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FIRE DESTROYS SUMMIT GARAGE LAST MONDAY

Explosion of Gasoline Tank Causes The Conflagration. Workman Narrowly Escapes Injury. Entire Contents Consumed Only Partially Insured. Building is a Complete Loss.

Fire completely destroyed the Summit Garage in this city last Monday forenoon. It was caused by the explosion of a gasoline tank which was being welded. Peter Peterson, who was doing the welding with the Oxy-Acetylene plant, narrowly escaped injury as the force of the explosion threw him back some distance behind some empty gas tanks and when he recovered from the shock and raised up the contents of a fire extinguisher were thrown into his face accidentally by some one trying to extinguish the flames and this again blinded him temporarily until when he finally got his bearings the entire room was in flames and the exits closed, but he got out the back door.

There were three or more cars in the garage at the time and these were the only things removed, the entire contents, including the tools, stock, a portion of the books, etc., were destroyed, as the flames spread rapidly from the explosion.

The building was a mass of flames within a few minutes following the explosion and before the fire department could respond to the alarm it was so far advanced that no attempt was made to save the building but attention was turned to the Summit Hotel on the opposite side of the street and to buildings in the rear. No other buildings caught.

Jack McGuire, the proprietor of the Summit Garage informs The Times-Herald that the loss was in the neighborhood of \$3,500 and there was \$2,000 insurance on the contents. It is a severe loss to Mr. McGuire as he had but recently engaged in business and was getting to a point where he could realize something from his former labors in working up the business and laying in the necessary equipment and stock. He may engage in business again if he can find suitable quarters in a fire proof building.

The building was the property of Mrs. Arthur Horton and this is a total loss as there was no insurance on it whatever.

MANY GUESTS ENJOY HOSPITALITY OF ALORD RANCH

There were over 40 people from this city to attend the big dance and barbecue at the big ranch of Frank Clerf at Alford last Saturday night. Those who went over from here report a fine time and stated there were at least 400 people from different parts of the country to take in the big doings. In all there were 60 automobiles.

A big granary was used for a dance floor and it was large enough to accommodate a big number of dancers at once. The grounds invited many as the grass was fine and the weather delightful.

A big feed was provided by Mr. Clerf during the evening and this consisted of everything one could ask for in the way of viands. It was conceived by some of the guests to suggest a free offering to the Red Cross since there were so many together and the spirit of hospitality so generously displayed and as a result of this suggestion \$158 were contributed to the Red Cross.

The guests are loud in their praise of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Clerf. Everything on the ranch was free.

AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING.

Sheriff Goodman has been in the vicinity of the Narrows this week investigating a matter that has not been made public as yet. It seems a dam was blown out of an irrigating stream in that vicinity lately and parties engaged in exchanging shots, but the writer does not know sufficient facts to justify giving names or going further into detail.

"BELL A" CATTLE STILL IN TROUBLE

It required but a short time for the jury to reach a verdict of acquittal in the case of the State vs. W. Z. Moss, charged with the larceny of cattle. From the testimony submitted it appears that prior to the enactment of the present branding law Mr. Moss used a "Bell A" brand similar to that now used by the "Bell A" outfit of Harney County. After the new law became effective it became necessary for Mr. Moss to change his brand, and he therefore rebranded his cattle.

Twenty-nine head of cattle were involved, and at the conclusion of the case the cattle were delivered to the "Bell A" outfit of Harney County. The cattle were started home and taken as far as Plush where they were corralled for the night. While in the enclosure Mr. Moss, on the advice of his attorneys, placed a lock and chain on the gate, thus preventing the cattle from being removed. For a time conditions appeared serious, but it finally resulted in the "Bell A" outfit filing a replevin suit and Mr. Moss giving a redelivery bond. The case to determine the ownership of the cattle will probably come up at the November term of Court. In the meantime Mr. Moss has possession of the cattle—Lakeview Examiner.

SUMMER COURSES ARE FULL OF VARIETY AND PRACTICALITY

The work of the Greater Oregon committee, which always has for its chief purpose the promotion of University interests of every nature, is devoting its energies solely to obtaining new students and to advertising the splendid courses which Oregon has to offer high school graduates of this year, college graduates who desire additional work to prepare them for war service, teachers and anyone else who feels the urge to be learning and to keep pace with the unprecedented events of the present time.

Altogether there will be thirty-three instructors, each a specialist in his field, and the courses will include art and the history of art, biology, food administration, general science, history, journalism and literature—everything which the ordinary winter curriculum includes.

Particular interest is manifested in the military courses and Red Cross instruction, as well as in the French courses. War cooperation will play an important part in the summer school program, and in addition to the military and Red Cross phases, there will be a special opportunity offered to women to prepare themselves for teaching subjects formerly taught by men, and special physical training courses for intending soldiers and for high school and grade teachers.

Speaking in general terms, it is the desire of the University of Oregon summer school that no one shall leave the institution in August without carrying away a conviction both of the profound justice and of the world importance of the struggle in which the country is now engaged.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Baptist Sunday school had a picnic at the Vic Gibson farm yesterday. There were some 75 in attendance and all report having had a fine time. Lunches were taken with them and the journey made to and from the farm in autos. One of the ladies in attendance stated it was a decided success and a very enjoyable affair.

It was claimed by some of the party that such occasions always brought a rain, so we move the Baptists have another picnic about the first of the week.

CAMPAIGN TO PUNISH DRAFT SLACKERS

"Work or Fight" Order Requires New Classification of the War Registrants. Urgent Need for Man Power Recognized.

From Adjutant General's Office
Federal authorities are getting ready to institute a merciless campaign to run down and punish a new form of draft slacker.

This new slacker is the draft registrant who was granted deferred classification at the time of his registration, but whose status since has so changed that he no longer is entitled to exemption, yet who remains silent about this change in the hope it will be overlooked.

There are estimated to be hundreds of such cases in Oregon, and thousands of them in the United States. Suspicion partially has been directed against a great many of the deferred classifications granted for industrial reasons.

It now appears that the status of many of these men is not the same as when they were granted deferred classification. Yet they have failed to notify their Local Boards and continue to enjoy exemption from military service. In some cases, also, the original classification was not justified.

Many cases where deferred classification was granted for dependency also have changed in status, but the registrant has not notified his local board.

With the time at hand when the need for man power is so urgent that every available man must either "work or fight," and when lower classifications are to be revised in order to make more men available for Class I, this form of evading military service will not be tolerated.

The draft regulations are very plain and blunt in prescribing the penalty for failure on the part of a man granted deferred classification to notify his board at once if his status is changed:

"Every registrant shall, within five days after the happening thereof, report to his local board any fact which might change or effect his classification," says Section 116 of the Regulations.

"Failure to report change of status as herein required, or making a false report thereof, is a misdemeanor punishable by one year's imprisonment."

The campaign to run down these draft slackers will be started very soon, and it will be a rigorous campaign. Men guilty of evading military service by failure to report when they should be re-classified, need look for no mercy.

"Every patriotic registrant who has been granted deferred classification, but whose status has changed so that he is no longer entitled to that classification, will report the change immediately to his local board," said Captain John E. Cullison, in charge of the execution of the draft law in the office of the Adjutant General.

"Those who have not the patriotism to report voluntarily will gain nothing by it. They will be found out and not only re-classified, but will be subject to severe punishment."

"If a man is in doubt as to change of status, he should see his local board about it without delay."

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL FAILED

Necessary steps were taken for the three adjoining school districts to vote on consolidating with the Burns district at the annual school election last Monday but in Poison Creek and up the River they voted in the negative while Sagehen voted favorable.

The result shows that there was more or less misunderstanding as to the merits of the proposition as some were under the impression that should they vote to consolidate with the Burns district that they would be liable for any bonds the city might issue for railroad or any other purpose. However, it was a matter for the districts to decide and some day they will ask to join when they find the actual benefits.

629 new ships were built in America during the first five months of this year. "We have our ships sailing, a-sailing on the sea."

PIONEERS GIVEN FIRST PLACE IN CELEBRATION

July 3 Given Over to Entertainment of Harney County's First Families. Banqueted at Night By Citizens of Burns.

While Burns will not celebrate the 4th as it has in former years it is nevertheless going to be host to the pioneers of this county on the 3rd and this will be one of the particular features of the celebration as suitable entertainment will be provided for that day for the benefit of the pioneers.

On the day of the 4th there will be the usual patriotic program of music and speeches and sports to follow.

The pioneers are going to be banqueted by the citizens of Burns during their reunion and in the evening the Honor Guard Girls have arranged for a vaudeville program followed by a dance at Tonawama. They will also have charge of the evening entertainment in the hall on the night of the 4th.

WAR STAMP CAMPAIGN WELL UNDER WAY

A meeting of the executive committee of the War Savings Stamps was held on Wednesday and the matter of preparation for the pledge day campaign discussed. Pledge cards and instructions had been received from headquarters and these supplies were sent out by Secretary Mothershead to the War Measure Committees that had formerly been organized.

Mrs. Clark, who is chairman, arrived home Thursday afternoon and the committee again met that evening and went over the situation with her and the matter taken up as to ways and means of work. At the previous meeting it was decided to have the Honor Guard Girls take charge of the work in this vicinity. Miss Ipsa Dodson, leader, was present and said her girls would be glad to help in any way possible, therefore he called them together that evening and assigned the work, giving certain territory to delegations of the Honor Guard Girls. They will begin the canvass early next week in order to have it completed by the 28th, which is designated as War Savings Stamp Day all over the United States. These young ladies will take pledges and have all necessary supplies for the work. If one refuses to pledge any amount they are asked why and record the answer.

Another feature of the drive was brought up for discussion. In some places the stores keep War Stamps on hand to give out as change. This is being considered as a part of the campaign next week and the stores will likely have supplies of stamps on hand for such purpose. It is understood this will not be compulsory in any respect but if the customer will take War Stamps in change they are to be given.

Another plan is to give a quantity of stamps to young girls to go out and sell direct. This is proving attractive in other places and might be worked with good results here. The girls are to be instructed to be courteous in their solicitations and not to insist where one does not show an inclination to purchase.

POSTPONE RED CROSS INSTITUTE.

The Times-Herald is informed by members of the committee who had charge of the proposed institute later in the season. The committee held a meeting and after discussing the subject and considering present conditions decided it would not be possible to hold it before the 4th of next month and as that put the date at a time when every available individual is needed in the harvest field it would not be possible to have such a representative gathering from the Auxiliaries, therefore it will not be held until about the first of September. Between this time and that date set for institute it is hoped that representatives from the Parent Chapter may visit the several Auxiliaries and confer personally with active members as to the most convenient date.

Herman Ruh is up from Lawen today and says his neighborhood was overlooked by the rain yesterday.

WAR STAMP FIELD COMMISSIONER HERE

A. G. Clark in Harney County to Urge Importance of Pledging Purchase of Baby Bonds. Goes to Crane Tonight at Liberty Tomorrow Night.

RED CROSS WORKERS REGISTERED DURING THE WEEK

The following workers were at the Red Cross work rooms during the week ending yesterday:

Saturday—Mrs. Julia Smith and Mrs. Brenton in charge. Helpers: Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Foren, Mrs. Eunice Thompson. The following were visitors: Mrs. H. M. Horton, Mrs. Ellis Bennett, also Mr. E. F. Foren with another treat from himself and Mart Brenton. Mr. Foren has become a most welcome visitor.

Monday—Mrs. Mace, Mrs. Barron, Florence Thompson, Mrs. B. J. Thompson, Mrs. Eunice Thompson, Mrs. Foren, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Dillard, Mrs. Maude Horton, Mrs. Skines, Mrs. Bardwell, Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Huston called.

Tuesday—Eunice Thompson, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Brenton, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Geo. Sizemore, Mrs. Julia Smith, Mrs. Gault, Mrs. John Biggs, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Geary, Mrs. Sweek, Mrs. Leonard, Frances Hibbard, Mrs. Huston, Frankie Welcome. The following were callers: Mrs. Thos. Cleveland, Mrs. Frank Sheehan, Miss Esther Huguet, Mrs. Florence Dalton.

Wednesday—Julia Smith and Mrs. Brenton in charge. Helpers: Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Skiens, Mrs. Lampshire, Mrs. Foren, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Black, Frankie Welcome, Mrs. Bardwell, Mrs. Sweek, Mrs. Gault, Bee Hotchkiss, Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Moulten, Eunice Thompson, Milton Brown helped for an hour with his step ladder for which he is extended thanks. Visitors were: Mrs. R. J. Williams and Mrs. J. T. Silfields and daughter Mamie, from Silver Creek; Mother Whiting was also a visitor. Mr. Brenton and Mr. Foren again came up with a treat.

Thursday—Eunice Thompson and Goldie Reed in charge. Helpers: Mrs. Howard, Lizzie Hanley, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. A. W. Gowan, Mrs. Sweek, Maude Horton.

Friday—Mrs. Mace and Mrs. Joe Thompson in charge. Helpers: Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Lon Richardson, Mrs. Chester Dalton, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Skiens, Mrs. Moulten. Callers were Miss Ethel McGee and Mrs. Linton.

PROCLAMATION

Make this war a personal matter. Do not depend on others to do the fighting or to finance the government. Do your share. It is as much your war as your neighbors.

Buy no unnecessary articles. Practice economy and self-denial. Unnecessary buying means a waste of material and labor; means that you are competing with the government for labor and material.

Invest your savings in War Savings Stamps.

The President of the United States has called on the people of the nation to indicate their self-denial by pledging themselves on June 28th to purchase War Savings Stamps for the remainder of the year.

In order that the citizens of this city may not fall behind other communities in response to the call, I hereby proclaim Friday, June 28th, as War Savings Day for the City of Burns, upon which day all persons shall give their pledges for the War Savings Stamps at such time and places and in such manner as may be appointed by C. S. Jackson, the War Savings Director for Oregon, acting under authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, and pursuant to the Proclamation of the President of the United States.

SAM MOTHERSHEAD, Mayor.

Sidney McNeil, of the Eastern Oregon Live Stock Co., is up from Crane on business for his company today.

Field Commissioner A. G. Clark of the War Stamp State Committee, is in Burns today to confer with county and city workers. Mr. Clark states that part of his job was supposed to be the generating of enthusiasm in communities visited, but confesses that instead of bringing enthusiasm to Burns, he is going to absorb some of the Harney county variety for use in less progressive districts.

Mr. Clark says that a record is the only thing that is improved by breaking it and is looking forward to Harney County exceeding the speed limit in putting across the War Saving Stamp campaign in the usual Harney County style when war work is expected of them. Too many people Mr. Clark points out, have regarded the War Stamp as a child's variety of war investment security and no greater mistake could be made.



A. G. Clark

Oregon's quota for 1918 is seventeen and one-half million dollars, which in amount is equal to the Oregon quota in the first Liberty Loan.

The State has been slow to take up the sales and purchases of War Stamps and in order to sustain our reputation of "Oregon First" it will be necessary to gear up for only two speeds—high and higher.

This campaign, which is to reach its climax on June 28 is not a local affair, but is a nation wide movement intended to have the people pledge themselves to saving enough during the balance of the year to insure the nation's quota on War Stamps.

We are known as a nation of spendthrifts and President Wilson states that if the people will form thrift habits, the benefit to us as a Nation will more than justify the expense of the war.

One penny saved every day by our 100 million people would make a million dollars per day.

Two Thrift Stamps bought every day by our entire population would enable Uncle Sam to pay the expense of our War and including regular government expense—every day.

Mr. Clark speaks at the Commercial Club this afternoon and is to accompany the Burns party to Crane and is to make an address there.

Arrangements are planned to have him make a 4 minute talk at the Liberty Theatre Sunday night. Mr. Clark is an enthusiastic member of 4 minute men at Portland. Enlisted for the War.

A large number of our young people contemplate accompanying the Honor Guard Girls to Crane tonight to take part in their dancing party and witness their vaudeville performance.

War Savings Stamps help provide without stint or limit, the righteous and triumphant force which shall that Force, force to the utmost, force make right the law of the world, which President Wilson says must be used against our enemies.