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## LYON MEETINGS MOVE TO BAPTIST CHURCH

FIRST SERMON IN NEW LOCATION WILL BE TONIGHT

## ARE YOU A HOBAB? FIND OUT

Question Causing More Interest Than Mysterious Mr. Ruggles

Beginning with tonight, the Lyon meetings will be held at the Baptist Church. This announcement was made at the meeting last evening, and every effort will be made by those interested in the success of the meeting to keep up the splendid interest, and increase the attendance if possible at the new location.

Are you a Hobab? This question has been asked us many times by telephone and people calling at the office during the past week.

One man was under the impression that he saw something about it in the Oregonian, and was sure we should tell him.

To be truthful, and one should be in dealing with biblical matters, we have no first hand information as to just what a Hobab is.

We have something of an idea however, and we hope you are one. The matter will be fully explained at the Lyon meetings some night soon, and to get the full meaning of it, you should be in the audience when it is revealed.

We do not know what evening the secret will be out, it may be tonight.

## WEST POINT AND ANNAPOLIS EXAMS SOON

Congressman Nick Sinnott has been called upon by the War Department and the Navy Department to designate a cadet for the military academy and a midshipman for the naval academy to take official examinations for admission during the spring of 1918.

He will make designations of principals and alternates to fill both these vacancies on the basis of competitive examination to be held on January 9, 1918, by the U. S. Civil Service Commission simultaneously in the following eight cities in his district: Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario, Bend, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles. Candidates should report to local Civil Service secretary at the postoffice at 9 o'clock a. m. on that day.

Any young man of the required age is eligible to enter this competition who is now, and has since December 1, 1917, been an actual bona fide resident of the Second Oregon District. Candidates for admission to the Military Academy at West Point must not be under 17 nor over 22 years of age on date of admission; to the Naval Academy, between the ages of 16 and 20 years on date of official examination.

The competitive examination will probably cover the following subjects: Algebra, Geography, History, English Composition and Literature, Plane Geometry and English Grammar.

Those desiring to take the examination should write to Congressman Sinnott, 242 House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. AT ONCE, for sample questions and further information. It is important that each should also state whether he prefers designation to the military or naval academy.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Presbyterian Sunday school, Rev. W. L. Van Nuys and Mrs. Nicolai for the greetings and gifts provided our old people Christmas eve.

THE HOME HOSPITAL.

We wish you a Happy New Year.

## J. H. ROSENBERG A CAPTAIN

Prineville Man Promoted During the Holiday Season

The following telegram was received December 20 by Mrs. J. H. Rosenberg:

"Camp Pike, Arkansas—Received my commission today as Captain. Am now senior officer.—J. H. Rosenberg, 43rd Regiment."

Captain Rosenberg has been in the service since July and was made a lieutenant shortly after his enlistment.

### LYCEUM NUMBER JAN. 2

Robert Bowman Will Appear at Club Hall on That Date

Robert Bowman will present the next Lyceum number at the Club Hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 2. Reserved seats are on sale at Price's Confectionery.

### MEN RECEIVE GIFTS

Prineville's Enlisted Men Appreciated Tokens of Remembrance

Numbers of letters from the Prineville men at the front, enroute there, and in cantonments are being received by the Thos. M. Anderson Camp, Spanish War Veterans, and the city officials in which the boys all show their appreciation of the gifts made them by the people of Prineville, through the above channels.

A number of the men are in France, the exact number we are of course unable to say, and many more will be there before another Christmas.

The parcel mailed to John McDowell was delivered to another soldier through the postmaster at New York.

### PREDICTS CLOSE OF WAR

Chicago Man is Hopeful of Early and Favorable Finish

Dr. J. H. Hoelscher and Mrs. Hoelscher, of Chicago, are spending the holidays with their son Fred and family here. The doctor predicts that Germany will be defeated during 1918, and believes that they are making their last grand display and bluff at defense before the arrival of Uncle Sam's army. We hope and believe that he is right.

CONSULT—Dr. Turner, eye specialist of Portland. At Hotel Prineville again Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13. Don't forget the date. 7:30

### OLD FOLKS REMEMBERED

Inmates of Home Hospital Extended Christmas Cheer

The Presbyterian Sunday School visited the inmates of the Home Hospital on Christmas, sang for the old people and remembered them in other ways.

Mrs. Nicolai brought each of the old folks gifts and they were made to realize that they were not forgotten at this season.

### CABLES FROM FRANCE

Prineville Man Remembers Home Town at Christmas

Cablegram from "somewhere in France" Spokes Wheeler today sent to his friend Fred Hoelscher the following message: "Merry Christmas to Prineville Crew."

Considering that a cablegram sent that distance costs upwards of one dollar per word, we can understand why Spokes did not elaborate farther in his Christmas greetings.

## MADRAS MEN ATTEND LUNCHEON ON FRIDAY

A delegation of Madras citizens attended the luncheon Friday, after which they were taken over the Ochoco district by Prineville men.

They were greatly pleased with the evident progress that is being made on the work.

An address was delivered at the luncheon by Harry Guard, who is a member of the board of directors for the Jefferson county project.

The luncheon tomorrow will be held at the Prineville Hotel.

## OCHOCO TUNNEL NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED

FINISHING TOUCHES FOR BIG CANAL CUT

## STEAMSHOVEL GOES WESTWARD

Peak Being Removed From Lower Bank of Ditch, Making Canal Finished

Eyeckmeyer Brothers are starting the construction of the tunnel for the main canal on the Ochoco Project this week.

They have established their camp, have the air compressor drills on the ground, and are opening up the face of the hill for the north mouth of the tunnel, from which point Mr. Shotwell has built the main canal to a point near Dry Creek, a considerable distance north and west from the tunnel mouth.

This will connect with the section of canal already completed by Mr. Shotwell at McKay Creek crossing. From the McKay crossing the canal is completed, with the exception of bridges, to a point within a little more than a mile from the big cut.

The cut, in turn, which is being built by the district under the foremanship of "Cap" Fuller, will be completed during the next ten days, and is already receiving the finishing touches for most of its length.

This completed, the main canal is then ready for water to the east line of the Ruthfield place, from whence construction will be then up westward from a new camp location.

The steam shovel is eating its way westward more rapidly than in the beginning, and leaves a great canal in its wake.

The peak is being removed from the lower bank of the canal which is left quite pointed by the shovel, with teams, and leaves the canal with a more finished appearance than before.

Of course the good weather is assisting greatly in the work and regardless of transportation difficulties the project is much more advanced than was hoped at the beginning, at the loss of these few weeks.

### THRIFT STAMPS POPULAR

Postmaster Boone reports that the thrift stamps are growing in popularity since the public has a better understanding of just what they are.

This is an excellent way to save your money and have it on interest and at the same time help the government.

The sales to date at the Prineville office are about three hundred dollars.

### STOCK ON RANGES AT PAULINA

Geo. J. Roba Says Grass is Better Now Than in August

Geo. J. Roba is in Prineville today from Paulina. He says that grass is better at Paulina than it was last August, and cattle are yet on the ranges there.

Hay prices are on the decline there he says.

### P. M. RUTHFIELD ACQUITTED

Evidence Failed to Convict Man Arrested For Selling Cider

P. M. Ruthfield, who was arrested for selling hard cider to employees on the Ochoco Project, was acquitted by the court. Judge Bowman failed to find evidence of any man being drunk from drinking the cider.

### RED CROSS DANCE

Benefit Will Be Given Tomorrow Night at Club Hall

A Red Cross benefit dance is being advertised for tomorrow night at the Club Hall. A good time is insured to all who attend.

Buy Baby Bonds Boys!

## FRANCE REFRAINS FROM DANCING DURING WAR

ENGLAND ALSO DISCOURAGES ALL FRIVOLITIES

## AMERICA SHOULD SAY DR. LYON

Men From Almost Every Home Are Facing Cannon—Support the Soldiers

France has placed a ban on dancing and other like amusements, and has requested her representatives to foreign countries to observe the fact that the country is mourning for the dead and wounded soldiers.

That the United States could fittingly follow the example set by our ally through respect for the men who are facing the most deadly enemy that ever was encountered was the suggestion of Dr. Lyon in answering a question on the subject asked him at the union meeting Tuesday evening.

While there is no occasion for this country to go into mourning as yet for her fallen soldiers, he said that the effect on the men at the front would be far more wholesome if they knew that the people with whom they have been associated at home were showing some respect for them, entertaining sober thoughts instead of the responsibilities they have assumed in doing the fighting for the nation, in which many of them will lose their lives without question.

The interest is growing every evening in the union meetings, and the able handling of current topics by the speaker, in his discourses on the bible and ancient history surrounding bible times, again demonstrates that Dr. Lyon is greatly respected and appreciated by Prineville people.

The meetings will close about the middle of January. You should attend them whenever possible.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES BRIEF

All Churches Observed the Day, But No Community Effort Made

Christmas services were more brief this year than for many years in Prineville.

Because of the war, no community effort was made, although all the churches in the city had some exercises, and a meeting was held at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon to which children were invited, at which were shown a number of beautiful pictures commemorating the occasion. This meeting drew a large crowd of little folks, and was enjoyed by everyone.

Most homes in the city had their family trees, and the holiday attire of the stores proclaimed the season.

Patronage was good all merchants say, and a feeling of prosperity abounds regardless of the war.

The money that was formerly wasted, or practically so, at this season, is going into thrift stamps in a measure, and the response to the Red Cross was general and liberal.

### LADIES ANNEX TO ENTERTAIN

Committees Plan For Entertainment New Year's Night

The Ladies Annex will give their usual New Year's reception on New Year's night, January 1, 1918, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, to which all members and their friends, and particularly strangers are cordially invited. Mrs. C. L. Edwards is chairman of the committee in charge. Other chairmen of committees are as follows: Mrs. H. P. Belknap, reception; Mrs. Chas. Elkins, entertainment; Mrs. D. F. Stewart, refreshments and Mrs. W. I. Dishman, decorations. Mrs. Elkins plans as one feature of entertainment to have a community sing of patriotic songs from 10 to 11 o'clock.

Noah W. Floyd was in the city Monday.

### QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION

Legal Advisory Board Will Not Appoint Associate Members

In response to a great many inquiries coming in daily, the legal advisory board for Crook County after a consultation with the local exemption board, wishes to announce that the local bar held it to be inadvisable and impracticable to appoint or name associate members for the legal advisory board in the outlying communities of Crook County such as Newsom Creek, Beaver Creek, Buck Creek or Bear Creek owing to the complicated nature of the questionnaires.

So difficult has been the work of properly executing the questionnaires, both in answering the questions, determining which questions are necessary to answer under certain circumstances and what and how many supporting affidavits must be made by the registrant that even the lawyer members of the board have been in hard straits to get through the mass of regulations.

The Selective Service Regulations make up a book of 254 pages and is being supplemented, amended and repealed daily by telegram from Washington. The questionnaire is 16 pages long and quite complicated.

However, for the information of registrants living at a distance, the legal advisory board desires to say that any justice of the peace, notary public or United States Commissioner is qualified to take the oaths or affidavits on the questionnaire, but it is quite advisable that each registrant, if he values his classification should present himself at Prineville with his questionnaire and necessary witnesses.

### CONTEST CLOSED SATURDAY

Helen Van Nuys Received the \$25 Anasco Camera

Miss Helen Van Nuys won the \$25 camera in the contest given by F. E. Laffer of The Art Shop. The contest lasted six weeks and one vote was given for every five cent purchase. The following girls were successful: Helen Van Nuys, 1st; Clara Short, 2nd; Ruth Yancey, 3rd; and Melissa Springer, 4th.

### QUESTIONNAIRES ARE COMING IN PROMPTLY

Most of the questionnaires that have been sent out have been returned and very few mistakes have been found in the answers.

County Clerk Warren Brown reports that the returns have been exceptionally good considering the fact that so many men who live in the country have difficulty in getting their mail on time.

### A BARGAIN COUNTER HUSBAND

Mrs. Lyon will speak to all unmarried girls and women over fifteen years of age at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the topic: "A Bargain Counter Husband."

### STEARNS FAMILY 100 PER CENT

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stearns and eight children are all members of the Red Cross. Nora, Lora, Cecile, Harry, George, Roland and Gordon were all home for Christmas. Carey is a member of the Coast Artillery at Fort Columbia, Washington.

This is the largest number of Red Cross members in any one family so far reported.

## HAY SELLS FOR LESS IN HARNEY COUNTY NOW

Hay that was bought by speculators at \$16 in Harney valley is now being resold at \$10 and hay bought at \$20 may be had at \$12 is the report brought to Prineville today by J. M. Street who has a ranch near the Harney county line.

Cattle are yet on the ranges there he says, and are doing well. The hay supply for that part of the country would be sufficient to feed all the cattle in that part of the country until June should the occasion require, he says.

Much farming has been done, and many of the farmers have completed the work they usually do in the springtime.

## CITY DELIVERY MAY BE HAD FOR THE ASKING

EVERYONE CAN HELP BY SIGNING PETITION

## ORDINANCE FOR STREET SIGNS

Will Be Presented to Council Tuesday Evening—Houses to be Numbered Also

Prineville has all the requirements for free city delivery of mail, and by asking for this service in the proper manner, there can be no doubt that it will be received.

The part that every individual can play in this matter is to sign a petition to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, asking him that the service be granted.

You will find one of these petitions at the Journal office, at the postoffice or at the Crook County Bank. Everyone who receives mail, and lives within the limits of the city is eligible to sign and all should attend to this matter during the next three or four days.

An ordinance is being prepared that will be presented to the council at the regular meeting next week, providing for the erection of street signs and numbering the houses.

Sidewalks and cross walks will be necessary wherever they are not already built for the accommodation of the carriers.

Two carriers, at salaries of about \$90 per month to start, will be provided, and two deliveries each day, one following the arrival of each mail from the north, for the residence district, and more for the business section will be provided.

Boxes for the mailing of letters and parcels will also be erected in different parts of the city should the move to secure the service be successful.

## NO PLATINUM OR GOLD IN DESCHUTES SANDS

That promoters are attempting to sell shares of stock or claims in the mines that have been staked off near Cline Falls on the Deschutes is apparent in the warning issued from Washington, D. C. on Saturday, to the effect that the sands along this stream and Crooked river contain no platinum or gold deposits, regardless of the attempt of some to create an impression that there are valuable mines there.

This does not imply that there are no valuable mines in this part of the state. In the Mayflower group on Ochoco, we have mines that are now being operated at a profit, although the concentrates are shipped to Salt Lake for smelting, and the ore is shipped almost sixty miles by motor truck.

The Washington dispatch is as follows:

"Director Smith, of the Geological survey, today issued a warning to prospectors and investors regarding the alleged discovery of platinum-bearing ores and sand along the Deschutes and Crooked rivers in Oregon. Claims have been staked for several miles along these rivers, and are being sold and exploited on the representation that they contain large percentages of gold and rare metals of the platinum group.

"Recent tests by the Geological survey of the richest specimens of these sands and ores show no trace of platinum or other metals of the platinum group, nor was any gold found in the concentrates. The survey therefore warns the public against accepting statements regarding Deschutes and Crooked river claims without submitting the material to reliable assayers."

Mildred and Ruth Slayton arrived Saturday from Corvallis where they are attending O. A. C. and will be here the remainder of the week.