from an experiment to a solid financial institution, and has personally performed during that time more than five hundred major operations. Dr. Holt will immediately take a vacation and endeavor to put himself in physical condition to accept the commission for which he has been recommended.

During the year 1916 five hundred patients were treated in the hospital. This number included a number of serious accident cases. Under Dr. Holt's management and with the cooperation of the hospital staff, the institution has attained a standard equal to that of any similar institution in any city in the state.

The sale was negotiated by R. W. Logan, of the Security Land and Savings Co.

## "SPEED 'EM UP" RESERVE SEAT SALE IS TOMORROW NOON

In former years part of the public were rather disappointed thinking that they did not have an even chance with others in the purchasing of reserve car space at the "Speed 'Em Up." Therefore take notice and be it known that tomorrow, Saturday, July 7th at 12 o'clock noon, the beginning of the sale of the reserve car space for the "Speed 'Em Up" will take place at Jay Van Buren's Cigar store. No reserve space has been sold up to date and none will be sold until tomorrow noon at which time every man has an equal chance.

The oil has been received and track is now receiving its dustless bath which will put it in final shape for the races. The drag was used to good advantage and the oil is giving it a final touch which will make it the ideal racing speedway. July 4th was a big day for the "Speed 'Em Up" boosters on their trip to Baker. Some good advertising was accomplished and the Bakerites promised to be out in force and also expect to carry home some laurels.

A Constant Reader.

The Observer has received your communication and will run it if you sign your name to it.

## THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME.



## U. S. TO HAVE GIGANTIC AIR FLEET

BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS—COST WILL BE MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS

Washington, July 5.—(United Press)—Chairman Dent, of the House Military Committee, introduced the Administration bill authorizing the establishment of a gigantic aerial corps. Hearings begin Monday.

Mr. Dent expects to report the bill next week. The bill authorizes the President to purchase, manufacture, maintain, repair and operate a huge corps of aeroplanes.

He is authorized to purchase aviation grounds. The President has full authority over the air fleet.

A separate bill will soon be introduced providing six hundred and thirty nine million two hundred and forty one thousand dollars for the purchase and maintenance of aeroplanes.

The bill does not specify the exact number of planes.

The program calls for two to three thousand.

## WATER QUESTION ACTED ON BY COMMISSION

TEST WILL BE MADE FOR MONTH OF JULY—AMOUNT WATER ALLOWED DOUBLED—PRICE SAME

At a meeting of the City Commission last night the long debated question of water again came up. The question of a cheaper water rate in the residence district has been under discussion by the people of the city for years, but this is the first opportunity that the commission has had to make a real effective test to see if it is possible to lower the rate.

It was decided last night by the commission that the maximum amount of water being used by any resident will be doubled for the month of July and that instead of paying \$1.00 for \$5,000 gallons of water the number of gallons will be doubled, or 10,000 gallons of water will be allowed for the same price of \$1.00.

City Manager Currey says that it isn't a question of water supply but a question of whether the water main

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## Dance Monday Benefit Hospital Unit

DATE—Monday night, July 9th. TIME—8:30 p. m. GIVEN BY—Mrs. Frank Bay, Mrs. Lloyd Scriber, Mrs. H. M. Bay, Mrs. Norman Desilet, Miss Irene Murphy, Miss Henrietta Foley, Miss Ethel Gulling. PLACE—Rex Hall. ADMISSION—One dollar per couple. BENEFIT—Of La Grande Hospital Unit. The proceeds will go into the company fund. REFRESHMENTS—Sandwich, coffee and iced punch. Come out and help put some money into the home boys company fund, which will be spent on the boys when they are at the front.

Baker Team Wins. Baker, July 6.—(Special)—The Baker Electric emerged victorious from their battle with La Grande Wednesday by the score of 7 to 3. The good showing of the local team was due largely to the coolness of Pitcher Horton in the pinches, but his support also stood up well when danger was near. Ransome pitched and Mitchell caught for La Grande.

## Periscope Is Sighted Near Fort Monroe

Washington, July 6.—(United Press)—An American Navy vessel sighted what apparently was the periscope of a submarine near Hampton Roads, it is reported to the Navy Department.

Secretary Daniels ordered an immediate and thorough search. Naval vessels are hunting the submarine now.

The department intimated if the object seen was a periscope, it wasn't part of an American submarine. The official report followed. Press reports last night are that two incoming ships sighted a periscope five miles off Fort Monroe. It is known the Germans are turning out larger submarines than ever before with greater cruising radius.

## Federal Agents Arrest Two German Spies

New York, June 6.—(United Press)—Federal agents arrested Carl Heynen, the trusted agent of Captain Von Papen, and F. A. Burgemeister, the paymaster of the German spy organization in the United States. They will be interned for the remainder of the war.

Haynen is considered one of the ablest German organizers and is an authority on Mexican affairs.

## GERMANS ARE ACTIVE IN MACEDONIA

SUDDENLY TAKE THE OFFENSIVE AND TAKE BRITISH TRENCHES BUT ARE DISLODGED

Salonika, July 6.—(United Press)—By a sudden offensive the Teutons on the Macedonian front succeeded in gaining a brief, but temporary footing on the British trenches, west of Dolzeli, it is announced. The enemy was immediately driven from their positions.

German Raids Checked. London, July 6.—(United Press)—The British stopped the attempted German raids at Bullecourt.

HOLLWEG WILL SPEAK SATURDAY OR MONDAY. Berlin, July 5.—(United Press)—Chancellor Hollweg will probably address the Reichstag Saturday or Monday, it is announced.

ITALY RESUMES OFFENSIVE SELO OUTPOSTS TAKEN

Rome, July 6.—(United Press)—Today's official report indicated that Italy was resuming the offensive. Advance lines were pushed forward. Enemy outposts around Selo were captured, as the advance line pushed forward.

## Chinese Provinces Set Up Government

SOUTHERN TIER OF STATES ESTABLISH CAPITAL AT NANKING—REVOLT AT ATTEMPT TO RESTORE THE MONARCHY AT PEKIN.

London, July 6.—(United Press)—Southern China provinces have established a provisional government at Nanking, according to a Reuter dispatch received today. This indicates the secession by a Southern tier of Chinese States from the attempt at the restoration of the monarchy at Peking.

Monarchy Is Tottering.

Tokio, July 6.—(United Press)—Chaos is ahead in China. Today's dispatches revealed that the makeshift monarchy is tottering on its throne. President Li escaped his pursuers. The Southern provinces are planning secession. An armed clash is impending between two factions in the monarchist ranks.

The Weather.

Portland, July 6.—(United Press)—The U. S. weather forecast: "Fair."

## UNITED STATES IS GETTING READY FOR DRAFT

### German Insurance Co.'s Cause Of Leak

Washington, July 6.—(United Press)—German insurance companies and other German interests in the United States are responsible for a large part of the news leakage into Germany, according to Secretary of Commerce Reelfeld.

Leave For Washington. Hermiston, July 6.—(Special)—J. T. Hinkle and daughter, Miss Frances, left last night for Washington, D. C., where Mr. Hinkle goes on a business mission. They expect to be away three weeks.

## LARGE NUMBER PIONEERS PRESENT AT PARK

SAMUEL BROOKS OF ALICEL ELECTED PRESIDENT—SECRETARY CHOSEN WAS MRS. GEKELER.

One by one the grand old pioneers finish their trip across the plains of experience, pitch their tents on the heights of life's pathway, view the last descending rays of the parting sun, and then pass on peacefully to that new life that knows no hardships and sufferings. Whether in this world or beyond, there is a life finished. Having buffeted the winds, endured the hardships, sacrificed bodily pleasure, endured night and days of suffering, built new homes, and made the West, well can it be said: "Well done my faithful servant."

We are glad to say that there were but few of the familiar faces missing yesterday. The number of pioneers present seemed as large if not larger than last year and every opportunity to get together in groups was taken advantage of by them. The number of visitors was decidedly large and everyone seemed to enjoy the program and have a good time. Mrs. John Shaw of Alicel delivered a speech in the afternoon and was well received by the audience as she proved a good speaker. Bruce Dennis was also on the program for a short talk. The vocal solos rendered by Mrs. Anna Wright Herbst and the violin solos rendered by her husband Mr. Herbst were of very high order and were a musical treat for those present. Miss Davis of Union also proved to be a beautiful singer of merit in the solo which she rendered.

The business meeting was called late in the afternoon and in the elections Samuel Brooks of Alicel was chosen president; Mrs. John Shaw of Alicel vice president, and Mrs. Wm. Gekeler of La Grande secretary. The meeting place for next year was again decided in favor of La Grande and the time of the meeting was left to the president to decide as hitherto. At the business meeting a resolution was passed thanking the Chautauqua and Park boards and the citizens of La Grande for the courtesy shown and the entertainment given.

## Dr Bouvy Enlists In Hospital Service

Dr. Harry M. Bouvy, of La Grande, has taken an examination and been accepted subject for call as a member of the staff of a U. S. army base hospital.

This is being organized at Portland and will be headed by a U. S. army officer. It will have a staff of twenty physicians, fifty nurses, and 100 civilians. Its equipment will consist of 500 beds.

Dr. Bouvy has tendered his services and has been accepted as a specialist. Among the Portland physicians who have enlisted in this service are Drs. Paul Fockey, Lawrence Selling, R. C. Yenny, Prof. Benson Dellehunt and William Knox. It is not known when this base hospital unit will be called into the service, but when it is Dr. Bouvy has arranged for a specialist to take care of his practice.

Troop D of Pendleton may train at Palo Alto.

DAY AFTER LAST PRECINCT WITH NAMES AND NUMBERS ARRIVES, LOTTERY WILL BE HELD

NUMBERS OF THOSE DRAWN TO BE POSTED

General Crowder Announces That Those Drafted Must Find It Out By Inspecting Posted Lists To See If Their Number Is Drawn in the Great National Lottery.

Washington, July 6.—(United Press)—The last preliminary to the draft began today.

The day after the last precinct has sent in its numbered registration cards the actual drawing will be made. Those drafted will be posted by number.

General Crowder emphasized the fact that every registered man in the nation must make it his business to find his key number.

This task is placed squarely upon the registered man. He is instructed to watch the posted last of numbers carefully to find his own number. Newspapers are requested to print the names and numbers whenever possible.

## U.S. WAR RISK BUREAU HAS HEAVY LOSSES

INSURANCE ON SHIPPING DESTROYED BY SUBMARINES IS OVER \$9,000,000.

Washington, July 6.—(United Press)—American shipping losses due to submarines during the first six months of nineteen seventeen amounted to eleven times the total losses of previous years. Dr. William Delano, Chief of the United States War Risk Insurance bureau so told the United Press today.

Since the first of this year the bureau insured four hundred and forty-one million seven hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars of cargoes with a load of nine million two hundred thousand dollars.

## Ching Ping Found Guilty Of Murder

The decision of the jury in the case of Ching Ping, the Chinaman who was accused of murder, was rendered yesterday. In the first ballot the vote stood eleven for conviction and one against. The second ballot was unanimous in favor of conviction.

Ching Ping is supposed to be the main character in the affair and the man who did most of the shooting although it is understood that one other is connected directly with the shooting.

The Chinaman now on trial is Thin Borkey, one of the five that was found in the pit under the floor of a room.

Huge Sum For Red Cross. Washington, D. C., July 6.—(Special)—Belated campaigns in many cities have brought the total Red Cross war fund to \$120,000,000. Cash redeeming pledges pour in at the rate of a million daily.

## CONSCRIPTION BILL IS UNDER WAY IN CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

Passes To Its Third Reading—Premier Borden Gives Assurance That It Will Be Enforced—Senate Expected To Pass Bill.

Ottawa, July 6.—(United Press)—At daybreak the House of Commons passed to the second reading of the conscription bill and received the assurance of Premier Borden that it would be enforced. The majority was sixty three. The bill is now advanced to its third reading where the anti-conscriptionists may still delay its passage unless cloture is instituted. The senate is expected to pass the bill.