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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Fair and warmer, gentle northeasterly winds.

A GIANT TASK FOR PERSHING

Now that the great American army has, apparently, the Herculean task of capturing the famous German fortress, Metz, the description of the place as given by the Associated Press will be of interest to Americans. And should General Foch say to Pershing, "take Metz," instead of throwing the Yanks into some other sector, the accomplishment of the task will be considered one of the greatest military achievements ever undertaken. The Associated Press says:

Offensive operations toward Metz strike at one of the most important German bases in the west. The city and the 28 encircling forts comprise what has been regarded as one of the most formidable fortresses in the world. Metz also is the center of important iron fields, which before the war supplied France and Germany with more than two-thirds of the ore used by their iron manufactories.

Metz is one the Mosle 10½ miles east of the French border. To the east, north and northwest are the iron and coal fields of French and German Lorraine. Deprived of these fields Germany could not conduct the war another three months, it is asserted.

The chief iron field on the Rhine district is that of Lorraine, including the Basin de Briey, (the center of which is the litle village of Briey,) the greatest iron producing region in the world. It is located mainly in Alsace-Lorraine and overlaps into Belgium and Luxemburg. It extends along the Franco-German frontier for 35 miles, almost up to Pont-a-Mousson.

Since Germany's occupation in 1914 of the mines on the French side of the frontier Germany has added to her mineral wealth the 15,000,000 tons annually obtained by the French, bringing her total production from Lorraine alone up to 43,000,000 tons a year.

The only practical road to this important region, military authorities agree, is the valley of the Moselle. At the head of the valley and barring the way lies Metz, ranking with Strassburg as one of the two great bulwarks of the German southwestern frontier. Metz, is a city of 60,000 population, its chief industries being the manufacturing of weapons, clothes, shoes and hats.

As a fortress Metz has been important since the Roman era. Since that time it has never succumbed to frontal attack. Its present system of fortifications includes 28 detached forts which encircle the city proper. The outer chain of defenses, built within the last two decades, and undoubtedly perfected since the outbreak of the present war, extend to Thionville on the north, and Gravelotte on the west.

The forts surrounding Metz were similar to those at Liege, which were notable for their disappearing turrets. German guns, however, overcame these forts.

The fall of Metz, not only would probably seal the fate of the iron and coal fields, but, through the severance of railway lines, imperil the German line west to Loan and thence northward to the Belgian coast. All reports of a possible German retirement in the west have indicated that Metz would form one of the bastions of the German defense.

The other evening as the orchestra began playing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the close of a moving picture show, three or four women and several men and boys put on their hats and crowded their way to the door. There is something radically wrong with the man or woman who refuses to remain standing, and "retreats," when "The Star Spangled Banner" is being played—it is through ignorance or lack of love for Old Glory.

A revolution is said to be brewing in Finland over the Germans' attempt to put a ruler of their own choosing on the throne. Good luck to the Fins who are starting the move.

FRUITDALE

Miss Clara Williams spent Saturday in town the guest of Miss Gladys Harmon.

Mrs. David Dodge, Mrs. Glazier and Mrs. Rowley, of Grants Pass, visited Mrs. G. W. Potts Tuesday.

The Turner and Augustine ranch began harvesting their grape crop this week and it promises to be a fair crop.

Prof. H. H. Wardrip received a telegram last Sunday giving him a good position in a school in the Imperial valley in California. Monday he procured a trailer for his auto and Tuesday morning the family started to make the trip by automobile as he will take up his new work next Monday. His brother, Glen, will fill his place as manual training teacher at the Grants Pass high school.

Mr. McCauley, of Grants Pass, was an over night visitor of J. H. Harris Wednesday.

U. D. Mihills and Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Townsend, of Grants Pass, were Sunday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hamilton.

Last Sunday was a strenuous day at the Neilson home, in the morning Mr. Neilson nearly cut off a finger and the children got too close to a yellow jacket's nest and were almost unrecognizable and they entertained 27 callers including the Sillman family of Medford.

T. C. Williams and wife and their son and family, of Kerby, were guests of the William Williams family Monday.

G. W. Potts has purchased a 21-acre plot at New Hope and will make that his home soon.

Judd Pernoll and wife and Mrs. McCarthy and children were Tuesday evening callers at the Roper home.

D. W. Hearne and wife and Mrs. Jones' aunt, Mrs. Swinden, of Grants Pass, called at the Jones' home Tuesday evening.

F. F. Byington received word on Wednesday that his son, Preston, who was married at Mountain View, Cal., last June, had arrived safely overseas. He is in the ambulance corps.

WILDERVILLE

Watch Wilderville go "over the top" for her share of Liberty bonds.

Paul Ruttencutter has returned from Klamath county, where he has been this summer, as foreman for a logging company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson visited friends in Grants Pass Sunday.

Lucius and Ennis Robinson were business visitors to Grants Pass this week.

School begins Monday, the teachers having arrived.

The Wilderville Sunday school "Blues" gave a social for the "Reds" at the parsonage Friday night. A pleasant evening of games and a social good time was had and dainty refreshments were served under direction of Captain Alice Lovelace.

C. F. Lovelace is directing the Liberty bond canvass for this precinct.

Rev. C. G. Morris, the popular pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, left Sunday night for Portland, where he will attend the session of the conference. It is hoped that Mr. Morris will be returned to this church another year as he and his family have been active in all the interests of the community. He is an able preached and a good pastor, and it may be added a "good fellow." At a recent meeting of the church he was unanimously asked to return for another year.

Butter Wrappers printed to comply with the law at the Courier.

NOTICE

Are you Registered? If not, then do it now. Saturday, October 5th, 1918, is the last day to register for the General Election.

E. L. COBURN,
County Clerk

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Useful Insects.

In addition to the insects which help man by their warfare against his enemies and those that are useful to him in medicine, there are many others that serve useful purposes in a commercial way. Most familiar of these are the honey and wax obtained from the bee. There is a Chinese bug which secretes a kind of grease on trees. This hardens into wax and is collected, melted and purified when it becomes white and glossy in appearance, and when mixed with oil it can be made into candles.—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

How Beavers Fell Trees.

A naturalist, who has given particular study to the ways of beavers, asserts that those creatures have an ingenious method of cutting the trunk of a tree that they wish to fell. Instead of attempting to gnaw it straight through they make two cuts, one above the other, and they pry out pieces between the cuts. The result of their operations is a V-shaped notch, resembling that made by a woodsman with an ax.

Our classified ads bring results.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 27, 28, Friday and Saturday—Red Cross Bazaar and Carnival

Classified Advertising

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Homestead relinquishment. Near Taylor creek. Road to place. 11 acres cleared. Will take team or Ford in part payment. Fred Hamlin, Gallice, Oregon. 73

FOR SALE—Eighty-acre ranch, in Applegate valley. Thirty acres in cultivation, part alfalfa. Fine range for stock. House, barn and out-buildings. Farming implements if desired. Inquire Ike Vincent, call Provolt central. 75

WOOD—Good slab wood, $2.50 per tier. No wood sold in orders of less than four tiers, evenly cut. Get it while it lasts. Wood will be scarce this winter. L. A. Launer. 74

FORTY TONS alfalfa hay for sale in the field, ready now, at $17 per ton. Phone 606-F-12. C. H. Eismann. 72

FOR SALE—Registered Holstein and Ayrshire cows and heifers; Berkshire sow, kitchen and household furnishings, canned fruit, hay and straw in barn, shop tools too numerous to mention, shot gun, bicycle and Ford roadster at McIntyre's ranch 3½ miles below town on the Granite hill road. All must be sold before October 1. Come at once if you want something good at bargain prices. Telephone 609-F-12. 73

FOR SALE—Good second hand wagon, 3¼-inch. Also second hand safe at a bargain. Address Carson-Fowler Lumber Co., Ashland, Ore. 73

FOR SALE—At public auction, October 1, at my place 3½ miles north of Rogue River, my stock, farm machinery and household goods. H. K. Scidmore. 74

FOR SALE CHEAP for cash—80 acres near Wimer. Good place to start with little money. Address H. M. Knudsen, Pasco, Wash. 94

TO RENT

FURNISHED house for rent, Mary E. Browne, 709 North Fifth, Telephone 4-Y. 50tf

FOR RENT—Furnished cottage with prettiest garden in town. Corner of Booth and Foundry street. Renter will have to keep up the garden. Key next door. 64tf

FOR RENT—October 1, a nicely furnished cottage, modern in every particular, gas, electric lights, bath, etc., also garage—609 A street. See N. E. Townsend, 621 A street. 73

WANTED

WANTED—Lady wanted to evaporate pears and apples. Will furnish fruit, evaporator and wood and give two thirds produce. Call G. A. Hamilton, phone 603-F-2. 71

WANTED—A cook, single woman or man and wife. Also dining room girl. Good wages. Phone or write Mrs. E. A. McPherson, Monumental, Cal. 72

WANTED—Groundmen and linemen for Western Union construction gang working between Merlin and Grants Pass. Best of wages and accommodations. Steady employment. For particulars apply manager Western Union Grants Pass, or foreman, Merlin, Ore. 73

WANTED—Fresh Jersey cow with calf. Address Martin Conger, Rt. 4, Box 65-A. 74

WANTED TO BUY—Second hand top buggy in good condition, also breaking cart. Address B. C. Heighton, Rd. No. 2. 74

PHOTO STUDIO

THE PICTURE MILL for fine photographs. Open daily except Sunday from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday sittings by appointment only. Phone Mill, 283-R, or residence 140-J. 57tf

Slick Confidence Men.

"Some of them Kay See confidence men are pretty slick, ain't they, Lester?" asked old Riley Rezzidew. "Yes, siree!" replied Lester Lazzenberry, who was just back from the Big Burg. "They're so durn slick they'd pick the pockets of a billiard table if you didn't watch 'em every minute."—Kansas City Star.

Faulty Judgment.

"Miss Jones," sternly inquired the superintendent, "what has happened here? Five of your boys have black eyes and bruised faces." "The worst battered and most cheerful one is the new boy," answered the sixth-grade teacher. "The others thought he was for peace at any price. But he wasn't."

MISCELLANEOUS

BRING YOUR JUNK to the Grants Pass Junk Co., 403 South Sixth street. Phone 21. We buy rags, metal, rubber, scrap iron, hides and wool, old automobiles for wrecking. 51tf

ON CASH BASIS—The Music and Photo house will remove to the new location, next door west, on October 1, and everything will be on a cash basis except pianos and talking machines sold on lease. Cash basis is necessary in order to maintain low prices. Stanton Rowell, 507 G street. 87

HERE is a real opportunity. The demand for farm tractors is increasing by leaps and bounds. Western representative of eastern concern manufacturing popular priced line of four wheel tractors will be in this vicinity soon to close contracts. If interested address P. W. Wisdom, care this paper. 75

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