

# News of La Grande

**Wallowa Visitor**—Anson Akins, of Wallowa, is a guest at the Sommer.

**Joseph Man Here**—G. G. Poague, of Joseph, is a business visitor here.

**Pendleton Visitor**—Hugh A. Bourman, of Pendleton, is a guest at the Foley.

**Elgin Visitors**—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Knight, of Elgin, are spending a few days here.

**Here From Pendleton**—W. H. Burnett, of Pendleton, is a guest at the Sommer.

**Goes to Imbler**—Mrs. Fred Fox, of Union, was a morning passenger for Imbler.

**Guest From Huntington**—Miss Eunice Roberts, of Huntington, is a guest at the Foley.

**Here From Pendleton**—Wm. Buding, of Pendleton, is a business visitor in the city today.

**Here From Wallowa**—Frank Oliver, of Wallowa, is a business visitor in La Grande today.

**Visiting Friends**—Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Wade, of Summerville, are visiting here with friends for a few days.

**Returns From Enterprise**—C. E. Short has returned after spending a few days in Enterprise on business.

**Move to Roseburg**—Mr. and Mrs. Al Bellons are leaving La Grande and will make their future home in Roseburg.

**Here From Salt Lake**—C. G. Hitchcock, representative for the Sweets Candy Co. of Salt Lake, is in the city today.

**Returns to Wallowa**—Mrs. Glen Talley returned to her home at Wallowa after spending a month visiting at coast points.

**Here on Business**—C. E. Cales, representative for the Rumley Threshing Machine Co., is spending a few days here.

**Calls on Grocers**—K. E. Anderson, saleslady for the Cleveland Baking Powder Co., is in the city today calling on the grocers.

**Returns to Elgin**—Mrs. Emma McChata returned to her home at Elgin today after a three weeks' visit here with her daughters.

**Goes Up Branch**—B. Parlett, traveling agent for the American Express Co., was a passenger on the branch line this morning.

**Returns to Enterprise**—A. Wilson, of the Wilson Lumber Co. at Enterprise, returned home after spending a few days here on business.

**Appointed Assistant Librarian**—Miss Faye McKinnis has accepted the position of assistant librarian of the La Grande Public Library.

**Return to Enterprise**—Mr. and Mrs. John Lindley returned to their home at Enterprise after spending a

few days here visiting and looking after business interests.

**Returns to Summerville**—Mrs. F. J. Jackson returned to her home in Summerville after spending several days here visiting with friends.

**Leave for Hinkle**—Miss Mildred Bush leaves for Hinkle where she has accepted a position with the O-W. R. & N. as telegraph operator.

**Returns to Portland**—Mrs. E. H. Bridger returned to her home in Portland after a three weeks' visit here with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Clyde.

**Called by Father's Illness**—Mrs. G. M. Richey left last night for St. Joseph, Mo., where she was called on the account of the serious illness of her father.

**Will Visit in Summerville**—Miss Maybel Oswald left for Summerville where she will visit for a few days with her parents. Miss Oswald is a high school student here.

**Returns to Walla Walla**—Miss Ethel Wade has returned to Walla Walla where she is a student at the St. Paul school. Miss Wade spent a month here visiting her parents.

**Honor Guard Show Postponed**—The "Honor Guard Show" which was set down for next Wednesday evening has been postponed a week and probably will be given Jan. 20. Unforeseen setbacks, in that some of the principal actors have been called away, necessitated more time to develop new stars. Miss Williamson, coach of the work, is hopeful of a fine program when the big show is put on.

**Baker Visitors**—J. P. Lottridge, auditor of the Eastern Oregon Light and Power company of Baker, and J. King Byron, of Ladd and Tilton bank of Portland, are visitors here today. Mr. Byron has been visiting in Baker. Ladd and Tilton have been up to date the largest bank outside of the Federal Reserve system. Recently in response to the call of the President, and as a patriotic duty, Ladd and Tilton joined the Federal Reserve system.

**Good Gifts.**  
The blessedness of giving is not limited to checks and bank bills. There are gifts that far transcend these—gifts of patience, sympathy, thought and counsel, and these are gifts that the poorest can give.—Lillian Whiting.

**Putting the Cat Out at Night.**  
The practice of turning the cat out of doors at night is as cruel as it is unnecessary. No animal is fonder of warmth and comfort, and the pet's happiness certainly is not increased by a night spent outside in cold and dampness.

If as much energy was exhausted in keeping the cat indoors as too often is expended in putting her out, how great would be the boon to human nerves and unfortunate wild things! All felines are normally nocturnal, and it is at night, if ever, that a curb on their activities is needed.—Lee S. Crandall, in "Peta."

## GERMANS SING OF VICTORY, THE FRENCH CHANGE THEIR TUNE

By W. S. FORREST  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 11. (By Mail)—The Fifty-fifth German Infantry regiment of Westphalia, the regiment of Count Bulow of Donnowitz, despite the following war song, was completely beaten by French troops in recent fighting, alone losing 700 prisoners.

We are of the brave regiment, The fear of the country of France, And who names itself the 55th proudly.

We are covered with glory, Even when he outnumbered us, The enemy falls against us, We have already repulsed 38 times The assault of the Little French.

CHORUS  
We will fight bravely man to man In our victorious army Until the day when Germany Shall be at the head of the world, On land, on sea and in the sky!

And if the enemy shows his teeth We keep our good humor, The sons of Westphalia do not refuse the struggle; They march with the sons of Lippe forward,

When the cannons thunder and throw their lightning We remain vigorous and proud, We will conquer as at Donnowitz, The spirit of Count Bulow survives in us.

CHORUS  
In the valleys of the Lippe, of the Ruhr and of the Weser, Our vigorous fists were formed, With which so often

We have rudely mauled the French, We are of the Forest of Teutoburg Where once the battle of Arminius took place,

So against us night and day are broken All the efforts of our enemies." The fiery 55th received a mauling in keeping with its battle song at the Vaurains farm recently.

SONGS OF THE SAMMIES  
BY J. W. PEGLER.  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY ARMY, FRANCE, Dec. 15 (By Mail)—Remember along about examination-time how you used to think Hades would be a good place for the professor?

Two Williams College graduates have just had the pleasure of meeting their old French teacher in the nearest earthly approach to Inferno—the trenches.

Officers now, the ex-students finally reached the battalion commander's post in a certain American sector after a fierce two-mile trudge from the rear through mud and icewater up to their hips.

A French interpreter met them at the door of the post. "Yes, the major is in," he said "but he won't see you till you shake hands with me."

Both officers thought they were face to face with a nut. Then as they recognized their old teacher two hands shot and grasped both of his.

"Well I'll be darned—you haven't changed a bit," was all the French they could remember.

## JAPAN CONTRIBUTES FINE KIMONO GOWN



In the gown pictured herewith the embroidery on the satin foundation is confined to one side and to the real Japanese obi, lined with white satin, at the back. The loose kimono sleeve and the white fold that outlines the throat and develops into the side closing are the original kimono feature.

## UNITED MINE WORKERS MEET TO VOTE ON WAGES

(United Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 16—The biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America opened Tuesday with about 1500 delegates in attendance. Every local is represented.

During the convention, vote will be taken on the 20 per cent wage increase agreed upon at a conference between Fuel Director H. A. Garfield, mine operators and union men.

"There is no doubt but that the agreement will be ratified," said William Green, secretary of the union today.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers, will make the principal addresses.

The convention will be in session for about two weeks.

## PIONEERING WAS AN UPHILL PULL

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district, they did their best to keep the sheep out.

Old residents of the county have called to mind since Mr. Rouse's return, that the wild, frontier life still existed in those days along the boundary between Wallowa county and the state of Washington. A few cattlemen had their stock there and were determined not to let any sheep in.

The cattle were owned chiefly by Tom Green, J. A. Bradley and J. M. Dobbins. They had about 500 head on a range which now, under proper regulation and management, carries 2000 cattle and large bands of sheep. Some of the minor officials of Asotin county stood in with the cattle men who carried things with a high hand.

Shortly before Mr. Rouse and Mr. Dobbins ventured into this forbidden cattle preserve, another band of sheep had been driven out. But there seemed plenty of grass, it was free range, and no reason appeared why the new comers should not use it like any others. So they went in, and there followed a struggle still remembered by old timers as extraordinary, although they were accustomed to the frontier lawlessness of those days.

The same tactics which had been employed to terrorize other sheep men were resorted to very promptly. One day a warning decorated with a skull and cross bones, and signed by 26 cattlemen and their employes, was delivered to the hard pressed sheep owners, who were having trouble enough on their own account without any human attack. But they were not to be scared so easily and stuck through to spring, with the disastrous results to their flocks dreadfully noted. Everybody went heavily armed and bloody fights seemed imminent a dozen times. The sheep owners took their lives in their hands days and nights, when out with their flocks and when in camp.

Having stood their ground one winter, Mr. Rouse and Mr. Dobbins returned to the same range in the fall of 1895 to try it again. The fight was taken up by the cattle men and continued without rest. At last in the spring the climax came. Mr. Rouse caught men placing poison on his range and there was a clash on Shovel creek. The cattle men hastened to their official accomplices in Asotin county and had warrants issued charging all the sheep men with attack with deadly weapons, namely Winchester rifles.

Mr. Rouse managed to get away when the Asotin county officials came to serve the warrants, but Mr. Dobbins, Charles Downing, Bob Utz and Bud Prescott were compelled to go to Asotin where they were detained 10 days. Then Circuit court convened and leading citizens in Asotin county went to the judge and laid the whole outrage before him and he at once ordered the charges quashed against the Wallowa county men.

But even then their troubles did not cease. The cattlemen still had the unserved warrant against Mr. Rouse, and they came back with this and arrested him at lambing time in 1896. He was hurried away to Asotin.

He was never placed in jail, thanks to a terrific ride made by Mr. Dobbins from here to Asotin. He had been advised that the Washington county authorities would not accept Oregon bondsmen. So Mr. Dobbins induced Peter Beaudoine and Ed Jennings to give him a surety which he could give to Asotin county property owners to protect them to go Mr. Rouse's bonds.

Fearing he might not arrive in time, Mr. Dobbins rode all day and one night across country to Asotin, taking two horses, one to bring his partner home. He reached Asotin in plenty of time, and had his bonds ready so that Mr. Rouse was released as soon as his hearing came. At his trial in the fall of the same year, he was promptly discharged.

Meanwhile another phase of the fight came to hand here. There was much doubt regarding whether the border attack had been made in Washington or Oregon. The Wallowa county authorities concluded it had taken place in this county, and they arrested several of the cattlemen and brought them here for trial. Ultimately they, too, were discharged. So everybody went free, but the sheepmen had demonstrated their pluck and had proved their worth and they were molested little more.

Two incidents in the affair, which kept Wallowa county excited for a couple of years, are told by older residents. One happened at Asotin and the other in Enterprise. There were two saloons in Asotin, one across the street from the other. Champions of the cattlemen held forth in one; defenders of the sheep in the other. One day it was proposed that the whole dispute be decided in a pugilistic duel between chosen representatives of each side.

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Every man, woman and child in this city can help keep one of our boys at the front supplied with cigarets and tobacco by setting aside one cent a day for each working day.

Just think what this little sum will do! For 25 cents we will enter your name on our Tobacco Fund list and will send 45 cents worth of smoking tobacco and cigarets to our boys in France. In the kit will be a postal card stamped and addressed to you, and on the kit will be a request to the soldier asking him to write a message to you on the postal and mail it.

The Red Cross takes charge of these kits of smoking material and distributes them; the French government sends back the postal bearing a one-cent United States stamp and admits the tobacco free of duty.

Surely if as busy an organization as the Red Cross Society and as pre-occupied officials as those of the French government will do these things to see that our soldiers get a chance to smoke, it isn't asking much to ask you to set aside one cent a day for the purpose.

Send in your contributions of any amount—25 cents, \$1.00, \$5.00, or more. For every 25 cents that you give, a separate postal bearing your name goes to the front.

- Here's 45 cents worth of tobacco which is sent for your quarter:
- A package of Tuxedo tobacco and four books of cigaret papers.
- Three pouches of Bull Durham Tobacco and three books of papers.
- Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarets, twenty cigarets in each package.
- A return postal card addressed to the contributor on which the soldier will pen his appreciation and gratitude for the gift.

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