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FRONT LINE POSITIONS PENETRATED BY TEUTONS

LONDON, May 8.—In an attack against the British and French line between La Clytte and Voormezele in the Ypres sector the Germans, early this morning, succeeded, after heavy fighting, in entering the allied front-line positions at certain points.

LONDON, May 8.—After a heavy bombardment on a wide front in Flanders, the German infantry this morning launched an attack south of Dickebosch Lake, which lies between Ypres and Kemmel.

The attack apparently was only in divisional strength, but it may develop larger proportions. The enemy seems to have penetrated our front line between the lake and ridge wood, and some parties of Germans are reported in the eastern wood itself.

Fighting continues in fine weather and under good visibility. The artillery fighting continues along the sector held by American troops on the Picardy battlefield. There is no change in the situation.

Premier Clemenceau visited the Americans yesterday afternoon and congratulated them on the fine showing they have already made. He expressed particular pleasure at the harmonious manner in which the French and Americans are working together. The premier inspected the billets and kitchens and talked with officers and men.

DISTRICTS BRING UP TOTAL TO GOAL SET

Clackamas county is 100 percent over its quota on the Third Liberty Loan drive.

At the close of banking hours Saturday a total of \$517,750 had been reported by the seven banking districts on a quota of \$158,000. The only banking district in the county to fall reporting 100 percent over was Oregon City but the other districts were enough over to make up the small shortage in the local district. It is possible a few belated reports from Oregon City will put it 100 percent over next week.

Following is County Chairman M. D. Latourette's report:

District	Amount	Quota
Molalla	\$34,850	\$107,350
Wilsonville	18,000	8,200
Estacada	28,500	11,600
Canby	65,200	33,600
Milwaukie	34,250	16,300
Sandy	35,350	7,200
Oregon City	299,600	187,300
Total	\$517,750	\$258,000

These figures are approximately correct. A few odd bonds not yet listed by the several banks of Clackamas County will probably add to the total a little.

Each of the seven banking districts of Clackamas county more than doubled their quotas, as given by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, excepting Oregon City.

The First National Bank of Oregon City reports the following Third Liberty Loan Bond sales for Saturday:

E. E. Brodie, Ethel Younger, Chas. Griesbach, John R. Brinton, H. B. Cartledge, Jas. B. Johnson, Nan Cochran, Lloyd Richey, C. O. Dryden, W. W. Woodbeck, G. J. Howell, W. L. Burt, John Vlahos, S. F. Lawrence, Fred J. McFarlane, B. E. Tatro, Linn E. Jones, Peter Madison.

Grace Price Crocker, Agnes M. Brown, Percy L. Brown, Frank J. Myers, Matt Schuebeck, Emma L. Christensen, F. Quinn, J. Mampton, R. B. Holcomb, Guardian, Frank T. Doty, Wm. Herbert, Geo. W. Doty, Chas. C. Stehman, Joseph Haas, Abel Norman, E. L. Walters, W. S. Bennett, Otto Toedtmefer, Mrs. J. D. Olson, G. C. Fields, D. L. Trullinger, W. De Neiderhauer, Robert Hood Beatie, Oregon City Mfg. Co., Rosie Zioney.

OREGON EXEMPT IN NEXT DRAFT NO CAUSE GIVEN

PORTLAND, May 6.—Official confirmation that Oregon would not be called upon to furnish any men in the next draft was received this morning by Captain J. E. Cullison, U. S. R., in charge of the operation of the selective service law in this state. The reason is not assigned.

Students of the situation believe that Oregon has been given credit for enlistments in this state since June 30 last, and has thus been exempted

500,000 YANKS AND MORE HAVE GONE TO FRANCE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—More than 500,000 American soldiers have been sent to France. Secretary Baker today authorized the statement that his forecast to Congress in January that 500,000 troops would be dispatched to France early in the present year now had been surpassed.

Mr. Baker dictated the following statement: "In January I told the Senate committee that there was strong likelihood that early in the present year 500,000 American troops would be dispatched to France. I cannot either now or perhaps later discuss the number of American troops in France, but I am glad to be able to say that the forecast I made in January has been surpassed."

The Secretary chose his words about the troops in France with the utmost care. He would not amplify the statement in any way and specially asked that the press refrain from speculation as to what precise figures his guarded remarks covered or as to what possibilities of early further increase in the force on the other side there might be.

KLAETSCH CONVICTED OF FIRING PROPERTY

Sensational charges presented by the state, resulted in the conviction of Otto Klaetsch, of Estacada, on a charge of malicious burning of property, before Judge Sievers Thursday afternoon.

Klaetsch, an American born German, is to be sentenced this morning at 10 o'clock. Klaetsch's arrest followed a disastrous fire, or rather a series of fires set on the ranch of Robert McClintock, a disabled Spanish-American war veteran, who, it was brought out in the testimony, had reported Klaetsch as a disloyal citizen to federal authorities some time ago. McClintock testified that he caught Klaetsch red handed in the act of setting two of the fires about 1 o'clock last Sunday in the canyon on his place, and that at the same time four other fires which had been set but a short time were raging furiously upon McClintock's place.

Returning to his cabin McClintock secured a rifle and fired several shots at Klaetsch, who finally admitted at the trial that he had been fired upon by McClintock, who returned upon the canyon with F. J. and V. Lincomb, close neighbors. Klaetsch claimed to be in the vicinity of the fires only to look after some fences on his own lands and denied having set the fires. He was seen to enter the canyon, witnesses testified, shortly before the fires broke out. He finally admitted that he was shot at several times by McClintock.

By reason of the fires McClintock has lost his entire winter's work, consisting of several hundred dollars worth of cordwood, and valuable timber holdings that he was planning to cut next fall. In addition his crops are ruined and as he expressed it he is "entirely cleaned out."

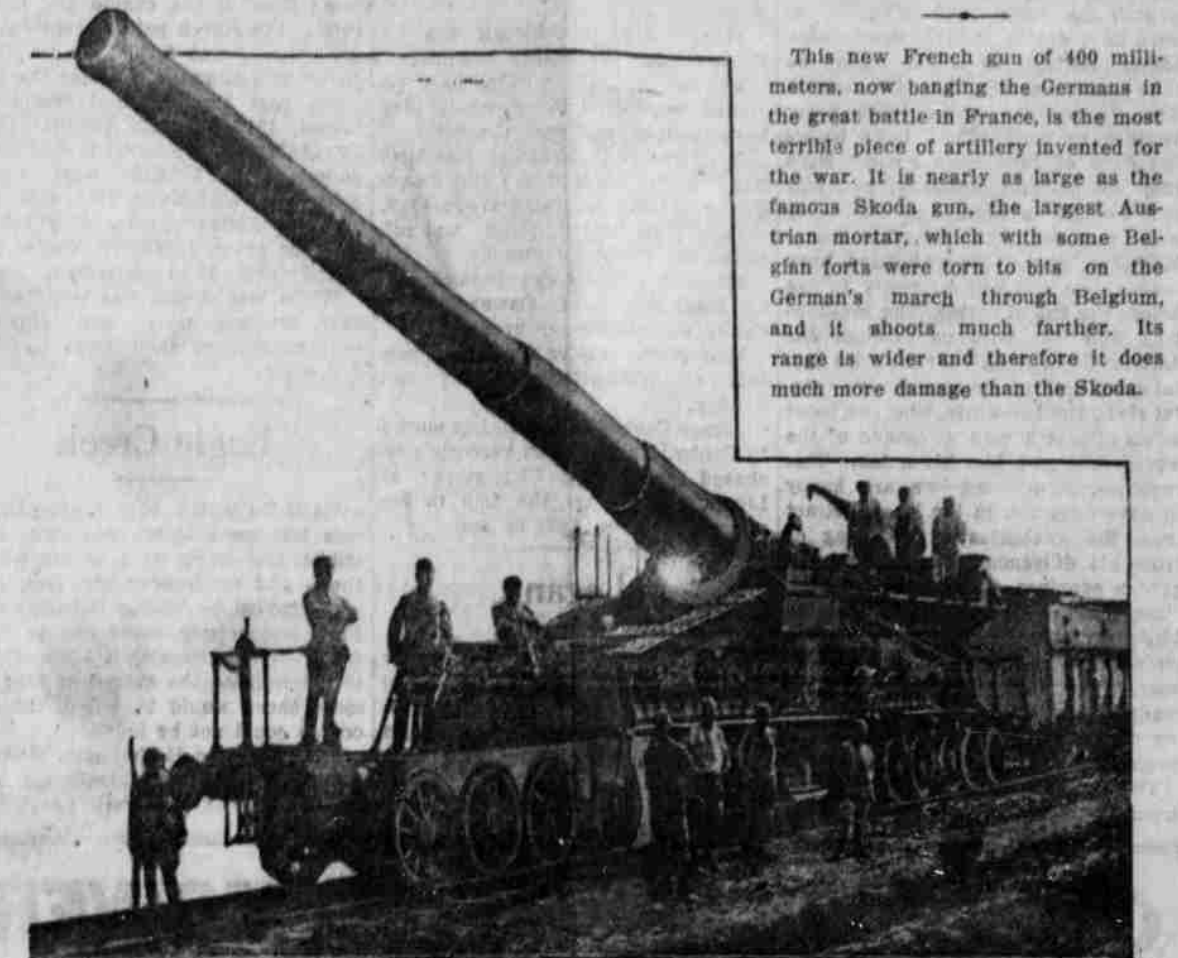
That some interesting developments may follow the case was indicated by the fact that Klaetsch's testimony was taken down in shorthand, but just what further action, if any, is planned, was not made known by the district attorney's office following the trial. Klaetsch admitted to Constable Frost following his arrest, that McClintock fired at him, and stated he supposed McClintock blamed him for the fires. Klaetsch burned over his own place several weeks ago, and witnesses testified there was no fire in the vicinity of the canyon for several days preceding Sunday, and that there were no fires Sunday until they suddenly began to spread simultaneously in the wake of Klaetsch's journey up the canyon.

McClintock testified that he called to Klaetsch when he discovered what he was doing, and that he immediately ran away. Then it was that McClintock returned for his gun and summoned his neighbors.

Experienced Men Answer Army's Call

Six more Clackamas county young men will soon serve their country at the front, they having volunteered under the recent request of General Pershing for experienced men. County Clerk Iva M. Harrington, clerk of the local draft board, announced this morning that the following men, class 1 registrants, who had volunteered, would leave here May 17 for active service: Richard Johnson and Andrew Jackson Bealy, Molalla; Eugene William Fisher, Milwaukie, and Warren T. Wright, Milwaukie, route 2, as locomotive firemen, to go to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana; Earl C. Hunter, Molalla, as a cook, to go to Camp McArthur, Waco, Texas, and Anton Sanel, Oregon City, route 6, Fort Ben-

Most Terrible Gun of the War Made by the French



This new French gun of 400 millimeters, now hanging the Germans in the great battle in France, is the most terrible piece of artillery invented for the war. It is nearly as large as the famous Skoda gun, the largest Austrian mortar, which with some Belgian forts were torn to bits on the German's march through Belgium, and it shoots much farther. Its range is wider and therefore it does much more damage than the Skoda.

40-YEAR MEN FACE DRAFT LAW IS POSSIBILITY

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Legislation raising the draft age to 40 years, was discussed at a meeting today of Provost Marshal General Crowder and the House Military committee. Although General Crowder made no specific recommendations, members of the committee said afterwards that the war department was considering a plan for change.

The conference report on the bill for registration of youths becoming 21 will be called up in the House tomorrow with prospects of a lively debate over the proposal to exempt ministers from the law.

The War Department's objection to giving credit in the draft for volunteers furnished by states was indorsed today by President Wilson.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN TO START ON MAY 28

Hard on the heels of the Third Liberty Loan Bond campaign is coming another drive for the American Red Cross, for \$100,000,000, starting May 28 and ending May 27.

Clackamas county's minimum quota is \$15,000 net, which means that all of the expenses of the campaign will be borne from other contributions. Of the amount of the quota, 75 percent will be forwarded direct to the headquarters at Washington, D. C., and 25 percent will be retained by the Oregon City branch for home activities.

T. W. Sullivan has been named campaign manager for Clackamas county and has already set the wheels in motion for the preliminary organization. He announced Monday that a central committee of about 30 citizens of the county would be formed to handle the campaign, and that the headquarters would be located in Liberty Temple.

The school districts of the county, outside of Oregon City, will be taken as district units, as in the former drive, and school clerks will be asked to call public meetings to organize the work in each of the districts, except where Red Cross auxiliaries have been formed, and in the latter event, these auxiliaries, through their officers, will handle the work of raising funds.

ANSWER 100 PER CENT CALL OF PRESIDENT

The only commercial organization within Clackamas county which has answered President Wilson's challenge to match him with a \$50 liberty bond, and answered the challenge 100 percent, is the Oregon City Enterprise, according to County Chairman M. D. Latourette. Saturday afternoon every one of The Enterprise force, from the publisher down, bought an additional \$50 bond on the \$5-down-\$5 a month plan suggested by the President.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE HIGHER PAY

WASHINGTON, May 8.—All railroad employees whose monthly pay in December, 1915, was less than \$250 a month have been recommended for wage increases by the railroad wage commission.

The recommendations, if adopted by Director-General McAdoo, would give the workers \$100,000,000 in back pay to January 1 and would add \$288,012, 718 to the payrolls as of 1917, a net increase of 15.021 per cent.

Wage advances proposed, however, do not represent net increases over existing pay, but are based on the month of December, 1917. In other words, any increase which may have been allowed by individual roads since that time must be deducted.

Flat increases of \$20 a month are proposed for all employees except apprentices receiving \$46 or less, and all others up to \$239 would get advances ranging from 43 percent downward to 4.6 percent, the smallest increases going to those with the highest wages. Above \$239, flat increases would be given to make the wage \$250. Apprentices from 18 to 21 years old would receive only three-fourths of the recommended increases, and those below 13 years one-half.

Carl Hoffman Is Among Injured In Big Battle

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman, of this city, received word from Washington, D. C., Monday evening from the war department, saying that their son, Carl, who is in the United States Army, now in France, was injured in action.

Carl Hoffman was one of the well-known and popular young men of this city, who was among the boys answering the country's first call. He was for some time employed at the R. Pet-sold market.

STRONG AND SAFE MAN IN NATION'S CRISIS IS GOVERNOR

For more than three years Governor Withycombe has served the state of Oregon as chief executive. He asks renomination at the hands of the Republican party. He should receive it. No man who has occupied the governor's chair since Oregon became a state has a cleaner record. To every public duty he has been faithful. He has made a most efficient war governor, co-operating with the administration promptly, wholeheartedly, patriotically. He knows the needs of this state as well as any public man within its borders. Governor Withycombe is a strong man and a safe man. He has proved himself the kind of man for critical times as well as peace times. Sound judgment, says the Evening Telegram, calls for retaining him as governor until the present crisis is past.

COURT TO BACK HOME GUARD FOR SPICK UNIFORMS

The county court of Clackamas county will back the new home guard unit recently organized in Oregon City, to the extent of probably a thousand dollars. Other support will be received from private sources and possibly Oregon City will be asked to help along with the job of fully equipping at least one company of the guard.

The announcement means that plans will go forward rapidly for outfitting the company, and before long it is planned to have the uniforms and guns so that actual war-time drilling may be held.

For the past few weeks only marching maneuvers have been held, the second company meeting on Monday evenings and the first of "A" company each Tuesday night.

NIGHT WORK IS COMMENCED TO AID ROAD WORK

SALEM, Or., May 7.—(Special)—A night shift has been placed at work at the crusher on the New Era road in Clackamas county, was the announcement made today from the State Highway Commission's office here and every effort will be made to speed up on the job. A stretch of eight miles of pavement is to be laid by the Oregon Hassam Paving Company on this work, and it was stated by commission employees that the completion of this work will mean a good summer's job and not many delays can be allowed.

The work of putting down rock base and rolling it is also progressing. For several months rock has been scattered along the highway at this point, but now the actual business of getting down to construction is under way.

It is expected that paving can start soon, although this will depend somewhat upon the weather outlook. As soon as indications point to a permanent settling of the weather the work will be rushed through on the paving part, it is stated.

The paving company does not contemplate making any great sum of money off from the work, in fact, engineers say that if the contractor breaks even he will be lucky, as any difficulty like bad weather after paving work is actually under way might mean a considerable loss to him. This is considered one of the reasons why the paving itself will not be under way until weather conditions meet the approval of the contractor. By putting on the double shift at the crusher, however, material will be on hand to force the work when the opportunity arises.

MAPLE LANE LOYAL

That the people of the Maple Lane district are loyal to the core was evidenced this week when a Loyalty League with 100 members was organized with the following officers: Lyman Herrick, president; A. J. Lewis, vice president; Florence Heater, secretary; C. W. Swallow, treasurer. The meeting was addressed by Rev. C. H. L. Chandler and State Senator Walter A. Dimick, attended by 100 persons, every one of whom signed the

BRITISH CRISIS OVERWAP TO WHITE HEAT

LONDON, May 8.—As the result of the Cabinet's decision to withdraw its offer to appoint two judges to inquire into the charges made by Major-General F. B. Maurice, former chief director of military operations at the War Office, in which the veracity of Ministers of the government was impugned and the determination of the Cabinet not to accept an inquiry by a select committee as suggested in the motion made by former Premier Asquith, tomorrow's debate in the House of Commons will probably range over all the old charges against the government in its relations with the army.

What will follow from the debate is still obscure. If Mr. Asquith presses his motion to a division the decision will depend largely upon the action of the older conservatives, who, while anxious to give the government a knock, do not wish to bring about a general election during the war and prefer the condition government to the radical one which might result if the Cabinet were defeated and forced to resign.

The absence of the Irish Nationalists also will help the government, for in addition to their disaffection with the government's Irish policy, there are among them several severe critics of the war cabinet's relations with the army.

LIBERTY BONDS TAKE SPURT IN CAMPAIGN

Liberty bond sales in the county have taken a spurt lately under the new appeals from the county and state officials.

The Bank of Oregon City announces the following new subscribers through their institution, bringing their total to date up to \$178,950.00: Mike Abplanalp, Frank H. Schwartz, Julius Stursberg, Joe Eberhart, W. H. Wetlaufer, First Church of Christ Scientist, Harriet A. Bly, Hugh C. Frisbie, Timothy Casey, Harry Peabody Ghens, Clara Catto, Gustav F. Habersich, W. R. Dallas, A. J. Hobble, Matthew Downey, Mary S. Howard, Nellie E. Elliott, Minnie E. Elliott, C. T. Howard, F. F. Fisher, Chambers Howell, Wm. Frick, Chas. H. Hudson.

Velma M. Johnson, Marie Lehman, Minnie A. Lent, James P. Lovett, Lawrence E. May, Sophia L. Moody, Paul V. Nelson, John S. Moser, C. W. Parrish, Mrs. Beatrice Newall, John W. Pootter, O. O. Parrot, John Romig, Albert Servas, Minnie M. Traylor, Mrs. A. G. Weisser, Henry Ulrich, Harry K. Bennett, J. H. Walker, Jack Chambers, Mary A. Watts, Warn N. Clark, Crown Willamette Paper Co., H. J. Feathers, Mary Gerhardt, Elmer A. Graves, W. A. Hedges, Geo. B. Holman, Adolph Kasper, James Robert Lindsay, Edward A. Nuttall, Hammond Paulson, Oscar L. Smith, G. H. Windahl, Curtis C. Young, S. C. Young, Walter Young.

C. Balcom, Vivian Bartholomew, Mary Beck, William L. Bice, Ferris Churchill, Mrs. A. L. Farr, Everett L. Faulkner, Jerry Fiala, J. H. Frommeyer, Jim Girkman, B. Grossenbacher, G. B. Gwilliam, Arthur Hornshuh, S. J. Jones, William Kaiser, P. H. Lake, W. H. Mattoon, Mary Mitchell, A. Rains, Herbert M. Robbins, William Rutherford, Rose Ella Schwartz, E. G. Berdine, H. Breithaupt, Fred E. Churchill, J. H. Darnall, Clifford L. De Bok, Wm. Robert Fauver, Henry Heedt, Mrs. J. H. Kellogg, G. Klein-smith, William Laidlaf.

S. M. Lee, Rosa Mulvaney, Amel A. Oldenburg, Mrs. Jennie Paddock, R. I. Paako, John C. Royer, David W. Rutherford, Paul Stegemann, Philip Young, John C. Anderson, Edgar H. Beechley, Mrs. Annie Corbit, Clarence Coulter, Lizzie Finnigan, Geo. R. Gardner, Mrs. Martin R. Fleming, Martin Fleming, Mrs. Edanora Osborn Ben Schuld, Mary Eddy Parberry, Mrs. Oscar Thoen, Dewey Thomas, Louisa Wallace, Forrest Ray Yexley, J. T. Evans, Lithuanian Alliance of America, Lewis F. Bates, Harold Bates.

Mrs. Della Carlson, Mrs. W. S. Eddy, Nona I. Ferguson, Carl Gray, Daniel B. Miller, John Matalaski, Arthur Pressy, Mrs. E. J. Richards, William Robinson.

SENATE INSISTS ON INCREASE OF PRICE IN WHEAT

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The senate today formally recorded itself in favor of increasing the government minimum guarantee in the price of wheat from \$2 to \$2.50 a bushel, despite rejection of the proposal by the house. It insisted on the wheat clause in the agricultural appropriation bill, returning the measure to conference, but it generally was expected that the

JORGENSEN TAKES OWN LIFE WHEN DESPONDENT

"When this is found I shall be dead by my own hands and I swear that my mind is clear and sound."

In this gruesome manner begins the last will and testament of John Jorgensen, well known county farmer, whose lifeless body was found Wednesday in bed at his home five miles south of Oregon City on the Molalla road. Every indication points to a deliberately planned suicide by poisoning, and a post-mortem to be held Thursday it is thought will reveal the exact cause of the death.

The will was found Wednesday afternoon in a pocket of the deceased, and the entire estate, estimated from \$7,000 to \$10,000 is left to Jorgensen's old "partner," Nels Askjar, with whom he has farmed for nearly 16 years. Both men are old bachelors about 40 years of age.

The will was in an envelope addressed to Attorney O. D. Eby of Oregon City.

Jorgensen was last seen Saturday evening. It is thought that the act was committed Sunday and no cause could be advanced for the deed. The letter was "evidently written deliberately and calmly, and the writing was recognized at once by Deputy Clerk Fred Miller, who only last week filed Jorgensen's application to become a citizen of the United States. The deceased was a subject of Denmark.

One possible theory was advanced by neighbors. Jorgensen and Askjar have been "partners" for twelve years on the same farm, most of the time. They have been close friends and as far as known neither had any other relatives in this country. Within the past two weeks Askjar disposed of his interest in the farm to Jorgensen and went to work in Portland. The possible theory is that Jorgensen, morbid through loneliness, may have committed the deed. The two men were the best of friends and were more like brothers than business associates.

The body was fully dressed, and lying on the bed. An inquest and post-mortem was decided upon by Coroner Johnson. Although every inch of the premises was searched the officials could find no poison of any kind. The condition of the body, however, strongly indicated death by poison.

The letter was headed "My Last Will and Testament" and reads as follows:

"When this is found I shall be dead by my own hands and I swear that my mind is clear and sound. "I wish to leave to Nels Askjar, my and personal property located in Clackamas County, Oregon. Also the money from the logs sold to J. R. Hoff and when he gets done logging also 11 days' wages at \$3.50 per day, when the funeral expenses are paid. I also give him a \$50.00 Liberty Bond and all money to my credit in the Bank of Oregon City.

"(Signed) JOHN JORGENSEN"

The epithe was not dated but the ink was fresh. Jorgensen and Askjar were both hard workers and had made a valuable farm out of their 60 acre tract, coming here about five years ago. Both had formerly been blacksmiths in Denmark, and later homesteaded together in Canada. The farm was well stocked with good buildings.

Officials were trying to locate Askjar Wednesday, but his address in Portland was not learned. Neighbors scoff at any suggestion of possible trouble between the two men.

LIVE WIRES ENDORSE MOVEMENT TO HAVE GUARDS OUTFITTED

Clackamas county will be asked by the Live Wires of the Commercial club to appropriate \$11 per man, embracing the membership of the Home Guard first company of 108 men, for uniforms. The matter was formally indorsed at the noon-day luncheon Tuesday and the county court will be asked to take immediate action. Similar action has already been taken in Douglas and other counties of the state. Something over \$1000 will be required.

Live Wires who indicate over the telephone their intention to be present at the weekly luncheon and who do not appear, will be subjected to a fine of 50 cents hereafter, according to a rule established Tuesday. The organization took this action to protect its credit, as it has no treasury. Rev. C. H. L. Chandler proposed a patriotic celebration of the Fourth of July to be held in Oregon City, and that a community service flag be dedicated to the fallen.