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THE KAISER'S WAR CONFERENCE.

Whenever the Kaiser and his war lords get together it is certain that they are up to new mischief. Just now it is pretty certain that they are considering the Russian situation. They will also strive to accelerate the submarine menace, but the next thing that the Kaiser will attempt will be new drives for food. Undoubtedly the objective this time will be Odessa, Russia's wheat shipping port. The Roumanian drive gave the Germans valuable food and oil supplies. The drive on Odessa will do the same. It is to be hoped that the Allies will fathom the objects of the Kaiser and his war party and be able to check them. The Russian situation needs constant looking after and strengthening. In view of this fact the judgment of the American-Russian commission that troops should not be sent to Russia from America is rather surprising. Perhaps, some other nation like Japan, will be chosen to do the work on the Eastern front.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Width of a Road.

The tendency of amateur road builders is invariably to make the highway two to four times as wide as it should be. By so doing they add immensely to the difficulties, and to the expense. Some roads built this year in this county are 50 to 60 feet wide, with great ditches two feet deep at each side, and a great quantity of dirt moved to get a crown in the middle. All road authorities agree that such road building is a wasteful extravagance, and yields only a poor highway when it is finished.

When California started building permanent highways through the state, the standard width was 16 feet. Think of the difference in cost of constructing such a road and one 50 or 60 feet between ditches. As time has gone on and traffic has increased immensely in a state whose highways have attracted automobile tourists from the whole nation, the 16-foot California roads have been found narrow. But it is doubtful if they will be made more than 24 feet wide except in cities.

As showing how engineers in Oregon regard the matter the state highway commission has adopted the 16-foot width as the standard for the new roads to be built here. That will be adequate to the needs in most parts of the state for years to come. It is a width that permits of great mileage, of highways that will serve the greatest possible number of people. If they prove narrow in years

Realty Transfers

\$100—Palouse Country Improvement Co. to Chas. A. Bingham. Tracts 2 to 19 inclusive, Wilson Orchard Tracts (at Imbler).

\$100—L. L. McKennon, et ux to Nora F. Webb. Lots 1 and 2, block 1; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, block 16; and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, block 17; Alicel.

United States to John Becker. Lots 1, 2, 3, SW 1-4 NE 1-4, SE 1-4 NW 1-4, NE 1-4 SW 1-4 and N 1-2 SE 1-4, Sec. 1-5-38.

\$100—G. K. Fargo, et ux, to H. B. Hallam. 1-4 int. in NW 1-4 SW 1-4 and SW 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 35; SE 1-4 NE 1-4 and NE 1-4 SE 1-4 and SW 1-4 NE 1-4 and NW 1-4 NE 1-4 and SE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 34-2-39.

\$100—C. R. Hibberd, et ux, to C. J. Pratt. S 1-2 N 1-2 SW 14 SW 1-4 Sec. 9-1-38 except strip 20 ft. wide off east end for road.

Island City Merc. & Mill Co. Co. to R. D. Zweifel and Lotta Zweifel. Com. 47 ft. S. of N. W. cor. of lot 1, block 60, Hindman's Add. to Elgin; thence S 18 inches; thence E 75 ft.; thence N 18 inches; thence W 75 ft. to beginning. Also 1-2 int. in partition wall on southern boundary of above, and partly upon the land S thereof.

\$250.00—Mary E. McDowell to Lillie L. Akred. Lots 2, 10 and 11, block 8, Shaw's Add. to Summerville.

\$100—James C. Henry, et ux, to Charles B. Mays. NW 1-4 NE 1-4 and W 1-2 SE 1-4 and NE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 17-5-39.

\$1200.00—Abbie B. and Frank A. Johnson to Mary F. Townley. NW 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 12; SE 1-4 SW 1-4 and SW 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 1; NE 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 12; and NE 1-4 SW 1-4 and NW 1-4 S E 1-4 Sec. 1-4-40.

Affidavit—James C. Henry states he is same person as James Henry and J. C. Henry. Occurring in deeds for NW 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 17; W 1-2 SE 1-4 and NE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 17-5-39.

The Presbyterian Missionary Society met with Mrs. W. B. Pickens Friday afternoon. Fourteen members were present and twenty one visitors several of the Mission Band were present and favored the society with a very interesting pageant.

to come, that can be taken care of when the problem arises. The judgment of engineers is that a road should be wide enough to accommodate the traffic—and no wider. Two vehicles can pass with plenty of clearance on a 16-foot road, and that represents the maximum required in a district like Wallowa county. Roads do not need to be speedways, where several cars can race abreast.—Enterprise Record Chieftain.

One Blessing.

The residents of our fair city should be thankful for many things but especially our delightful climate. Now when so many reports come of the deaths from heat in the states east of us we have our cool nights for refreshing slumber. No matter how warm it may be during the day, when the sun sinks behind the western hills the cool of the evening is with us. Weary from the toil, the heat, the burden of the day one can rest and awake in the morning invigorated. In the far east and in the crowded cities we can almost see the people sitting on doorsteps or in the parks wishing the evening or night would bring the refreshing coolness that makes the day endurable. With the city man many times it is merely a wish.—Wallowa Sun.

A Good Band.

It is doubtful if there is any organization that is of much benefit to a town as a good band. There is no organization from which so many people receive enjoyment and entertainment; there is no organization that possesses the enlivening effects and few organizations that have a better advertising power. But to maintain a band is one of the most difficult problems confronting town life, and it is only by the never ending and untiring labors of a very few that this is made possible.—Elgin Recorder.

PORTLAND MARKET LETTER.

August 10, 1917

The market at the Portland Union Stock Yards was characterized by fluctuations today in both the cattle and hog departments. With sheep continued about as quoted previously.

The receipts were 250 cattle—300 hogs—and 700 sheep.

Cattle

A weakness seemed to prevail in the steer department of the cattle market today which forced prices about 25c in market grades. Quotations are as follows:

Best steer 8.00-8.75; Good beef steers, 7.00-8.00; Best beef cows, 6.00-7.00; Ordinary to good cows, 4.00-6.00; Best heifers 6.25-7.25; Bulls 4.50-6.00; Calves, 8.50-9.50; Stocker and feeder steers 4.50-6.75.

Hogs

Hogs were strong and about 15c higher, as was the situation throughout the country. Those offered were medium quality and were taken up readily

at the advanced quotations given here: Prime light, 15.70-15.85; Prime heavy, 15.60-15.75; Pigs, 14.00-14.50; Bulk 14.00-14.50.

Sheep

Sheep quotations continue firm with a small volume of business transacted in this department.

FRENCH AIRFIGHTER PHOTOGRAPHS GERMAN VICTIMS

(By United Press)

Paris, July 25—(By Mail)—probably the most marvelous collection of war aviation photographs in the world are in possession of Captain Guynemer, the noted French flying champion, who takes a photograph every time he shoots at a Boche airman.

Attached to the French flyer's machine gun is a camera—a repeating camera. A pull of the trigger of the gun operates the picture machine.

New Stetsons and Gordons FOR FALL

You've a hat here that's the very spirit of fall—smart and upstanding, in keeping with the times. We are glad to get hats like this today. You are invited to get acquainted with these style leaders. Try on, ask questions. Come and see them first, then buy when you get ready.

—See Some of the New Ones In Our Windows—



YOU SPIRITED YOUNG MEN

—Here are the hats that will carry a sunny welcome along with you into any company you meet. We know what men with spirit want. We've scores of these hats for this fall—and that's a point for us all to feel good about; fine hats are scarce today.



A MAN'S NO OLDER THAN HIS HAT

Sometimes a "conservative" hat conveys an impression of middle age that's not at all deserved. Every man welcomes a change in his appearance—and so do his friends. Many a young-looking man capitalizes the advantages these new hats give—for a bit of class, a touch of style and smartness. Let us show you what they will do.

Our Hearty Invitation

Come make yourself at home among our hats. It helps to get the word around among the live spirits—buy if you wish—and when you wish; you are welcome whether or not.



The novel idea for procuring war pictures is believed to be Guynemer's own. But it has proved such a great success that every fighting machine in the Lafayette Escadrille will be likewise equipped. The photos will undoubtedly some day make their appearance in America.

PLEASED

Sure you will be pleased with our way of cleaning your dainty summer woolens and silks.

We have the equipment and the "know how" which make for excellence of output.

Dry Cleaning Department

Standard Laundry Company

Geo. Gilbert, Manager

Phone Main 56

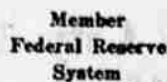
La Grande, Ore.

Supporting the Government

This is a time for every citizen to support the United States Government and many are doing so at considerable cost or sacrifice to themselves.

We have joined the Federal Reserve Banking System established by the Government to give greater financial stability and strength to the member banks and protection to their depositors.

You can give your support to this great Government enterprise and also obtain its protection for your money by becoming one of our depositors.



La Grande National Bank