

RED CROSS DRUG STORE

The Kodak Store

Social and Personal

M. S. Hooper is in the city from Durkee. C. W. Mumford is down from Wallowa. John Masterson is down from Perry. Gilbert Frank, is in the city from Enterprise. J. T. Clemens is in the city from Wallowa. Carl R. Smith is here from West-fall, Oregon. E. A. Wolfe is in the city from St. Louis, Mo. H. E. Bartholomew is in the city from Stansfield. J. Cunningham is here from Chico, California. C. L. Chamberlin, of Spokane, is a visitor in the city. Mrs. C. A. McLaran, of Wallowa, is visiting friends in the city. Mrs. J. B. Wade is in the city from Grass Valley, Ore. M. H. Allen and M. C. Cropper are in the city from Pendleton. Fred E. King, of Walla Walla, is a guest of the Hotel Foley. H. H. Friuer, F. T. Botes and D. Boyd, are in the city from Chicago. R. M. Lewis, of Wenatchee, Washington, is a visitor in the city. J. B. Faulconer is down from Enterprise, "on a short business visit. S. L. Brooks, is down from Imbler, for a day's business in La Grande. Peter Freeman and J. R. Hogon-sea are in the city from Palmer Junction. Mrs. Arthur A. McAtoe, and Henry Gunther are in the city from Heppner. Mrs. Iva Spiek is here from Malson, Washington, spending the day with friends. Judge J. F. Murphy will convene court in regular session next Saturday morning. Mrs. D. Leddy and Mrs. A. Brown, of Lewiston, Idaho, are visiting friends in La Grande, and vicinity. Mrs. K. H. Breece is here from Council, Idaho, and is now connect-ed with the Valley Creamery com-pany. Roy Couch passed through La Grande last evening on No. 18 on his way to Jacksonville, Florida, where he will enlist in the avia-tion corps. Captain Russell, who on August 8th addressed a big audience here was in La Grande last evening on his way back to Camp Lewis having fulfilled his mission in this section of the state. He reports a splen-did meeting at Enterprise. Cashier Fred L. Meyers, of the La Grande National Bank returned this morning from San Francisco, where he attended the conference of bankers of the northwest, com-posing the 12th Federal Loan bank-ing district. Mrs. Snodgrass received a letter yesterday from her husband, now in the officers' training camp at Eugene, in which he says among other items of interest, that he is kept on the go from the sounding of the reveille, at 6:15 a. m. until "taps" at 10:45 p. m. After the lights are out the boys get a little time to think for themselves. Mrs. A. W. McLeod, who registers from Vancouver, B. C., but who, it is understood, has just returned from Alaska, having gone up there at the beginning of the gold fever. She acknowledged that they brought some of the gold back to the "States" with them. The party left for Enterprise, where they have gone to visit friends. J. M. Benefel, of Indianapolis, Indiana, but who is working out of New York City, representing the Food Administration, together with C. E. Porter, who is well known in Eastern Oregon, are here today, with a view of visiting the wheat fields of the county, to inspect the thrashing outfits under the new government rules.

UNION COUNTY COUPLE MARRY.

Married, at the Harry's rooming house, July 13, 1918, at 8:30 p. m., Mr. Seth W. Maxwell and Miss Dora Wal-ley, both of La Grande, Rev. W. B. Smith officiating.

ITALIANS START OFFENSIVE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—A big Italian offensive in the Alps appears imminent.

Why He Would Not Build.

It is in a Jewish legend that Methu-selah declined at the age of six hun-dred or so to go to the trouble of build-ing a house because the Lord answered his question as to how much longer he had to live, and the patriarch de-cided that three hundred years was too short a time to warrant him in making the exertion. Undoubtedly Methuselah preferred his tent and was ready to grasp at any excuse for stick-ing to it.

Origin of "Algernon."

The name Algernon was originally "als Gernon," and was first applied to one of the crusading Percys. His name was William, but his fellow knights called him William als Gernon or Gernon, meaning William with the Whiskers, or Just Whiskers for short. As Algernon the name has persisted in the family to the present time, and the tenth duke of Northumberland, who died recently, was Algernon Percy.

On the Road to Success.

That young man is wise who makes a plan, organizes his ambition, and makes each day contribute something toward its fulfillment. Success often seems delayed, but it is surely on the way for those who are getting ready for it. Over the desk of the boy or girl struggling with hard lessons that may seem at the present quite useless, let it be written in letters of gold: "I will study and get ready, and may-be my chance will come."

Washington Flag Etiquette.

The United States flag always is hoisted over the senate or house of representatives when in session. The flag floats from the flagstaff of the White House while the president is in Washington, and its absence indicates the absence of the president from the capital. It is displayed over the depart-ment buildings in Washington from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4:30 p. m. every week day.

Good: Alibi for the Bee.

That bees injure fruit is a common belief in some quarters, but investiga-tions recently carried out in Italy prove it to be without foundation. Bees cannot perforate the skin of fruit, and the damage attributed to them is really due to birds, wind, hail, hornets, wasps and certain other in-sects. Bees are, in fact, of much bene-fit to the orchardist, because they ef-fect the cross-pollination of fruit trees.—Popular Science Monthly.

The Lute.

The lute has vanished. It was one of the oldest of instruments, and had a beautiful vibrant tone somewhat like that of the harp. But its size and com-plexity were against it. It had a long tail, and many strings, and while its size increased its power and range, it also increased its weight and made it cumbersome. The minstrel of today plays on the mandolin, the guitar or the banjo—and the lute is forgotten.

Clears the Head.

Many colds in the head are relieved, particularly that heavy, dull feeling, when breathing through the nose is im-possible, by employing as a throat and nasal douche half a teaspoonful of bak-ing soda to a glass of warm water. Fill the passages with as much of the liquid as possible; this will clear the passages of obstruction and in a little while breathing through the nose is possible.

Savages Fond of the Banjo.

The banjo, in its primitive form, is found in use today by savage tribes in equatorial Africa. It is a calabash, or half a one, with strings of some sort across it, and is perhaps the most important instrument of music at can-dal balls and on other joyous social occasions.

Ancient Equipment.

Titlle Clinzer says that the reason she will have to quit her present boarding house is because the dining room chairs are so low she sticks her head under the table when the bless-ing is said.—Dallas News.

Alphabetical Possibilities.

All the inhabitants of the globe, on a rough calculation, could not in 1,000,000,000 years write out all the possi-ble transpositions of the 26 letters of the alphabet, even supposing that each person wrote 40 pages daily, and each of which pages contained not less than 40 transpositions of the letters.

See Mary Pickford swat the German general, in "The Little American."

SUMMER COMPLAINT.

During the hot weather of the summer months some member of almost every family is likely to be troubled with an unnatural looseness of the bowels, and it is of the greatest importance that it be treated promptly, which can only be done when the medicine is kept on hand. Mrs. F. F. Scott, Scotts-ville, N. Y., states: "I first used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as five years ago. At that time I had a severe at-tack of summer complaint and was suffering intense pain. One dose relieved me. Other members of my family have since used it with like results."

Beach Capes and Mantles



Against the chill of wet bathing suits and cool breezes, various capes and mantles are made of rubber, provided to be slipped on over the suit. Many of them are made of rubber cloth, such as is used in hats and caps, for bathing, or of cloth rubber-ized on one side. Besides these there are capes and mantles of turkish-towel fabrics, of coarse weave, wavy woolen fabrics, of light weight, and of rub-berized satin. The woolen fabric makes suits that shed water quickly. The bathing suits and their neces-saries that once one waterward this season are the most graceful and be-coming and also the most varied in design that have appeared for years. It is evident that they are intended to be presentable in canoes, on house boats and on the beach as well. The caps and hats, made of rubber cloth, are not merely head coverings, but are entitled to be classed as a special kind of millinery. Rubber cloth is used for rosettes and flower forms that trim them. There are sailor shapes, tams, and visored caps that shade the eyes, many fanciful caps and a new and at-gether fetching head-dress that looks like the cap worn by trained nurses, with a veil that protects the neck and throat, that is made of rub-ber tissue. All these bathing togs may be had in gay and pretty colors—rose and sea-green are great favorites—or in dark and medium blues—black and orange or black and white, among other color combinations. Caps or scarfs, with cap or hat to match, are especially smart, and sometimes a big knitting bag makes a trio that cannot pass unnoticed. For the knit-ting bag goes with us everywhere—even down to the sea. A black and white cape, with white collar and white silk cord and tassel fastenings, is shown in the picture. It is of rubberized satin and a good ex-ample of the style in these capes, made of other materials. In capes and scarfs of rubber cloth the fabric is slashed to form a fringe as a finish. In the capes of course woolen goods collars and bindings are introduced in a contrasting color.

Julius Bottomley

SAW SOME GOOD IN GERMANS

Mark Twain Would Not Admit That All Manhood in the Land of the Hun Was Dead.

Probably no other foreigner has ever been so popular in Germany as the American philosopher, Mark Twain; yet Mark understood his Ger-manny, just as he understood Russia, although of the czar's dominions he had only the tripper's knowledge he picked up with the shipload of pre-Cook's tourists that he immortalized in "Innocents Abroad."

In his "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," Twain wrote: "There it was, you see. A man is a man, at bottom. Whole ages of abuse and oppression cannot crush the unshod clear out of him. Who-ever thinks it a mistake is himself mistaken. Yes, there is plenty of good enough material for a republic in the most degraded people that ever existed—even the Russians; plenty of manhood in them—even the Germans—if one could but force it out of its timid and suspicious privacy; to over-throw and trample in the mud any throne that ever was set up and any nobility that ever supported it. We should see certain things yet, let us hope and believe. First, a modified monarchy, till Arthur's days were done, then the destruction of the throne, nobility abolished, every mem-ber of it bound out to some useful trade, universal suffrage instituted, and the whole government placed in the hands of men and women of the nation, there to remain. Yes, there was no occasion to give up my dream yet a while."

TOLD IN FIGURES

Britain has 5,000,000 working women. Hawaii has two mountains 14,000 feet high.

MISS MALVINA HOFFMAN



Miss Malvina Hoffman, sculptor, has largely given up her art work for work in connection with the war.

COAL PYRITE IN EXPLOSIVES

Iowa Geologists Investigate Coal Fields for Needed Mineral, With Excellent Results.

An investigation of pyrite, an essen-tial material in the manufacture of high explosives, is being made in the coal fields of Iowa under the direction of Dean George F. Kay of the Uni-versity of Iowa, who is director of the Iowa geological survey. High explo-sives are made with the aid of sul-phuric acid, which in turn is made chiefly by roasting pyrite, popularly known as "fool's gold." Hence the mineral is in great demand. For many years pyrite for acid pro-duction has been imported from Spain, states Doctor Kay. But in order to save the ships for more urgent uses, the shipping board has sharply reduced the import of pyrite. The domestic produc-tion of the mineral must then be un-usually large, he declares.

New York, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama have pyrite mines, and Illinois and several other states are producing a small tonnage from coal mines. Many hundred thou-sand tons are quickly available from coal mines, says the state geologist. If the government's explosive program re-quires it. The method of preparing coal pyrite for shipment to acid plants is simple and cheap. The "sulphur balls" must be separated from adhering coal, and be crushed, washed and screened into lump and fine sizes. Coal miners are willing to load pyrite, and the opera-tors to hoist and ship it, if war indus-tries demand it.

Just One More Question.

"Do you happen to be going far, sir?" said the inquisitive traveler to the man in the corner, after having reduced ev-eryone else in the compartment to stil-ent frenzy.

An Awful Disease.

A friend of mine in one of the camps is a corporal. The occupants of the barracks across the road had been in quarantine for measles. Occasionally one of the men was moved to the hos-pital. My friend was stricken with a severe case of tonsillitis and one morn-ing the ambulance stopped to take him to the base hospital.

As he entered the ambulance one soldier said, "Has he got the measles?"

A second one, "No, he's a corporal."

The first one answered with a groan, "Good Lord, that just as bad!"—Chi-cago Tribune.

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HEMLOCK IN PASTURE.

"So that's poison hemlock. Well, I'll follow your suggestion and fence off the poison infested area," said a Western Oregon stockman to Prof. W. E. Lawrence, who is making a special study of poison plants and their control in Oregon. The Douglas water hemlock occa-sions the greatest amount of poisoning in Western Oregon, while the plant known as the Oregon water hemlock is the most numer-ous and deadly in Eastern Oregon. In both districts the stockmen will find that by fencing off the poison areas, or by keeping the stock from the pasture containing them when poisoning occurs, the cases of poisoning will be greatly reduced. Stockmen in Eastern Oregon are generally familiar with the hem-lock, and many of them dig out the roots.

It is only the root that is poi-sonous, and poisoning seems to re-sult when the stock pull out the plant and get hold of the roots while grazing.

The Western Oregon plant is found only in lands that are wet the year around, while the Eastern Oregon plant grows on swamp lands that may dry up in summer. Stockmen are urged to look out for the plants in both sections, and send specimens with account of losses to Prof. Lawrence, at O. A. C., Corvallis. Both species have a cluster of small white blossoms not unlike those of the pansy. The College will help identify the plants and send directions on inquiry.

Prof. Lawrence is at Klamath conducting investigations of the hemlock and other poisonous plants in cooperation with County Agent Glassyer.

Mary Pickford, Saturday and Sunday 8-14-11

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WANTED—Daily house work. Maude Karsten. Call at Observer. 8-13-11

WANTED—Boy about seventeen to work in garage. Maxwell Ser-vice Station. Phone Main 71. 8-14-11

ENGINEERS ADOPT LAD.

PARIS, Aug. 1. (By Mail)—Jean Passard is eight years old. The war has left him an orphan and with-out relatives. Just how he came into the possession of a certain reg-iment of engineers in France is clouded with mystery, but he did come into their possession and was officially adopted. When an American regiment accepts a French kid, and many of them have done so, there is no half way business about it.

"He's our kid and our mascot, and he isn't going to be brought up an ignorant," was the consensus of opinion, so the law was passed, and Jean came into possession of five thousand francs to be used to educate him. This is a thou-sand dollars in American money. Jean was fitted out with a tiny American uniform, and with a whole regiment to keep an eye on him, he is developing rapidly into an American. Also into a military man. Some time after his formal adoption by the regiment, his adopted fathers were called to the front and had to leave Jean behind, to his regret and theirs. Now he is being cared for and fed and edu-cated by the local Y. M. C. A. or-ganization.

"His business in life is teaching French to American soldiers, and he says to all and sundry who apply for information that he is going to New York to attend the public schools "apres la guerre."

RECALLS THE PAST.

In Liverpool the Y. M. C. A. hut for soldiers and sailors serves beef-steak and onions for twenty cents while fried egg may be had for nine cents.

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