

State News

The Portland army headquarters, in the Marshall-Wells building, sold \$97,867.97 worth of bonds from the date of opening, September 25, to October 13, according to announcement made by Major Frank P. Tingley, in charge at the Portland district.

That a larger number of professional books are being read by the teachers of the state than ever before is one of the observations of J. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, in announcing the teachers' reading course for the current year.

Sixteen cases will be ready for the supreme court when it meets in Pendleton, October 27, for the semi-annual session there. Two of these only are from Umatilla county.

Sensational rescues by ex-servicemen of women caught in the conflagration of the women's dormitory at the plant of the Dufur Orchard Company, at The Dalles, were made early Wednesday morning at a fire which was started by the explosion of an oil lamp. Two women were carried out, unconscious from the heat and flames.

To aid in exterminating the cougar, which kill many deer each year, a government professional trapper will work in the Cascade mountains of Eastern Lin county this winter.

A total of 1820 persons entitled to the benefits under the so-called financial educational aid law, passed at the last session of the Oregon legislature, have filed applications with the secretary of state.

A strike of the police force at Roseburg was averted Tuesday night when the city council agreed to allow the night and day officers each eight-hour shifts. The arrangements leave the city without guardsmen eight hours out of the 24, as only two policemen are employed.

Ancient Honduran City.
Copan is an ancient ruined city of northwestern Honduras, on the Copan river. The remains are of unknown antiquity and very extensive, stretching for about two miles along the river. The buildings are of stone, embracing a temple over 600 feet long, with many sculptured figures. The Copan ruins take their name from a modern town to the east of them. This was an Indian stronghold, and was taken after a fierce struggle by the Spaniards under Hernando de Chavez in 1530.

"Kitchen Middens."
Kitchen middens are great mounds, some 100 feet long and 250 feet wide, found in Denmark, England, Scotland, France and in parts of Europe, North and South America and Australia. They are supposed to be the refuse heaps of prehistoric periods, and are composed chiefly of oyster, periwinkle, cockle and mussel shells. In them are found implements of wood, stone, bones of animals and cinders.

Solitude.
What period do you think I recall most frequently and most willingly? In my dreams? Not the pleasures of my youth; they are too rare, too mingled with bitterness and new too distant. I recall the period of my seclusion, of my solitary walks, of the fleeting but delicious days that I have passed entirely by myself, with my beloved dog, my old cat, with the birds of the field, the birds of the forest, with all nature and her innumerable Author.—Housman.

The Observer furnishes and prints Butter Wrappers.

MANY FATAL ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED.

An Average of Over Five Deaths per Day Occur at Grade Crossings in America.

The United States railroad administration is to conduct an accident prevention campaign during the period from October 18 to October 31. Great loss of life is occurring daily at railroad crossings and stations—loss of life which in large measure could be avoided if care were exercised.

An average of more than five deaths and 13 serious injuries every day have occurred at grade crossings in America during the quarter of the year ending September 30, according to figures compiled by the Interstate Commerce commission.

During the past eight months of Northwest railroads, 60 automobiles have collided with steam trains, 22 automobiles have collided with electric trains or cars. The grand total is 125. Persons killed in these collisions number eight, while the seriously injured total 69. One hundred and seven automobiles were damaged or were utterly demolished, eight vehicles were demolished and three horses killed.

Reasons assigned for these accidents, deaths and injuries are: Crossings approached at excessive speed as drivers could not stop their machines in time to avoid the inevitable smash up; failure of drivers to stop and look in both directions; defective brakes automobile stalled on track in face of approaching train; driver stopped too close to track, allowing train to slide over machine; automobile skidded on wet pavement and hurled into train; driver tried to beat train over crossing; driver miscalculated speed of train or did not heed warning; driver occupied in conversation, ignoring rapidly approaching train.

The report of the Interstate Commerce commission shows that 22 passengers on American railroads were killed or seriously injured every day during the nine months ending September 30, 1918. During the eight months ending August 31, 1919, the accident records of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the Southern Pacific lines north of Ashland show that 52 injuries to passengers occurred.

This slaughter of the careless could have been prevented if ordinary caution had been observed. About 90 percent of these accidents could have been prevented by use of carelessness.

In order to save human life—perhaps your own life, be careful in the future. Guard against accident. Don't take a chance at railroad crossings. Stop, look and listen. Negotiate crossings at second speed if driving an au-

tomobile.
Consider that you can't knock a speeding engine and train off the track. Consider that human life is precious and that anything you do to prevent it being snuffed out is the greatest work afforded in this world. Be careful around railroads.

AN AMERICAN SUBJUGATED AN INVADING SINGLE-BANDED

Affairs of Small Town in Occupied Zone Toned Down by Prompt Work of a Yankee.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.
WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN GERMANY, Oct. 1.—Single-handed, an American intelligence officer recently put down a "revolutionary" movement in the area on the Rhine occupied by United States troops.

The first the Americans knew of the "revolt" was when news reached army headquarters that in Luetz,

a village of 200 population, a railway had been holdfast and was waving in the breeze at the tip of a seventy foot pole. When the American officer arrived in Luetz the "revolution" conceived by a society called itself "Frohnian" (Hilarity) and composed of young men most of whom were discharged German soldiers, was well under way and some of the inhabitants could enter the village without proper passports provided by the society members.

Luetz, like many German villages in the hills, has no troops in the town, the army depending upon an occasional patrol to keep in touch with events.

The American summoned the Gendarmestab, or the chief official of the town, who informed the officer that this was the third attempt of the "Frohnianists" to rule the village and that the ration was directed against the Catholic priest for whom the young men had a

pronounced dislike.
The American officer summoned the executive council of the society, provided them with pic and shovel and had them dig up the flag pole, amid the applause of the conservative element of the village. He instructed the burgomaster to withhold until further notice any authorization for meetings of the "Hilarity," over the executive council a

crossing down and imprisoned the one German policeman to patrol Luetz at all hours on Sundays when most political meetings are held. Each member of the "executive council" promised to be good hereafter and none of the society members were arrested. They agreed that the American had convinced them that "revolution" did not pay. The revolution had lasted six hours.

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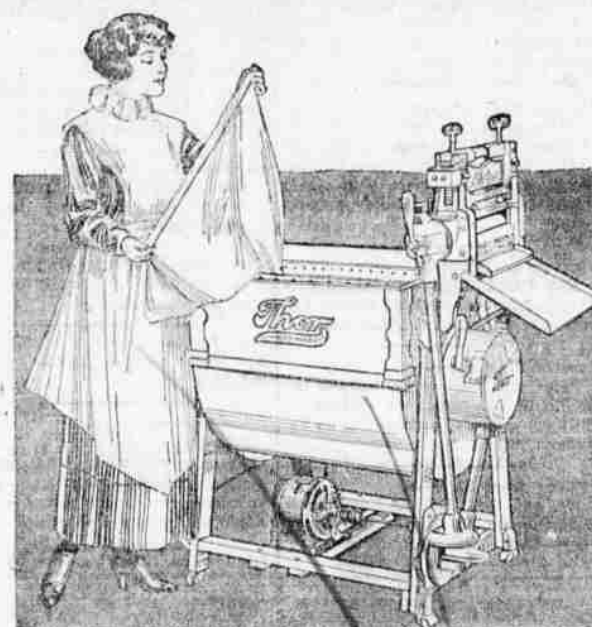
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