

**RED CROSS DRUG STORE**

**The Kodak Store**

**Social and Personal**

R. E. Kenney is over from Walla Walla.

T. G. Wilson is among the arrivals from Cove.

J. A. Matott was among the arrivals from Perry today.

Mrs. H. D. Tallman, of Enterprise, is visiting in the city.

J. A. Hay and G. J. Wolfe, of Walla, are in the city.

F. A. Danberger, of Ontario, is a visitor in La Grande.

F. A. Harmon, of Baker, is here looking after the E. O. L. & P. company business.

Mrs. R. S. Rogers and Miss Dorothy Rogers, of Enterprise, are visiting friends in La Grande.

Lieutenant Potter, of the Marine Corps, will arrive in La Grande tomorrow on an inspection trip.

County School Superintendent Mrs. Ivanhoe, left on the midnight train last night for a business trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Levy and children went over to Union this morning to visit a couple of days with Mr. Levy's mother.

Nels Lindborg, brother of Mrs. R. F. Halpapp, Jr., and Rex Green, brother of Mrs. Dr. Biggers, were visitors in the city yesterday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. W. M. Nichols, at 1104 M. Avenue, tomorrow afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

Andy J. Coe, Harry Bowles, Fred Bowles, of Elgin, Stephen Lawler, of Meacham; Ed. L. Lawler, of Brookfield, Washington, and C. E. Ulrich, of Meacham, were all in the city yesterday, visitors at the U. S. Land Office.

H. L. Maxwell, J. C. Maxwell and the Misses Georgia and Jane Maxwell, of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed through La Grande today, on a tour of Eastern Oregon in their motor car, enjoying the summer in the Blue Mountains.

Miss Vada Smith is on her way to Los Angeles, where she will enter the nurses' training school in the Clara Barton hospital. This hospital is very modern and most thoroughly equipped, making it one of the best on the coast.

William Pollman, of Baker, was in La Grande last evening on his way to San Francisco on government business. He had lately returned from a trip to Chicago and says the corn crop is not nearly so good in the middle states as he had hoped to find it.

Miss Helen Cowgill, state leader of boys' and girls' clubs, and A. I. O'Reilly, assistant leader, both of O. A. C. extension service, arrived in La Grande last evening from Enterprise, in which vicinity numerous meetings had been held during the week. They proceeded on the night train to Pendleton, where other meetings have been scheduled.

Elmer Swasey, trouble shooter and extra man who goes out and relieves telegraph operators when they want time off to get married, etc., was in La Grande last evening between trains. He had just finished a "set-in" at Baker where Manager Tunnecliffe was called to look after his ranching interests and Mr. Swasey held down the job during his absence.

One of the coaches attached to No. 17 this morning was filled with colored men who are on their way to Camp Lewis. A sign inscribed across the coach announced that the occupants were "Fighting Black Devils from Idaho." The colored recruits had a hilarious time at La Grande while the train waited, and seemed to be eager to take a hand in the war game.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crowley have taken their departure for Roy, Wash., where Mr. Crowley has a position as manager of a creamery. Mrs. Crowley, nee Miss May Emigh, has filled the position of chief clerk at the Valley Creamery for several years, and Mr. Crowley has had extensive experience in both of the local creameries. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley will make their home at Roy in the future.

Afla Cola is the new drink that quenches your thirst. Try it, at Silverthorn's fountain. 8-31f

**Use Splints of Wire Netting.**

A new kind of surgical splint in which galvanized wire netting takes the place of wood, has been put on the market, says the Popular Science Monthly. It has been tried and offers many advantages. The steel entering into the construction of this woven-wire splint is so tempered that it can be molded by hand. Being galvanized, the wire is sterilized and at the same time welded into a single piece that can not fray out at loose ends. As the splint is porous, it allows a certain amount of evaporation and air circulation to the dressing beneath, which wood or plaster does not. The splint comes rolled like a bandage and is lighter and less bulky than wooden splints.

**Nation of the Steamboat.**

Edward Hungerford, writing of the evolution of the steamboat in the National Marine, opens his argument with the following paragraph:

"The United States has been and still remains the nation of the steamboat. She was the first nation to successfully apply steam propulsion to boats, and even though England shot ahead of us in her development of the steam vessel upon the salt seas—while we still clung rather proudly to our vaunted clipper ships—we had a great pride in the steamboats, big and little, which plied upon our inland waters. And the affection that the steamboat gained in the hearts of Americans more than a century it has never lost."

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**AN ITALIAN MARTYR.**

Name And Memory Of Hero Is Revered By People.

Italy has just commemorated the second anniversary of the death of Cesare Battisti, who was hanged as a traitor by the Austrians two days after he had been captured, wounded, while leading his Alpine to victory in a dashing charge.

Who was Cesare Battisti? Why should the memory of an Alpine sub-lieutenant be occasion for nation-wide prayers after Italy has given so lavishly of her best blood? What had this soldier done that entitles his name to be cherished in the Trentino for centuries—as it will be—like that of Wallace of Scotland and Joan the Maid in France.

He had given himself for many years—his keen intellect, his flaming soul, his virile beautiful body. And at the last he went to death as a young bridegroom goes to his wedding.

On the 10th of July, 1916, Battisti was wounded at Vallarsa during an audacious attack on retreating Austrians. He was captured, and all Italy held its breath while it waited to learn his fate. A week later news of this reached Italy. He had been taken to Trent and held for two days while Lang, the hangman of the Emperor, came down from Vienna.

In the courtyard of the old castle of Buon Consiglio the prisoner was dressed in a check suit to make sport for the soldiers and was hanged with every indignity. It was arranged that the cord should break twice. The victim was lifted up and the rope re-arranged. He cried aloud in a clear resonant voice: "Vivi L'Italia!" They were his last words. After the execution a series of shocking photographs were taken to throw ridicule on the dead hero. They are a spiritual indictment of Austria's soul.

But the answer as to why Italy cherishes the name of Battisti lies less in what he did than in what he was. He was the voice of freedom in the Trentino. To that he had dedicated his life. For years his great soul had burned with a pure zeal to keep the flame of Italianism alive in his beloved land.

No difficulties and no dangers had been able to daunt his passion and devotion for liberty. He spent gladly all that he had for his native land. While Austria hanged him in a clown's suit with ribald laughter he held his fine leonine head erect and cried steadily: "Death to Austria. Long live Italy!"

Viva l'Italia! That had been the dream of Battisti since the days of his flaming youth. Born in Trent, he had known all his life the insolence and tyranny of Austrian rule over Italia Irredenta. When the European war broke out he crossed with his family to Milan and began a series of talks in which he urged Italy to join the Allies in order to win the Trentino and to bring larger freedom to the world.

He enlisted the day after war was declared as a private in an Alpine regiment. Later he was made a sub-lieutenant. In the highest mountains he faced the dangers and privations of camp life. He wrote to a friend that these months of hard existence had been among the happiest of his life. He felt an intense admiration for these simple Alpine who were his comrades. "They achieve truly miracles, supporting the greatest fatigue with indomitable fortitude of soul," he said. He wrote with fine tenderness of the gray old soldiers who tried to protect the young fellows from danger by standing between it and them.

Battisti did all that was humanly possible for his soldiers. He nursed their frozen limbs. He wrote letters home for them. In the night he watched over them while they slept. His soul went out to them as that of Johnathan did to David. It is impossible to read the book he wrote about the Alpine without knowing how he loved them.

**STATE GETS 97,216 ACRES**

Land Valued at \$2,000,000 Patented to Montana.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 5.—The state of Montana today received a patent from the government to 97,216 acres of land valued at \$2,000,000 and situated in the Glasgow land district. It is the largest acreage ever patented to the state in a single transfer. Most of it is lieu land given in exchange for state land relinquished within forest reserves.

**First American Newspaper.**

The first American newspaper was the "Public Occurrences," the first number of which appeared in Boston September 25, 1689. The publisher and editor was Benjamin Harris of anabaptist and antimonarchical tendencies. Owing to a charge brought by him against Louis XIV his paper was suppressed by the governor of the colony. Harris was afterwards made official printer of the colony.

**By a Long Path.**

"All that we possess has come to us by a long path. There is no instantaneous liberty or wisdom, language or religion." Even that which comes to us as a sudden revelation is but the opening of our eyes or minds to behold that which has long been begun by toil and struggle. It reaches us as the sunlight does in the morning, when it has travelled around the world.

**LEIGH REILLY**



Leigh Reilly, former managing editor of the Chicago Herald, has been made managing editor of the committee on public information.

**WILL DESIGN OWN SUITS.**

LONDON, Aug. 6.—(By United Press.)—Man always did set a bad example. The clumsiness of the men's standard suits has proven to the fair sex that mere man must not attempt to have a voice in choosing a suitable standard uniform for women.

Women are unanimous in declaring they must select the style and cut themselves.

A consensus of feminine opinion inclines to have quality and price of materials for standard dresses fixed, and also prices for making. There is a strong demand that steps should be taken to place these standardized articles on the market in readiness for the cold winter weather.

"But," says a leading W.A.A.C. officer, "don't let men make any mistake. Girls are wearing uniforms for the war's sake, but none of them really like it. My girls are always telling me how they long to break forth into bright colors, and when the war's over there'll be no holding them back in this direction. They have the good sense to wear plain things, and they are sensible enough to work for the nation, therefore they are sensible enough to choose the cut of their suits."—And woe betide the man who tries to "lay down the law" on this point!

**SIX MAIL PLANES READY.**

Will Be Delivered To Government Today By Standard Corporation.

ELIZABETH, N.J., Aug. 6.—The first six airplanes especially constructed to carry mail pouches over the Washington-Philadelphia-New York air-post route will be delivered to the Government tomorrow by the Standard Airplane Corporation. The machines will be put into immediate service.

The six machines to be delivered tomorrow are the first of a large number the Postmaster-General has ordered in anticipation of extending this branch of the mail service to other parts of the country.

**TROOPS WILL FIGHT FIRE.**

Forestry Service Notified Thousand Soldiers Available If Needed.

MISSOULA, Mont., August 6.—District Forester R. H. Rutledge today was notified that troops will be available for fighting forest fires in District No. 1, comprising Montana and Northern Idaho, in case the labor situation continues as bad as it was last month. He said a thousand soldiers had been held ready a month ago, but were not needed.

Heavy rains have done away with the fire danger at present, the forester said.

**WITH THE COLORS**

BEN DECIOUS HEARD FROM.

Sergeant J. L. Henry, marine recruiting officer in La Grande, this morning received a post card from Ben Decious, which tells in a few words that he is pleased with his present position better than when in the cavalry or army service. The card reads:

Mare Island, August 3, 1918.—Dear Sergeant: Am getting along fine. I am cooking now. Will write you a letter in a few days. There is nothing like the marines. Kind regards to all. BEN DECIOUS.

From "Bud" McCrary.

Howard W. "Bud" McCrary writes from Weaver Flying Field, Minneapolis, as follows:

"I have been here since April 28, going to an aeroplane motor school. I finished the course and made it fine. They are going to teach us all to fly, so we can tell how our aeroplanes work at different altitudes, and the responsibility that is placed on an airplane mechanic. There are two other La Grande boys here with me. They are Clyde Winn and Floyd F. Mann."

**Pat Foley Doing Well.**

Mrs. Foley this morning received a letter from "Pat," written from the officers' training camp at Eugene.

In the letter he says they are doing well, and that he and the other La Grande boys are having a fine time, training for better things in the future.

"Pat" Foley was accompanied from La Grande a few days ago by Norman Desille, the others in that class already having arrived in Eugene.

**Bishop Paddock Arrives.**

A cablegram received at the Y. M. C. A. headquarters in New York, announces the safe arrival overseas of the Right Rev. Bishop Robert L. Paddock, formerly bishop of the Episcopal church for Eastern Oregon.

A postal card to this effect was received by J. D. Slater yesterday from the bishop's sister in New York. Letters from the bishop will be awaited with much interest, as he is now in the Y. M. C. A. army service, and will no doubt have much to tell his Eastern Oregon friends of life in France, or maybe Italy, where he was supposed to have been originally assigned.

**HOG FEED SCARCE.**

Swine Will Be Compelled To Resort To Substitutes.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 6.—Feeds that are rich in protein, such as shorts, middlings, tankage and oil meal, so essential to the proper development of hogs, are hard to get and high in price. The United States Department of Agriculture is urging that hog growers provide substitutes for these feeds in the form of home-grown crops that are known to be rich in protein, and are advising the use of fish meal where it is obtainable. Alfalfa hay, soy beans, cowpeas, and oats are suggested as good substitute feeds. In addition to these peanuts, cotton seed meal and velvet beans are available to hog growers in the Southern States.

**Business Man's Stomach Smaller.**

"My much distended stomach is greatly reduced. Doctors wanted to operate and tap my stomach, but I happened to see a newspaper ad of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy and after taking three doses I have had no more distress or bloating and am eating things I have not dared to eat for 6 years. I am confident your medicine will cure me." It is a simple, harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince, or money refunded. For sale by druggists everywhere. 8-6,1t

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  - Eggs, fresh ..... 45c doz
  - Flour ..... \$2.75 @ \$3.00
  - Cantaloupes ..... 15c, 2 for 25c
  - Raspberries ..... 15c
  - Black Caps ..... 2 for 35c
  - Black Berries ..... 15c
  - Green Onions ..... 5c, 3 for 10c
  - Radishes ..... 2 for 15c
  - California Tomatoes ..... 20c lb
  - Oregon Green Peas ..... 2 for 25c
  - Beets ..... 5c bunch
  - Cabbage ..... 8c lb
  - Head Lettuce ..... 10c head
  - Cucumbers ..... 10c
  - Green Beans ..... 10c lb
  - Wax Beans ..... 10c lb
  - New Spuds ..... 5c lb
  - Fresh Appricots ..... 15c lb
  - Watermelons ..... 4 1/2c lb
  - Peaches ..... 15c, 2 for 25c
  - Butterfat ..... 54c
- (Less 1 cent per lb. of cream.)
- See Peach Ad., this issue. 8-5,3t, pd

State Fair, Salem, Oregon, September 23-28. Splendid exhibits, excellent music, high class entertainments and a superb racing card. For particulars write A. H. Lea, Salem, Oregon. 8-1-rod, 1m

**Odd.**

Harker—"Your friend Lambley is rather an odd chap, isn't he?" Parker—"Yes—result of a plunge in the stock market a few years ago." Harker—"How's that?" Parker—"He failed to come out even."

**\$100 Reward, \$100**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists. 7c.

**WANTED**

Girl, who knows nothing about stenography; who has little knowledge of book-keeping, who is willing to work and learn office work. Prefer one who has not gone through high school, but who has done good work and finished the grades creditably. For such a girl, the Observer office offers a position. Call in person.

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