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News Of La Grande

Bartlett Residence Sold—Hugh R. Kinne has purchased the old Ed Bartlett residence and is moving in now.

Will Teach at Telocaset—Martha Miller leaves tonight for Telocaset where she will teach the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade this winter.

Accepts Position at Young's—Bernice Nixon has accepted a position at Young's Sweets and took up her duties there this morning.

Returns From Portland—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Orader and son of Joseph returned home this morning after a week's visit in Portland with relatives.

Accepts Position—Violet M. Larson, who has been employed in the U. S. Land Office for the past year, took up her duties as stenographer in the O. W. office this morning.

Attends Conference—Paul Spillman, was in Pendleton yesterday attending the conference of the County Agents for Eastern Oregon.

Pig Club Head Here—L. J. Allen of

Corvallis, who is in charge of the Pig Club Work in Oregon, passed through here the first of the week on his way home from the Wallowa country.

Accepts Position Here—Lucy Weeks of Salt Lake has accepted a position as clerk in the O. W. main offices in the Foley Bldg.

Go on Camping Trip—Mr. and Mrs. Pete Theison, Ruby Theison and Mrs. Chas Reynolds and children went to Lostine this morning for a week's camping trip.

Go to Wallowa on Visit—Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Richardson of Pendleton went to Wallowa this morning to visit at the Jas Minnaugh home.

Rebekah President Coming—The assembly president of the Rebekah Lodge will be here on Sept. 25 for a short visit.

Holds Conference in Union—Miss May Murphy, District Home Demonstration Agent, was in Union yesterday where she held a conference with the women of that place, and where she also demonstrated her home drier.

SPOKANE BUSINESS MEN ADOPT HOOVER PLATFORM

Spokane, Wash., Aug 5.—The Spokane Chamber of Commerce is proving itself consistent in the Hoover campaign which it has endorsed. Meat was conspicuous by its absence at the first general assembly luncheon following the adoption of the Hoover platform. In its place the members ate salads and vegetables. The change was welcomed, too. Last week came the wheatless day with corn bread, muffins and rye loaf. Everybody was pleased with the menu. Sugarless and milkless days are being considered now.

Returns From Vacation—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jory returned to Enterprise this morning after having spent the summer at Seattle and other points on the coast. Mr. Jory is principal in the High School at Enterprise and has charge of the science department. Mrs. Jory has charge of the languages in the same school.

Will Visit Sister—Elizabeth Grant of Elgin and her nephew Earl Debole of Vincent who have been visiting here for the past week at the W. W. Graham home, went to Vincent this morning where Miss Grant will visit for a week with her sister.

Have Fight With Porcupine—Abbie Green and John Heughn this morning discovered a large porcupine in a garbage can at the corner of Adams and Hemlock Sts., and they had quite a lot of fun with it. After fighting it for quite a while, the porcupine calmly walked into the house situated on the corner there, and after a little came back out again. The boys finally lost track of it and do not know what became of it.

Celebrates 93rd Birthday—Yesterday "Uncle" George Webb celebrated his 93rd birthday at the home of his children Mr. and Mrs. Jap Stevens. In the evening a committee from the Rebekah Lodge came to offer the congratulation of the Order. Mr. Webb is in the best of health. He received many cards and tokens of remembrance.

Catches 100 Sparrows—Engineer Hugh Connolly has an English sparrow trap with which he has caught nearly 100 sparrows in four days. The trap is made after the government model and the sparrows are drowned after being caught. If about fifty such traps were put into use by our citizens the city would soon be rid of the noisy little pests.

Signal Corps Closed—The recruiting officer here has received word from the War Department that the Signal Corps of the Aviation section of the Army has been closed and that the only branches now open for enlistment are the Medical Department, the Infantry and the Ordnance Corps.

Returns From Vacation—Walter Galloway, trap drummer at Sherry's Theatre, has returned from a week's camping trip in the mountains and takes up his duties at the theatre this afternoon.

Sign Posts to Stay Put—There are many tough propositions in life that one must buck against and there are a great many tough propositions that it is best not to buck against. One of the latter is the new intersection guide post that the city is going to place at street crossings with in a few days. They are nothing more or less than the old posts disguised with a new base and a coat of red paint but concealed within that innocent looking base is a ton—more or less—of cement to insure it against blowing away and also to furnish resisting power against the ravages of wandering motor cars.

Wants to be Aviator—Cecil E. Browning left last night for Portland to take examinations for entry in



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The Aviation Corps. This is the third time that he is serving Uncle Sam. After the blowing up of the Maine he enlisted and served a year and a half in the First Artillery at Porto Rico. He afterwards returned to the State and after a few months enlisted in the 11th Cavalry, troop L where he served three and one half years.

Public Service Man Here—H. H. Corey, a member of the Public Service Commission of Oregon, was in town yesterday investigating the train wreck and other matters.

SOUTH AMERICAN GAS COMPANIES HAVE U.S. WAYS

Buenos Aires, Aug. 5.—(By Mail)—the use of gas for lighting, cooking and heating is rapidly being abandoned in Buenos Aires.

Its cost is practically prohibitive. The manner in which it is measured and just what its price per foot is something no Anglo-Saxon is ever likely to understand.

The monthly bill is easy enough to understand, however. An ordinary family which uses gas as it might be used in a modest New York flat, cannot get out under 100 pesos per

The first onslaught of the "Stosstruppen" was quickly repulsed. One dragoon named Leduc was buried by a torpedo clear to his hips. Twice two groups of four Germans each advanced to take him prisoner and twice he forced them back with his hand grenades till his companions could come to his rescue.

With nearly all the officers quickly killed, Sergeant Bendenant seized the command and began the organization of the trench. At every angle of the trench a crew of six men were left, two to throw grenades from above whilst the others passed them up.

Down this trench the Germans fought their way, angle at a time. In the meantime two French dragoons Gourham and LeBouder had succeeded, although each was badly wounded in concealing themselves, well knowing that sooner or later their comrades would counter attack.

After three hours and a half of this hand to hand fighting the French dragoons had been driven down the trench for 200 yards. Over half their number was killed or missing, but with the first sign of weakening Sergeant Bendeant ordered the remainder of his little handful to the attack. The dragoons went to it. Gourham and LeBouder, still bleeding from their wounds, rose up from their concealment and opened with their hand grenades a rear attack on the retreating Germans. In fewer minutes than there were remaining dragoons the latter had fought their way back to the original position, while what was left of the "Stosstruppen" and the "waves of occupation" melted back into the German lines.

month, or about \$44 U. S. money. Furthermore the gas is so poor that it will hardly burn. It gives practically no light and housewives say that it takes about three times the proper length of time to cook a meal over a gas stove. The indications are that gas will be obsolete here before long.

EX-CZAR'S BROTHER IN REVOLUTION CELEBRATION

Washington, Sept. 5.—Charles Edward Russell, Socialist member of the Root Commission to Russia, today told the following interesting experience in Petrograd.

"I was walking along the Nevsky Prospect with a friend, viewing a gigantic demonstration of 500,000 people celebrating the victory of the revolution when I observed coming toward us a tall well-groomed and careless looking gentleman. His derby was set roguishly back upon his head. He was swinging a cane and smoking a cigarette.

"Do you know who that is?" asked my friend.

"On replying in the negative, I was informed

"This is the Grand Duke Michael, brother of Ex-Czar Nicholas."

"The former heir apparent to the throne of all the Russians seemed quite pleased with the demonstration. He was having a jolly good time and appeared to care very little for the fate of his brother or the fact that he was now simply Citizen Michael Alexandrovitch Romanoff."

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FORTY FRENCHMEN REPULSE "STOSSSTRUPPEN" BATTALION

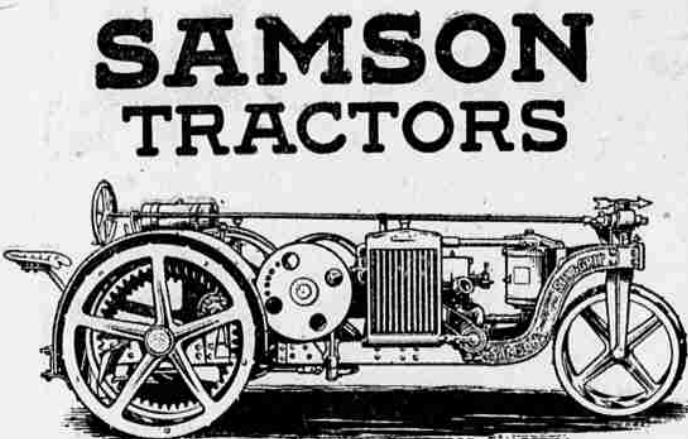
BY HENRY WOOD.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES, Aug. 10.—(By mail.)—The story of how Germany's Model Battalion of "Stosstruppen" met its Waterloo at the hands of 40 dismounted French dragoons in the recent desperate fighting for the possession of Hill 304 at Verdun has just come to light.

This model battalion of "Stosstruppen" was commanded by no less a person than Captain Rohr, the inventor of "Stosstruppen" fighting. The 40 dragoons lost half their number, but they effected the complete destruction of two whole companies of "Stosstruppen" and after being driven backwards for 200 yards regained all the ground lost.

During the three weeks which the Crown Prince prepared his assault of June 28 and 29 on Hill 304, French aviators succeeded in securing photographs of the precise spot back of the German lines where Captain Rohr's model battalion of "Stosstruppen" was undergoing its daily rehearsal for the attack.

It was 6:30 in the evening that the 40 dragoons holding one of the most important advance posts before Hill 304 saw the "Stosstruppen" leap unexpectedly to the attack. First of all at intervals of 20 paces came three crews of pioneers and liquid flame throwers. Following them, at mathematical intervals three crews of hand grenadiers; still further behind a line of troops armed with intrenching tools and rifles; then the occupation troops whose duty it is to organize and hold the ground conquered by the "Stosstruppen" and finally the purveying troops bringing up grenades, munitions and sandbags for the fight.



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