

CURTAILED DELIVERY IS ADVOCATED

SUBJECT PRESENTED AT BUSINESS MEN'S LUNCHEON TODAY

ANOTHER MEETING FOR THIS EVENING

Fourth of July Celebration Is Endorsed by Attendants at the Noonday Meet

Convincing everyone present at today's luncheon that the waste motion in delivery service was an enemy to this government and that the same must be eliminated as far as possible, A. N. Stanton, head of the curtailed delivery service section of the state council of defense, reviewed what had been done in other cities and mentioned what he thought could be done in La Grande.

Merchants Willing Here. Mr. Stanton found willing listeners for to the minds of La Grande merchants it has been apparent for some time that something must be done to economize on the delivery. So earnest are the merchants in this matter that Chairman Snodgrass of today's luncheon announced a meeting of every merchant interested in delivery for tonight at the city hall at 8 o'clock when Fred J. Holmes will preside.

Astoria Organized Quickly. Telling of the way Astoria merchants grasped the plan of saving in delivery when presented to them Mr. Stanton grew enthusiastic in the work that he is ably doing. He quoted national characters to support the demands made by the government for this economy and left an impression with the crowd assembled that something must be done to release men for the service and to curtail the expense now saddled upon every citizen by needless deliveries.

Other Speakers at Luncheon. F. L. Meyers, of the La Grande National bank, reviewed the campaign in Union county for the thrift and war stamps, which shows well. He encouraged everyone in the work that this county is doing.

A. T. Hill spoke of the preparations already made for the Liberty Loan drive and told of the plan of calling on every citizen when the drive starts. "In this drive," said Mr. Hill, "no one will be missed. We have canvassed the tax rolls and also canvassed the county, ascertaining every person that is working for wages or on salary. It is to do something for their country will be an opportunity for everyone and the canvas will be complete. No one should, and no one will, ask 'Shall I buy a bond,' but on the other hand will ask how many they can buy. This count must raise between \$800,000 and one million dollars.

Fourth of July To Be Observed. After discussion of a Fourth of July celebration for Union county this year opened by City Manager Curry, C. D. Enahizer offered a motion which carried unanimously that La Grande and Union county should follow the request of President Wilson and hold an old time celebration on July 4th.

Manager Curry believes the Home Guard will endeavor to make this a center for the different Home Guard companies in Eastern Oregon on that day and a camp will be established. An old-fashioned barbecue will probably be one of the chief attractions. George Cochran, representing the Grande Ronde Chautauqua association, which holds for three days prior to the Fourth of July, assured the assembly that the association would do everything it could to make the celebration a thorough success.

Out Of Town Guests. O. B. Mount, a prominent attorney (Continued on Page Three.)

WRESTLING MATCH WAS ONE SIDED

Considerable disappointment followed the wrestling match last evening when J. J. J. and O'Neill met. Buzukos, who had been played up in the coast papers as a man of ability, was a failure when it came to even interesting O'Neill. In fact, to all appearances, it was the rank amateur meeting the old-time, well seasoned professional wrestler.

O'Neill was in poor condition and felt some apprehension at the meeting of the Buzukos chap, for he had been reading the dope sheet as fixed by some sporting editor of a coast paper. At the end of fifteen minutes and fifteen seconds O'Neill had the visitor standing on his head with his body in the air like a lamp post. He could have given him that White Way whiff, but pity for the fellow prompted O'Neill to treat him with the utmost kindness.

After taking the usual fifteen minutes' rest Buzukos sent word from his dressing room that he would forfeit the match, claiming an injury from the fall. Ted Thye referred in his usual satisfactory manner and Jack Pearce was the official timekeeper. The Kinsley-Thye preliminary could have easily been taken for the main bout for while it lasted the work was fast and raised every fan to his full height, causing him to give that little "too-teeter" so pronounced in a well-matched bout, Thye, as aggressor, had his heavy opponent all over the mat from the tap of the foug, but the work of both was good and pleased the crowd. Thye took the first and only fall with a toe hold at the end of sixteen minutes.

Albert Carlson officiated. CALLED A PATRIOT R. N. Stanfield Received Flattering Encouragement at Bend Banquet

BEND, March 19.—When speakers at a representative gathering of central Oregon livestock men referred to R. N. Stanfield of Umatilla county as a patriot because he produced more wool and more mutton than any other man in the United States, the statements were met with great enthusiasm.

The occasion was the sheepmen's banquet, given St. Patrick's day by the First National bank of Bend, and there were men present from different parts of the state. Because Mr. Stanfield was producing in such large quantities wool and meat, two of the great needs of that part of the world which is fighting for democracy, he was placed in the light of a patriot.

Mr. Stanfield has been making a tour of central Oregon in the interests of his campaign for the Republican nomination for United States senator and was one of the guests of honor at the banquet. In an address he did not refer to politics but talked about the sheep business and in the course of his remarks warned the sheep men not to count on higher prices for wool, but to improve their methods and make the most of the business.

But the political feature Mr. Stanfield's friends would not keep down, and when his candidacy was referred to it was quite evident, judging from the applause and cheers, that he will receive a big support in this part of the state.

A sheep was auctioned for the benefit of the Red Cross. It brought a total of \$4,000 after being sold many times. In the first sale the final bid was made by Mr. Stanfield and it was sold to him for \$1,000.

Mr. Stanfield is visiting Prineville, Madras, Redmond and other points and will spend the latter part of the week in Portland. Soviets Leave Lamer

PETROGRAD, March 19.—German forces have occupied Bachmatash, Monotop and Voronchka. Saxons are approaching Kurak and Charkoff. Soviets are evacuating Lamer city.

MRS. KEMP ELATED OVER PATRIOTIC WORK

WAS PARTICIPANT IN RALLY HELD AT SUMMERVILLE

All Union County Receives Praise from the Representative of Food Conservation

Completing a trip over the north part of the valley, Mrs. Jennie Kemp, traveling representative of W. B. Ayer, federal food administrator for Oregon, arrived in La Grande last evening with T. J. Scroggin, chairman of the Union county unit of the State Council of Defense, Miss Mae Murphy and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, who had accompanied her.

Mrs. Kemp was elated over patriotic conditions in Eastern Oregon and spoke in the highest terms of the work done in Union county. The party visited Island City, Allice, Summerville and Imbler yesterday and spoke to audiences at each point.

Summerville Had Rally. At Summerville the party bumped into a patriotic rally being held over the remarkable showing Summerville has made in the Rainbow regiment. That community has dashed into the hundred per cent class, and stands as a guide for most of the state.

"I do want to compliment the good people of this county for the excellent work done," said Mrs. Jennie Kemp in her good motherly way. "I have been on this work for some time and the whole state is at work. Of course some communities make better showing than others, and this county is one of the best."

Mrs. Kemp has been at Hot Lake for several days recuperating as the work she is doing has been hard on her. When Mrs. Kemp joined the food forces in Portland, she determined to give up her time and her constancy is appreciated not only by Mr. Ayer, but by all who have been connected with the patriotic effort that Oregon has put forth.

"HAM" ALLEN IN TOWN Former La Grande Railroadman Is Representing State Labor Commission

"Mister M. H. Allen, state deputy labor commissioner and factory inspector," who arrived in La Grande this morning to look after official business, turned out to be just plain "Ham" Allen, who used to help clean the railroad running when the local shops were in their infancy. This was about the time that Pete Theisen, Fred Schilke, Jake Jacobson, Johnny Shea and Lou Given and a few others were just out of apprenticeship.

Mr. Allen, who is working under Commissioner Hoff, has taken the place long occupied by W. A. Dalzell, and he is inspecting the different plants in this section. After closing up this work in La Grande and vicinity, he will go to Imbler and other points where new grain elevators are in course of construction. This is done at the special instance of Mr. Hoff, and the deputy's instructions are to give all possible aid he can in this class of construction for the benefit of all concerned.

During the day the ex-La Grande railroad man has met many of the old time friends in this locality.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

W. W. Cotton Laid To Rest By Many Loving Friends

Joseph Keeney, O.-W. agent at this place, returned today from Portland where he attended the funeral of the late W. W. Cotton. "It was a largely attended funeral," said Mr. Keeney, "and the many friends who had known Mr. Cotton for years and learned to love him dearly turned out to pay their last respects to the man who has been a prime factor in shaping the railroad destinies in the Northwest."

COMMITTEE MEETS THURSDAY

The Liberty Loan Committee for Union county will meet Thursday at noon at the Foley Hotel. Representatives from different parts of the county will be present and general plans for floating the loan in Union county will be approved. A luncheon will be served at the noon hour.

GIVEN BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Elma, the ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Ollie Bay, was given a birthday dinner by her grandmother, Mrs. D. C. Crawford, at Reith yesterday. A combination of St. Patrick's Day and Easter decorations were used and the event will remain a memorable one to the juvenile guest of honor.

River Rises Slightly

The higher temperature in connection with some rainfall has raised the Grande Ronde river to some extent, but nowhere near the danger point.

High School Musical Play

The "Drum Major," which is to be given by the High School Glee club at the high school auditorium Friday, March 22, promises to be one of the best plays of the season. A splendid cast and a chorus of sixty or more voices, under the direction of Miss Cecile Hindman, are the main drawing cards, but the play itself is sure to keep you smiling from start to finish. Don't miss it. Reserved seats on sale at Silverthorn's.

It is expected that everyone will turn out to see his friends in the "Drum Major." One of the inspiring figures of the evening will be John Prouty, as "Teronk," the recruiting officer. Prouty, in his elaborate military uniform, makes a very commanding figure and carries his part like a perfect soldier. He sings tenor and is one of the principal characters of the play. Playing directly opposite Prouty is Miss Florence Lynch. Miss Lynch, as a beautiful young lady of Paris, surely lives up to her part. Her appearance, singing and patriotism charm the soldier hero and are sure to charm the audience. Seats may be reserved from Wednesday morning to 6 p. m. Friday.

Price Fixing Commission

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The creation of a price-fixing commission under authority of the war industries board is announced. Robert Brookings, of the war industries board, is chairman. Other members are representatives of the army, navy and commerce departments and representatives of several of the federal commissions. The board is to fix the basic price of all raw materials and establish a price-fixing policy for President Wilson's approval. It will further advise the executive department in making purchases for the government.

PROHIBITION SIDETRACKED.

Chicago Commission Will Not Allow The Issue In Election.

CHICAGO, March 19.—The election commission has ruled that prohibition will not be an issue in the April afternoon election, by turning down a dry petition containing seven thousand names. The drys plan mandamus proceedings, charging that the names of many on their petition were illegally excluded.

BILL AGAIN DELAYED.

President Seeks To Place Restrictions In Corporation Measure.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—On account of an eleventh hour flood of amendments from the president, the republicans delayed the passage in the house of the war finance corporation bill. President Wilson seeks the elimination of some of the restrictions on giving credits.

WOULD RESTORE MONARCHY

DETROIT, Mich., March 19.—Tom Gunn, a Japanese alleged to be an accredited representative of the late imperial Chinese government, was arrested today by federal officials. He is charged with meeting wealthy Chinese and plotting to restore the monarchy. He is held, technically, on the charge of having failed to register.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, March 19.—Fair.

HEADS JAP NAVY



BARON HAYAO SHIMAMURA
CHIEF OF THE JAPANESE NAVAL ADMIRALTY STAFF.

UNION COUNTY SCHOOLS LEAD IN THE STATE

LA GRANDE IS ESPECIALLY COMPLEMENTED BY STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Principal Prince Asked to Furnish Data to Be Used in Encouraging Other Schools

Reward for earnest and sincere work comes to the La Grande school children in the following letter addressed to Prof. A. H. Prince, principal of Central school; from Superintendent J. A. Churchill:

Salem, March 16, 1918.

Mr. A. H. Prince,

La Grande, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Prince: Union County has the largest list of names in our First Junior Rainbow Regiment, and your school has furnished a good proportion of these names. For this reason I would like to secure material from you for a good story so as to encourage other schools. Will you kindly give me the number of children in your school who have bought thrift stamps, the total amount purchased, and any other information which will help to make a good story. If you can give me interesting personal incidents about some of the children in their work of selling stamps, it will add interest.

Very sincerely yours,
J. A. CHURCHILL,
Supt. Public Instruction.

AMERICANS ARE DECORATED

Thirteen Receive French Cross For Bravery In Battle.

ON THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 19.—While the French band played the Star Spangled Banner and the Americans responded with the Marseillaise, thirteen Americans were given the French war cross by the general in command. The men are mostly New Yorkers, and they were rewarded for heroism under shell fire and for coolness and bravery in rescuing the lives of others in peril.

HUNS ISSUE "COMPS."

Newspaper Men Invited To See German West Front Offensive.

COPENHAGEN, March 19.—German high in command have issued invitations to a number of neutral newspaper men to witness the "German offensive west front." Correspondents for a number of papers will start for the front tomorrow.

FRENCH GET PRISONERS

German Raid Was Broken by Fire from the French

PARIS, March 19.—The French penetrated the enemy lines near Rheims to a depth of 1000 yards, bringing in prisoners. A German raid after a brief bombardment northeast of Selery was broken by French fire. There is violent infantry operations in that sector.

OFFICERS FROM FRONT.

Militarists Who Have Been There Will Reach Cantonments.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, March 19.—Twenty-nine British and Canadian officers direct from the west front have arrived in America, and will be sent to the various American cantonments to teach the latest trench warfare.

BACK AT HIS PLACE.

Senator Chamberlain Returns After Recovery From Operation.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, has returned to the Senate after undergoing an operation for appendicitis several weeks ago. The senator said "It is the best rest I have had in twenty-four years."

JUNIORS ARE SOME DRIVERS

Rounded Up the Sum of \$115.25 on Tag Day

The pupils of Mrs. Ruth Jackson's room had a tag day Saturday for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross and wound up with a total of \$115.25. The work was all done within the space of four hours.

Astride The Bar Of Justice

R. C. Ince left his engine running in non-conformity to the ordinance in such case made and provided, and paid five dollars for the oversight.

Fred Kivette acknowledged to driving his car, as the Japs say, "too quick" and also gave up five dollars in the municipal court today.

Are you tired of the war demands made upon you? End them by helping to end the war. Buy War Savings Stamps.

Conservation Still More Drastic

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The government is acting to further conserve tonnage for shipments to the army and allies while measures are being formulated for still more drastic restrictions in the use of cereals, meat and other staples in America. Andre Tardieu, a high French commissioner, warns America that new privations must become necessary in America if the war is to be won. He says that wheat consumption in France has been reduced a quarter, sugar 50 per cent, and rice 60 per cent.

WATCHING WISCONSIN

Loyalty the Dominant Issue in Senatorial Primary

MADISON, Wis., March 19.—Wisconsin voters went to the polls today to cast their votes in a special senatorial primary in which loyalty and adherence to the war was a dominant issue. The fact that Wisconsin is now represented in the United States senate only by Robert M. LaFollette, whose opposition to war was outspoken, has focused attention on the Wisconsin senatorial fight.

There will be three nominees. Governor E. L. Philipp has set the election for April 2, when the seat of the late Senator Paul O. Husting, Democrat, will be filled.

Victor L. Berger, Socialist editor, the first Socialist ever elected to congress (1911), and member of the executive board, Social Democratic party of America, is assured the Socialist nomination.

Five candidates seek the Republican and Democratic nominations. Four are run on declared loyalist platforms. The candidates for the Republican and Democratic nominations are: Joseph E. Davies, administration Democrat and recent member of the federal trade commission.

Irvine L. Lenroot, Republican representative in congress from the 11th Wisconsin district, and in line for the speakership of the house.

Francis E. McGovern, former Republican governor of Wisconsin and opponent of Senator Husting in 1914, whose seat he now seeks.

Dr. Charles McCarty, holder of many state offices, aide to food administrator Herbert Hoover, seeking the Democratic nomination.

James Thompson, Republican, endorsed by Senator Robert M. LaFollette. After a strenuous fight in a special session of the state legislature, Governor Philipp was recently refused power to appoint a senator to the vacancy. He immediately called the special election.

With only three weeks in which to campaign before the primary, organization Democrats at once selected Joseph E. Davies to make the race. Dr. Charles McCarthy entered the race without support of the Democratic state central committee.

Republicans sought a conference at which they proposed to eliminate one of two candidates—James Thompson not being invited. McGovern refused to enter the conference, charging it was "packed" in favor of Lenroot and with his own organization was first to open his campaign.

Despite McGovern's start, Lenroot gained large support through his record in congress. Many, however, seeing conservative Republicans largely split on Lenroot and McGovern, today predicted nomination of Thompson.

No matter who are the nominees, the Wisconsin Loyalty Legion, with organizations in every county of the state, stands by, ready to throw its weight for a loyalist candidate in the election, whether it be a Republican or a Democrat. The legion has called a state conference for March 22, at which some action is expected.

INDICTED FOR BURGLARY

Young Man Arraigned on Charge of Robbing Imbler Store

Roy Parker, a young man who was indicted by the grand jury on the charge of burglary in the robbery of Stringham's store at Imbler, recently, was arraigned before Judge Knowles today. He was given until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to plead.

Work, Save, Serve to help win the war. Buy Thrift and War Savings Stamps.

FRENCH AND AMERICANS

AGAIN RAID HUN TRENCHES

(United Press.)

WITH THE AMERICAN FRONT IN FRANCE, March 19.—The French and American troops again raided the German trenches in the Bandoivillers sections, penetrating 300 yards into the lines at two points. They found that the positions had been evacuated by the Germans and returned without any prisoners. Near Soissons the Germans sent six thousand shells, mostly

FRENCH FRONT NOW FULLY PROTECTED

SUFFICIENT TROOPS ONLY NEED TO MAKE THE DEFENSE IMPREGNABLE

GERMANS COULD LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACK

Indications Are That Germany Will Attempt to Conquer Balkan Territory

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES AT THE FRONT, March 19.—Germany has massed armies on the French front sufficient for launching a surprise offensive within twenty-four hours, is shown by information which has come into the possession of the French officials. The indications are, however, that Germany does not intend to make such an attack now. When there is a failure to irretrievably compromise the successes of the east, it is believed she will seek to conquer the Balkans.

French Fronts Protected

The French fronts are protected by the world's greatest defensive system. Work has been placed on it incessantly the past four months. The successive defense lines are fully organized and equipped and await only troops to make them practically impregnable.

WATER CASES SETTLED.

Large Number of Powder River Claims Reach Final Action

BAKER, Oregon, March 19.—In the circuit court here yesterday final action was taken on the last remaining claims to be disposed of in the court hearing upon the findings and decrees of the state water board in the determination of the water rights of the Powder River, in Baker and Union counties. On the Powder River and its tributaries, about twenty-two hundred claims were filed before the water board, aggregating 155,000 acres of irrigable land. Some of the claims were made by ditch companies and represented a number of water users. The findings and decrees of the water board have been pending in the circuit court of Baker county for about one year and the state water board had the Powder River adjudication under consideration for some three years prior to that. Originally there were seventy-one contests filed before the state water board, involving about 150 claimants. To the proposed decrees of the board, there were filed in court eighty-six exceptions, the final of which were disposed of yesterday. During the past year, the decrees have been in effect, and the actual working of the system as established by the decrees of the water board, served to eliminate more than one half of the exceptions. A number of conferences by the water users and their attorneys with Water Superintendent Geo. T. Cochran, of La Grande, before Judge Anderson from time to time, has served to bring about an agreement in numerous other cases, and the judge was called upon at the last to decide and determine only a few exceptions yesterday afternoon.

MEETS MANY OLD FRIENDS

Former Joseph Pastor Here Representing College.

Rev. J. Wesley Miller, former Methodist pastor at Joseph and well known to many La Grande people, was here last evening representing the Gooding, Idaho College. This is the new college which the Methodists recently inaugurated and it is meeting with great success, according to Rev. Miller. He is here attempting to interest young people to the extent of obtaining students from Eastern Oregon.

HERTLING BLAMES ALLIES IF THE WAR CONTINUES

(United Press.)
COPENHAGEN, March 19.—Chancellor von Hertling told the Reichstag that he did not wish to discuss the enemy's opinions regarding the Russian peace treaty. If there are Russian provinces seceding, it will be according to their own wishes, Hertling said.