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CORRESPONDENCE **COURSE PROVIDED**

A correspondence course provided for both the Athena high and grade schools is being utilized by teachers and pupils, as it is in other purts of the courty and state, to hold the school work together during the enforced closing on account of the influenza ep-

The correspondence program as adopted, embraces the mailing of lists of questions in each subject to individual pupils, who in turn mail the answers back to the teacher. Self ex-planatory is the following statement mailed to pupils by Superintendent

'In taking up again the home study work, we are adapting ourselves as best we can to the condition which prevails not only in Athena, but also in almost every city in Oregon. Many schools have used the correspondence system with varying results. Our for-mer work was generally very satisfac-tory. The plan of work we are using has the sanction of both county and state superintendents.

"Just how many of you will be able to get credits for this servester's work depends entirely upon yourselves. Fi-nal semester examinations will be held a few weeks after school reconvenes in regular session. Some of you need have no fear for the results, others need to review consistently if they are to be able to secure credits this first half year.

"Those who are willing to work faithfully can graduate with their classes in the usual time; those who fail this semester must expect to be one year longer. The work of this week is entirely a review of the semester's work to date. Follow the instructions in seals subject as indicated. structions in each subject as indicated on the typewritten slip.

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"A good soldier never gives up, but increases his efforts as difficulties arise. You can foretell your future success (or failures) by your efforts in this h me study work."

The full corps of teachers, with the exception of Miss Horton, is actively engaged in the course. Miss Horton, who was instructor in the 5th and 6th grades, has resigned her position in the grades, has resigned her position in the schools on account of ill health. She will be succeeded in her work here by Romeo Hubbs, who will reach Athe as soon as he receives his discharge from the Army at Camp Lewis.

EARLY MORNING FIRE CALLS OUT DEPARTMENT

Shortly after five o'clock Tuesday morning, the cottage of Mrs. L. P. Wilmot on Jefferson street was badly damaged by fire us the result of s defective flue. The fire department responded promptly and by effective work on the part of the volunteer workers, the house was saved and also the contents. Much damage resulted from the water. Holes were made in the roof in order that the firemen could have access to the flames with the fire

Insurance was carried with the Pennsylvania company, B. B. Richards local agent, for \$5 10 on the dwelling and \$250 on contents.

The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beckham, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot, who are spending the winter in California. Mr. Beckham removed the household goods to storage quarters where they will remain safe, until the dwelling can be repaired.

Legislative Files Here.

In common with other newspapers of the county, the Press will have on file from day to day, complete files of all bills of both the senate and house, and also the calendars of the Oregon legislature. This convenience, which will be appreciated by our readers, who are interested in the work of the legislature, is made possible by the action of Senator Roy Ritner and Renresentative Dodd, who have placed the Press on the daily mailing list.

Needed Moisture Comes.

With copious rains and a few inches of snow, the past week ushered in much needed moisture. Growing crops have been materially provided for in this respect, but continued precipita tion is needed to insure a safe supply summer. It is noticable that a generous snowfall during the winter provides stronger flow from springs during the summer menths, than does normal rainfall

Umatilla Income Taxes.

Income taxes from Umatilla county for 1917 show that the total of approximately \$1,000,000 was higher than that of any county in the state with the exception of Multnomah. Fifteen farmers pay income tax on a quarter of a million.

RESUME OF WORK OF **OREGON LEGISLATURE**

Prompt Organization of Both Houses Augury of Successful Session.

Prohibition Amendment Ratified-Sol diers' and Sailors' Commission Formed-No Conflict Over Consolidation-Would Suppress Criminal Syndicalism-State Police Department Proposed - Compulsory Employment of Soldiers.

Salem .- If the prompt manner in which the legislature organized and started to work is an indication of the manner in which the law-making business is going to be conducted it augurs well for a successful session, There was no bickering in either house over organization. Both the

president of the senate, W. T. Vinton of Yamhill county, and the speaker of the house, Seymour Jones of Marion county, were elected without opposition

The legislative mill began to grind promptly after organization was completed, with less useless debate than during the first week of any session for many years. While fewer bills were introduced than usually appear during the first week of a session seldom does the initial week see so many important measures brought for All told, 50 bills have been introduced in the house and 31 in the

The first important action of the legislature after organization was the ratification of the national prohibition amendment. The prohibition resolution passed the house with only three negative votes, cast by Kubli, Lewis and McFarland, all from Multnomah county. In the senate the resolution was passed by an unanimous vote.

Bill Passed to Relieve Soldiers. The first bill passed provided for the creation of a soldiers' and sailors' commission for the relief of returning soldiers, appropriating \$100,000 for that purpose. The bill passed both houses with only one dissenting vote, cast by Senator Wood of Washington county.

Governor Withycombe promptly signed the bill and announced the appointment of W. B. Ayer, chairman; John H. Burgard, A. H. Cranston and John H. Stevenson, all of Portland, as the personnel of the new commission.

A technical error was discovered in the soldiers' relief bill by the auditing department of the secretary of state, which is held to render it unconstitutional, and will necessitate sending the bill back to the legislature for amendment

Consolidation Plans Harmonious. For a time there were indications of a clash between the house and senate over the consolidation prosmoothed over. A practical plan is being worked out under which the joint committee will put into form all proposals for consolidation, elimina tion or merger of duties of various departments and commissions.

Members who have been here for several sessions declare that never before have they seen the legislature as a whole in such a seeming state of harmony on the consolidation question as now, and it is believed the conflict which blocked all efforts at consoli dation two years ago will be avoided. Radicals to Be Curbed.

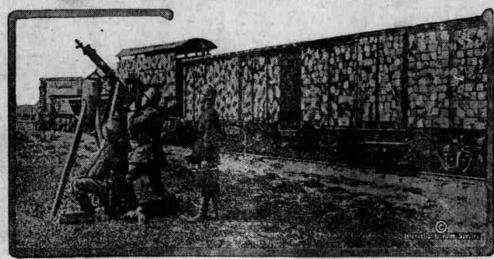
A bill was introduced in the senat by Senator Dimick and a somewhat similar bill in the house by Mr. Kubli directed at criminal syndicalism and designed to suppress Bolsheviki and I. W. W. activities. The measures define criminal syndicalism and sabo tage, and would curb lawlessness seeking todustrial revolution. They would punish by fine and imprisonment not only actual destruction of property, but also the distribution of literature or the teaching of such propaganda The bills are expected to meet the desire of Governor Withycombe as expressed in his message that a law providing for the punishment of treason be enacted.

State Police Is Created By Bill. Creation of the department of state police is proposed in a bill introduced

by Senator Orton, of Multnomah. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$60,000 for the support of the department for a two-year period.

A superintendent of state police, to be appointed by the governor at a salary of \$3000 a year, and the selection of 12 police officers by the super-

WELL-CAMOUFLAGED GERMAN ARTILLERY TRAIN



This photograph shows a German artillery train camoullaged for protection against bombs from French, English and American airplanes. In the foreground are men with an antiaircraft gun

intendent at satarles of \$1500 named each, are the main provisions of the bill.

Provides for Employment of Soldiers First of the reconstruction bills to be introduced in the senate was that of Senator Huston, making employment of war veterans, either soldiers or sallors, compulsory by the state, counties and municipal corporations. The measure applies to veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and of the recent war who have achieved honorable discharges. The bill provides

that soldiers who have been maimed in action shall be given employment suitable to their physical condition, and, in case any working force of men is cut down, would be the last to be removed from the payrolls.

Tax Limitation Repeal Proposed. The repeal of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment adopted by the

people at the general election of 1916, is provided for in a joint resolution introduced in the house just before adjournment by Brownell of Umatilia county.

The resolution provides for the appointment of a committee of five mem bers of the house to prepare a measure for adoption by the legislature, and submission by it to the people at the next general election, of a constitutional provision repealing the presen per cent limitation amendment.

Want Road Work Started. A joint resolution introduced in the house by Mr. Bean, calling upon the state highway commission to immediately start work on one or more units of highway work to provide em ployment for at least 1000 men was passed in both houses. This resolution provides that preference shall be

given to returning soldiers and sailors. Mr. Bean also introduced a joint resolution calling upon congress to enact legislation which will remedy bad conditions surrounding the returning men, because of governmental diers' settlement board, who shall be inaction. This resolution calls attention to the fact that the Oregon legislature has been compelled to appro-priate \$100,000 to grapple with a situa-tion which should have been cared for by congressional action.

Prevent Teaching Foreign Languages Representative Dodd of Umatilla in-troduced a bill in the house, making it unlawful for any board of school directors to permit the teaching of any subject, other than foreign languages, in any of the public or private schools of the state except in the English language. Any director permitting such a thing to be done, or any teacher violating the terms of the act is to be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense, and not less than \$250 nor more than \$1000 for the second offense, with the alternate punishment of imprisonment for not less than 20 days nor more than one year in the county jall.

Market Commission Is Proposed Standardization of the sale of all farm and manufacturing products and furthering the market for Oregon goods is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Huston, of Multnomah county, providing for the creation of a state market commission. The bill provides that a market director, appointed by the governor, shall have supervisory control over the sale and arketing of all such commodities, to the end that Oregon products might find a wider market throughout the

country. The soldiers land settlement bill recommended to the various states by Secretary of the Interior Lane was introduced in the senate by Senator

Eddy. It provides for the appoint-

FRITZ DUCKS AND TOMMY LAUGHS



"Boom!" A high explosive shell bursts in the near vicinity. The two German prisoners drop their wounded comrade and duck to escape the flying pieces of shrapnel. Towny thinks it's a good joke on the Huns, while he

nent of a soldiers' settlement board of three members and carries an ap propriation of \$500,000 to meet the state's share of the expense of co-

operation with the United States.

Briefly, the bill provides a plan whereby the state is to furnish the land and the United States is to furnish the money for the development of homes for soldiers. The soldiers will be given 40 years in which to pay for the land and 20 years in which to pay for the improvements.

Provision is made that the governor shall appoint the chairman of the soldesignated as the soldiers' settlement mmissioner and shall receive a salary of \$4000 a year.

Legislative Brevities. Governor Withycombe's veto of senate bill No. 242, of the 1917 session, proposing an increase in the salaries of certain officials in Hood River county, was sustained by the senate. A bill to license real estate brokers

was introduced in the house by Repesentative Gordon. Amendment to the inheritance tax aws so that they shall apply to estates which pass by dower and courtesy, or because of any deed, grant or gift as an advancement or division of the decedent's estate, along with greatly increased rates, are included in the provisions of a bill introduced house by Representative in the

Schnebel. Having procured Oregon's ratification of the national prohibition amendnent by a total vote of 87 to 3 in the ombined branches of the legislature, the prohibition forces of the state pow are to train their "dry" guns on the patent medicines and so-called tonics ontaining a generous portion of alohol. Pres'dent Baker, of the Oregon Anti-Saloon league, is authority for he statement that bills touching on hese patent medicines will be introfuced.

Representative Cross of Clackamas cunty would have the school certifiation law of 1911 so amended that graduates of universities and colleges ould teach in grade schools of the

World advertising and world sales men to get world tradic were never so much needed as nove. But the salesan and the advertiset, like the poet, play it in ragtime for a change." are born, not made.

HIS SWELLED HEAD REDUCED

Wny Recruit at Camp Upton No Long er Brags of His Prowess With the "Padded Mitts."

A certain husby, raw-boned recruit from an interior town reached Camp Upton recently and brought forth two sets of boxing gloves. He confided to his comrades that he was a mighty fine boxer, and "back home" he had thrush ed everybody who had tried conclus ions with him. This declaration ant urally was an invitation, and all promptly professed to know nothing of the manly art and asked if he would

give them a little instruction.
Flattered, the youth stated his willday was set for the lesson. The pupils promptly hunted up Benny Leonard, the lightweight champion, who was and is the boxing instructor at Upton, and arranged for him to meet the re cruit. The latter was informed that he was to give the first lesson to a youngster, and he agreed to put the unknown in his place. When conard was brought before him he wanted to back out, stating that he couldn't think of boxing with a man much smaller than himself.

Leonard, however, insisted that the sson go on, and each put on his gloves. During the "lesson" Benny never struck a blow, but contented himself with feinting, ducking, dodging and blocking until the volunteer teacher was so exhausted with his own efforts that he could scarcely stand. He stopped finally, congratulated the champion on his showing, said that he did very well "for an amateur," and ade his way to the barracks to bed. When later, he was informed of several things more or less complimen tary to those who had put up the job on him and cont the gloves to his

Aviators in Italy. From the Italian front where many American aviators are now serving comes this note:

a little music is indulged in as a re-inxution. Of course the Italians shine there. Many a pilot or chauffenr in overalls is humming selections from grand opera. Some of the American boys also are good musicians. One especially was a splendld planist, and would rattle away for an hour at a time selections from Schubert or Men-delssohn's "Melody in F." to what almost a sacrilege, that is,

WARRANT NO. 435 ISSUED TO CARTANO

Cartano for \$7,000° and costs

he was driving turned turtle, catching him underneath it. With the young man was a young woman whose in-juries are n.t serious. The accident occurred about a quarter of a mile east of the Eastern Oregon State Hospital where there is a slight curve in the road, and cause is attributed primarily to the icy pavement. According to the young woman they were coming toward town at a rate of between 26 and 25 miles an hour, when young Neagle reached with one hand to close the wind shield and as he did so the car swerved slightly toward the side of the road and he gave the steering gear a quick turn to bring it back in the road. The auto, slipping, turned

completely over, the occupants beneath it. The boy's neck was broken and death was undoubtedly instantaneous.

The car was found in this position about 1:30 by Olney Saling, a Goedecke taxi driver who was returning from a trip to Rieth. Coroner J. T. Brown was called and the body taken to the Brown chapel. There was no inquest.

DESPERATE LEAP FOR LIFE

Parachute the Only Hope of Occupants of Observation Balloon Destroyed at the Front.

A British observation balloon, anchored at the western front, had Its cables cut by enemy airplanes, and the balloon soared thousands of feet upward into the clouds. A writer in London Mail, who witnessed the incident, describes what followed. From the point where it vanished, he says, we presently saw one small speck, then another, dropping from the clouds. For some hundreds of feet they fell like dead weights, then parachutes opened, and the specks, now revealed as men, were steaded in their earthward course, floating rap-

idly, but safely, to the ground.

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destroyed their papers and instruments, clambered over the side of the basket, and leaped for life into the the paraclutes strapped round their waists would open when they should was supployed as

Think of that desperate spring into the vast, gray vapory nothingness neath the balloon; the feelings of the een as they made it, uncertain of what would happen; the awful sensation of casting yourself blindly from such an appalling height with the material, which might act rightly and night not, intervened between your self and a crash into the earth many strain of the stone-like drop through two hundred feet of the void before the parachute opened, and then the anxious mental query, through the later stages of the descent: "What shall I light upon?"-a matter of suprome consequence that chance gov-erns absolutely. In this case, the men mode a safe landing. **产福**品

Despite the final of the war, that weird delusion about "German effielency" persists in many minds and great things are expected of the Geroun revolution. Yet if the underside of the German wheel is like what has been the top, the wheel is square.

JAMES F. ZERBA DEAD AT SAN DIEGO

After a linguring illness of severs council yesterday afternoon. Warrant No. 435 for \$7,723.10, was issued to Bert Cartano in settlement of the famous damage suit brought by him sgainst the city for alleged injuries sustained by a defective sidewalk. The sidewalk in question fronted property on Third street, owned by David Taylor, and Taylor was co-defendant with the city when the suit was filed. Before the case was brought David Taylor, and Taylor was codefendant with the city when the suit
was filed. Before the case was brought
to trial, Taylor was dropped and the
city alone became defendant.

The jury in the circuit court, Judge
Phelps presiding, rendered in favor of
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Cartano for \$7,000, and verdict was not unanimous, two of the jurymen dissenting. The City, through its attorneys, H. I. Watts, Will M. Peterson and J. H. Raley, appealed the case to the Supreme court, which enstained the lower court.

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Upon the decision handed down by the Supreme court, a judgment was entered sgainst the city for the sum of \$7,723,10, and this judgment was satisfied yesterday when the warrant was drawn and handed to Coy Burnett, attractory for the plaintiff. The city was represented at the council meeting by Attorney Peterson. It is said that when the city pays its legal counsel, the case will have amounted to about \$10,000.

PENDLETON YOUNG MAN

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

The East Oregonian reports the death of Fred Neagle, 19 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neagle, of Pendleton, who met instant death Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock, when the 'car he was driving turned turtle, catching hands of the suprementation of continued failing health, but death was totally unexpected at this time.

The deceased had been a regident of Umatilla county for over 10 years, residing continuously with the exception of two years, on the home farm north of Athens, which was homesteaded by his mother and himself, By his first marriage, he was the father of cleven children, seven sons and four daughter. eight of whom, with his second wife, survive him.

His first wife died about 13 years ago, and Mr. Zerba kept his family of children together and raised them on the farm. In July, 1914, he was united in marriage with Miss Laura Bruce, a teacher in the Athena public schools. At the time of his desth, Mr. Zerba was aged 60 years, His children are: V. R. and Lowell, of this city; Forrest and Everett, who are in the army; have a county for over 10 years, residing continuously with the exception of two years, on the home farm orth of Athens, which was totally unexpected at the time.

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UMATILLA COUNTY MAKES RECORD 4TH LIBERTY LOAN

Umatilla county contributed \$2,-100,350 to the grand total of \$38,-382,550 of the Fourth Liberty Loan in Oregon. The number of subscribers in the county was 5,592. The over-substription was 9,95 per cent. These figures have just been received from state headquarters. The official com-pilations do not show the quota of nonbanking centers.

In the newspapers outside of Port-land 5,834 column inches of space was used in paid and free publicity in aid of the loan.

Following is the statement of the

communities of this county:

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	101 Cart 17	Quota	subser'b'd	subs
	Pendleton	1,270,513	1,320,650	2,417
	Pilot Rock	54,000	55,350	890
	Athena	188,000	188,450	451
Ì	Weston	35,000	37, 200	178
1	Freewater	84,000	84,000	550
1	Milton	170,000	181,950	547
ı	Echo	70,000	77,250	229
ı	Stanfield	\$5,000	35,350	169
1	Hermiston	11,500	48,100	488
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Water Pipes Frozen

Residents of Adams street, between Third and Fourth, have been much discomfited as the result of frozen water mains during the last two weeks. The pipe line, which is only down to a depth of 16 to 18 inches, froze solid during the recent cold snap and house-holds dependent upon service from that source, had no service. Robt. Coppock, one of these residents, built fires over the trenches dug for the purpose, in an effort to thaw the pipes, which will be placed at a lower depth to insure them against freezing in the future.

Lieut, McFadden Home.

was employed as a pharmacist in the drug store in Athena when war was declared, and who held the rank of lieutclared, and who hild the rank of lieutenant in the Oregon National Guards
and was immediately called to service,
returned from France last week. He
joined his wife at Weston, where she
has been residing with her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Banister, and together they went to the Willamette
valley to visit at the home of his parents. Lieut. McFadden is the first
soldier from this vicinity to arrive soldier from this vicinity to arrive home from overseas.

Peoples Warehouse Burned Fire yestorday damaged The Padples Warekonse, Pendleton's big depart-ment store, to the amount of over \$100,000. The fire started in the basement from a lighted candle coming in contact with cotton batting, and the flames were held in the basement proper from 9:30 until after 12 o'clor's, when the fire was finally put out. The stock not consumed by the flames was heally decreased. badly damaged by smoke and water. The building occupied by the Collins grain office was also considerably dam-