

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. M. Hinkle was a visitor at Medford this forenoon.

W. A. Bishop, who had been visiting friends at Port Angeles and other places on Puget Sound, has returned home. He says the weather on the sound is something fierce with rain every day.

Clinton Cook of Applegate shipped a carload of beef cattle to Portland, first of the week.

BORN—At Medford, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Reter, a seven pound daughter. Grandpa "Jack" of this city is wearing his hat tipped back in honor of the event.

Monday was St. Patrick's Day. But few green ribbons were worn here.

S. P. Shutt and son of Ashland were callers at this office Friday. Mr. Shutt is looking for a location—10 to 40 acres of land with orchard and buildings.

William Fraley, who was recently discharged from the army, returned home first of the week.

Charles Nickell of Hayward, Calif., who was an editor and publisher of a newspaper here for many years in the palm days of the good old town, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lewis Ulrich, and shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Water superintendent Ulrich complains of several acts of vandalism committed at the city dam on Jackson creek, among them being the shooting of a number of rifle bullets through the house at the stand pipe, which might have destroyed the mechanism for opening and closing the service and clean-out pipes besides endangering the lives of workmen who may have been employed at the dam. Besides the shooting, other acts tending to injure the dam and impair the water, are mentioned. Interference with the water system by unauthorized persons is prohibited by the city ordinances and by the state law, as is also the careless and indiscriminate discharge of firearms and violators thereof are subject to severe punishment. Mr. Ulrich desires to state that should these acts be repeated, or similar offenses committed he will swear out complaints asking for the arrest of the persons involved.

Ben M. Sheldon of Medford was a visitor in this city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roundtree who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sam Walsh of this city for several months, have returned to their home at Pacific Beach, Wash.

Frank R. Neil of Beagle, Oregon, transacted business in this city Monday.

John F. Roehn, a well known business man of Ashland, transacted business in this city Monday forenoon.

J. B. Renault, Jr. was a visitor at Medford Tuesday.

Steel commissioner Ulrich has been cleaning out the water dam on Jackson creek this week.

Walter Kitto of Ashland was in town a couple of days this week. He came over with the intention of removing a couple of buildings but was informed that improvement assessments would have to be paid before removal would be permitted. He returned to Ashland Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Donis who have been visiting the latter's father, John Lyden, for several months, left for Portland Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Mattie Thompson was a visitor at Medford Monday afternoon.

R. A. Booth, state highway commissioner, and Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, were at the court house this week on business relating to work on the Pacific Highway and other roads in this county.

Robert Fox, known as "Slim McDonald," who pleaded guilty to a charge of passing forged checks, was sentenced Tuesday by Judge Calkins of the circuit court to serve one to five years in the penitentiary. He was turned over to the state parole officer.

Pat Swayne of Watkins was a business visitor in this city first of the week. Mr. Swayne reports everything O. K. on the upper Applegate.

N. M. Coplan of the Federal Truck Co. was in town Tuesday taking pictures of the trucks used in hauling ore from the Blue Lodge mine.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Van Horn were visitors at Medford Wednesday.

Medford man have applied to the county court for a contribution of \$105 per month to keep open the Federal employment office ordered discontinued by the government. The matter was taken under advisement.

James H. Berry was a visitor at Medford Friday.

It is reported that there is 13 1/2 feet of snow at Crater Lake.

Deputy Grrett reports that taxes are coming in pretty rapidly now. Better get busy interest at the rate of one per cent a month will be added after April 5.

Judge Dex has been "under the weather" for the past few days; something like neuralgia or rheumatism.

Charles Cople, son of Mrs. Kate Cople of this city, recently discharged from the army, left Friday for Gazelle, Calif., where he has employment.

WANTED—Stumpage near Jacksonville. A. T. Edmanson; Beagle, Ore. Mrs. Kate Huffman and Miss Essie McCully visited friends at Central Point Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meek, who have been stopping in town for several weeks, have gone to Provoit where Mrs. Meek will have charge of a telephone office.

Elsewhere in this paper appears a notice by Marshal Kenney regarding the enforcement of the Bicycle and other ordinances. It is intended to warn all persons against violations of the ordinances and also that under the state law offenders under 18 years of age must be taken before the juvenile court. Older offenders will be brought before the city recorder for a hearing.

All work done in 1919 spot cash at W. R. Sparks.

Car Built of Concrete.

Chicago, March 17.—The first reinforced concrete freight car ever built was delivered today to the Illinois Central railroad for operation in its coal service.

The car is light, its walls being one and one-half inches thick and the floor two and one-half inches thick. It has been tested for a capacity of 109,000 pounds.

Atlantic Flight Started.

London, March 17.—It is reported among airmen that a flight across the Atlantic ocean is being attempted by a French lieutenant named Fontan.

He is reported to have started from the France African port of Dakar for Pernambuco, Brazil, by way of the Cape Verde islands and the St. Paul rocks.

Heligoland to be Made Defenseless.

Paris, March 18.—The fortifications on the island of Heligoland, Germany's formidable base in the North Sea must be dismantled. This decision was reached today. It was decided also that the Kiel canal should be internationalized. Germany probably will retain sovereignty of the water way.

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By Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, State Chairman, Women's Liberty Loan Committee of Oregon.

"This is to be the last Liberty Loan!"

These words we send to you, still thrilling with the joy that was ours when they came to us; not for the promise of work curtailed; not for the lifting of a financial burden from weakened shoulders, but for their resounding cry of victory, heralding a thanksgiving call to all the nations of the earth.

Six months ago we urged you to dedicate your services and your money to the use of the government that victory might be ours. The magnificent response from the women of Oregon and other states, by their consecrated loyalty and generous support played no small part in bringing joy to the world on the eleventh of last November. Our money, lavishly loaned and used, was the dynamic force that prostrated the German barbarians, and stopped the slaughter of our splendid manhood. The magnitude of our preparations struck terror to the enemy, for it implied the obligation America had taken upon herself, and her firm determination to see it through to a glorious finish.

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PERSHING PINS HERO MEDAL ON CHINESE YOUTH

Sing Kee sticks to his Post Under Heavy Fire.

Here is a text book on Americanism written in Chinese character and translated for use on the day next month when a Liberty Loan salesman tackles you to do your duty. It is an official American communique:

"Pvt. Sing Kee, Infantry, Chinese Kee, father, 604 North Fourth street, San Jose, Calif. For extraordinary heroism in action at Mont Notre Dame, west of Fismes, France, Aug. 21, 14, 15, 1918. Pvt. Kee, although seriously gassed during shelling by high explosive and gas shells, refused to be evacuated, and continued, practically single-handed, by his own initiative to operate the regimental message center relay station at Mont Notre Dame. Throughout the critical period Pvt. Kee showed extraordinary heroism, high courage, and persistent devotion to duty and totally disregarded all personal danger. By his determination he materially aided his regimental commander in communicating with the front line."

Sing Kee wears the Distinguished Service Medal of the United States of America.

Sing Kee is for America—for her enough to lay down his life. Are you for America? Are you as good a

At The Churches

PRESBYTERIAN

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11:30 A. M. Morning worship, with sermon.

6:15 P. M. Christian Endeavor Prayer meeting.

7:30 P. M. Evening worship, with sermon.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Everyone welcome to these meetings. "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord."—Ps. 122:1.