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WATER ADJUDICATION CASES OPENED THIS WEEK

Circuit Judge Dalton Biggs opened an adjourned term of court last Monday for the purpose of hearing the arguments and exceptions to the findings of the State Water Board in the adjudication of the water rights of Silvies River.

Attorneys for the claimants presented their exceptions to the court in oral arguments but the matter will be submitted on briefs finally and therefore it will require some time to go over the matter and come to a decision. Among the outside attorneys here to represent the several claimants were: Ex-Gov. Hawley of Boise, representing the C. B. McConnell interests; Judge L. R. Webster for the Hanley interests; P. J. Gallagher, who had several clients to look after, also the local attorneys.

Court adjourned on Thursday and we are now destined to wait for a period before anything further is learned of the case as it takes time to bring the matter to a close.

JOBS OFFERED WITH MARINES

When the Germans were pounding the French in their recent drive on Paris, word was received that reinforcements were urgently needed at Chateau Thierry. The French were hard pressed and could not hold out much longer, troops were needed, that could rush in and do whatever was most needed from the building or destroying of bridges, looking after refugees to fighting in whatever manner was most needed. Railway facilities were inadequate to transport troops to the front and things looked very black indeed for the French. The call for reinforcements and the conditions were reported to the Marines. They at once rushed out and commandeered motor driven vehicles of every description and by morning the 75 mile trip had been made and thousands of Marines were pouring in the trenches to the aid of their French Allies. At the same time huge motor trains had been started, these kept a continuous stream of food and ammunition pouring into the trenches. Once in the trenches the Marines did not wait for the oncoming Germans but went out and met them over half way and drove them back at every smash.

Many more men with this same spirit are needed for service in the Marine Corps as Infantry, Artillery, Aviators, Signal men, and Machine Gunners. At present men who are qualified as Linemen, Telegraphers and Radio Operators may enlist for special duty and be sent East to enter Signal Battalions now forming for duty in France. Vacancies also exist for a limited number of Auto and Gas Engine Machines for duty with the Marine Corps Aviation and will be sent to the Aviation Base in Southern California for duty.

Men who registered June 5th last have the privilege of enlisting in the Marines as have all registered men whose numbers are so low they will not be needed to fill the current quota of their local boards. Young men eighteen years and over may also enlist and should not overlook the Marines as about 1500 vacancies for commissioned officers still exist and are open to worthy enlisted men. Men who are interested and wish to investigate or join this branch of service may do so through their local Post Master also at the Marine Recruiting Station, Bend, Oregon.

NEED IS TAKEN FROM CRAW OF WILD DUCK

Seed taken from the craw of a wild duck several years ago was planted on hill land in the vicinity of Marshfield. The resulting plants grew luxuriantly. A sample of the seed has been received at the Oregon Agricultural College and a request made by the owner of the plants who failed to sign his name, that it be examined and identified.

The plant is a species of buck wheat, but is not the kind commonly known commercially, according to Miss Helen M. Gilkey, assistant professor of Botany. Tartarian buckwheat, India wheat and buckwheat, it is variously called, and is distinguished from the common species in having rough grains, small inconspicuous flowers and decidedly arrow-shaped leaves. The only places in the United States in which it is known to have been grown extensively are two states of the Atlantic coast.

MISS JOCELYN BURKE DANCES FOR BENEFIT OF WAR ORPHANS

A very entertaining program was witnessed by a large number of our people last night at the Liberty Theatre, when Miss Jocelyn Burke, gave a benefit for the children of Belgium and France.

Miss Burke is a most graceful dancer and gave several dramatic dances in costume which were very much appreciated by those present. It isn't often the people of Burns have an opportunity of witnessing such a performance and it was therefore appreciated. Some classic dances were most gracefully performed, also dances of India and the Hawaiian Fantasia. She won unstinted praise from her admirers.

Miss Burke was assisted by Miss Evelyn Byrd, pianist, Mrs. Nollie Reed, soprano, who gave two beautiful selections and had to respond to an encore; also Miss Agnes Foley in a reading that captivated the house and who also had to return for an insistent encore; Miss Foley also played a charming selection upon her violin that brought prolonged applause and the young lady had to play the selection over.

Mrs. Eugenia Rembold presided at the piano with her usual grace and several members of the Sage Brush Orchestra rendered some numbers.

Those present were pleasantly entertained and all expressed their appreciation. The total receipts aside from the actual expense goes to the war orphans and will amount to a goodly sum.

FAMOUS CHILD ACTRESS MAKES A HIT IN "PANTS"

Whatever else may be said of children in motion pictures, it must be admitted that their work is vastly more appealing to the average audience than that of "grown ups"—granted of course that it is well done. We all were children once, and the memories of our childhood days are our greatest treasures. Hence, it is only natural that those treasures, when faithfully reflected upon the screen, evoke a sympathetic response from us, swelling from the heart. We are prone to turn to our neighbor and remark:

"Don't this remind you of when you were a kid?"

Such a reminder is the aim of "Pants," the five part Essanay picture. The story is a simple one, written with a strict regard for realism. It might fit into every day life without a single alteration. There has been no attempt at preachment, sex or birth control problems. It is wholesome and purely entertaining in value.

A little girl, living in a rich home, grows rebellious because her guardian refuses to let her play with children in the streets. She runs away and, after many ludicrous adventures, returns with a flock of tenement children to invade the mansion.

Little Mary McAllister appears in the featured role in "Pants." Aside from her histrionic ability, this child bears a distinction of which no other photoplay star can boast. She holds the appointment by the War Department as a non-commissioned officer in the regular army. This honor was bestowed upon her in recognition of her patriotic work in recruiting more than 5,000 men for Uncle Sam's fighting forces and in gathering thousands of dollars for the Red Cross Fund. She is the youngest officer in the army.

Essanay has provided Little Mary with an admirable company, including such well known and well liked screen personalities as John Cosnar, Koeppel. More than thirty trained children complete the cast.

This appealing film will be the attraction at the Liberty on next Saturday, Aug. 10. Don't miss it for it is worth while and will bring back the time when someone stole your pants at the swimming hole.

The Kansas soldier who after taking part in a battle on the western front wrote to his mother, "Say, mother dear, I never knew courage was so common," has expressed the sentiment of the nation. We never knew that there was so much latent heroism among the young fellows in the offices, the factories and on the farms of America. Thank God that to our young Americans "courage is so common."

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THE ALLIED ARMIES CONTINUE THEIR SUCCESSES

Associated Press Summary Published in Friday Morning's Boise Statesman Gives Encouraging News of Advancement. German's Are Driven Back Along Entire Western Front

(Associated Press War Summary, taken from the Friday morning Boise Statesman.)

After a short period of relative calm on the Soissons-Rheims salient, the central and western sections of the battle front again have been the scenes of mighty struggles.

On both sectors the allied forces have achieved notable gains of ground which seemingly place the German armies in precarious positions.

From the region south of Soissons to the northwest of Fere-en-Tardenois and southeast of the last named town over the upper portion of the left bank of the "V" salient running 10 miles eastward from Nesles to Ville-en-Tardenois and with St. Gemme as its southern base, American, French and British troops have pushed back the armies of the German Crown prince.

Northwest of Fere the entire elbow of the line where it turned eastward along the northern bank of the Ourcq has been blotted out, making the line a straight one from Fere to Hartennes and giving the allies much better ground over which to work in further outflanking Soissons on the southeast and for pressing on toward Fismes in conjunction with troops now holding strategic points north and northeast of Fere.

In this fighting the allied troops drove out the Germans who had been tenaciously holding positions between Plessier Huleu and the river and took the high ground north of Grand Rozoy pressed on past the village of Beugneux and arrived before the villages of Cramoiselle and Cramaille. The general advance was about two miles, and 600 Germans were made prisoners.

MEN RECLASSIFIED IN ARMY DRAFT

The result of the changes in the classification of men in the draft was made known on Friday of last week. The questionnaires of 22 men were examined and recommendations made which were acted upon by the district board at La Grande.

Changes were made as follows: Henry Keisenbeck, James Lewis, Paul Howe, Raymond Miller, Raymond Sizemore, were all married since the draft registration and therefore placed in class 1. Chas. E. Richardson, J. Olanchea, James H. Huse, John W. Robinson, were classified as having dependents.

The following, who had been placed in a deferred classification because of industrial exemptions were placed in class 1:

Oliver D. Hotchkiss, I. B. Hill, Adelbert M. Hayes, Walter P. George, Gler H. Berger, Jesse Bain, Fred Breithaupt, Chas. Otley, Lewis M. Hugbet, John C. Clemens, Ralph M. Pavey, William E. Williams.

VALUE OF WATER TO FRUIT

Water plays an important part in the development of fruit.

Few fruit raisers understand the effects of too much water, too little water or irregularity in the supply of moisture upon the activities of the tree, while most growers fall entirely to appreciate the relation of water supply to abnormalities in the physiologic diseases as "bitter-pit" and "cork," points out H. P. Bars of O. A. C., commissioner for the West, war emergency board of American plant pathologists. An article on "The Abuse of Water on Fruit Trees" by D. F. Fisher, may be had on request from the office of fruit disease investigations bureau of plant industry, Washington, D. C. or from Professor Bars, who has a limited supply.

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MERLE SAYS SOLDIERS ARE TO BE REAL MEN

Merle Bennett, who went out with the Harney County boys from Burns on July 5, has written his mother and it was published in the Blue Mountain Eagle. We have stolen it for he is well known in this section where he resided in boyhood and where he attended school. The letter is taken from the Eagle as follows:

William M. Bennett of Silvies has written the following letter to his mother. He is serving in the 63rd Infantry, Co., E., San Francisco. He says:

"I received your letter after you returned from Prairie. Frank beat the letter here. But I did not get to see him.

"I do not want you to feel that you are giving us up. You are only doing what hundreds of thousands other mothers are doing—just sending us out to fight for our own home, justice and humanity. Our part may be small, but we will gladly and willingly serve where ever we are sent. I am only too glad I was able to get into the service and be able to say I had a small part in making "America a decent place to live."

"If I were going against my will or for a cause that was not just I would not feel so glad to serve however, I am convinced that we are on God's side of this struggle and that He has many lessons to bring out and that we will only be a part of those that help to make life better and greater. We are fighting for liberty, justice, peace. A liberty that will reach around the world. In no place in history can we find where the feeling for freedom, personal or national, has ever been stamped out. Liberty or freedom is an innate tendency, born in us, part of us, and when men fight for their own lives they will win. The price may be light or it may be heavy, anyway, liberty will not perish.

"Justice is one of the other principles that will lead America to success. We will not be taught to abuse, to slaughter, to rob or plunder, but just the contrary, our generals and the two or three lieutenants I have talked to personally, put manhood—be a man, a gentleman—first last and always in the life we lead. Of course we are not all that yet, the leaders believe in justice and are real men, consequently those under will only act as they direct. This military business thus far shows that the men, under men are machines, they do as told and nothing else.

"We also want peace and we are going to get it. Not a scrap of paper but I think, a peace, permanent, one that guarantees the rights and privileges of others. Every one wants peace but we are the ones that must "dictate terms to old Berlin." I know the prayers of the American people are for peace, but it must be on honorable terms. Kaiserism must fall, people must be given a chance to think and act for themselves. Poor Russia, reminds me of a pack of hungry wolves, for if they cannot find anything to kill they turn on themselves. I expect nothing from such a disorganized mob, however, should a good leader turn up at some opportune moment such a mob can be welded into a fighting nation. When we get such a peace as President Wilson will write we will all be satisfied and the boys will come marching home proud of their country, glad to help in so just a cause thankful that peace once more reigns.

"A call was made today for applications for officers' training work. I put in an application.

"If you must spend that \$5 for me you might send me about 4 yards of towels, half a dozen handkerchiefs as the ones I bought are getting so old they are coming all to pieces. Tell Ches to make me some gun wipers. Also a small pillow 12x12 and full of good feathers as it would be worth doodles to me. If you must spend it I will find something real often that you can send."—Blue Mt. Eagle.

The Times-Herald family inspected the free camp grounds just across the river from the J. W. Biggs place the other day. These grounds are being fixed up by Harry C. Smith of the Burns Garage and they are going to be mighty popular with the traveling public and the people of this vicinity as soon as it becomes generally known that there is such a delightful spot of cool shade and convenient place for picnic dinners.

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WANT WOMEN TO REGISTER FOR NURSE COURSE

At the request of School Supt. Frances Clark we publish below an appeal to the young women of this country to aid in war work. This is a portion of a circular letter signed by the surgeon general of the U. S. army, chairman of the Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense, Red Cross and such similar organizations. It reads:

Across the sea, from France, with every closing day of the heroic struggle of our fighting men there comes a more imperative call to the women of America to assume their full share of responsibility in winning this world war for the right of men, women and nations to live their own lives and determine their own fortunes.

There exists now an extreme need for at least 25,000 women of character, intelligence, and education to fill the gaps in our hospital staffs caused by the calling of many thousands of skilled nurses to the fighting front.

There is only one way to fill these gaps: By keeping our hospital training schools supplied with students, who are not only preparing for service abroad and at home at the end of their course and at the same time are equipping themselves to earn their living in one of the noblest of professions but from the very outset of their course are serving their country as well as learning.

The Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, the American Red Cross, the General Medical Board and the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense therefore unite in an earnest appeal for 25,000 Student Nurse Reserve. The enrollment will begin on July 29, 1918. Those who register in a body will engage to hold themselves in readiness until April 1, 1919, to be assigned to training schools in civilian hospitals or to the Army Nursing School and begin their course of study and active student nursing.

The service which we are asking calls for the best that the womanhood of America can offer in courage, devotion, and resourcefulness. We cannot go forward to victory overseas if the wives and families of our fighters are not sustained in health and strength, if we cannot protect our workers against the hazards of war industries, if we cannot defeat accident and disease, our enemies at home. Upon the health of the American people will depend the spirit of their forces in the field.

Acting on the urgency of the need, the undersigned have asked the State divisions of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, through their local units, to enroll the 25,000 women needed. We ask the women of America to support us in our further effort not to lower American hospital standards, and give us the practical assurance of their support by going to the nearest recruiting station established by the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense on or after July 29 and enrolling in the United States Student Nurse Reserve.

HOW TO GET SHEEP TO IDAHO IS A QUESTION

Simon Juanto, Walter Leehmann and Frank Moynihan Monday returned from Idaho where they went to look into the hay situation. They did not purchase any hay while gone, although they did take options on some. All are rather skeptical about taking their sheep this fall across the desert and into the valleys in which the hay is located, being somewhat afraid of the long stretches without water across which it would be necessary to drive the sheep. And also from the further fact that if there was much snow on the mountains to be crossed it would be necessary to ship the sheep by rail from Crane, with no positive assurance of securing sufficient cars quickly when needed.

All state that there is an abundance of hay in the territory visited, one rancher who is the owner of 300 acres having 4000 tons of hay stacked on his place which represents the crops of the past seven years. This is the third time that he has followed this plan of saving his hay until a hard winter comes and then selling at a high price, his hay at one time having brought him \$30,000.—Lakeview Examiner.