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WEATHER: Tonight fair heavy frost; Wednesday fair warmer. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER DATA. Maximum temperature, 53; minimum, 34; rainfall, .04; wind, west, light; weather, cloudy.

RUSSIANS BEGIN NEW ATTACKS ON 100 MILE FRONT

Berlin Reports Slav Losses are the Heaviest Since the Great Retreat From the Dunajec.

SPRING FLOODS DUE SOON

Freshets May Force the Russians to Withdraw from Portion of Their Lines; German Officers Declare Marksmanship of Slavs is Very Poor; German Losses Slight

(By Carl Ackerman.) BERLIN, March 28.—The Russians today renewed their attacks on a hundred mile front. Their losses were reported as the heaviest since the retreat from the Dunajec. The spring thaw is expected soon, flooding the lowlands and it is believed this will compel the withdrawal of a portion of the Russian lines. The Germans also will suffer from floods but will not be compelled to withdraw from many places. It is believed this is the reason the Russians are attempting to seize the highlands before the spring freshets come. German officers assert that the Russian marksmanship is poor. They claim the German losses are light. Formerly one Russian officer was found among every 300 privates captured. Now the ratio is one officer to every 60 privates.

MATLOCK AND YEAGER ARE URGED TO GET INTO RACE

FRIENDS WOULD LIKE TO SEE LATTER SEEK NOMINATION FOR ASSESSOR.

W. N. Matlock for the democratic nomination for representative and J. Alton Yeager for the republican nomination for assessor are two of the latest possibilities being discussed in local political circles. Friends of both are urging them to get into the race and it is not at all unlikely that both will respond.

So far no democrat has announced himself as an aspirant for legislative honors but for the past few days Matlock has been urged by friends of both parties to be one of the democratic nominees. He has not yet made up his mind but is known to be in a receptive mood. Lou Hodgen of Umapine and J. M. Scarborough of Hermiston are other possible democratic candidates.

The republicans need a candidate for the assessorship to make their ticket complete and for some time past have been casting about for a man to make the race. Yeager, who is sealer of weights and measures for eastern Oregon, who was formerly one of the county school superintendents and two years ago a candidate for the republican nomination for clerk, is the man said to be fixed upon and all that is needed is his consent. C. P. Strain, the present assessor, is a democrat and has not yet filed for renomination.

Marvel Watts of Athena has been urged by democratic leaders to run for joint representative but, it is said, has declined to get into politics. Among the other democratic probabilities is Prof. W. C. Howard of Stanfield for school superintendent. He is being talked of strongly and, it is said, has about decided to enter the race.

BETTER HURRY UP AND PICK QUEEN CANDIDATE

ONLY THREE DAYS OF BALLOTING; BALLOTING TO BE FOUND IN PAPERS.

Have you picked your candidate for Rose Queen or maid yet? If not, why not? There will be only three more days of balloting after today for the selection of the girl or woman to represent Pendleton and Umatilla county in the state-wide contest for queen and maids of the Oregon Rose Festival.

Ballots will be found in the local papers of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. All votes must be deposited in the boxes at the Tallman or Pendleton Drug Stores, The Peoples Warehouse or Alexanders, or received through the mail by C. E. Cranston by Saturday noon for the winning candidate will be announced Saturday afternoon.

Any girl or lady over the age of 18 within the boundaries of the county may enter the race. Cut out the coupons; write in the names and deposit the ballots.

Profitable Year Brought to Close by Presbyterians

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BRINGS FORTH ENCOURAGING REPORTS.

The annual business meeting of the Presbyterian congregation held last evening closed a profitable year for that denomination in the city. Reports read from officers representing the different departments and clubs in the church work showed splendid accomplishment, and finances on hand for the beginning of the new year, the only deficit being in the "Manse fund," which will soon be cleared of debt.

Particular credit was given the trustees for their management of the business and building, the heavy expense of reconstruction and interior finishing after damage by fire being paid for out of church funds without special subscription. Report of the clerk of the Sessions showed a total attendance at all church services for the year, approximately, 25,000 or 500 persons a Sabbath; the membership of the church nearly doubled since March, 1915, and total amount contributed more than tripled.

In appreciation of the splendid efforts of the pastor and results obtained the new budget of \$4500 proposed and accepted for the coming year includes a \$300 raise of salary.

The people have reason to expect even a greater work this coming year and in order to better meet the needs, the assembly last evening voted to add to the church some sort of building which will be used also as a sort of "Community House," to accommodate the Sabbath school and the various clubs of the church. A building committee was elected to prepare plans for such a structure and submit them to a congregational meeting in the fall when construction will doubtless be begun.

The following officers were elected: Elders (for the three year term), Dr. W. R. Campbell, A. E. McCullay, Dr. Geo. King, Deacons, Chas. Galavan, B. Parlett, Geo. Prebber, Deaconesses, Mrs. Wm. Blakeley, Mrs. J. W. Maloney, trustees (for one year), Wm. Blakeley, E. C. McCook, T. J. Tweedy, F. E. Boyden, S. R. Thompson.

\$40,000,000 Movie Merger to Control Best Known Firms

PARAMOUNT, MUTUAL, V. L. S. E. AND OTHERS SAID TO BE IN SCHEME.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Positive confirmation of a \$40,000,000 movie merger was obtained today. Most of the producing corporations are combining to reduce expenses. A formal announcement is expected soon. The companies included the Paramount, Mutual, Universal, Vitagraph, Lubin, Selig, Essanay and Metro. Mary Pickford and Charlie Chaplin will be the principal stars. The films will be sent from a single distributing center. It is rumored the American Tobacco company and possibly the Standard Oil company is financing the merger.

Action Is Postponed. WASHINGTON, March 28.—The house judiciary committee linked the suffrage and prohibition amendments today and indefinitely postponed action on each.

CARRANZISTAS AND AMERICANS CLOSE ON VILLA

Bandit is Reported at Eloso With Pursuing Bands Following Closely; Border Raid Denied.

CENSORSHIP IS TIGHTENED

Activity of Troops at Columbus Leads to Supposition That Important Developments Are Coming; American Flee from Tampico for Fear of Outbreaks There.

EL PASO, March 28.—Gavira, at Juarez, made public the following message from Bertant: "Villa is at Eloso. I believe Colonel Cano is closest to him. Our troops and the Americans are harassing him constantly."

It was reported that ten cavalrymen went in pursuit of Mexican outlaws who crossed the border and attacked the ranch of C. E. Kelly, former mayor of El Paso Kelly, however, denied this. He said the Mexican rustlers attempted to drive away cattle and beat the Mexican employe who tried to drive them away. Funston officially derided the report that the rustlers were Villistas.

The censorship has been tightened. Latest dispatches from the expedition reported Villa was fleeing rapidly southwest toward the Sierra Madre foothills with the Americans close behind. The Mexicans who formerly hailed Villa as hero are now aiding the pursuers.

COLUMBUS, March 28.—A tightening of the censorship on dispatches from Casas Grandes and the activity of troops here preparing for an unknown movement were believed to forecast important developments. The censorship also was tightened elsewhere it was announced.

Another trainload of horses arrived today. Packtrains south of Casas Grandes are understood to be ascending the precipitous mountains, carrying provisions. Ninety Villista horses, abandoned during the Columbus raid were auctioned today.

DOUGLAS, March 28.—Following a conference, Governor Callies sent General Gomez with 1400 Carranzista cavalry from Colonia Morelos to Mochizuma to Guard against Villistas entering Sonora. Should Villa cross the mountains, American officers believed an American expedition would be sent from here.

GALVESTON, March 28.—A wireless from Tampico said there had been no anti-American outbreaks. Fear of them persists, however. A yacht is bringing away the wives and children of Tampico oilmen.

COLUMBUS, March 28.—(The censor deleted 150 words). Several carloads of rifle ammunition were unloaded here last night.

Miners Entombed. BLUEFIELD, W. Va., March 28.—Two miners are known to be dead in an explosion which entombed a number of men in the lower reaches of the Tidewater mine at Vivian. Sixteen terribly burned laborers were removed. It is unknown how many are buried alive.

"She Gets There With Her Feet" Motto for Pendleton

TALK BY R. W. RITNER AT RECENT CIVIC BANQUET.

The motto of the state of Oregon is, "She flies with her own wings." If I were to choose a motto for the city of Pendleton, I would write, "She gets there with her own feet." Pendleton does not have to depend upon the bounty of the state for her prosperity. Backed by a splendid agriculture and stock country, abounding with unlimited resources, Pendleton is able to take care of herself without any assistance from the outside.

Probably the best thing which the state of Oregon has ever done for the city of Pendleton is the location of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital for the insane just outside her city limits. This was not done as an act of charity but Pendleton was selected as the place for this hospital because those who had charge of choosing the site were unanimous in their opinion that Pendleton was the logical place for such an institution. Located as we are with exceptional transportation facilities and enjoying a climate which is not surpassed in the west, Pendleton was selected by the state board not because we needed such an institution to build up the town but because this was the best place in Eastern Oregon for such a hospital.

The hospital as originally planned was to consist of six wings in addition to the administration building, power plant and other smaller buildings, necessary. In 1912 two wings were erected. The last session of the legislature appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for the erection of a new wing which is now completed and will soon be occupied. The state has up to the present time spent about a million dollars for the permanent improvements at this institution, the other three wings will be added from time to time as the needs of the state demand. The policy of the state is to increase the size of the eastern Oregon branch of the hospital rather than make any additions to the original hospital in Salem. About five hundred thousand dollars more will be required to complete the buildings as originally planned. Under the efficient management of Dr. McNary as superintendent, this hospital has made a record for efficiency and economy unequalled by any other institution in the state.

The location of the eastern Oregon session of the supreme court of the state has been the means of bringing a great many professional men to Pendleton. Pendleton was selected by the legislature as the proper place in eastern Oregon to hold these sessions of the court because we are centrally located on transportation lines and also because we have superior hotel accommodations. For this same reason this city was chosen by congress for the eastern Oregon sessions of the United States district court.

If the state highway commission can be induced to spend a portion of the state highway funds in Umatilla county it will not only be a great benefit for Pendleton, but to the entire county, but unless this county gets busy and raises money for the purpose of building permanent hard surface roads, either from the medium of the bond issue or by levying a special tax, the state highway commission will not favor this county with any portion of the highway fund, except possibly to pave that portion of the Old Oregon Trail which runs through the grounds of the State Hospital. We will be aided in proportion to the amount of money which we ourselves will spend and it is up to the citizens of Umatilla county to get busy at this time and provide for

the improvement of the trunk roads of the county with permanent road beds or we will lose any hope we have for state aid.

If I should be elected as a member of the next legislature I will devote all my energies toward securing a revision of the Oregon road laws, with the view of changing the present inefficient and extravagant system, under which we are now working and under which the county received less than fifty cents of value for every dollar spent. I believe that if any permanent road work is done the county court should have the authority to place all such work in the hands of a competent road engineer and that all work should be done under his direction rather than to have each separate road supervisor handle the work in his respective district. At present Umatilla county has over forty road supervisors, each working independently of the other. Consequently we have forty different methods of building roads.

The state of Oregon, unbelievable as it seems, spends more money per capita than any other state in the union. I believe that you will agree with me that we are getting much less for that we spend than our neighbors on the north or those on the south, and I believe the great fault is that we are spending money from year to year on temporary improvements that have to be made again the following year.

I understand that there are fourteen speeches to be made here this evening. In looking about the room I am somewhat surprised and not a little gratified to see that out of the fourteen present, not one is a lawyer or a professional orator. It is indeed an exceptional occurrence when seventy-five per cent of the speech making is not done by members of the bar.

Plenty of Water Found Near Echo at 225 Feet Down

ABUNDANT SUPPLY IS TAPPED BY WELL DRILLED BY CHAS. E. LEWIS.

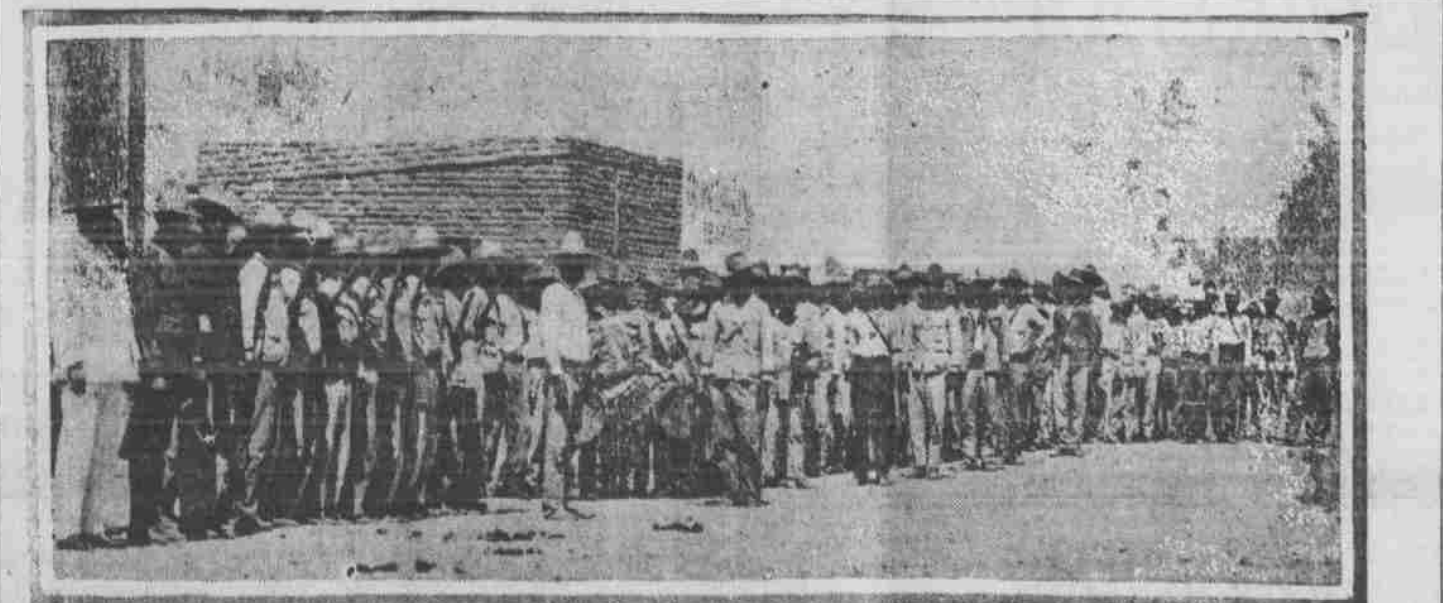
(East Oregonian Special.) ECHO, Ore., March 27.—Water at a depth of two hundred and twenty-five feet has been struck two miles south of Echo, which raised up one hundred and thirty-six feet after the well was tapped. Pumping one thousand gallons per hour the water level was lowered but ten feet, showing that the supply is both abundant and permanent.

This well was drilled by Chas. E. Lewis for the shearing plant at this point, hard rock was struck at a distance of 70 feet when continued the balance of the way down. Mr. Lewis was 11 days in drilling the well. It has long been thought that artesian water underlayed the Echo country and this well does much to support the theory.

INDICTMENTS AGAINST 5 STEEL COMPANIES QUASHED

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 28.—Judge Anderson quashed the indictments against the five steel corporations accused of conspiracy to keep down the wages of laborers. The indictments were held to be vague, indefinite and uncertain.

A Company of Carranza's Soldiers in Mexico



CARRANZISTAS UNDER GEN. CALLES.

All along the border great alarm prevails over the belief that the Carranzistas will join Villa and massacre the American residents of the border towns. These Mexican soldiers have just arrived at Agua Prieta, Mexico, from the Yaqui river country and have stopped for mesa, white en route to the passes in eastern Sonora, which they are supposed to guard against Villa and his banda. The troops are commanded by Gen. Calles left.

AMERICA TO ASK GERMANY IF SHE SANK BRITISHER

State Department Will Make Direct Request for Information Regarding Alleged Torpedoing.

CABINET DISCUSSES MATTER

Whether Diplomatic Relations Will Be Broken or Not Depends Upon Course Berlin May Adopt; Congress Shows That It Apparently is Behind President Wilson.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Lansing this afternoon cabled Berlin asking whether a German submarine torpedoed the Sussex and the Englishman. The cablegram said the evidence now in the possession of America indicated submarines were responsible. Owing to the usual delays the inquiry probably will not arrive before tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The state department will ask Germany if a Teuton submarine torpedoed the Sussex, it was announced following a cabinet meeting. Meanwhile efforts are continuing to gather evidence to prove that the vessel actually was torpedoed. The cabinet discussed whether to sever diplomatic relations immediately if it was established a German submarine had sunk the Sussex and the Englishman.

Congress apparently is behind Wilson. It was apparent that the state department and the White House were disposed to demand more than a mere disavowal if it is shown that Germans were responsible. It is not believed a severance or diplomatic relations will be too drastic. The cabinet decided to interrogate Germany after Lansing presents official reports of the disaster. It is believed these reports will be insufficient to determine if a submarine torpedoed the Sussex without warning. It is expected to forward the inquiry soon.

JERRY RUSK OUT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE JOB

FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IS SEEKING REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

Jerry Rusk, La Grande lawyer and former speaker of the house, is a candidate for the republican nomination of public service commissioner. His declaration filed with the secretary of state carries the following: "If I am nominated and elected, I will during my term of office faithfully devote my best efforts to maintaining the present high standard of efficiency and best dealing established and maintained by the present commission. Further, I will do all in my power to secure a dollar's worth of value for each dollar expended in carrying on the work of the commission."

Following my name on the ballot, I ask that these words be printed, to wit, "Fair play and friendly cooperation between the public and the utility companies."

John P. (Jerry) Rusk was born in Clackamas county, Oregon, and has lived all his life in this state; the last fifteen years he has lived in Walla and Union counties, engaged in the practice of law. His first experience in politics was in 1908 when as a Statement No. 1 candidate he was nominated and elected a member of the house at Salem as a republican. That was the year when the last desperate effort of the old time machine and controlling power of the republican party was made to break down Statement No. 1 and the direct election of U. S. senators by causing enough Statement No. 1 republicans in the 1909 session to repudiate their pledges.

FANS RATIFY ACTION OF DELEGATES TAKEN AT MEETING HERE SATURDAY.

Weston will remain true to her old love. She will stay with the Blue Mountain League rather than cast in her lot with Athens, Adams and Helix for a smaller article of baseball. A letter from D. R. Wood, president of the league, to L. D. Drake this morning stated that the fans of the city had ratified the action of the Weston delegates to the meeting here last Saturday and that they would stay with the Blue Mountain League, win, lose or draw.

Wheat Advances Four Cents in Chicago Pit

CHICAGO, March 28.—(Special)—May, opening \$1.10 1-2, closing \$1.13 1-4; July, opening \$1.08 5-8, closing \$1.10 1-4.

Portland, Ore., March 28.—(Special)—Merchants Exchange prices today: club, bid, 90, asked 94; bluestem, 88 bid, 81.03 asked.

Liverpool, March 27.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 13s 4d; No. 2 hard winter gulf, 11s 4d; No. 3 hard winter, choice, 12s 1d; No. 1 Durum, 12s 3d; No. 1 hard Duluth, 13s 11d; Northern Chicago, 11s 8d; No. 2 red western winter, 11s 8d.

In American terms the highest Liverpool price, for No. 1 Duluth, is \$2.03 per bushel.

EIGHT AND HALF MILLION READY TO BUILD ARMY

Deficiency Bill is Passed by the House With Only One Opposing Vote; Covers Mexican Expedition.

WILL BUY MORE AEROPLANES

Action Is Regarded as Congressional Endorsement of the Move Against Villa; Congressmen Assure Secretary Baker of Money for Aviation During Next Year.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Only one member opposing it, the house passed the army deficiency bill appropriating eight and a half million dollars to cover the cost of the expedition into Mexico and to enable the war department to recruit the army to full strength and buy aeroplanes, motor trucks and equipment. The action was regarded as a congressional endorsement of the move against Villa. London, a socialist, was the only opponent. Congressmen assured Secretary Baker that half a million dollars appropriation for aviation next year would be granted. The army would buy eight machines soon with three motor trucks for each. Each aeroplane costs from eight to twelve thousand dollars.

PETERSON CANDIDATE FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

ANNOUNCES HIMSELF STRONGLY FOR RENOMINATION OF MR. WILSON.

Coming out openly and strongly for the renomination of President Woodrow Wilson, Will M. Peterson of this city, former democratic county chairman, today formally declared himself a candidate for delegate from the second congressional district to the national democratic convention to be held in St. Louis in June. He sent his declaration and filing fee to the secretary of state today.

Among other things he says in his declaration: "I am a steadfast believer in the tried and true, safe and sane, principles of the democratic party, advocated and practiced by Jefferson, Jackson and Cleveland and now unflinchingly championed by our safe and sane leader, Woodrow Wilson, for whose re-election I firmly stand and, in whose administration, future generations will find much to praise and nothing to criticize."

"I desire to have printed on the ballot, 'For Woodrow Wilson, the man of the hour, greatest of all presidents.'"

Weston to Remain in Blue Mountain League This Year

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Echo too, is well satisfied to remain in the league. That town was not represented at the meeting Saturday but sent word that any action taken would be acceptable. Word was received last night that the fans there approved of the organization of the league and would start at once to get a team into shape to open on schedule time.

NEWS SUMMARY

General: America will ask Germany direct if she sank the Sussex. Carranzistas and Americans hot on trail of Villa.

Local: Matlock for representative; Yeager for assessor in latest politics. Presbyterian church holds annual meeting. Peterson comes out strong for Wilson.