

such vice-like grips around the necks of antagonists that they literally had to be pried open. Persons who have return from Rheims say it is difficult been out of commission the greater to find words to describe these attacks and counter attacks had it not been for the emergency of the infantry amid showers of shot and shell and in a the total the the have access to on

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deluge of rain. Soldiers are coming back covered with mud and drench-ed by heavy rains which continue. The chalky, clay ground north of Rheims has been so softened, they say, that it will be impossible for a retreating army to get

it is uncertain when the service can be restored. Their old line via the old Coos Bay Wagon Road has Their old line As it was, busibeen in bad shape.

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annual fair which will open here Wedneaday. The sunaline yesterday and today has been a great relief to the directors as they now feel assured of good weather. Further-more, it is putting the track in fine there and the sun track in the shape and the course will probably be the fastest it has ever been. Horsemen say that the races could be run tomorrow if necessary,

Eight horses arrived in via Rose-burg today. Five of them are Coos County horses returning from the

The Austrians' attempts to cross the River Drina have failed again and all attempts to cross the River Save were also unsuccessful. The Montenegrin army is only ten miles from the Bosnian capital and has captured a large amount of booty."



that it will be impossible for a retreating army to get away with their artillery.

RHEIMS BEARS BRUNT OF TWO WARS

Rheims is located in northern France, eight-five miles east of northeast of Paris, situated in a plain on the right bank of the Vesle and on the canal which connects the Aisne with the Marne. It is one of the six cities, each of them with numerous forts, constituting the second line of defense to the north and east of Paris. In 1874 the construction of a chain of detachable forts was begun in the vicinity of Rheims. Thirteen fortresses have been built in a perimeter not quite twenty-miles in length and at a mean distance of six miles from the center of the city. The hills on the Paris side are open and unguarded. The city is the chief wool market of France. The manufacture of champagne, machinery, chemicals, safes, capsules, bottles, casks, candles, soap and paper is carried on extensively. In the foreign invasions of 1814 Rheims was captured and recaptured. In 1870-71 it was made by the Germans the seat of a Governor General and impoverished by heavy regulations.

Vine-clad hills on the south and west and detached forts at various bints surround the city. Mediaeval ramparts were replaced by tree-lined ready known to the police here, points surround the city. Mediaeval ramparts were replaced by tree-lined boulevards but some of the ancient gateways have been preserved, of broke out a window on the Alder which the most noteworthy is the Porte de Paris. The town is well built street side of the Owl Saloon early which the most noteworthy is the Porte de Paris. The town is well built of limestone, is very picturesque and full of quaint old houses. The thir-teenth century cathedral, which was destroyed today was one of the finest extant specimens of Gothic architecture, famous as the place where the also French kings were crowned. It also has the Eleventh century Romanesque Abbey Church of Saint Remy. The Abbey of Saint Remy has a li- Carter and Walter Richardson bebrary of over \$0,000 volumes. Rheims is the chief entreport for wines came suspicious when they found of Champagne. The city was built on an old Roman city. Clovis was the man spending money yesterday baptised there. On Sentember 4, 1870, it was vacated by the Germans morning. He was immediately taken baptised there. On September 4, 1870, it was vacated by the Germans. The population of Rheims is 109,859.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES CONTINUED IN GALICIA-15,000 CAPTURED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Sept. 21.—A message from Petrograd says that during the last three days Russians in Galicia have Captured 15 000 Austrians including 150 officers. Many captured 15,000 Austrians including 150 officers. Many cannon, quick-fire guns and supplies also have been taken.

GERMANS FORCED BACK AGAIN

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) On the battle front the western wing of the German line in France has been thrust back about seven miles during the last 48 hours, as a sequel to the continuous fighting night and day.

NO HOPE OF SAVING RHEIMS. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BORDEAUX, Sept. 21.-Official advices received here BORDEAUX, Sept. 21.—Official advices received here last night stated that Rheims was in flames following the bombardment by the German artillery and there was little hope of saving the city. hope of saving the city.

Roseburg and so for the time being Coos Bay was again isolated from the rest of the world.

George Francis, Just Out of Roseburg Jail, Breaks Into

the Owl Saloon Here

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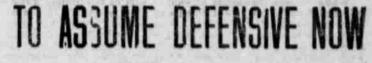
reposed in the drawer of the

valley circuit and three are new There will be a fine string horses. here. Many exhibits are also coming in.

Pioncer Dies

OWL'S PICNIC

W. H. Corbin, a pioneer of the Myrtle Point section, died last night at his home here of paralysis. was about forty-five years old and is survived by a wife and family. He spent many years in the Coquille Vailey.



(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Sept. 21.-It was officially announced last night that the situation in the western campaign was unchanged along the entire front. The French and British forces have been obliged to take the defensive in their entrenched positions.

Large Crowd Enjoys Festivities at Simpson Park-Wet **Grounds Hurt Program**

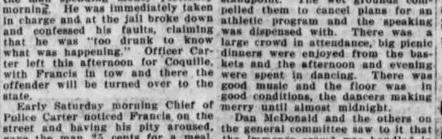
till. Knowing Francis had arrived here without money, Officers J. W. The annual picnic of the Owls at Simpson Park in North Bend yesterday was a great success from every standpoint. The wet grounds com-pelled them to cancel plans for an athletic program and the speaking was dispensed with. There was a in charge and at the jail broke down and confessed his faults, claiming that he was "too drunk to know what was happening." Officer Car-ter left this afternoon for Coquille, with Francis in tow and there the offender will be turned over to the

street and having his pity aroused, gave the man 25 cents for a meal, thus finding that he was absolutely without funds. On Sunday Francis was noticed as he bought quite a bill of tobacco in a local cigar store.

istered at a rooming house on Front street about four o'clock Sunday morning and under the name of Al Nelson.

The till at the Owl Saloon was the bell connected with the till would forcibly break in, thus causing considerably more damage than the amount stolen.

Francis was in jail Friday night for being drunk and last week fin-



the immense crowd was handled in good shape and enabled to have a good time. They regretted very much that some of the features of the day's entertainment; had to be dispensed with.



Otto R. Sabro Tells of Exper-

BIG SUCCESS JAPANESE CLAIM VICTORY OVER GERMANS IN CHINA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TOKIO, Sept. 21.-It is announced that the Japanese attacked the Germans near Kaio Chow and defeated them September 18. The Germans are said to have abandoned their fortified positions.



By Associated Press to Coos Bay

PARIS, Sept. 21 .- A telegram from Petrograd to the Hayas agency correspondent says "A dispatch has been received here from Vladivostock which declares that Jap anese aeroplanes, throwing bombs, have destroyed two , the important forts at Tsing Tau.

Otto R. Sabro of Bandon returned on the Elizabeth fro mbis trip to Norway, where he has been for the past several months. Mr. Sabro states that when the war broke out there were exciting times all over Europe. Even in Nor-

way, which is a neutral country, the weeks ago, taking a ship from Ber-people began to make runs on the gen to Liverpool, where he embarked banks, to lay in big supplies of gro- on the White Star liner Olympic for ceries and tood stuffs, and began gen- New York, making the trip in six and erally to prepate for a great calamity. one-half days. At night the lights erally to prepate for a great calamity. one-half days. At night the light He says that so far both Sweden and were all extinguished and the deck Norway are remaining neutral and was dark. This was a precaution