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WEATHER. Tonight and Thursday occasional rain. Maximum temperature, 31; minimum temperature, 24; rainfall, .12; wind, southwest, brisk; weather, cloudy.

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LIQUID FIRE IS USED ON FRENCH TO GAIN GROUND

Germany Advance Ten Miles North-east of Verdun; Smash May be Made Against Important Railway.

OFFENSIVE GROWING WEAKER

Victories of the Russians Convince Paris That Kaiser Will Abandon Campaign Around Verdun; Terrific Bombardment Is Made Against the French Positions.

(By Charles P. Stewart.) LONDON, March 22.—Liquid fire played its most successful role since the war began when it enabled the Germans to advance 10 miles north-east of Verdun. Reports in London today said the German artillery shored up shrapnel and high explosives on the French positions at Avocourt un-

Country Which United States Troops are Traversing in Search for Villa



This map shows the Mexican border and the northern portion of Mexico, through which our troops are going in search of the bandit Villa, and his followers. American troops for the pursuit

Six Team League May be Formed in County This Year

PLANS DISCUSSED AT MEETING HELD IN ATHENA YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

(East Oregonian Special.) ATHENA, Ore., March 22.—Instead of a four team league as proposed at first, the Blue Mountain League will this year be a six team league. If the plans launched yesterday afternoon at a meeting in this city mature, the intention is to have ball clubs in Pendleton, Athena, Weston, Pilot Rock, Helix and Adams. The two last towns having shown a disposition to join.

The meeting here yesterday, held in the office of B. R. Richards, was merely preliminary and another is to be held at Pendleton Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Commercial club for the purpose of formally launching the league.

B. R. Richards was elected president of the league yesterday and J. N. Royer of Pilot Rock was chosen secretary. Lee D. Drake of Pendleton acted as temporary chairman and Henry Keene of Athena as temporary secretary.

Athena, Weston, Pendleton and Pilot Rock had representatives present. Pendleton was represented by L. D. Drake and C. P. A. Lonergan. Weston by D. R. Wood and Col. F. B. Lucas. Pilot Rock by E. B. Casteel, J. N. Royer, John R. Pickett and Bert Shock and Athena by B. R. Richards, Dr. Osborn, Henry Dell, E. Urquhart and Col. F. B. Boyd.

The meeting was enthusiastically in favor of amateur ball and there was much discussion over the plans for the season.

NEW TROOPS ARE ON WAY TO THE BORDER

FUNSTON'S APPEAL FOR REINFORCEMENTS BEING RESPONDED TO.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—From all sections of the country troops sped to the border today in response to Funston's appeal for reinforcements. Four troops of the Fifth cavalry left Fort Myers on a special train this morning. Squadrons left Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and Fort Russell, Wyoming, this afternoon. Funston's report indicated that Pershing is nearing the Villistas.

DOUGLAS, March 22.—Portions of the third cavalry from Douglas may be ordered to furnish the extra provision which Funston has demanded for Pershing's line of communication. One infantry brigade is deemed sufficient protection here. Squadrons of cavalry were carefully drilled and put through an unusual practice today, evidently preparing to move.

EL PASO, March 22.—The British consul at Torreon has arranged a special train of boxcars to carry foreign women and children toward the border. Advice reaching the civil authorities said they expected to leave Torreon this afternoon under a guard of Carranzistas.

WIND SWEEPS 3 CARS OFF TRACK INJURING 2 MEN

Coaches Attached to Clover Leaf Passenger Train are Rolled Down Steep Embankment at Marion, Ill.

NO ONE IS REPORTED KILLED

High Winds Do Much Damage to Middle Western States; In Some Sections Traffic is Completely Paralyzed; Gales on Lake Michigan Cause Fear for Shipping.

MARION, Indiana, March 22.—Win swept three steel coaches of the Clover Leaf Passenger train from the tracks and tumbled them down a steep embankment this morning. Two cars rolled completely over. Two men were severely hurt. No one was killed. During the high wind a fire broke out, destroying a drugstore. A terrific gale was reported from all sections of northern Indiana. Farmhouses were demolished, trees uprooted and communication paralyzed. No loss of life yet reported.

Nurseryman Gives Advice Regarding Tree Planting Day

VARIETIES SUGGESTED AS ADAPTABLE TO PENDLETON; APRIL 1 GOOD TIME.

In connection with the proposed tree planting day for Pendleton, the club has received the following letter from the head of the nursery at Milton.

Milton, Ore., March 19, 1916. Gentlemen: Replying to yours of the 15th. We had not seen the notice of the contemplated planting campaign in Pendleton. We believe such a move to be a very good one, however, and we are not making this statement merely because we may be interested in the work later in a more direct way, should we be called on to supply any of the needed nursery stock. Many cities are planting trees and shrubs in their parks and streets. The sycamore, maple, elm, lindens, all are very well adapted to such work, especially the sycamore, both European and American varieties. April 1 would be a very opportune time to do this work, although it is never too late, would be still time, however, would urge as early planting as possible. The locust makes a very good tree where water supply is limited. This tree however, is not as refined in appearance as some of the other varieties mentioned above and we would select others in preference to it where conditions are at all favorable to the growth of trees, etc. Any advice we can give or information we can supply will be cheerfully sent.

Trusting you will meet with success in your campaign, we are very truly MILTON NURSERY CO.

Pioneer Stockman Called by Death

THOMAS BREWSTER PASSES AWAY FROM OLD AGE AND HEART TROUBLE.

Thomas Brewster, respected and pioneer stockman and farmer of this county, died yesterday afternoon at 2:15 at his home, 208 Madison street. Death resulted from old age complications and heart trouble brought on by too violent exercise.

SLOAN SAYS WEST END PREFERENCES BOND PLAN

MILLAGE TAX OBJECTED TO AS NOT SUFFICIENT; COLD SPRINGS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED.

The following letter bearing on the good roads issue has been received by J. F. Robinson from Frank Sloan, president of the good roads association in the west end of the county: Stanfield, Ore., March 20, 1916. Mr. J. F. Robinson, President Good Roads Association, Pendleton, Ore. Dear Sir: Since I came home from my meeting in Pendleton Saturday, I have found out that the only road measure that will have any chance of carrying so far as the people here are concerned is the bond issue, which is now before the people.

The people argue that the millage tax does not provide money enough, at any one time, with which to accomplish any permanent results. They argue that the money coming from a millage tax would only amount to \$100,000 a year which would be spent in patch work, and at the end of 14 years when our bonds would be due we would be in the same condition as far as our roads are concerned with the millage tax, as we are at present. I am still of the opinion from what I have learned from the people since I came home that the bond issue has a good chance to get through if we

La Follette Wins at Primaries. BISMARCK, March 22.—La Follette defeated Starkbrook at the presidential primaries in North Dakota, early returns indicated.

President Juries That This Nation is Asked to Act as Mediator in Peace Proposals

BERLIN, March 22.—Gerard today announced he had cancelled his vacation plans and would not go to America this summer. Friends said they thought important matters might arise which subordinate officials could not handle. A high official asked the United Press to deny the report that German intimates were responsible for affairs in Mexico. He said Germany wants peace there.

DEMOCRATS MAY HAVE FULL TICKET AT THE PRIMARIES

Indications are that the democratic party in this county will nominate a full ticket at the May primaries and contest for all of the offices at the fall election. In fact there will probably be a contest at the primaries over the democratic nomination for one or two offices.

RAINFALL FOR MARCH FAR ABOVE NORMAL FOR MONTH

March is proving to be an exceptionally wet month. With nine more days yet to go, the month has a record of 2.36 inches whereas the normal for the entire month is but 1.92 inches. Yesterday and last night the precipitation in Pendleton amounted to .42 of an inch, on Monday there was .12, on Sunday .37 and on Saturday .04, making a total of the past four days .93 of an inch. Prior to Saturday there was a warm, dry spell but during the first eight days of the month there was a total of 1.31 inches. The records kept by E. F. Averill show a trace on the 1st, .24 on the 2nd, .12 on the 3rd, .44 on the 4th, .05 on the 5th, .01 on the 7th and .25 on the 8th.

Postoffice at Milton Robbed of Ten Dollars

The postoffice at Milton was last night entered by yeggmen, the safe cracked and about \$50 in money and other valuables stolen, according to a report telephoned down to Sheriff T. D. Taylor this morning. Sheriff Taylor left at once for the scene of the crime and has been working upon the case all day.

Full details of the robbery have not been received here. The crime was not discovered until this morning. The safe had been blown and looted of all valuables, some stamps and other paper being taken besides the cash. This is the second safe cracking within the past year, the report there having been entered before.

DAMAGE AT PARIS, TEXAS, FROM FIRE IS 8 MILLION

PARIS, Texas, March 22.—Three are dead, 10,000 homeless and eight million dollars worth of damage was caused as the result of a fire which devastated two thirds of the city. The flames were extinguished today. A hundred business blocks were destroyed. Many were injured, some perhaps fatally.

Umatilla County Library Has Open Door to All the People

Address by Mrs. Lina H. Sturgis, president of the Library Board, at Commercial Club Dinner.

"The best reading for the greatest number at the least cost." That is the aim of all public libraries. It is especially the aim and the accomplishment of county libraries systems such as ours in Umatilla County. At the rate of 3,000 volumes a year, the best books possible are being purchased which are furnishing our citizens in both city and county with splendid opportunities of self culture, recreation, business advancement and knowledge which means power.

Besides care in book selection which aims to get the best books written on the subjects needed, the recent growth of the library into a county system now offers an open door to every family in Umatilla county. The greatest number are therefore invited to make

use of the opportunities at hand, and that this has proved acceptable is shown by the wonderful increase in book circulation in 1915. Over 37,000 books were taken out of the central and branch libraries, an increase of 11% per cent over the circulation of the previous year. One of our aims this year is to attract 2,000 more new readers to our library. This will be done by placing more traveling libraries in the rural schools of the county, school room libraries in the graded schools of Pendleton and by carefully advertising the goods we have to offer. For libraries are more and more making use of modern business methods. The newspapers furnish the best means of advertising and have given us free space. Posters are also to be printed and placed in the hotels, stores and other public places. An attractive advertising tape has been ordered with which to tie the

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SICKNESS TAKES TOLL AMONG THE MEN IN MEXICO

American Expedition is Being Reduced in Numbers as Many Soldiers are Put Out of Commission

PNEUMONIA NEARLY EPIDEMIC

Days of Hard Marching on Meager Rations Tells on Men; Cavalry Patrol Continues Search for Aviators Who Became Lost; New Column May Enter Mexico.

VOLUNTEERS MAY GO. WASHINGTON, March 22.—Senator Sherman introduced a resolution today authorizing the president to call 50,000 volunteers for service in Mexico. He declared the developments indicated the army is unprepared to pursue Villa. The resolution stipulated the volunteers would be used only for punitive purposes, not intervention and would be mustered out when Villa was captured or killed.

EL PASO, March 22.—Sickness is thinning the American ranks in Mexico. Seven soldiers arrived for treatment today. It was said the Americans were dropping from dysentery and pneumonia. In the daytime they suffer from the intense heat. At night they almost freeze. This has produced a pneumonia epidemic of serious proportions. Weeks of hard marching on meager rations, following months of hearty eating in the camps have caused many to fall by the way-side.

SEARCHING FOR AVIATORS

COLUMBUS, March 22.—Cavalry patrols continued searching the Chihuahu desert today for Lieutenants Willis and Goral who failed to arrive at Casas Grandes in their aeroplanes. Lieutenant Bowen arrived at Columbus today with a broken nose as a result of an aeroplane falling 50 feet. His other injuries were slight.

Passengers declared the peons fell on their knees in prayer and then ran pell-mell at the sight of their first aeroplanes. Later their fears overcome, they crowded around to inspect the machines.

FUNSTON MAY MOVE HEADQUARTERS

EL PASO, March 22.—It was unofficially reported that Funston will remove his headquarters to El Paso when the transfer to Fort Bliss is completed. This strengthened the expectation that the American base of operations will be moved here.

It is believed that the new column, headed by the Eighth cavalry, is preparing to enter Mexico through Sualdape, riding southward over the smugglers trail. General Bell probably will be in command.

Hundreds of sheepskin coats have been sent southward for use on the bitterly cold nights following searching days. It was reported the Americans have asked Gavira to cooperate in the search for the two missing aviators. Thearrison at Chihuahua is believed to have been instructed to watch.

At last accounts before communication failed, the expedition's vanguard was 25 miles from Naminanga, should it meet Villa it is believed he should split his force into small bodies and spread in all directions to fight guerrilla fashion. Border reports said there was still some dissatisfaction among the Carranza troops. Many doubted that the army would obey him implicitly. Women living in small towns near El Paso have come to town. Bandits are arresting border Mexicans suspected of being Villa sympathizers. Many suspects admitted have been engaged in shipping operations across the Rio Grande. Twelve miles west, arrests followed the discovery of a plot to transport machinery from Mexico.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Liquid air used by Germans to freeze the French back ten miles near Verdun. American troops in Mexico suffering from sickness.

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