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Tonight and Thursday unsettled, probably showers.



POSITIONS AROUND FRESNOY LOST BY BRITISH YESTERDAY ARE REGAINED HAIG REPORTS

Bullecourt Encircled on 3 Sides by Australian Troops; Fall is Near; Loss Will Imperil Entire German Oppy Line.

FRENCH HOLD AGAINST HEAVY GERMAN ATTACKS

LONDON, May 9.—Some of the ground around Fresnoy which the British were compelled to yield yesterday to tremendous German attacks was regained today, Haig reported. Bullecourt, which the Australian troops are encircling on three sides, is about to fall. The penetration of German positions at Bullecourt, it is believed, would imperil the entire oppy line, and force the Germans to retreat along the entire distance. Bullecourt Most Important. At night we slightly advanced northwest of Hargreaves. Haig reported. "Northwest of Carville village yesterday evening the enemy attacked, our machine gun and barrage fire completely repulsing them. East of Armentieres early this morning an enemy raiding party was driven off. The Bullecourt operations are considered more important than those around Fresnoy. The recapture of that city by the Germans would set back to the British aims a circling the end of oppy.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN ANSWERS LAST CALL

Joseph Williams Aged 74, Passes Away at His Home 414 Calvert Street Yesterday Afternoon.

Another veteran of the Civil War was mustered out of the thinning ranks yesterday afternoon when Joseph Williams answered the last call. He died at his home, 414 Calvert street of cancer of the stomach. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 at the brown chapel. Rev. R. E. Gornall of the Methodist church will conduct the services which will be in charge of the G. A. R. He deceased was 74 years old. He came to Pendleton from the east a few months ago because of ill health but had lived here also at a previous period. He was a member of Co. H, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry during the rebellion. He is survived by his wife and a step-son who is employed by the O.-W. R. & N.

P. H. VAN ORSDALL IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Prominent Pendleton Farmer Succumbs to Long Illness of Bright's Disease Last Night at Midnight.

P. H. Van Orsdall, prominent Pendleton farmer, succumbed last night to Bright's disease of which he had been a sufferer for some time past, his death occurring about midnight. Funeral arrangements will not be made until the brother and mother of the deceased arrive from Portland. Philip Henry Van Orsdall was nearly 50 years old, having been born August 28, 1847, near Upper Sandusky, Ohio. His father died in 1879 while farming in Kansas and his mother soon thereafter brought her family to this country. For a period of seven years he was employed in this city by the late Henry Kopttke, who ran a general transfer business, and for five years he was engaged in business for himself. About 11 years ago he secured five sections of land southeast of Pendleton and had been farming there ever since. For a time he raised horses also. Mr. Van Orsdall is survived by his wife, to whom he was married in 1898, his mother, who lives in Pendleton and Portland, three brothers, Perry and George, who live near Pendleton, and John, whose home is in Portland, and a stepson, Richard Devine, who was recently discharged from the Idaho National Guard because of his mother's illness. Mr. Van Orsdall was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

REVENUE BILL REPORTED OUT BY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE

Measure Will Probably go Before the House Tomorrow; Provides Increased Tax Schedules of Broad Scope.

NEWS GAG ROUSES CRITICISM

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The house ways and means committee reported out the billion eight hundred million dollar revenue bill. Chairman Kitchin immediately introduced the bill and it will probably go before the house tomorrow. The bill provides increased tax schedules hitting every single man with an income over a thousand dollars annually and every married man with over two thousand annually, every movie fan, traveler, theatergoer, smoker, drinker and everybody who telephones. The measure hits the rich heaviest. It provides a thirty three per cent tax on incomes of over half a million. Taxes on whiskey, wine, cigarettes and tobacco are doubled. Inheritance taxes are jumped one third. Majority Leader Kitchin, chairman of the ways and means committee, announced when submitting the committee report that he would call it up for action at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning. He said he expected two days of general debate.

GERMANY STILL IS PLOTTING IN SOUTH AMERICA

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The state department is gathering evidence that Germany is continuing plots in Central America. The department would not say what countries were affected or how extensive the intrigues are.

WILL HOLD SCHOOL ELECTIONS JUNE 18

School Director Will Be Chosen and Vote Made on Budget of Expenses; Two New Teachers Elected.

The annual election for choosing a Pendleton school director will be held on June 18 and on that day, too, the people of the district will also probably vote approval or disapproval of the budget of expenses submitted by the school board. A new law requires that the subject for the next term shall be voted upon by ballot. At the board meeting last evening it was decided to hold the two elections on the same day if practicable. The new teachers Miss Leila Novell of Helix and Miss Leta Wagner of Athena, were elected as Pendleton grade teachers last night. The board approved the following amounts for various departments of the high school: \$75 to commercial department, \$200 to science, \$50 to history, \$100 to English and \$55 to languages. The city superintendent was instructed to advertise for bids for calculating the grade school rooms.

16 MEETINGS FOR FARMERS ON SATURDAY

District Agent Bailey Announces Schedule of Agricultural Defense Day Assemblages.

Sixteen different community meetings are to be held in Umatilla county on Saturday, Agricultural Defense Day, for the purpose of arousing the farmers of the county to the facts of the food situation and the necessity of augmenting production in every way possible. As announced by W. A. Bailey, district agricultural agent, the meetings throughout the county will be held as follows: Pendleton 2 p. m., Adams 2 p. m., Athena 2 p. m., Echo 2 p. m., Free water 8 p. m., (Commercial Club), Umatilla 7 p. m., Ferndale 7 p. m., (Union Hall), Milton 8 p. m., (Commercial Club), Helix 2 p. m., Hermiston and Umatilla 2 p. m., Holdman 2 p. m., Pilot Rock 2 p. m., Stanfield 2 p. m., Weston 2 p. m., Ulich 2 p. m.

In general terms the purposes of the meeting will be: 1. The plan for raising and distributing labor may be made known and labor application blanks distributed. 2. The policy of the secretary of agriculture for the protection of the farmer by the adoption of a minimum price and anti-food speculation law may be explained. 3. Reliable information on the national and world food supply may be presented. 4. A census of Oregon crop and livestock conditions may be taken.

AVIATOR CARLSTROM KILLED

NEW YORK, May 9.—Victor Carlstrom, the first aviator making a successful Chicago-New York flight was killed at Newport News. Carl Ephes of Newport News, an army student aviator, also was killed. The machine collapsed at a great height.

WAR EXPENSE \$24,500,000 DAILY

LONDON, May 9.—England expends daily for the war thirty four million, five hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Chancellor of the Exchequer Law told the house of commons.

"PRODUCE" AND "CONSERVE" IS CALL MADE TO ALL FARMERS

(OFFICIAL)

By W. A. Bailey, District Agent. The great cry now is "produce." A twin to produce is "conserve." Grow anything and everything. If you don't need it, your neighbor will. Grow all the wheat you can and then be sure you have enough feed for next year. Grow your own garden stuff and your own meat. Mr. Farmer, and the markets will have just that much more with which to supply the cities and armies of the nations. The farmers of Umatilla county are prosperous. They can afford to buy; but, can they afford to use up the already low supply of foodstuffs when these are needed by those who are not in a position to grow anything? Make every farm self-supporting. That means more work, may mean self-denial, but is not that our program for the future? Every farmer, whether he owns one acre or a thousand acres, should strive to make these acres yield to the maximum. This may mean more harrowing of the wheat this spring. It may mean buying fencing material and keeping a few sheep on the summer fallow. Sheep are costly just now, but so is labor, and sheep are one of the best weed destroyers nature ever invented. It may mean buying a few brood sows and having some pigs on the stubble this fall. This means cheap pork for somebody. Produce, produce. Grow whatever you can. Grow corn, grow beans, grow buckwheat, barley, rye. If you can't sell it, feed it. Most will not be a drag on the market for a long time to come. Produce for the nation even though you personally reap no benefit. That is YOUR share of our nation's struggle. Likewise, do not waste. Perhaps you personally can afford to be wasteful, but can you afford to waste that which the other fellow needs? Once wasted, gone forever. Sit down and analyze your farms and your homes, Mr. Farmer, Mr. Cityman. Are there leaks? Stop them. "Do your bit."

AMERICANS ARE HELD IN TURKEY

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The state department advised that the Turks are holding 20 Americans in Constantinople. The Americans are of military age and are not permitted to leave Turkey. The embassy is exerting its efforts to secure their release.

GOOD ROADS DEBATE AT MILTON BRINGS OUT LARGE CROWD

Commissioner Adams and Senator Pierce Present Arguments for and Against the Proposed Bond Issue. (By J. W. Morris.) MILTON, May 9.—State Commissioner E. J. Adams and State Senator Walter M. Pierce addressed an interested assembly yesterday afternoon at the Commercial Club rooms. The meeting was well attended and there seemed an earnest desire on the part of the people to secure information on the proposed \$4,000,000 road bond issue to be voted upon June 4th. The meeting took the form of a debate, Mr. Adams leading off in favor of the bond issue. He spoke for twenty-five minutes and presented the issues in a forceful, intelligible manner. As a speaker he possesses a wonderful magnetism and held the attention of his hearers from the very first.

WHEAT SOARS ON CROP SHORTAGE

CHICAGO, May 9.—(Special to the East Oregonian.)—Range of wheat prices today: Open High Low Close May \$3.11 3.19 3.07 3.11 July \$2.40 2.49 2.40 2.45

Portland, Ore., May 9.—(Special.)—Club \$2.90; Bluestem \$2.95. CHICAGO, May 9.—May wheat advanced to \$3.19, up 22 cents from last night's close, July sold at \$2.40. July wheat jumped 2 1/2 cents to \$2.77, following the publication of the government crop report.

SHOTGUN DUEL PRECEDED THE UMAPINE TRAGEDY YESTERDAY

Coroner's Jury Finds That J. E. Short Met Death at Hands of Lawrence Colwell, Agitated by His Mother.

That James E. Short came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by Lawrence Colwell, agitated by his mother, Cora Colwell, is the substance of the verdict returned yesterday morning by the coroner's jury which investigated the killing of the pioneer east end rancher by the 14 year old son of a neighbor. The boy, accompanied by his parents, was brought to Pendleton yesterday afternoon by Sheriff T. D. Taylor. Coroner J. T. Brown and District Attorney R. I. Kentor also returned yesterday afternoon. Rayley have been employed to defend the youthful slayer. His preliminary hearing has not yet been set. Pleads Self Defense. The circumstances of the shooting turned somewhat from the weaker report from Umatilla yesterday. The testimony at the inquest as well as other circumstances indicate that the boy and the aged man engaged in a

LIFE OF A NAVAL RECRUIT ALL TO THE GOOD SAYS LESLIE GIBBS

An interesting letter detailing the life of a naval recruit at the training station in San Francisco was received this morning by the East Oregonian from Leslie Gibbs, former assistant in the business office. The letter reads as follows: U. S. Naval Training School, San Francisco, California. May 6, 1917. East Oregonian Pub. Co., Pendleton, Oregon. To All the "Fores": Well, three weeks a sailor and a good one at that. Many the things I have learned in the short space and some are the things I still have to learn. I am getting so I can tell the anchor from the funnel, parade rest from stand at ease, show from assembly, and for the last two weeks I haven't been saluting the chief cook for the commander in charge, so you see the time hasn't been exactly wasted.

When a world of things there are to learn here, and what a short space of time to do all in. We soon learn to do lots in a short time and to do the same well or do it over again. Reveille at 5:30 in the morning and taps at 8:45 gives us lots of sleep and

HEADS OF TWO HOSPITAL UNITS ORDERED TO EUROPE



Dr. Richard W. Harte, head of U. S. hospital Unit No. 10, organized at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Harvey Cushing, head of Base Unit No. 5, organized at Harvard University, who have just received orders from Washington to prepare to take their units to France.

DRUM CORPS TO BE ORGANIZED

A drum corps is the latest organization in the office of the city manager. Boys, who are asked to join any of the military and patriotic organizations of the city, have an opportunity to give vent to their patriotism by joining the drum corps which Director Beach of the Alta theater orchestra is organizing. All those interested are asked to apply to him. He hopes to have the organization perfected in time to participate in the Decoration Day exercises.

SECRET DIPLOMACY SCORED

Secret Diplomacy Scored. AMSTERDAM, May 9.—Speculation concerning what Holweg may say about peace in his forthcoming speech has resulted in a widespread demand for "less secret diplomacy" in Germany's administration, according to German newspapers received here. A copy of the Voelke Zeitung, just received, bitterly assails the lack of complete frankness, declaring: "Every statesman must really make an effort to clarify their desire in their own minds and then stand for the demands against foreign diplomacy." The editorial referred to "the misty atmosphere" in the foreign office.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE

The death of Chief of Police Frank Nash leaves a vacancy in the police force which the council will probably fill in the near future. It is reported that there are a number of applicants for the position, among them being James Hall, present member of the force, Harry Edwards, former police officer, Dan Downey and Al Roberts. Billy Scherer, veteran member of the force who is now acting as chief, is not an applicant. It is said whether or not the council will take any action this evening is not known though individual members of the council state that it is improbable.