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For Christmas Give



Red Cross Drug Store

DIED JUST A WEEK AFTER HUSBAND'S DEATH

JOSEPH BOY AMONG THE FIRST TO ARRIVE FROM ENGLAND

Just a week after the death of her husband, Mrs. H. T. Richards of Alder Slope, died of the same disease which took him.

Word has been received that John Sheets, son of A. P. Sheets, who has been in the service of Uncle Sam for some time, has landed in New York and will be home again before long.

Richard and John Cox left Friday for Salt Lake City, where the former will remain. John expects to return with his family soon.

Mrs. Hugh Estes and Miss Selma Mathews went to Portland Saturday, expecting to spend a week.

Last Saturday O. E. Gorsline shipped three cars of cattle and hogs to Portland. O. W. Warnock shipped two cars of cattle also.

Arthur Collinsworth has purchased the A. K. Parker house on upper Main street. He expects to move in immediately. The consideration in the deal was \$2500.

According to the November census there are 157 boys and 158 girls in school district No. 6.

During the month of November the Joseph Milling company shipped five cars or 2000 barrels of flour.

Mrs. L. E. Scott went to La Grande last week for a visit with relatives and friends.

WHAT IS ELECTRICITY? Ever since this force was first isolated, there has been constant effort to define just what electricity actually is.

Social and Personal

M. Robb, a merchant of Baker, is a visitor in La Grande.

Mrs. E. H. McCullough left on today's train for Pleasant valley. Chas. McGary expects the arrival of a carload of Haines cars within the coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Thomas left this morning for Cove to visit the family of E. C. Rees, all of whom are sick.

Miss Nell Grinnitt is not at her usual place at the La Grande National bank today on account of slight indisposition.

Foreman Ed Thomas, of the O. W. R. & N. shops, went over to Pendleton yesterday on business connected with his department.

Private George F. Ferguson, who has been in the army the past six months and stationed at Vancouver, has received his discharge and returned home.

John Marona, has received his discharge from the Benson Polytechnic military school and immediately resumed his former position in the McCrary garage.

Mrs. Nell McClure of Ladd Canyon, and Mrs. Fred Green and Mrs. Juanita Valentine, of Baker, who have been visiting with Mrs. M. A. Harrison, have returned to their respective homes.

Mrs. Harley Smith left on last night's train for The Dalles to be with her brother, John Harvey, who was taken suddenly ill at that place while on the way to La Grande with the remains of his wife last week.

Miss Minnie Holman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holman, has returned home from Davenport, Wash., where she is teaching school, and will remain for a holiday vacation.

Mr. C. D. Goodnough received a telegram from his son, Ray, which states that the latter has just arrived at Camp Lewis direct from England, where he has been the past eight months. Ray was in the aviation department and was among the first of those to return to America. The telegram also states that young man is in the best of health and condition.

BIG NAVY DISCHARGES

Hundred Thousand to Be Out by First of the Year. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(United Press)—A hundred thousand navy men are designated for discharge and will be out of service by the end of the present year, Secretary Daniels believes, according to information today.

Seventy-four thousand more will be mustered out by July 1 next, leaving the navy on an enlisted strength of 350,000.

YEOMEN MEETING

Thursday evening, December 12. There will be installation and the following officers installed: Overseer—E. F. Duck. Watchman—W. H. Patrick. Sentinel—Emil Gaertner. Guard—Albert Eaton. Lendy Rowena—Ardella Stacey. Lendy Rebecca—Helen Dyle. All members invited to be present. J. J. MURCHISON, Foreman. C. H. McCORKLE, Correspondent. 12-11-11.

World 711,000,000 Years Old. Based on their calculations upon radioactive phenomena, two British scientists have advanced the theory that the world is at least 711,000,000 years old.

NEW TODAY

LOST—A bunch of keys between La Grande and Island City. Return to E. J. Donchue, Reward. 12-11-24-pd

WANTED—Clark Norton. Please call at Observer office. 12-11-31

STRAYED—2 horses, 1 pinto, no brand; 1 grey mare, branded diamond on left shoulder. Write Henry Goodwell, Perry, Ore. Reward. 12-11-41-pd

WANTED AT ONCE—First class modern house. care of Observer. 12-11-41-pd



DUTLI'S BAKERY

CAR OF PURE BRED JERSEYS

HOMER CARNES, OF NORTH POWDER, SECURES HERD.

Well-known Dairymen Has Disposed of All Grade Stock and Goes After the Blood.

(By P. H. Spillman, County Agent) Saturday night, December 7th, there passed through La Grande on the east-bound freight train a carload of cattle which consisted of a complete herd of pure bred dairy cattle, there being eight cows, seven heifers, and a herd bull, or sixteen head, all told.

Their new owner, Homer Carnes of North Powder, is proud of his recent purchase, and well he might be.

This entire herd was purchased of a Mr. Reese of Stanfield and represents some of the best of breeding in Jersey cattle as they carry blood of Golden Glow's Chief, who was the sire of three cows that made 800 pounds or over of butter fat in one year, and thirty-eight other daughters 509.2 pounds of butter fat in a year.

These cattle were also traced to the well-known Miller estate Jersey cattle of western Oregon.

Mr. Carnes is one of the most progressive dairymen in this section and had built up a very good herd of grade Jerseys, but has disposed of the same so that he could purchase the above described herd, and from which we shall undoubtedly hear in the near future.

CHARGES FOR NEW PHONES REDUCED

Burleson Orders Installation Cost Cut Down on All United States Line.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 10.—An order has been issued by the United States Independent Telephone association, which is the name of the national organization of the telephone system, going away with the \$5, \$10 and \$15 installation charges which were established to minimize installations and conserve labor, during the war. The public service commission was advised by Postmaster General Burleson of these eliminations today. The order is effective from December 1, which means that all patrons who have installed service since that date are entitled to the lower rate which has been established.

The lower rate which is established by the order makes the maximum charge \$3.50. When a new subscriber makes use of instruments already installed in his residence, a charge of \$1.50 is made, and the charge for a change in the style or type of the telephone set is \$3.

On November 16th the Oregon commission sent a letter to Mr. Burleson, protesting at the continuation of the higher rates after the cessation of the war, pointing out that the cause for the establishment of the higher charges had been removed. The commission has received a copy of the letter, addressed by Postmaster General Burleson to employees of telephone companies, urging a strict adherence to the rules of courtesy to patrons.

UNSHAKEN TESTIMONY

Time is the test of truth. And Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test up La Grande. No La Grande resident who suffers backache, or annoying urinary ills can remain unconvinced by this twice-told testimony.

Ed. L. Bussey, La Grande, says: "I had been subject to kidney trouble at times, especially when a cold settled in the small of my back. Dull pains annoyed me and my kidneys got badly out of order. About three years ago I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and from that time on, I have had something on which I could rely. Whenever bothered by my kidneys, it has taken Doan's Kidney Pills only a short time to set me right."

(Statement given Nov. 20, 1912.) On May 25, 1916, Mr. Bussey said: "I am ready to back up every word of my former statement regarding my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills, for I know they have no equal. When my kidneys got out of fix, I take Doan's and they never fail to do good work."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Bussey had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

MOST TEMPTING

are the good things of our baking and we make every toothsome dainty so pure and wholesome that children can safely eat them.

OUR BAKERY

Insists on quality as a watchword and an equally high standard of courteous service.

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HOW TO SECURE DISCHARGES

Congressman Nick Sinnott of Oregon, at the request of numerous parents in his district has made inquiry at the war and Navy departments here concerning the proper method to be pursued to obtain the discharge of a man in the service.

He has been informed that in all cases the application for such releases must be made by the soldier directly to his commanding officer and that no action will be taken at headquarters, or in Washington, until such application has been received and passed upon by such commanding officers.

In order that interested parents and others may have the fullest up-to-date information concerning the regulations and rulings of the departments in regard to the discharge of soldiers, sailors and marines and also under just what circumstances such special discharges will be considered favorably the congressman has sent this paper the following summary of the regulations.

The Army Department commanders within the United States are authorized in certain individual and exceptional cases to discharge men on their own application when there is sickness or other distress in the soldier's family, or when he is needed to resume employment in an industry or occupation in which there is urgent need of his services, provided his services can be spared and that it will not disrupt an existing organization.

Application for discharge must be made in each individual case by the soldier concerned and through his immediate commanding officer. This must be made in writing and state in full reasons why discharge is asked.

The Navy It is the desire of the navy department to release from active service at the earliest practicable time those members of the naval reserve force, and those men of the regular service who enlisted for the duration of the war, and who wish to complete their education or who have urgent family and business interests demanding immediate and personal attention. No definite time can be set for release but it will be done as soon as the exigencies of service will permit. Those desiring to be released under above condition must in every instance, submit formal request in writing through official channels, stating in full their reasons. This is extremely important as it is the present policy to discharge only those who wish it. Those who enlisted for four years will be discharged only where exceptional dependency exists.

The Marines The same policy against releasing four year men obtains in the Marines as the navy proper. It is the policy of the Marine headquarters, however, to discharge Marines who desire their immediate release from military duty for educational or industrial reasons or on account of dependency of family. Requests of men in the two classes mentioned must be forwarded through official channels, i. e., their commanding officers and will then be acted on individually as headquarters. Because it is not the present plan to demobilize any unit or class of marines as the navy department will need the authorized strength of corps for many months to come it will probably be more difficult to get released from this service than the other branches.

It is probable that there would be no objection to allowing a soldier, sailor or marine filing application for his own discharge as indicated to file with such written application such supporting evidence in the way of statements from parents or others as would explain more fully or corroborate the reasons he sets out for desiring to be released from service—but the most important point to remember is that soldier himself must take the initiative and that it must be done through his immediate commanding officer.

My Wife's Mayonnaise Salad Dressing

Is popularly known as a perfect dressing for all salads and is delicious on all hot or cold meats, fish, eggs and chicken. Large size 30c

Pure white, High Patent flour, per sack \$3.15

Honey in gallon cans. Strawberry preserves in three sizes. A new consignment of Heinz apple butter.

A COMPLETE STOCK OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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BIG CLOSING OUT QUIT BUSINESS SALE

Specially Priced Lots Seasonable Merchandise Just What is Wanted at this time.

- 1 lot Men's Fine Dress Shoes, \$6.50 to \$7.50 values \$4.98
1 big lot Assorted Boys', Misses' and Ladies' Shoes \$1.49
1 lot Ladies' Fine Shoes, nothing larger than 3 1/2 \$1.98
1 lot Wool Dress Goods, values ranging to \$2.25 98c
1 lot Wool Dress Goods, values ranging to \$3.00 \$1.98
1 lot Wool Dress Goods, values ranging to \$4.85 \$2.98
1 lot Corsets, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values \$1.49
3 lots Val and Torchon Laces, per yard 1c 3c, 5c
3 lots Embroidery and Insertions, per yard 3c, 9c, 15c
1 lot Ladies' Voile and Lawn Waists, \$1.50 values \$1.19
1 lot Overcoats, values to \$15.00 \$9.95
1 lot Overcoats, values to \$17.50 \$11.98
1 lot Overcoats, values to \$22.50 \$14.50
1 lot Boys' Blanket Lined Coats \$1.39
1 lot Men's Khaki Pants \$1.87
1 lot Men's Dress Shirts, \$2.25 values 98c
1 lot Men's Khaki Shirts, \$1.25 values \$1.29
Boys' Dress Shirts and Waists 69c, 98c

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Daily Thought. Whatever chance shall bring we will bear with equanimity.—Terence. MONEY TO LOAN. On improved real property in Galton county. No delay. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co.



The Farmer Receives More Than Five Thousand Dollars a Minute From Swift & Company

This amount is paid to the farmer for live stock, by Swift & Company alone, during the trading hours of every business day.

All this money is paid to the farmer through the open market in competition with large and small packers, shippers, speculators and dealers.

The farmer, feeder, or shipper receives every cent of this money (\$300,000 an hour, nearly \$2,000,000 a day, \$11,500,000 a week) in cash, on the spot, as soon as the stock he has just sold is weighed up.

Some of the money paid to the farmer during a single day comes back to the company in a month from sale of products; much does not come back for sixty or ninety days or more. But the next day Swift & Company, to meet the demands made by its customers, must pay out another \$2,000,000 or so, and at the present high price levels keeps over \$250,000,000 continuously tied up in goods on the way to market and in bills owed to the company.

This gives an idea of the volume of the Swift & Company business and the requirements of financing it. Only by doing a large business can this company turn live stock into meat and by-products at the lowest possible cost, prevent waste, operate refrigerator cars, distribute to retailers in all parts of the country—and be recompensed with a profit of only a fraction of a cent a pound—a profit too small to have any noticeable effect on the price of meat or live stock.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.