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A HUGE ARMY PROMISED FOCH

Washington, Aug. 7.—Backed by a reservoir of 5,000,000 American troops, Field Marshal Foch is preparing to hurl against the Germans the entire military strength of the allies in order to bring the war to a victorious conclusion in the shortest possible time.

Spring will see the terrific conflict, already in progress on the Aisne Vesle line, in full swing with Foch's armies striking with all their power.

This was the impression gained by members of the Senate military committee who heard General March explain in executive session the War Department's reason for asking extension of draft age limits.

They learned that the definite decision to enlarge the American military programme to an army of 5,000,000 men was reached about July 30, and is in accordance with an agreement arrived at in Paris shortly before that time.

Found Easy Money

A fellow giving his name as F. K. Bunker victimized a number of Forest Grove merchants with worthless bank checks last Thursday afternoon and then went to Hillsboro and repeated the dose, right in the sheriff's home town. His modus operandi was to make a small purchase, draw a check on the United States National Bank of Portland for several times the value of the purchase and ask for cash in change. He passed a \$10 check on the Schultz market, a similar amount at John Anderson's and \$15 checks at Goff's, McNutt's and Giltner's. In most cases he left the goods he purchased and said he would be back with his auto after them. But he never came back. The day before he victimized Corvallis and the day before that Albany.

Tuesday Mr Anderson and Sheriff Alexander went to Portland to identify a man the police had under surveillance, but when the Washington county men arrived the Portland sap heads had allowed the suspect to escape. Old Peter T. Barnum once said he made a success of the circus because "a sucker was born every minute." This fellow had evidently heard of Barnum's discovery.

A Double Wedding

Homer Purdin and Mrs. Celia French, two well-known young people of this city, were united in marriage at Vancouver last Monday and have returned to this city to reside. The groom is the youngest son of Ira Purdin and is a native son, having been born in the Purdin district, north of this city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Willis of Aberdeen, Wash., former residents of this county.

At the same time Walter Willis, brother to the bride in the above-mentioned ceremony, was united in marriage with Miss Eva Milan, of this city.

J. M. Durham of this city, who is employed at a sawmill at Schofield, sustained an injury to one of his knees Monday and was taken to a Portland hospital. Mrs. Durham went to Portland today to see her husband.

Mrs. J. F. McGill has received word that her son, Howard, of Camp Lewis, will be in Portland Sunday. She will visit him at the home of his brother, Clinton.

The scarcity of farm help has put District Judge Bagley in overalls and he is frequently seen steering an auto truck between this city and his Gales Creek farm.



MR. AND MRS. SIMON WAHL
Victims of Auto Accident between Dilley and Gaston on July 30th.

Railroads Will Conserve Labor

W. F. Miller, R. W. Pickard, J. A. Ormandy and R. H. Crozier, Southern Pacific and Oregon Electric railway officials, were in town from Portland Tuesday, explaining to business men that next Tuesday the Oregon Electric station would be closed and the work of the two roads entering this city handled at the S. P. station. They explain that this move is in line with the policy of the government to release every man that can be spared for work that will promote the efficiency of war work. They intimated that a few of the trains might be taken off each road and those left on so timed that they would give almost as good service as is now enjoyed. The Express predicts that half the trains could be taken off without hurting this city's business interests, so the only deplorable feature is the loss of two mighty fine families, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mawhinney. However, these men have been with the company so long that they will be given even better places, from the financial standpoint, than those they lose here. And they deserve good places.

Washington County Produce Prices

The office of the county food administrator has been making an investigation of prices charged by dealers of Washington county for staple commodities at retail. The reports from a number of dealers in the various towns of the county have been taken and an average made of the prices which are shown below:

Fresh eggs	\$.40
Creamery butter	.55
Old potatoes	1.37
New potatoes	4.00
Full cream cheese	.32
Corn meal	.08
Roller oats	.08 1-2
Rice flour	.12 1-2
Barley flour	.07 12-13
Rice, head	.13 7-12
Corn flour	.08 4-13
Corn starch	.12 1-13
Hominy	.07 3-4
Sugar	.09 1-13
Small white beans	.12 5-6
Dried apricots	.20 1-2
Dried peaches	.16 1-7
Raisins	.13 7-13
Corn syrup	.50 10-13
Wheat flour	2.79

"It is our opinion that considering the present jobbers' cost, the prices named represent a fair profit to the retailer and it is not our opinion that prices in excess of those shown by this average should be exacted.

There are of course instances where dealers must pay drayage costs from railroad points or in

RESULTS FIRST YEAR OF FOOD ADMINISTRATION	
Preliminary Work Began May 19, 1917.	
Food Control Act passed August 10, 1917.	
WHEAT EXPORTS (since July 1):	
Estimated surplus for export,	20,000,000 bushels.
Actual shipments to June, 120,000,000 bushels.	
BEEF EXPORTS:	
Ordinary rate one to two million pounds monthly.	
Largest single month this year,	87,000,000 lbs.
PORK EXPORTS:	
Ordinary rate, 50,000,000 lbs. monthly.	
Largest month this year, 308,000,000 lbs.	
PRICE OF FLOUR (Minneapolis):	
One year ago, \$16.75 a barrel wholesale.	
Present price, \$9.80 per barrel.	
PRICE MARGIN (between farmer's wheat and flour made from it):	
One year ago the difference was \$5.68.	
Present date the difference is 64 cents.	
IN GENERAL: To the farmer going to market, 27 per cent more than last summer; to the housewife buying in market, 13 per cent less than last summer.	
And the Allies have been sustained.	

other special instances where these prices might be inadequate.

I must do our county dealers the credit to say that on the majority of articles these average prices are below those quoted by the Portland price committee.

C. E. WELLS,
County Food Administrator,
Hillsboro, Ore.

CONDENSED NEWS NOTES

We deliver ice cream to any part of the city. Tell it to phone 632. Otlice Shearer. 26-1f

Dr. Darland, Chiropractic and Naturopath. Office at A St. & 1st Ave. N. Phone 676.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Scott left this morning to attend a three-day session of the state editorial association at Marshfield.

Walter Roswurm says he saw a nice fat four-prong buck cross the road today a short distance this side of Gales City.

We are now prepared to supply all comers with apple and peach boxes. Forest Grove Planing Mill Co. 30-1f

A full house saw Serg. Empey's "Over the Top" at the Star last night and the play made a hit. Last chance tonight, beginning at 7:30; nine reels of action.

Aged Woman Called

Mrs. Fannie Gardner, aged 72, passed away at a Portland hospital Thursday afternoon, after a week's illness of strangulated hernia. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. William Beals and had made her home with her daughter's family, a short distance east of this city, for the past seven years, her husband having passed away 37 years ago.

Fannie Neiswanger was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on May 26th, 1846, and was united in marriage with John Gardner in the year 1867. To this union were born two sons and three daughters. Early in their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner united with the Reformed church. In 1910 deceased came to Oregon with the Beals family and located near this city, uniting with the M. E. church. Her record as a church and Sunday school worker is one of which her family and friends will feel proud. In the passing of this estimable woman the community loses one of its finest characters and the church a faithful member.

Deceased is survived by two sons, one daughter, five grand children, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, Rev. John Ebert and Rev. Crozier officiating, and the remains were interred in the Cornelius cemetery.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who contributed in helpfulness and in sympathy, for flowers, for autos and for every expression of good will. We assure you we appreciated all, in this hour of our affliction.

WM. BEALS AND FAMILY.

Perlina E. McCoy

Mrs. Perlina Elizabeth McCoy died Monday, at the home of her son, John, near Banks, having reached the age of 74 years. Deceased was born in the state of Indiana in the year 1844 and met and married Moses McCoy in the state of Iowa, crossing the plains with her husband in 1863 and locating in Washington county. Her husband passed away several years ago. Deceased was a kind and affectionate mother, a good neighbor and a Christian woman and her demise is mourned by many friends and acquaintances, outside the family circle. She is survived by two sons and four daughters—John of Banks, W. F. of this city, Mrs. John Reilly and Mrs. Richard Holscher of this city and Mrs. Ernest Burke and Mrs. Harvey Rogers of Alberta, Canada.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gales Creek church by Rev. Abraham Baldwin of this city Tuesday afternoon and interment was in the Gales Creek cemetery.

Want Pastor to Remain

The official board of the Congregational church held a special meeting last Thursday night and voted by a good majority to ask Rev. Patten to re-consider his determination to resign his pastorate. Mr. Patten is deliberating over the matter and says that, while he had determined to go to the east, he doesn't like to leave his flock after the members ask him to remain.

Huns Wound Sergeant Watson

Monday's casualty list from France contained the name of Sergeant C. W. Watson, son of Ira Watson of Greenville and a cousin of Bud Watson of this city. Sergeant Watson enlisted from Buxton and is reported as "wounded in action." The seriousness of the wounds is not known here.

Mrs. F. S. Whitehouse and children are enjoying an outing at the Tillamook beaches.

Black Hillers Made Merry

In the neighborhood of a half hundred former residents of the Black Hills of South Dakota, mostly from Meade and Lawrence counties, gathered at Naylor's Grove, in this city, last Sunday for their annual reunion and picnic. They came from four counties, outside of Washington, and that they have prospered since coming to Oregon was evidenced by the fact that the great majority came in high class automobiles. (One man's machine was so high-powered that he had to go to Hillsboro next day and settle with the speed cop.) There was a big basket dinner of roast and fried chicken, roast other things in the meat line, baked beans, salads, pickles, pies, cakes and all manner of good country fare. After dinner the men, women and children engaged in games, athletic sports and good, old-fashioned "visiting" until supper time, when the gorge was repeated.

At a short business session, Mrs. L. M. Bitney of Woodburn, gave a good and sufficient reason why her husband, the president, was not in attendance, so Vice President Harry Bunting presided. Letters of regret were read from J. F. McClung of Seattle and Bob Craig of Centralia, both being very sorry they could not attend. Secretary Jay Bunting reported that about 25c per adult head would pay the expenses incurred during the past year and the assessment was levied and collected. It was voted to hold the next picnic at the Oaks, Portland, the first Sunday in August. A vote of thanks was extended Mr. Naylor for the use of his beautiful park and David Sparks was thanked for work done in building seats and a banquet table.

Portland sent to the picnic Dr. and Mrs. J. H. McSloy, their son, Tom, wife and little daughter; Fred Fox, wife and two children; Mrs. Otto Grice and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer and children; from the neighborhood of Woodburn came, Mrs. L. M. Bitney, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Becker, Mrs. F. B. Chase and daughter, and Fred Yerger, wife and two boys, while J. J. Yoder and wife came from Molalla. This city furnished Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bunting, Mrs. L. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bunting and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. VanKoughnet and daughter, Alma, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kelsey and daughter, Martha, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reder, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Benfer, Mrs. Elizabeth Benfer, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Durham, Mr. and Mrs. David Sparks and little daughter and Mrs. J. J. Stargel and daughter, Catherine.

Good Men at Head of the County Fair

The premium list for the 1918 Washington County Fair, to be held at Forest Grove, September 19 and 20, is being distributed. Prizes are as liberal as ever and much care has been exercised by leaders of the different departments to make the fair not only educational and entertaining to the people of the county, but of direct value and aid to the national government in the crisis of war through which we are passing. For instance, a Food Administration department has been added under the direction of County Food Administrator Chas. E. Wells in which will be shown those accomplishments of the people, both locally and nationally, which have kept the allies and our own people supplied without the necessity of food cards and other trappings of aristocratic and semi-aristocratic governments.

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