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## TRAVELED QUARTER MILLION MILES

PRINEVILLE MAN MADE 80 TRIPS ACROSS ATLANTIC

## PERCY SMITH MAKES RECORD

Helped Take 50,000 Men To France And Return A Like Number—Fifth Largest Vessel

Percy E. Smith has returned from service of about two years in the U. S. Navy. Scores and scores of Crook county men have likewise returned from service in various parts of our Uncle Sam's banner fighting machine, but the record of Smith is quite remarkable, and bears mentioning in a more elaborate way than a mere recording of the fact that he has been in the service.

Smith enlisted in the navy because he felt that he was needed, shipped around the nation from Seattle to New York through the canal, and did service as an electrician and in other capacities on the Agamemnon, a vessel built "in Germany" and at one time the pride of the vanquished nation.

He was aboard the vessel in fifteen round trips across the Atlantic, a total of thirty crossings, averaging about seven thousand miles each for long detours were made to avoid the danger of infected waters, to say nothing of other jaunts, across the continent by rail and traveling in other countries.

Smith witnessed the toppling of his companion ship, the Mt. Vernon, which was able to return to France with a hole forty feet square in her side, while the water from the vicinity of the firing of the torpedo was churned with "ash cans" over a 40-acre space, and Smith candidly believes that she did no more damage during the war.

Of a convoy of five ships of the first magnitude which started carrying troops at about the same time, the Agamemnon was the only one that was not torpedoed or destroyed in some manner in the service.

The crew of this mammoth vessel consisted of 1,200 officers and men and with a full cargo of troops, standing room was at a premium.

After having spent two years in such company, Smith says he prefers to sit all by himself at times, where he has room to stretch his legs and just think.

Like all the boys who have been in the great war, he is difficult to interview, in fact it can hardly be done, except when he does not know it, as in the case of the Journal man.

## FIFTY DOLLARS FOR LARCENY

Last Monday night Sheriff Combs and Deputy Putnam went out to the Treichel ranch on Beaver Creek and arrested four men accused of petty larceny. They were Art Nelson, William Sontag Curley Sloan and a stranger by the name of Hendrickson. The charge was for breaking into Hannas Brummer's house near Post and stealing a rifle and some other goods. In the hearing, it was found that Sloan alone was the only one of the four who knew anything of the larceny and he was in possession of the stolen goods. The other were dismissed. Sloan pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and in default of payment will serve twenty-five days in the county jail.

## REGULAR BAND CONCERT

The Prineville City Band will give their regular weekly open air band concert Friday evening at the corner of Third and Main, commencing at 8 p. m.

This weeks program is as follows: March—"The Convoy," Prelli; Overture—"Sincerity," Barnard; Waltzes—"A Southern Dream," Taylor; Serenade—"Tender Thoughts," St. Clair; March—"Nation Highway," McLean; "Star Spangled Banner."

## JAMES AUSTIN, Leader

## INJURED IN METAL EXPLOSION

Roy Price received very painful injuries Tuesday evening from an explosion of hot rabbit metal. He was bushing a worn casting with rabbit when the metal exploded and a great quantity of it struck him in the eyes. Luckily none struck the eyeballs and it is thought that he will recover without any ill effects. The cause of the explosion is not known for certain, but it is likely that the metal came in contact with a few drops of water on the casting that he was repairing.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 13. Rev. B. F. Harper will occupy the pulpit in Prineville at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Rev. W. L. Van Nuy's will attend an all day meeting in the Suplee neighborhood in which several communities will join. There will be a sermon at 11 a. m.—at 2:30 a memorial service will be held in honor of Clyde Smith, a Crook county boy who was killed in the battle of the Argonne.

## JESS SITTON HAS MADE REMARKABLE RECORD

Jess Sitton, who attended high school here and enlisted in the army from here on April 30, 1917, spent ten months in the front line in France and escaped with no injuries except a slight gassing. This was quite remarkable as, at the time he was gassed, his horse was killed under him. He received his discharge and came home in March to Mound City, Kas., where his parents now reside. He and Miss Surepta Johnson, also formerly of this city were married in Pleasanton, Kansas, April 19, 1919, and have since that time been visiting the parents of the groom.

## LAUGHLIN-PICKARD

Last Monday, June 30th, in Portland, occurred the wedding of Edna May Laughlin of Mitchell and Elden R. Pickard of Eugene, it being the culmination of an army romance.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. F. Given of the First United Presbyterian church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Johnson, 1121 East Stephens street.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Laughlin, prominent people of Eastern Oregon. Mr. Laughlin being a wealthy cattleman of that vicinity.

The groom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pickard of Eugene, is a well known display and advertising man, having learned his profession in the larger cities of the east. He has won several cups in the west in window display contests. He is a member of the Eugene lodge of Elks. Mr. Pickard served as sergeant in the U. S. Army during the war.

The young couple are making their home in Eugene, where the groom is with Shaefer Bros., as the manager of their advertising and display work.—Eugene Daily Guard.

## MCKENZIE PASS STILL CLOSED

Unless auto tourists are especially well equipped with ropes, pulleys, boards, shovels and every other device needed in conquering the most obstinate snow drifts, they are advised against trying the McKenzie pass. The warning comes from Dr. W. G. Manning, who, with Mrs. Manning, left by auto Sunday morning for Portland. They crossed the pass eventually, but would not care for a second experience of the kind.

One mile this side of the summit they encountered a snowdrift more than 200 feet long, which they succeeded in getting through after two and one-half hours of the hardest kind of work. In addition to the difficulties met on the summit, Dr. Manning in his letter from Portland, wrote that the roads over the lava beds are in very bad shape.—Bend Bulletin.

## UNITED ARTISANS INSTALL

At the special meeting of the United Artisans, held Monday evening, June 30, the following officers were installed:

M. A.—Martha Nevel; Supt.—Rudy Retzlaff; Insp.—Florence Cyrus; Treas.—Harvey Cyrus; M. of C.—Lawrence McCoy; Sr. Concl.—Delbert Cram; Inst.—Mrs. Christian; Warden—George Myers.

After the installation the evening was devoted to dancing and a good time was enjoyed by all.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. W. Cabeen will preach in the evening at eight o'clock on the subject, "Some Methods of Character Building." Sunday school at 10 a. m., classes for all ages.

The Redmond church and Sunday school have been invited to unite with us in a mid-summer rally to be held on the lawn at the W. S. Ayres home. This is to be held Sunday, July 20, one week from next Sunday. There will be two services to be followed by a dinner on the lawn.

## WILL MOVE TO PRINEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Briggs of Seattle are visiting at the home of R. G. Smith this week. Mr. Briggs is just out of the service, having been a radio operator on a big ship carrying supplies to France. He likes the looks of Central Oregon very much and has declared his intention of making this their future home if it is possible to arrange matters to that end.

## MASONS WILL CONVENE IN BEND

Masons from four counties will gather in Bend on the evening of July 17, when the Bend lodge, A. F. & A. M. will entertain the blue lodge members from Burns, Prineville and Madras.

An exemplification of the ritualistic work of the order is planned, after which a banquet will be given in honor of the visitors.—Bend Bulletin.

## CLUB LUNCHEON ON MONDAY

A good crowd of our business men attended the special luncheon at the Prineville hotel last Monday. A rare treat was given the assembly in a twenty minute talk by J. C. Herbsman, Chautauqua lecturer, on business conditions as affected by the world war and the outlook for the next ten years.

## CHAUTAUQUA IN MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSION

ATTENDANCE MUCH BETTER THAN IN FORMER YEARS

## CONTRACT FOR 1920 SIGNED

Attendance From The Country More Noted Than Last Year—The Lecture Numbers Are Good

The most successful Chautauqua that Prineville has had, with the possible exception of the first one, closed Tuesday evening.

While the program may not have contained such strong numbers as some of those in the past, it was also devoid of such pathetic weak spots as have been prominent in some former programs, and can perhaps be characterized as being uniformly good with some extra good numbers.

The attendance was even, being good for every program, and the crowds seemed to appreciate the talent greatly, a marked difference being noted from last year, when the war clouds hung low.

Little difficulty was experienced in securing a contract for a 1920 Chautauqua and among the signers were a goodly number of people from the nearby country, who seem anxious to get behind the institution they enjoy so thoroughly.

## WHITMAN-FOX

Miss Eleanor B. Whitmore, for two years chief deputy in the county clerk's office, and Wilmer Van Vleet, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, were the principals in a Sunday evening wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fox of this city. The ring service was used by Rev. H. C. Hartman of the Presbyterian church. Miss Marie Fox was bridesmaid and her brother, Leroy Fox, was groomsmen. Only intimate friends attended the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Van Vleet will make their home in Bend, where Mr. Van Vleet is employed in one of the mills.—Bend Bulletin.

## TWO THOUSAND ACRES TO BE WATERED

Water for 2,000 acres owned by Jesse Stearns, George and Mike Mayfield is now being put through the ditches of the former Morson project, according to E. L. Clark, of La Pine, who is in the city today on business. Practically all of the land under the ditch is in cultivation, sowed to timothy, clover and wild grass. The crops in that particular locality, according to Mr. Clark, are in fine shape. The water turned into the ditches on this project is the first for the last two years.—Bend Bulletin.

## Paulina

## NEWS NOTES

No rain has fallen lately in this vicinity, which makes the spring grain look rather frail.

Fred A. Powell has purchased 400 yearling sheep from Roy Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Congleton and family have returned home after a month spent in Kentucky, visiting Mr. Congleton's relatives. Mr. Congleton says that Kentucky has Oregon beaten for climate and that business conditions are booming there.

Cecil McKenzie is welcomed home after spending several months in France and Italy.

Kid Tolliday had started haying on the Homer Davis ranch and he reports a fair crop.

Homer York was in town Sunday from Rabbit Valley. He says meadow crops are good but rye hay is badly frosted.

Eddie Birdson was in Suplee celebrating the Fourth. A good time was spent in Paulina on the First while Snow Mountain celebrated on the Fourth. The happy folks ending both holidays by tripping the light fantastic toe until the wee sma hours.

Roy M. Peterson of Everett, Wn., is visiting his brother, M. F. Peterson. Roy has been switchman on the G. N. R. at Everett but contemplates farming in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grimes and family of Prineville have been visiting Mrs. Grimes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Foster.

## DIRECTORS' MEETING

Directors John Henderson and P. N. Vibbert and Secretary Anderson met Tuesday morning at the Court House and transacted the business for the North Unit Irrigation District for July. President Harry W. Gard, who has been seriously ill in a Portland hospital for the past six weeks, came up for the purpose of attending the meeting but was unable to do so. Engineer Rae of Prineville, was in session with the board in the morning.—Madras Pioneer.

## STATE HIGHWAY WORK IS MOVING RAPIDLY

District Attorney W. H. Wirtz informs us that the securing of rights of way for the State Highway up the Crooked river is progressing very satisfactorily. There is little opposition and many of those who at first opposed are changing their minds and signing the deeds. Grant Mays was one of the big land holders to sign lately.

## PRINEVILLE HOTEL ARRIVALS

The following out-of-town people have registered at Hotel Prineville Thursday, July 3, 1919.

L. A. Newell, S. H. Bellah, Chas. H. Dodd, Una Davies, M. Pajler, Portland; Nellie Stephenson, Oakland; Mrs. E. P. Aarup, Springfield, Ill.; E. Shoemaker, M. Hall, Mrs. Milo Hall, Wilda Hall, R. E. Scott, Mitchell; P. H. Graben, BearCreekButte; C. Wyman, Silver Lake; Raymond Smith, Paulina; Clarence Miller, Riverside, Cal.; Mrs. Dora Hwthorne, Delbert Crain, Prineville; J. Eastman, Verna Jumps, Hatheen Harrison, Gertrude Hober, Delbert Counts, Chautauqua.

## Friday, July 4, 1919.

Chas. Fitzgerald, R. E. Scott, A. King, H. M. Robbins, M. D., Paul Lyons, Farquhar McRae, Mitchell; Charley Miller, R. F. Barton, Bend; P. M. Dunham, Roberts; P. A. Gibson, John Holland, Andrew Hall, of Prineville; Ray DeGilbert, Eugene; L. McCune, Sgt. A. Gibbons, Paul Walters, Vawter MacGregor, Chautauqua.

## Saturday, July 5, 1919.

R. E. Scott, Nellie Stephenson, E. Shoemaker, M. Hall, Mrs. M. Hall, Wilda Hall, Mitchell; Una Davies, Portland; Mrs. McElroy, Roberts; E. F. Averill and family, Pendleton; M. F. Zedeler and wife, Salvador Salo, Helen Portune, Hazel Jean Kirk, Judge Geo. D. Alden, Chautauqua; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hinton, J. E. Hinton, P. A. Gibson, Lawrence Cox, F. Houston, James Carlin, Arthur Cox, Wes Schock, Frank Reif, H. T. Mustard, Prineville.

## Sunday, July 6, 1919.

Patrick Reilly, Antelope; W. K. McCormack, Deschutes; H. Welland, C. D. McCoy, Portland; Daniel Conhan, A. W. Leach, Chas. Fitzgerald and family, Mitchell; W. H. Brummer, M. F. Brummer, Post; Farquhar McRae, Mitchell; J. J. Romberg, Barnes; Mr. and Mrs. Castellucci, Mrs. D. G. Morrison, Castellucci's band, Chautauqua.

## Monday, July 7, 1919.

Homer Groat, Dwight Johnson, George Poole, Portland; J. F. McMillan, H. Hawley, P. A. Gibson, W. H. Brummer, Post; Jim Johnson, Nellie Galt, Mrs. Galt, Shaniko; O. Dowell, Jr., Mercer; L. V. Good, Bend; Mrs. F. K. Johnson and family, Hay Creek; Henry Fisher and family, Leone; G. L. Osborne, Forest Service; Dr. Robert Sutcliffe, J. C. Herbsman, E. M. Parnell and wife, Chautauqua.

## Tuesday, July 8, 1919.

J. Fellows, S. M. Morgan, K. K. Klyer, Portland; I. N. Fordyce, Antelope; L. A. Newell, L. B. Austin, Post; Henry Bernard, Suplee; A. L. Dunavan and wife, Canyon City; H. S. Soule, The Dalles; M. L. Mertens, C. D. Knudson, A. A. Osborn, Donald Thompson, E. H. Hipple and wife, Chautauqua.

## Wednesday, July 9, 1919.

Chas. A. Walker, Minneapolis; E. R. Thompson, L. S. Logan, K. Gudmason, W. H. Garrett, Portland; T. A. McCain, Bend; Ruby Maxwell, Mary Helms, Mitchell; G. E. Snively, Lee Curtis, Meadows; John Aldrich, Hay Creek; Fred Thompson, Baker; Chas. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McKenzie, Hood River; F. L. Rice, Redmond; Elvin Kuhn, Suplee.

## BETTER BEEF CATTLE REPLACE THE SCRUBS

Better beef cattle are replacing scrubs in many parts of the South and are paving the way for the future prosperity of the live-stock industry in that section. An example of such progress is reported by the agricultural agent of McCormick county, S. C. Since December 1, 75 head of breeding animals have been placed on the farms in this county, largely through the efforts of agents, and there is every prospect that other farmers will start in the beef cattle business. Apparently, the agent reports, the time is not far distant when McCormick county will have good cattle grazing on excellent pasture land along the rivers. More pigs also are being raised in the county, as the agent reports that he finds good brood sows and litters of fine pigs on many farms where three years ago the owners in the spring bought pigs from which to make their meat in the fall.

## MANY SHEEP SHIPPED

Thirty-five carloads of sheep were shipped from here this week by John Kilkenny and Charles O'Rourke of Heppner. The stock was billed to Chicago with grazing stopover for the summer. So far this year there have been about 250 cars of sheep sent out from this station. Of this number there were nearly a hundred cars of stock that came overland from Heppner because of superior shipping facilities and better train service here.—Echo News.

## HAY HARVEST FINDS VERY FAIR CROPS

QUALITY IS GOOD AND LIGHT MAKES QUICK HANDLING

## HELP PLENTIFUL WAGES \$3.00

Second Crop Prospects Good Wherever The Water is Available On Areas of Alfalfa

Hay harvest is general throughout the country this week, almost everywhere who waited for the holidays to pass have gotten into the fields during the week with crews of men.

Some very fair to good yields are being found in the irrigated districts and as all crops are light and men plentiful, the people are succeeding in getting in their crops and are now in excellent condition.

The wage situation seems to have settled on the \$3 per day throughout the district, with some instances of short jobs at \$3.25 or even \$3.50 per day.

Prospects for a second crop are good wherever water has been possible on alfalfa already harvested.

Hot, dry weather has parched the standing grain rapidly, during the week, and will result in a general speeding up of operations in the grain hay harvest, while threshing looms but a few weeks ahead in the dryer districts.

Among the large local yields are those of George Russell, east of Prineville, who is cutting the first crop of alfalfa from a 60 acre three year old stand and is getting 200 tons; K. D. Houston, a half mile southeast of town, who is getting four tons of rye hay per acre; Chas. Roberts, who is cutting between 3 and 4 tons to the acre of rye hay. Both Mr. Houston and Mr. Roberts are under the Ochoco Project.

## Powell Butte

## NEWS NOTES

Geo. Shobert and family in their new Ford attended the celebration at Bend. While there Uncle George went to a picture show for the first time in his life. He thought it was great and promises to become a movie fan.

Dan Hourigan and Tom Cronin were called to Lakeview last Wednesday by the sudden death of Nick Brown in an auto accident. Mr. Brown was a cousin of Tom Cronin's and a warm friend of Hourigan's. Mr. Hourigan made the trip from Bend to Lakeview and return in 24 hours in his new Valco.

C. M. Charlton has sold his crop on his homestead to Dan Hourigan for sheep pasture. The long drought making it unfit for harvest for grain, other dry land farmers are offering their crop the same way.

Mr. Fred Brown of Kent, Oregon, is visiting his nieces and their families, Mrs. E. E. Bussett and Mrs. Geo. Shobert. Uncle Fred was here about seven years ago and is delighted at the improvement that has taken place since then.

Miss "Billie" Fennimore of Portland is spending the summer with the family of her uncle, Will Arnold. Miss Fennimore often visits here in the summer and is a welcome addition to the bunch of fine young folks in Powell Butte.

Mrs. Levee of Redmond is spending the summer as cook at the Wurzweller ranch.

Many of the Powell Butte people celebrated away from home: some going to Bend, some to the Deschutes, others to the Cove and Opal Springs, and Mrs. E. A. Bussett chaperoned a large party of young people who spent the 3rd and 4th at Camp Sherman.

Mrs. A. W. Bayne has returned home from a pleasant visit with her friends in Portland.

Mrs. Ross Bussett and little daughter, Margaret, with Miss Fay Bussett have returned from a pleasant visit with friends at Portland and Seattle and other points.

Among those from Powell Butte who attended the dance at Prineville Monday night were Fred McCaffrey, Miss Thatcher, Miss Fennimore, and Miss Bussett. Some other were there but we were unable to secure their names.

Haying is now on in this community. The alfalfa is much better than it was at first thought; the last few warm days and nights having done wonders for it.

Miss Josephine Lewis of Portland is visiting at the home of George Beckman.

Miss Ellacita Thatcher of Portland, who has been visiting at the John Driscoll home for the past two months returned to her home Tuesday.

## NEW BUSINESS HOUSE TO BE ERECTED AT ONCE

It is reported that construction is to start at once on a new two-story pressed brick building on the C. M. Elkins property on Main street. It is to be fitted up with a garage and display room in front and a machine and repair shop in the rear. L. A. Newell, agent for the Chevrolet car in Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties, is to occupy the building.

## WITH THE EXCHANGES

Strawberries have set a record for high returns this year, but the cherry crop may beat the berries for price. With cherry harvest coming on, growers are making prediction of 14 cents per pound for fruit of the black varieties. Packed Royal Anas, it is said, will bring 12 cents per pound. Canners are offering nine and 19 cents for bulk stock. Local cherry tonnage however, is comparatively limited. The crop, it is estimated will only be about two-thirds of that of last year, when the association shipped seven cars of black varieties east and sold 120,000 pounds of white varieties to canners. Royal Anas brought six cents last year. The association will pack black fruit this year in 16 pound boxes.

But a single grower, E. J. Copper, whose place is just west of the city, reports a crop as heavy as that of last season. Mr. Copper, who will pack his fruit in 20 lb boxes, has sold his entire crop at nine cents straight to Nebraska dealers.—Hood River Glacier.

For the first time in many years the county jail here is vacant today. The last of the guests of the county were turned out yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Up to noon today the jail was empty. The record is one that has never been equaled in the history of Wasco county, according to old-timers here. The nearest that the jail ever came to its present record was February 21, 1916, when it was vacant exactly 45 minutes.

According to Sheriff Christman's version the present incident is a bad sign and an extra large number of boarders is expected at any time.—The Dalles Chronicle.

Roll Hall and Ellsworth Crossap went fishing on the East Fork of Canyon last week and came home with some bear meat. Mr. Hall was intent on casting his fly when suddenly he looked up on the mountain and saw two bears headed straight for him. His gun, which he had strapped to his back was brought into action, and it took three shots to get one bear, while the other one got into the brush and escaped.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

Cool nights have evidently saved the situation insofar as grain in the Weston district is concerned, despite the unusual lack of rain. Much of the fall-sown wheat in this neighborhood gives promise of a very good crop, while spring-sown will by no means be a total failure. Spots that have the appearance of being burned are found to be in fairly good shape when closely inspected. Rain would be welcome, of course, but in any event the present outlook is that Weston will not lose its reputation as a safe and sure wheat center.—Weston Leader.

The Apple Growers' Association directorate has signed a five year contract, beginning next year, with C. W. McCullagh, sales manager, at an annual salary of \$3,000. Mr. McCullagh has been with the cooperative organization for the past two years. An existing contract with a salary of \$5,000 expires next year. The salary of A. W. Stone, the Association's executive manager since its organization in 1914, was increased from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year.—Hood River Glacier.

Keeping just a few laps ahead of the market, cutting down overhead and bringing the ewes out of the mountains in better condition are a few of the many problems confronting the sheepmen and which Ellis R. Minor, lower Willow creek farmer, and stockman, is solving to his own satisfaction.

Mr. Minor has had it in mind that if he could force the lambing season by two or three weeks or even a month, he could have the lambs conditioned and ready for a fancy market price instead of sending those lambs to the mountain range and turning them off in the fall. The spring market is always good. As a result of lambing in February this year he was able to market 71-lb. lambs, which brought a price ranging right around ten dollars in the Portland June market.

By the method of early marketing and its good price, Mr. Minor figures that he is cutting down overhead expense, in that he will be able to do without the services of one herder, and again the ewes will come forth from the summer range in the fall in a much better condition.

"It is smashing precedent all to pieces," said Mr. Minor, "but next year I am going to start the lambing season as early as January. A fellow has got to keep stepping lively these days to keep up with the game and if you can keep just a little ahead of it, there is more money to be made." Mr. Minor went up to the mountains this week to look after the sheep on summer range there.—The Heppner Gazette-Times.