LOSES PIONEER RESIDENT

PLEASANT GROVE MOURN LOSS OF OLD CITIZEN.

No Case of Influenza Reported at Summerville—Schools Reopen Today.

Summerville, November.—(Special)—Duncan Murchison of Pleasant Grove passed away November 11, after a severe illness. He made a splendid fight for life but he lost, like many others of this same disease in these last months. He will be greatly missed in the home circle, where he has left an aged mother and many friends and relatives. Mr. Murchison was a true man, thoroughly good and sincere. Funeral services were held at their home November 14, Rev. Archer officiating. The body was tnderly laid away in the beautiful Summerville cemetery.

Dr. R. McKenzie is opening up his saw mill north of town.

H. H. Hug and son, Armin of Pumpkin Ridge, have left for Astoria, to join the rest of the family, who left several weeks ago. They intend to remain there for the winter to avoid the usual heavy snows of Eastern Oregon.

Ida Moates and her daughter, Mamie of La Grande are visiting their son, Frank Woodell of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Choate were Elgin visitors this week.

L. M. Hug was down on election day day in order to be sure to get to be sure and get to vote.

The regular business meeting of the Ladies Aid will be postponed until the second Thursday in December on account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza.

The ban on public meetings was raised this morning and the public schools resumed their regular work after a vacation of about two weeks.

Jno. Neiderer and son, Leo were in Imbler on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Park were in La Grande shopping Saturday.

Bill Park and son, Hugh, were business visitors in La Grande Saturday.

There will be services at the M. E. church Sunday, 24th at 2 p.m.

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Frank MevKinnis who has been very sick is rapidly
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ELECTRIC PLANT GREAT BOON TO FARMERS

F H. Downes, representative for the Lalley Light, Saturday gave on interesting interview, relative to the value of such equipment on the farm. "The salaried man in the city," he said, "who earns $100 per month builds his home out of building and loan funds, and would not think of getting along without electric lights. Nearly every farmer wants to be as progressive as the city man, and compete with him. They want to keep their boys and girls at home.

"Buying a farm lighting plant is really making an investment at 20 per cent interest. As for the use one will get out if it, there is no comparison between it and the old equipment. A farmer uses his corn planter about 30 days out of the year; the garden drill from 45 to 60 days; the combine about 45 days, the tractor 60 days and the auto about 150 days. A farm lighting plant is used 365 days during the year.

"The housewife spends at least a half hour per cleaning and filling lamps, which is three hours per week; two hours per week sweeping; two hours per week running a cream separator, and one or two hours per week pumping water, to say nothing of the churning and other little tasks, all of which require time and effort. The pay of the hired man is on an average of 35 cents per hour, and the farmer's time, and his wife's time, surely are worth as much as the hired man's. Following the deduction, a saving of from 10 to 12 hours per week is effected.

"The farmer usually is most busy in the heat of summer, and there is a lot of comfort in having an electric fan to help make the evenings cool and comfortable. There are also the washing machine and vacuum cleaner which make washing and cleaning a pleasure. The pleasure of ironing on the porch, instead of in the hot kitchen is another of the many forms of comfort derived from modernizing the farm.

"The farm lighting and power plant is considered a necessity, as well as a comfort, as it is really the one thing that will help now that we can't count on labor, and help to protect us against loss. In addition, of course, it brings all the comforts of a home in town." Galloway-Rees Co., Local Agents.

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"The Unbeliever" gives you a glance into the horrors of No-Man's Land.—Arcade, Wednesday and Thursday.

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AFTER WAR PROGRAM IS STARTED

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from the Eagle river a distance of 30 miles.

Some of the oldest farms in eastern Oregon are located under the Bridgeport-Durkee irrigation district. The considerably, due to the lack of irrigation water during late June, July and August. To insure plenty of irrigation water throughout the year, a reservoir has been surveyed and a dam will be built next spring eight miles above Bridgeport on the the Burnt river. The location of the reservoir is a natural site for the storage of water and a dam can be built at a very small cost. Two thousand acres of this project is located at Bridge port where hay and stock raising is the important industry. Four thousand acres is located in the vicinity of Durkee where the elevation is about 2,600 feet. The climate at Durkee is mild and by having a full duty of water throughout the year, they are able to raise three crops of alfalfa. Corn, peacres, apples and other farm products are grown to great success in this district.

Stock Ranch District.

The Unity district is located at the upper end of the Burnt river. Some of the best stock ranches in Baker county are located in this district. In fact as early as the 60's there were big cattle ranches. The land owners under this project will build a reservoir that will give them a full duty of water throughout the irrigation season. When water is plentiful, in the past years they were able to raise two crops of alfalfa and a pasture. The altitude of this community is about 4,000 feet. At present dairying and stock raising is the important industry. When the project is completed 8,000 acres will be benefited. At present there is vacant government land open for entry—that in all probability will come under this district. Some of the vacant land has just recently been homesteaded.

The land situated under the North Fork irrigation district has about 1,200 acres that have been improved for many years. The remaining 2,800 acres is dry farming land or just been recently taken up as homesteads. This project is located near Hereford on the Burnt river. The reservoir will be built on the North Fork of Burnt river three miles below Whitney. All the land coming under this project is in excellent position for easy irrigation, and has a good drainage which will make it ideal alfalfa land. This body of land is located near the forest reserve, besides there are thousands of acres of open grazing land adjoining. The raising of livestock is the important farming operation.

Irrigate Part Now

The farmers in the Medical Springs irrigation district are now having surveys made in order to build a canal from the Catherine Creek to the farm lands adjoining Medical Springs. Four thousand five hundred acres will be covered by this project, about one-half of this amount has continuous water throughout the year for small tracts of land. Many farms at present are irrigating 30 to 40 acres, but by having this ditch built and a project organized, it will be possible to irrigate the additional vacant land that has no water. This body of land is located in the vicinity of Medical Springs which is well known for its famous hot springs, having medicinal value. Diversified farming is now practiced in this community.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO LEAVE SOON

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navy, but also as the champion of world democracy.

In visiting Europe the President will establish two precedents. He will be the first chief executive of the United States to participate in a peace conference for the settling of issues growing out of a war in which this country participated, and likewise he will be the first President to leave North America during his term of office.

In reaching his decision to attend the peace conference President Wilson is understood to have been largely influenced by representations from Premiers Lloyd George, of Great Britain, and Clemenceau, of France, and other statesmen of the entente countries. The principles and terms of settlement enunciated by the President have been accepted by both the associated putions and the central powers as the basis upon which peace is to be reestablished, and it is understood that it is for the working out of the application of these principles that his presence is so earnestly desired by the allied statesmen.

Since the President is to sail for France early next month, it seems certain that he will reach Paris several weeks before the peace congress assembles. His purpose is believed here to be to participate in the conferences now proceeding at Versailles as the preliminary to the meeting of the peace commissioners. He thus will have opportunity to discharge in person for the first time the duties of his membership in the supreme war council, in which he is now represented by Col. E. M. House.

In the general view here, the sessions of the supreme war council, which bring together the entente premiers with the representatives of the United States, are or first importance, for in all probability it will be at these sessions that the general program which is to govern the peace congress will be arranged.

The President will attend the opening sessions of the congress, at which the broad principles of the treaty will be settled, but he will not remain for the subsequent detailed discussions and settlements of the various questions. This will be the work of the commissioners he soon is to name to represent the United States.

By carrying out this unusual program of having the conference draft and adopt a general peace treaty at the outset, the President and the entente premiers will be able soon after the commissioners assemble to return to their own countries and attend to important business at home.

Since the suggestion that the President attend the peace conference first was made, there has been much discussion here as to whether, while absent from the country, he could continue to act as President. The constitution itself is silent on the question, and generally the question is regarded as one which the President himself must decide.

The prevailing opinion here is that Mr. Wilson already has made up his mind on this subject. He does not go to the peace conference as a delegate, and consequently it is held that, should he relinquish his authority and functions of office, he would be without power to act for the United States in the discussions.

There is ample precedent for the President to leave the territorial limits of the United States. President Harrison on one occasion went into Canada, while President Taft visited both that country and Mexico. President Roosevelt and also President Taft visited the Panama canal zone.

Both President Taft and President Roosevelt continued to perform the functions of their office while on the visits to the canal zone, sending instructions to Washington both by cable and wireless. It was pointed out that the President also could in this manner attend to any pressing matters of importance here while he is abroad.

In all probability the President will cross the Atlantic on an American battleship, probably one of the navy's newest dreadnaughts. While on such a ship, it is claimed, he is on American territory and technically would be absent from the country only for such time as he actually is on foreign soil.

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