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DAILY EAST OREGONIAN, PENDLETON, OREGON, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Forecast for Eastern Oregon by the United States Weather Observer at Portland.

Rain tonight and Friday; warmer tonight; fresh southwesterly winds.

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MOVIES SHOWN HERE WILL HAVE TO BE CENSORED

Agreement Reached Whereby Movies Will be First Passed Upon in Portland and Seattle.

EXHIBITORS FORM A LEAGUE

Local Theater Owners Name Rev. Snyder and Judge Lowell as Advisory Members in Inspecting Program—Will Work Toward General Betterment of Entertainments.

Instead of having their pictures censored by a local board of censors, Pendleton's picture playhouses will have them censored in Portland and Seattle, thus avoiding the expense, trouble and inconvenience of maintaining a local board.

By the plan, as outlined last evening to the city council by Attorney Dan P. Smythe representing the exhibitors, the four playhouses agree to accept and exhibit only such films as have been approved by the Portland and Seattle boards of censors.

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Rancher Poisons 3 Children and Then Ends His Own Life

PRairie City Man Uses Cyanide—NOTE LEFT SAYS ACT LONG PLANNED.

BAKER, Ore., Nov. 25.—Calling his three daughters, aged 4, 6 and 8 years old, from their mother, George L. Huffman, a rancher living three miles south of Prairie City, took the children to the bedroom, sat them in a row on the bed and gave each an eight-grain capsule of cyanide of potassium.

The distracted mother thought she saw signs of life in one little one and tried to restore the last fleeting spark, but without success. She immediately called for help and Dr. C. V. Beknap, of Prairie City, went to the little home but all four were dead when he arrived.

Act Planned for Years. Huffman left a note addressed to a sister in Union saying that everything had gone against him, and that he had planned the act for years. It is believed he had no family trouble, and that business reverses had caused his despondency.

He went to Grant county from Union last fall and took a ranch in partnership with George Thomas but they separated a few months ago and Huffman sought a ranch of his own.

He went to Prairie City yesterday morning and bought a dozen of the cyanide capsules saying he wanted to kill coyotes. As this method of extermination is common there and Huffman was so well respected that there was no thought of his plans and the poison was given him.

Boys Saved by Going to School. Huffman detained the little girls from school on a slight pretext, but allowed the three boys to go to their studies. A little after 3 o'clock, when Mrs. Huffman was in the kitchen he called the girls to the bedroom and took their lives and his. The coroner was notified but it was decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Huffman was about 40 years old, a large man and the picture of health, with apparently no troubles. He was well known in Union, where his wife has many relatives. Mrs. Huffman's brother, Professor C. E. Sheets, is now teaching school in Portland, and was formerly principal of the Prairie City high school. He is now on his way from Portland to the scene of the tragedy.

Royalty and Battle Genius Dine at Front



GEN. JOFFRE AND KING VICTOR DINING AT THE FRONT.

During his recent visit to the Italian army, General Joffre took a simple, a little picnic lunch in fact. The incident took place on a tour of inspection along the Austrian line.

Joffre, the French military genius, is seen standing, while the king is sitting on the ground removing the food from a basket.

Work of Improving Riverside Drive to Begin Immediately

CONTRACT FOR PAVING LET—COST OF WORK WILL BE ABOUT \$1780.90.

With the letting of the contract for paving of Riverside Drive last night to the Warren Construction Co., work upon that long-awaited improvement will begin at once.

Indications are that the improvement of Monroe street will also be commenced soon. Only one bid was received last evening, the Newport Land & Construction Co. agreeing to do the grading and building of the retaining wall for \$2997.25.

An ordinance levying the assessments for the improvement of Jackson street from Blaine to Ray was passed last night. The total cost of the improvement was \$1417.65.

John D. Coffey of Portland to Speak at Elks Memorial

EXERCISES WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT THE OREGON THEATER.

John D. Coffey, prominent Portland Elks, has been chosen to deliver the annual memorial address for Pendleton lodge No. 288, R. P. O. E. at the memorial exercises to be held a week from next Sunday, on Dec. 5.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Greece accepts allied terms over Balkan warfare. United States troops on Mexican border down up in battle line.

Local. Pendleton tax levy fixed at 9 1-2 mills. Local picture houses will accept only films censored in Portland or Seattle.

Paving of Riverside Drive will begin at once. O.-W. R. & N. will deliver baggage to homes in city. Elks to hold memorial services Dec. 5.

GREECE ACCEPTS TERMS OVER THE BALKAN WARFARE

Crisis is Passed and Allies Will be Allowed to Transport Troops Without Fear of Interference.

FRENCH POUND BULGARIANS 2 MILLS FOR THE STREETS

Heavy Artillery Bombardment is in Progress as an Aid to the Serbians in the South Central Part—Bulgars Reported Defeated in Southwest With Big Losses.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The Grecian crisis seemed today to be at an end. Greece has satisfied the allies and will not interfere with them under any circumstances. The allies think she has yielded sufficiently to guarantee the safety of their expedition into the Balkans.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 25.—Hoping to relieve the pressure on their Serb comrades, French artillerymen are pounding Priep heavily, in south central Serbia. They have withdrawn from Vardar enough forces to enable the southern Serbians to move northward.

What the Serbians, nearly hemmed in on the plain of Blackbird, are doing is a mystery. Sofia dispatches said these forces are so badly disorganized by recent captures and the fighting during their pursuit, that there can be no great battle.

ATHENS, Nov. 25.—The Bulgarians have occupied Pristina in eastern Serbia, near the Montenegrin border. It was officially announced.

CITY'S LEVY IS FIXED AT 9 1-2 MILLS FOR 1916

Ordinance is Passed By Council at Meeting Last Night—No Protest is Made by Taxpayers.

FRENCH POUND BULGARIANS 2 MILLS FOR THE STREETS

Four Tenths of Mill for Library Purposes and Seven and One Tenth for General Purposes—Levy Will Produce About \$54,000—Assessed Valuation Over \$5,700,000.

Pendleton's tax levy for 1916 is nine and a half mills. At the meeting of the council last evening, an ordinance fixing that as the amount of the levy was passed, there being no protests from any taxpayers.

The nine and a half mill levy will produce about \$54,000, providing there is not much loss in collection. The assessed valuation of city property is something over \$5,700,000. The total estimated expense of operation during 1916 is \$53,575.38, according to the budget and this does not take into consideration any betterments.

The fixing of the levy at 9 1-2 mills brings it within the amount prescribed by the Bingham act should that act be interpreted as applying to the increase. The act specifies that the increase shall not be more than six per cent over the preceding year.

The Pendleton school district levy has already been fixed at 5 mills and as soon as the state and county levies is fixed, local taxpayers can figure the amount of their taxes for next year.

STAGING IN THE EARLY DAYS IS SUBJECT OF INTERESTING PAPER OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Early Day Staging" was the title of a very interesting paper read before the Umatilla County Historical Society Tuesday evening at the meeting in this city. The facts were furnished by David Horn of this city, one of the pioneer stage drivers and hotel keepers of this section.

In the year 1869, with a freight team loaded for Walker Bros. Dry Goods Co. of Salt Lake, David Horn, one of Umatilla County's most respected pioneers, left Atchison, Kansas, on his first trip into the great wild and sparsely settled west.

During the six years following, staging took Mr. Horn into a still more rugged country—Carson City, Nevada, and Sacramento, California. The first year was on in Nevada, and the overland stage experienced anything but smooth sailing while handling the mail five hundred sixty miles of desert; was a part of the overland route between Carson City and Salt Lake, and this particular run, as well as one from Dry Creek to Sulphur Springs, found the veteran driver handling the reins.

From this section of the country Mr. Horn journeyed to Montana, where from 1868 to 1874 he drove the

of them being from Deer Lodge in Helena; mines were booming in that locality also, and a common shipment of gold dust overlaid, seven days of the week, was from 2100 to 2300 pounds; it was taken to the San Francisco mint, there converted into coin and placed in circulation; so large were many of these shipments that the middle seat of the stage coach would be removed and a large trunk placed therein which would accommodate from one to two gold dust boxes—one box being all two men could handle. One of the coins much used in Montana during this period was a two and a half piece of gold, about the size of a nickel; also there was then in circulation a three dollar gold piece, as well as a fifty dollar piece, the latter being an unusually pretty coin—refined in shape.

Officers of the army and government officials were often sent west on various commissions and frequently were hauled from one post or town to another by Mr. Horn. General Garfield, shortly after the close of the Civil War was one of such passengers, going from Helena to Deer Lodge. Amongst others Mr. Horn recalls to memory were Schuyler Colfax one time vice president, and a reporter for Horace Greeley's Tribune, named Richardson, who was commissioned to look for a suitable route for the railroad both in Montana and Nevada.

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Local High to do its Best to Defeat Portland Visitors

Table listing football players and their positions for the Jefferson and Pendleton teams.

average about 148 pounds which will give it an advantage in weight over the locals. The rain this morning was unwelcome to the local team which is relying upon open work to win.

plans and make possible the use of magnetic compasses by British aviators.

CARNEGIE OBSERVES HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Andrew Carnegie, the father of the steel industry, the millionaire who said it is a sin to die rich, is 80 years old today.

Rainbow Uniform Only way to Make Troops Invisible When on the Field Says Officer

(United Press Correspondence.)

LONDON, Oct. 13.—(By Mail.)—Khaki, field grey and German green as invisible colors for armies are dismal failures. Fourteen months of war in the field has proved that the most invisible army of all would be one whose soldiers were clad in models of Joseph's coat.

Such at least is the verdict of a high British officer, who in months at the front has made a study of the invisibility of colors.

In clothing an army, the highest point of invisibility he says would be obtained by garbing each man in a different color: one in green, the next in blue, another in grey, one in red and so on alternately, according to the color expert's scheme.

should be dressed in a combination of soft toned colors. Either scheme, says the officer, would enable an entire army corps to merge inconspicuously into any background.

Like the Scottish kilts, the olive-drab khaki of the British army today is based on custom, not science, he declared. Khaki originated in the British Indian army and later got to England. The European war has shown that it is far more satisfactory on the Indian plains or the African veldt than lined against the landscape of France or Belgium.

Observers unanimously have reported that against the snows of winter or the green foliage of spring or summer, the khaki-clad Tommy is a conspicuous target. The same is declared to be true of the greyish green of the German uniforms.

