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BRANCH LINE IMPORTANT.

In many respects the branch of the O.-W. R. & N. from La Grande to Joseph is as important as the main line. The traffic is growing progressively and is reaching a volume of great importance. The fact that the railroad facilities for Wallawa county territory is deemed of great consequence is shown by the work that has been done in keeping the track and road bed in good physical repair. There has just been completed an immense amount of improvement work along the roadbed through the Wallawa canyon to guard against damage from high water. A large amount of other expenditures have been made to keep the branch line abreast of the demands.

When the road was extended to Joseph, less than ten years ago, it was done almost under a protest and it was the expressed belief of some of the railroad officials that no reasonable returns could be expected from the investment. But there have been some great changes since that time. The branch line long ago ceased to be a minor factor in the company's business. This was a result almost wholly due to the rapid advancement and development of the great Wallawa country. This progress is destined to continue and the branch line will become of still greater magnitude and importance.

NEWS THAT IS DELAYED.

Fairly prompt and accurate reports are coming from the scenes of operations in France and the general public is enabled to keep fairly good track of the events as they are now piling over one another.

There is one source of news that is not yet available, and that is as to the effect the fifth big drive is having on the people of Germany. There is no chance for them to get accurate information from the Berlin war office. The following in the dispatches of Saturday is a fair sample:

"That the Franco-American forces broke through at some points is semi-officially admitted, but our reserves were brought up and held the enemy."

The German populace will be fed on that sort of smothered reports for a while, but the truth must dawn on them before long that their big offensive has been turned into a defeat.

For a long while there was much discussion going on as to the condition of the German mind regarding the war. A speaker, Dr. Wirt, who was at the recent Chautauqua, said that as long as the German forces were taking territory the German people were amply satisfied, but he believed there would be a reaction in this condition when it became evident that

there were chances of military reverses. They will soon have a chance to express themselves—that is if by any means they are allowed to know even a small part of the truth. This would be the kind of news that would of interest just now.

ANXIETY IS FELT.

The main cause of solicitude for the recruits now leaving for the training camps is that they may not be able to reach France in time for the main show.

While it was an extravagance, the wounded soldier quoted in the dispatches the other day elicits a certain feeling of sympathy. He thought he would be able to get back to the ranks in a couple of weeks, but he said, dejectedly, "The war will be over by that time."

While this was overdrawn in a chronological sense, there is no doubt as to the feeling which this soldier had in the matter of being in with the grand rush. It may be that the soldiers leaving tomorrow will not be as fortunate as those who have preceded them in getting their share of the Hun chasing, but there will be a great deal to be given after the forces of the Kaiser have been broken up and dispersed.

The later contingents may be in the position similar to the old battleship Oregon, which Admiral Dewey asked to be sent to Manila in the most brief military expedition ever sent out, and that was the need of the big navy vessel, not for any purposes of active engagement, but for political effect.

It is quite possible that all the soldiers now scheduled to go will be required for the "political effect," if not for their actual military assistance.

OVER THE NORTHWEST

A survey recently completed in Polk County shows that the county has a prospect of harvesting a crop of 9,250,000 pounds of prunes this season. The survey was made by a committee from the commercial club at Dallas.

The stock growers of Baker county may have a chance to ship their live stock to Portland instead of to eastern buyers. C. B. Haynes, representing a Portland commission house, has been interviewing the local stock growers in regard to the matter. While eastern prices may be higher at times, the losses through shrinkage would offset the difference.

Advices from Klamath county are to the effect that the big resources of that county, which have been so long potential rather than kinetic, are being brought into development during the past few months at a most astonishing rate. Agricultural products of the district are bound to be multiplied tremendously under the transformation. The grain and hay crops will be very large, it is predicted, despite the dry land crop failures which have been offset by a new system of irrigation, by means of pumps drawing water from Lost River, by a motor pump, and the use of wooden flumes over the lands.

At Marshfield the police are deserting their posts for other pursuits. Shipyard, box factory employment and gill-netting pay much higher wages.

It is a very high price that is being paid for berries in Puyallup, Washington, according to recent dispatches. Red raspberries bring 12 cents a pound at the cannery this year, as against 9 cents last year.

Umatilla County Red Cross Society has just completed arrangements to buy a knitting machine, and the order for the new machine is to be placed by wire, in order to facilitate the work if the society in Pendleton.

Sheriff Anderson, District Attorney Levens and Deputy Sheriff Peter McGovern Thursday afternoon raided a moonshine whiskey still, with the result that Cleve Ingram, shiner, was captured and the still secured by the officers. The still and prisoners were brought into Baker from the mouth of Dark Canyon, on upper Burnt River.

The National Apple Show, held in Spokane annually for the last 19 years, will give way next fall to a big patriotic exhibition, the proceeds of which will be given to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Abandonment of the apple show was decided upon recently by the trustees of the Spokane chamber of commerce, under whose direction the show has been held in the past, on account of

Cotton Foulards Vie With Silk



Great strides have been made in our country in weaving and coloring materials, since the war has thrown us on our own resources. And among the novelties that demonstrate how successfully cotton has been turned into lovely dress fabrics, there is the new cotton foulard. It is very light and supple, has a pretty sheen, and is printed in the same smart and striking patterns as silk foulard. Two dresses are shown above, one of silk foulard and crepe georgette and the other of cotton foulard, figured and plain, with sleeves of georgette. The cotton dress is in every way a match for its silk rival.

The dress at the left combines georgette crepe in a warm tan color, with foulard in the same color, covered with a lace-like pattern in white. Whether the background is printed in on the foulard, or the figured pattern is bleached out, the fern leaf and flower motif that covers the surface is very delicate and beautiful. In the skirt the foulard is set on over the georgette crepe but in the bodice the order is reversed. There is a short plain bodice of the silk with an overdress of crepe. This has short kimono sleeves lengthened by a broad band of foulard and finished with a shaped flounce of crepe.

In the cotton frock a low-necked slip of dark blue foulard serves as a foundation for a sleeveless overdress of the figured material in blue and white. The sleeves are of georgette

with cuffs of plain foulard and the plain goods serves for the little vest at the front and the short sash. A white organdie collar, finished at the ends with the sunniest of pearl buttons, is in harmony with the frock. The same tiny buttons are placed in a close-set row on the vest.

So far as beauty is concerned, one of these frocks is as pretty as the other. The cotton frock is likely to outlast its rival and costs less for the materials, so it is worth considering where economy or patriotism urge one to save money.

Julie Bottomley

Hats Not Doing Things by Halves.

Hats are not doing anything by halves this season. If small, they are true petit. If expensive, of trim is their ambition, they go the limit in breadth and to emphasize it add a flatness in crown and trimming, says the Dry Goods Economist.

When they are of straw they are the roughest straw, and if they started out to be tailored, the severity of their lines is perfection. At the moment, they wish to simulate perfect purity in all white creations. Wings, breasts, straw, ribbon, flowers—all are in spotless white, not even dimly shadowed by an unpleasant thought of how long they can remain clean.

Are You One Of Them?

There are a great many people who would be very much benefited by taking Chamberlain's Tablets for a weak or disordered stomach. Are you one of them? Mrs. M. R. Searl Baldwinville, N.Y., relates her experience in the use of these tablets: "I had a bad spell with my stomach about six months ago, and was troubled for two or three weeks with gas and severe pains in the pit of my stomach. Our druggist advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. I took a bottle home and the first dose relieved me wonderfully, and I kept on taking them until I was cured." These tablets do not relieve pain, but after the pain has been relieved may prevent its recurrence.—(Adv.)



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Garbage Utilization.

Hogs can be made to utilize much edible material which would otherwise be wasted, according to a statement issued by the Connecticut Agricultural college. The report calls attention to the saving accomplished in Minneapolis, where between \$50,000 and \$60,000 is saved annually by using swine to consume the garbage of the city instead of burning it. Whereas Minneapolis formerly operated its garbage disposal at a loss, the city now receives \$1.26 per ton for its garbage as hog feed.

Careful of Speech.

"Is the faculty of your college well organized?" "Very. We haven't a single professor who would dare to make a statement of fact without first having it approved by a trust magnate or a corporation lawyer."—Life.

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ACQUIRING A PERFECT FIGURE



Most women who have perfect figures did not have them originally. They have acquired them. A woman gradually takes the shape of her corset so the corset produced by the most artistic designer is the right one to wear to secure a perfect figure.

MODART CORSETS

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PAULINE LEDERLE

CHICHESTER'S PILLS

CAUSE OF DESPONDENCY.
Despondency is often caused by indigestion and constipation, and quickly disappears when Chamberlain's Tablets are taken. These tablets strengthen the digestion and move the bowels.—Adv.

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Supported by
Lois Meredith and James Morrison
VITAGRAPH'S MARVELOUS PHOTOPLAY OF EMPEY'S WORLD-FAMOUS BOOK
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