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OREGON WEATHER  
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Tonight and Wednesday fair; +  
northerly winds. +  
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**EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY.**

The reception accorded the Courier's annual Bargain Day for 1916 is full proof that the people of Grants Pass district are experiencing a measure of prosperity that has not been present for a number of years past. That a fraction more than 45 per cent of the Courier's entire list of subscribers should make cash payment for the paper a full year in advance upon the one day is nothing short of remarkable. It is a record never heretofore equalled by the Courier, and it has had some remarkable bargain days before. From morning till night the force in the business office was kept busy waiting upon the subscribers who came to pay their compliments and their subscription, and the cash register kept up a merry jingle that made the heart of the publisher respond with joy.

It is an encouraging condition when the people of the community can take advantage of the opportunity to save a dollar by payment for their daily paper a full year in advance. It shows that the dollars are easier to obtain than they have been on some previous years. Likewise, it shows that the public appreciates its daily paper and stands ready to produce the sinews of war. Numerous new subscriptions were received on the day, and the Courier now claims to as fully cover its field as any paper in the northwest. There are few homes in its territory where the Courier is not found.

**MALHEUR PROJECT OPPOSED.**

The national association of Audubon societies is up in arms because of the threatened destruction of the largest federal bird reservation in the United States. The project for the draining of Lake Malheur, in central Oregon, will destroy this refuge within which game birds can nest and rear their young undisturbed by the man with the gun. The Malheur preserve now gives sanctuary to many thousands of ducks, geese, swan, and other water fowl, where they are permitted to breed undisturbed, and the recent application for permission to drain the lake and make agricultural land of its bed has raised a large-sized commotion. The lake is six miles wide and 15 miles long, with a depth of about six feet.

Secretary Pearson has taken the matter up with the officials of the general land office, who have promised to investigate. It is understood that those who plan the destruction of the bird reservation have already secured the co-operation of the state land board of Oregon. For that reason, Mr. Pearson regards the situation as imminent and believes it will require quick and earnest appeals to the secretary of the interior from those who believe in the protection of wild birds to prevent the destruction of the colony.

"There are about five million guns in the United States," said Mr. Pearson, "and the only way to preserve our migratory game birds is to have these sanctuaries—areas in which they can never be killed, under any circumstances."

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**SURPRISE ATTACKS ALONG THE SOMME**

London, Sept. 19.—German and French commanders felt out the opposing lines with surprise attacks last night, while a heavy rain storm impeded operations on the great Somme battle front. As a result sharp fighting occurred at points where there has been a lull for several weeks.

The Germans battered the Champagne front heavily in five attacks in force. Russian troops, part of the contingent landed at Marseilles, stopped every assault, the French war office announced, inflicting heavy losses on the Teutons.

The French struck northwest of Verdun. The German war office admitted that German trenches were penetrated on Dead Man's hill, the burial ground for thousands of the crown prince's troops in the attempt to take Verdun from the west bank of the Meuse.

The only activity on the Somme front occurred south of the river, where the French war office this afternoon claimed a slight advance east of Berny.

The German war office admitted the British gains east of Ginchy and near Combles, reported by General Haig last night, but announced the repulse of all French attacks.

In the Balkans the pursuit of the Bulgars, who have evacuated practically all northwestern Greece, is being practically held up, partly by Bulgarian counter-attacks and partly by the necessity of bringing up allied artillery. Serbians, French and Russian troops are now menacing the Bulgarian base at Monastir, now less than eight miles away.

The German war office announced fresh victories over the Russians on the eastern front and the capture of 2,542 more prisoners.

The German official statement reported the repulse of Russo-Roumanian attacks in the Carpathians, near Dorna Vatra, with heavy losses, and also the repulse of Roumanian attacks southeast of Hatzeq.

**ROSEBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TURMOIL**

Roseburg, Sept. 19.—Roseburg high school was in a turmoil today, with students threatening a strike, as a protest against the removal of Dr. C. H. Cleaves, a popular instructor. City Superintendent Hamlin was hissed by the students when he sought to address them.



**HOUSEWIVES WANT LOWER BREAD PRICE**

New York, Sept. 19.—Housewives from every corner of the United States have been asked to meet in New York next Monday at the session of the National Bread commission of the National Housewives' league, in an effort to determine what steps shall be taken to meet the increased cost of bread.

Gloom hangs over New York bakers today, for, despite the fact that they have shown figures intended to prove that an increase in the price of their product is necessary to their existence, they face investigation by the federal trade commission and ordinance enactment by the board of aldermen prescribing the sale of bread by weight rather than by the loaf.

"The situation looks very critical, both for the producer and the consumer," said Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the Housewives' league today. She has been investigating bread prices for the past three weeks.

"From the figures presented and from my investigation, it would seem that perhaps an increase is justified, but we want to be shown and we want to bring about some remedy which will lessen the burden on both the industry and the consumer," Mrs. Heath declared.

Big bakers today presented figures to show that either a higher price or a smaller loaf is inevitable.

Coal has gone up more than 10 per cent, the bakers state. Paper for wrapping bread has gone up. Master bakers throughout the country have been instrumental in seeking an inquiry, according to Mrs. Heath, and hope that it may suggest a solution for the problem.

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**NOMINEE HUGHES RAPS DEMOCRATS**

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 19.—Refreshed by his rest at Bridgehampton, and stimulated by an enthusiastic reception here, Nominee Hughes struck out even more vigorously today at his democratic opponents in the first speech of his second campaign trip. He spoke before the Illinois republican state conference.

While the republican candidate had very little new in his speech from the diatribes he hurled during his transcontinental trip, it was evident his period of study at Bridgehampton had enabled him to assemble his facts in more orderly fashion and to ram home his thrusts with greater power. His audience gave him a tremendous reception of cheers and applause.

For the most part the theme to which the candidate addressed himself was "democracy's broken promise," and to a recounting of the republican party's achievements.

One new note in the speech was construed as a bid for democratic votes in the delicate way in which the republican nominee declared his belief that many of the opposite political faith were sincere and his references to the fact that "patriotic democrats" joined with republicans several times.

At one point a strident-voiced individual strove to interrupt with a question "Wilson?" but he was literally kicked out of the hall by two burly bluecoats without Hughes even pausing in his talk.

One other thing new in the nominee's speech was the way in which he related his plans as "definite proposals," or "pledges." This was apparently in direct answer to democratic criticisms that he had "nothing constructive to offer," and his marshalling of republican doctrines in this fashion got another big hand.

"Our opponents say that they have, in a very marked degree, aided business," he continued. "What are the specifications for this claim that they have aided business? They say they have aided the anti-trust action by definition. I may be permitted to say with emphasis that they have done nothing of the sort. What they have done is to legislate phrases adding uncertainty to the law. They have said in the trade commission act that unfair competition was unlawful. Does anybody in the United States know what they mean?"

**NOTED RABBI NOT ALLOWED IN RUSSIA**

Petrograd, August 18. (By Mail.)—Dr. Judah Leon Magnes, noted New York rabbi, was barred from Russia, not because he was a Jew, but because his public utterances had classified him as pro-German.

Attorney Henry Shozberg, a leading Jew member of the Jewish Relief committee, and for 29 years, an active Israelite worker, made this statement today. He explained why Dr. Magnes was refused admission to Russia after he had come to Europe to distribute a fund for relief of Jewish refugees from the war zone, raised in America.

"I am not acquainted with Dr. Magnes personally, but I know him by reputation as a man of absolutely honest convictions," said Shozberg. "He possesses a forceful character, but if he is pro-German and said things he is reported to have said in speeches, I am not surprised that he was not permitted to enter Russia. I believe the same thing would have happened in England, France or even America, if America were at war and a known anti-American wished to enter."

"Dr. Magnes was not barred because he is a Jew, but because of his opinions. I am certain that some other Jew might not have been refused. Personally I regret that he was barred for had he come to Petrograd, I am sure I could have convinced him that the Jews here are Russians first and Jews afterwards. I am Russian myself, but were I not, and simply as a Jew, asked myself which was best for my people, a Russian victory or a Russian defeat, I would say a Russian victory and a victory for the allies. I believe I could have convinced Magnes of this. If his co-religionists abroad are desirous of aiding the cause of the Jews, they will serve best by aiding the Russians."

Dr. Magnes was halted at Stockholm by the refusal of the Russian government to permit him to enter.

**COINCIDENCE IN DEATH OF TWO MEN**

A coincidence, the nature of which probably was never equalled in the history of Douglas County or southern Oregon, stands out prominently in connection with the sudden and unexpected deaths of Paul H. Walters, who dropped dead near Grants Pass at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and J. F. Luse, of Sutherlin, who expired suddenly on the street of the latter city Saturday night.

Mr. Luse and Mr. Walters owned the controlling interest in a mining property in the Bohemia district and both men intended leaving for Seattle on train No. 16 Saturday night. There they expected to close negotiations for the sale of the property at a figure exceeding \$250,000.

Friday afternoon Mr. Walters started out from Grants Pass to inspect what is known as the Potter mine. He had gone but a short distance when he fell on the trail and expired. Saturday night Mr. Luse started from his home to board the train for Seattle when he was afflicted with apoplexy and expired on the street near his office. Their deaths occurred only 30 hours apart while the friends of Mr. Luse have been unable to determine the cause of his death, they believe he was depressed, following the receipt of a telegram stating that Mr. Walters had expired. It was generally known in Sutherlin that Mr. Walters was an expert mining man, and was practically in charge of conducting the transfer of the property to the Seattle syndicate. Mr. Walters was prominent throughout the state and was known personally to W. C. Harding and a number of other men of this city.—Roseburg Review.

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**GERMANS DELIVER ATTACKS AT FRENCH**

Paris, Sept. 19.—The Germans broke out with five violent attacks on the Champagne front last night, and attempted a bold stroke against Dead Man's hill, northwest of Verdun, where there has been little fighting for several weeks. The war office this afternoon announced that Russian contingents defending the Champagne front checked all the German attacks with screen fire. The onslaughts were delivered east and west of the Souain-Somme-Py road, the Germans losing heavily. Bad weather hindered operations

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The recent fighting on the front south of the Somme left hundreds of dead bodies lying in the open between the opposing lines. The Bavarians defended their positions with the greatest bravery and tenacity and at many places the French advanced only after wiping out whole companies of enemy soldiers.

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