

AERATION OF CITY WATER

INSTALLATION OF PLANT IS IN PROGRESS AT THE BEAVER CREEK INTAKE.

Plan of the Officials Is to Be Certain of a Wholesome Supply of Water for the Coming Summer Season.

City Manager Currey and other officials are up to the Beaver creek intake today installing the aeration plant, which is intended to make a certainty of a pure water supply for the people of La Grande. The plant is hardly as complicated as the name would indicate, being simply a process by which the water will be purified through the means of coming into contact with air. There is, however, a certain quantity of bluestone used, if necessary.

The aeration appliances will be placed both at the intake and at the reservoir. While there is nothing to condemn the quality of the water as now used, it is the intention to be on the absolutely safe side in having a pure water supply for the summer months.

SALE AT IMBLER

Large Contribution of Property For A Benefit Fund.

The people of Imbler will have a Red Cross sale tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Gerald Tuttle has volunteered to officiate as auctioneer. A large variety of goods and merchandise articles have been donated for the sale and the proceeds will be donated to aid of the Red Cross. Among other things to be offered for sale there will be six pigs, a driving mare (registered), numerous chickens and a great amount of miscellaneous articles.

PERISHING'S FIRST REPORT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Gen. Pershing's first communique announced large increase in artillery activity in both sides. He declared that two American aviators felled three Germans.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Total Is 91, But 50 of the Number Are Slight Injuries.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Today's casualties carry 91 names, including 4 killed in action, 4 dead of wounds, 4 of disease, 1 accident, 1 other causes, 14 missing, 4 wounded severely, 50 slightly.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. E. P. Mossman and Mrs. H. C. Grady are in Allice today in the interests of the Red Cross.

Andy Loney, who has been the cornetist at the Star Theatre, left this morning for Bremerton to enlist in the navy band.

Robert Withycombe, son of Governor Robert Withycombe, of the Experimental Station of Union, was a business visitor in the city today.

Mrs. Alva Duryea and baby daughter, Joan, will come down from Huntington tomorrow evening to spend a few days with relatives in the city.

Mrs. Ora Anderson-Wilson returned this morning from Camp Lewis, where she has been visiting her husband, who is with Base Hospital No. 46.

Mrs. Charles O'Halloran and baby daughter, Miss Patricia, leave this evening for Grand Island, Nebraska, where they will visit with Mr. O'Halloran's parents for a few weeks.

Mrs. Charles McCrary received a letter this morning from Boise, announcing the arrival of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wall, of Jordan, Oregon. Mrs. Wall will be remembered as Miss Emma Clark, formerly a La Grande girl and her many friends here will extend to her their congratulations.

John T. Witly has sold his drug store at Imbler to George Ferguson, of Union, who will take possession at once. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Knight are expected from Portland and will join Mr. Witly on an automobile trip to Jerome, Idaho, where they will visit their father, after which they will motor back to Portland and after spending a couple of weeks at the coast, Mr. Witly will return to La Grande and do relief work for the La Grande druggists.

BALDWIN STILL AT LARGE

SALEM, May 16.—After following all night in the wake of a fugitive, believed Jeff Baldwin, the posse found they had been following the wrong man.

SHOWERS ARE PREDICTED

PORTLAND, May 16.—Showers.

RUSSIA CLAIMS TREATY VIOLATED

GERMANY IS NOTIFIED THAT MOBILIZATION IS NEEDED FOR PROTECTION.

(United Press to Observer.) WASHINGTON, May 16.—The State department has received an intercepted wireless message, dated May 13, quoting the Russian ambassador at Berlin as saying that the Germans had agreed not to advance further into Russia, following the Soviet's protest.

Russia has served notice on Germany that she is "compelled to mobilize all necessary forces" to protect herself in view of Germany's violation of the Best-Litovsk peace treaty.

The state department received the full facts in the recent Soviet protest against Germany invading Ukraine. It is declared that the treaty has been violated.

LABOR DELEGATES RECEIVED

King George Greets Americans At Buckingham Palace.

(By United Press.) LONDON, May 16.—"It has always been my dream that the two great English-speaking nations should work together towards the closer ideals of progress and civilization common to both," said King George, receiving the American labor delegation at Buckingham Palace.

"The fates have decided that the war shall fulfill my dream."

AUSTRIAN VESSEL TORPEDOED

(United Press to Observer.) ROME, May 16.—An Italian warship penetrated Pola Harbor on Tuesday and torpedoed an Austrian battleship of the Viribus Unitis type, it is officially reported.

AMERICAN OFFICER RETURNS

Says Everything Is in Fine Shape Over There.

(United Press to Observer.) AN ATLANTIC PORT, May 16.—General Alford, former adjutant-general under General Pershing, has arrived here. He was compelled to relinquish his post on account of ill health. He said "Everything is in great shape over there. There is no question about the result."

REGISTRATION BILL PASSED

Provides For Listing Of All Young Men Reaching 21.

(United Press to Observer.) WASHINGTON, May 16.—The house has passed the bill providing for the registration of the young men of the country who have reached the age of twenty-one since the first of June, 1918, for military service. The bill now goes to the president for his signature. The date for the registration is to be announced later.

WILLING TO AID RUSSIA

As An Ally, If Possible, Most Of All Non-Germans.

(United Press to Observer.) LONDON, May 16.—Minister of Blockade Cecil declared in the house of commons today: "We are anxious to do all within our power to assist and support Russia, both at this time and after the war. Our policy is to preserve Russia as an allied country. If this is impossible, we hope to preserve Russia as a non-German country."

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

Railroad Man in St. Vincent Hospital a Sufferer From Paralysis.

Frederick Kraft, a railroad employe, was sent from Baker to St. Vincent hospital in Portland a few days ago on account of an attack of paralysis. Today Mrs. Kraft left for Portland on receipt of word that her husband's condition was considered critical. A son, Fred, who is in the army service and at present located at Boston, expects to be granted a furlough in order to also be with his father during his illness.

ANDERSON SENTIMENT GROWS

Telegram to Dr. Feese Admonishes Prohibition Forces to Back Candidate.

Dr. G. H. Feese is in receipt of a telegram from B. A. Baker, president of the state anti-saloon league, of Portland, which says: "Dr. Anderson sentiment growing in Multnomah county and throughout the state. Now is the time for those who are in favor of prohibition enforcement to get behind Dr. Anderson's candidacy."

STILL WAIT FOR BIG MOVE

GERMANS HAVE MORE THAN A MILLION ON THE WEST FRONT

General Situation Is One Jostling for Position Before Big Attack—Airplanes are Needed.

(By William Philip Simms) ON THE BRITISH FRONT, May 16.—Nearly a hundred rested or fresh German divisions of 1,200,000 men are on the west front ready for an immediate battle. Hindenberg has slowly patched his battered machine, which is now workable. The general situation is one of jostling for position, preparatory to a big fight.

Soldiers admit air mastery was never more important than now. An American, serving since the war beginning said, "Whenever I hear the drone of a motor, I look up hoping to see a plane with stars on its wings. Say, Why don't they come?"

Mutual Artillerying Continues DONDON, May 16.—The allied and German artillery are pounding each other in various sections along practically the entire western front. Haig has reported.

Cannonading Near Amiens PARIS, May 16.—Artillerying continues in the Hallies Castle section east of Amiens the war office has reported. An enemy raid failed west of Montdidier.

BATTLE IN THE AIR

(By Fred S. Ferguson.) WITH THE AMERICANS IN PICARDY, May 16.—Americans holding the Montdidier sector viewed a dozen air fights occurring repeatedly directly over their front lines this morning. The day is ideal. The Boches took the air first. When they crossed the lines the anti-air guns barked hoarsely. More than fifty French and German machines were visible at one time. Both the German and French ground forces ceased firing transferring the war momentarily entirely skyward.

PAYS TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR FINE

L. R. Spencer, of the Zuber dance hall, paid a fine of \$25 this morning following a verdict of guilty of the charge of allowing girls under eighteen unaccompanied by parents or guardians.

NURSE RECEIVES NOTICE

Miss Genevieve McCrary, La Grande Girl, to Enter War Work.

Word received from Genevieve McCrary, well known La Grande young lady who has been employed as a nurse at Seattle, states that she had received official notice to leave that city today for army work in a location which has not been designated. Miss McCrary is a member of the Red Cross nurse association and is with Base Hospital Corps No. 50. The young lady has many friends in La Grande who will be interested in knowing that she will soon be actively engaged as a war nurse.

PRESIDENT RENEWS PROTEST

Considers Appointment of Hughes Guarantee of Probe.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—President Wilson has renewed an emphatic protest against aircraft investigation as proposed by Senator Chamberlain's resolution. The president told Senator Thomas, of Kansas, that he considered the senate probe unnecessary in view of the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes to assist Attorney General Gregory. In the investigation of criminal charges connected with the air craft production.

FEMINE NEWSIES ON JOB

Grants Pass Courier Hires Girl Carriers for Routes.

GRANTS PASS, Or., May 14.—Inasmuch as so many of the Grants Pass school boys are expecting to secure work on the farms and in other lines where all-day service is required, the Daily Courier is experiencing difficulty in keeping a full corps of carrier boys, and the paper is now putting on girls where boys are not available.

One girl is now serving a regular route. The Western Union Company is experiencing the same difficulty, and they are advertising for girl messengers for Grants Pass service.

KEEPS POSTED ON NEW METHODS OF MOUNTAIN WAR



GENERAL EBEN SWIFT

Major General Eben Swift is in Italy at the head of an American mission which is studying fighting methods in the high mountains and elsewhere on the Italian front. Eben if Uncle Sam never gets any troops on the Italian front he intends to keep abreast of rapidly changing methods of warfare under all conditions.

ARMS INTENDED FOR MEXICANS

THEORY THAT SUPPLIES WERE FOR GERMAN UPRISING HAS BEEN EXPLODED

(United Press to Observer.) NEW YORK, May 16.—The rifles and ammunition believed stored near New York by German agents were brought here for re-export to Mexico, it is declared by government investigators. The arms were necessarily left near here when the United States government put an embargo on munition shipments across the border. It is believed the hidden arms are smaller in quantities than at first thought. It was first believed they were for an uprising of Germans in the United States. This theory is now exploded.

FOR INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

Zones To Be Created Conforming To Reserve Districts.

(United Press to Observer.) WASHINGTON, May 16.—The War Industries Board has announced the appointment of Charles Otis of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce to survey the country's industrial facilities. He will create zones conforming to the federal reserve districts, making each unit industrially independent for war work.

HIKE 56 MILES THROUGH MUD TO VOLUNTEER FOR BRITISH ARMY



BOY RECRUITS CHECKING RECRUITS

A hike of 56 miles to volunteer to fight "the might that is not right," that is something of a record to show knighthood is still in flower, made by two Michigan lads who arrived at the nearest depot of the British Canadian Recruiting Mission, one in Grand Rapids, spattered with mud, bedraggled and hungry, but still keen to fight the Hun.

The long, hard tramp of John Tiff and Walter Weatherly of Big Rapids illustrates the rapid increase of enlistment since the call went out for men to stop the giant offensive of von Hindenburg when it shall begin. Hardships and sacrifices have been made by hundreds to answer the call while volunteer enlistment of Canadians and Britons is possible. "Everyone there has had to sacrifice to go, but they are going," said one officer, pointing to a long line of recruits as they filed out to get behind the drums of Britain. "These are days when ordinary reasons are no reasons for men who want to get in when men are needed to hold the line in France."

FIFTY THREE ARE CALLED

SPECIAL ORDER FOR MEN PRESUMABLY FOR COAST ARTILLERY TRAINING

Men Actively Engaged in Crop Planting Are to Be Exempt as far as Possible, Says the Orders.

Union county is to furnish fifty-three men to fill a special quota of 50,000 men of which Oregon's share is 1500. The call came unheralded. The Oregon men are to go to Fort McDowell, California, and are presumably for coast artillery training.

Farmers Are Exempt. The call provides that all men actively engaged in the planting of crops shall be exempted if the local boards of the state can fill their quotas from the remaining men. In case there are not sufficient men to supply the quota, however, boards must draft farmers who can be spared. The quotas for the several boards are established on the basis of the number of available men in class 1 of April 30, and in addition to any other quotas called for May, and in addition to the gross quota recently established for the current year.

These men are to be assembled in a five day period, beginning May 29th and ending June 2nd.

WILL BE A WONDER

Up-to-the-Minute Vaudeville at High School Tonight.

All participants in the P-U-Pi Ann Show have arrived at the High School Auditorium and those with the inside dope on this production say it will be a wonder. The attraction is made up of seven acts of fast and up-to-the-minute vaudeville. These are as follows:

- Overture
- ... Jazz de Souse's Arniea Band
- Novelty Military Act
- ... Crack Squad, L. H. S. C. C.
- Fourteen Knights in a Barroom
- ... Artifice Stock Company
- Chantant et Dansant
- ... Parisian Beauties
- Chalk Talk
- ... H. E. Draws-em-quick
- Comedy Skit
- ... Fat & Jazz
- The Feminist Movement
- ... Fourteen Knights in a Barroom
- ... which is a "last minute" addition to the program is a depiction of life in the far West in the "days of old, the days of gold, the days gone by and the days that used to be."

The curtain will rise promptly at eight o'clock.

GETTING READY FOR THE DRIVE

WORKERS ARE FULLY ORGANIZED TO MAKE A FLYING CAMPAIGN.

By tomorrow morning all the workers for the next week's Red Cross drive in the district of Union and Wallawa counties will have received their material to do with, and it is confidently expected that every team will cover just as much territory as possible the first day. In La Grande this effort will be especially attempted in spite of the area embraced. Mrs. George T. Cochran, general chairman of the La Grande work, will start out about forty teams Monday morning and the district will be so sub-divided as to make it possible for all workers to get over their house-to-house canvass in twenty-four hours of work.

Notes of the Drive. While the great bulk of people merely await the coming of the campaign and stand ready to give their most, many others begin work on their drives many days ahead. The machinery for a campaign of this sort is grinding long before the week of the drive.

Miss Helen Sims and Miss Marguerite Winters know something of the grind of getting out publicity material and blanks. Two strenuous days these high school girls packed packages and addressed them one item done consisting in putting out in small piles a little matter like \$770 pledge cards.

City Manager Fred B. Currey has arranged a most artistic display of Red Cross posters in his private office. Embellished with bunting, the display is unusually attractive.

H. J. Ritter, photographer, is making some artistic slides from furnished posters to be run in theatres. Chief of Police Rayburn is going to Portland tonight, but made arrangements to meet his subscription before going.

WILL GATHER RETURNS

Clyde Bunting To Visit The Polling Places For Early Reports

Tomorrow night Clyde Bunting will gather the returns from the primary election in the La Grande precincts. In order to assemble the returns as rapidly as possible and to get something of a line on how the contest has resulted even before the completed count is made the different voting precincts will be visited at proper intervals. If the election boards will kindly recognize Mr. Bunting and the importance of his mission they will convey a favor on the general public and on the Observer which hopes to get as early and as accurate returns as possible.

HAS ARRIVED IN FRANCE

Leo McDowell, A Railroad Volunteer, Reaches The War Zone.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McDowell are in receipt of a letter from their son, Leo McDowell, who has safely arrived in France. The young man is well known here and he enlisted in the railway branch of the service. The journey across the pond was without incident of particular importance. The letter relates the fact that the railroad equipment in France is much better than the La Grande young man expected to find. But even at that the appliances are very crude. Air brakes are unknown and the hand brakes are operated by a lever, on the same plan as the brakes on a wagon. In many other ways railroading in France is much different than it is in this country.

HOME WEDDING AT PERRY

James E. Smith and Josie Northcott United in Marriage.

A very pretty and attractive home wedding took place this morning, May 16, 1918 at 9 o'clock at Perry at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bonham; when James E. Smith of Starkey and Miss Josie Northcott, of Perry were united in marriage by the Rev. George H. Feese, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city. They were attended by Robert Northcott, a brother of the bride and Miss Mary Green. Mr. Smith is a prosperous young farmer of Starkey and Miss Northcott is a charming young lady that has lived in Perry all of her life and both young people have many friends who wish them every success in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take up their residence on the farm at Starkey.

COMMISSION MEETS TONIGHT

On account of the absence of some of the members of the city commission there was no meeting yesterday evening. The meeting will be held this evening.

TOMORROW IS PRIMARY DAY

VOTES TO BE REGISTERED INDICATING CHOICE OF CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

List of Names of Republicans and Democrats Which Will Appear on the Official Ballot for Each Party.

The "stage is set" for the primary election day in Oregon, which will be tomorrow from 8 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock in the evening. There is a dearth of interest as far as local county offices are concerned, with the possible exception of coroner. Many of the places are left vacant and are to be supplied by the writing in of names.

Throughout the state there are numerous candidates on the Republican side, and contrary to all precedent of the past, there is also to be a scramble for the Democratic nomination for governor and for the long term for United States senator.

Republicans. The official list of candidates for Republican nominations is as follows:

For Republican Notional Committeeman—Druce Dennis, of Union county; Ralph E. Williams, of Multnomah county. (The vote on this part of the ticket is final and the one receiving the highest number of votes is elected.)

For United States Senator, short term—Charles J. Schnabel, A. H. Burton, Fred W. Mulkey, all of Multnomah county.

For United States Senator, long term—Charles L. McNary, of Marion County; Robert N. Stanfield, of Umatilla county.

For Congressman—N. J. Sinnott, of Wasco county.

For Governor—Gus C. Mosler, of Multnomah county; L. J. Simpson, of Coos county; James Withycombe, of Marion county; J. E. Anderson, of Wasco county; F. C. Harley, of Clatsop county.

For State Treasurer—O. P. Hoff, of Multnomah county; O. M. Plummer, of Multnomah county; Thos. F. Ryan, of Clackamas county; Ben F. West, of Marion county; Wm. Adams, of Multnomah county; E. D. Cuelck, of Linn county.

For Justice of the Supreme Court—Percy R. Kelly, of Linn county; John S. Coke, of Coos county; Chas. A. Johns, of Multnomah county.

For Attorney General—George M. Brown, of Douglas county.

For State School Superintendent—J. A. Churchill, of Baker county.

For Labor Commissioner—C. H. Gram, John H. Holston, John C. Nickum, Wm. A. Dalziel, all of Multnomah county.

For Public Service Commissioner—Fred A. Williams, of Josephine county; Frank J. Miller, of Linn county.

For Water Superintendent—Geo. T. Cochran, of Union county.

For Joint Senator, Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties—Colon R. Eberhard, of Union county.

For Joint Representative, Union and Wallawa counties—Common agreement is for the writing in of the name of A. W. Schaupp, of Joseph.

For Representative—Chas. Albert Small, of Union county. (Name of Thos. Walsinger, of Allice, suggested to be written in.)

For County Commissioner—C. A. Galloway, of Elgin.

For County Clerk—C. K. McCormick, of La Grande.

For Treasurer—John Frawley, of La Grande.

For Surveyor—(Name of Roscoe Neal, present acting surveyor, suggested to be written in.)

For Coroner—J. C. Henry and Dr. G. L. Biggers, both of La Grande.

Democratic Candidates.

For Democratic National Committeeman—Will H. Hornbrook, of Linn county; J. W. Morrow, of Multnomah county.

For United States Senator, long term—Will R. King, of Malheur county; Oswald West, of Multnomah county.

For Congressman—James Harvey Graham, of Baker county.

For Governor—Walter M. Pierce, of Union county; Harvey Starkweather, of Clackamas county.

For Joint Senator, Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties—Norborne Berkeley, of Umatilla county.

For Joint Representative, Union and Wallawa counties—S. J. Burroughs, of Wallawa county.

For Representative—(Name of Albert Hunter, of Island City, to be written in, under endorsement of county Democratic central committee. Name of Thos. Walsinger, of Allice, suggested.)

For County Commissioner—John Wells, of Allice.

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