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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...

The correspondence program as adopted, embraces the mailing of lists of questions in each subject to individual pupils...

Just how many of you will be able to get credits for this semester's work depends entirely upon yourselves.

Those who are willing to work faithfully can graduate with their classes in the usual time...

The full corps of teachers, with the exception of Miss Horton, is actively engaged in the course.

EARLY MORNING FIRE CALLS OUT DEPARTMENT

Shortly after five o'clock Tuesday morning, the cottage of Mrs. L. F. Wilcox on Jefferson street was badly damaged by fire...

Insurance was carried with the Pennsylvania company, B. B. Richards local agent, for \$510 on the dwelling and \$250 on contents.

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...

Needed Moisture Comes.

With copious rains and a few inches of snow, the past week ushered in much needed moisture.

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...

RESUME OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Prompt Organization of Both Houses Augury of Successful Session.

Prohibition Amendment Ratified—Soldiers' 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...

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.

The first important action of the legislature after organization was the ratification of the national prohibition amendment.

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.

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.

Consolidation Plans Harmonious. For a time there were indications of a clash between the house and senate over the consolidation program, but the differences were smoothed over.

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 consolidation two years ago will be avoided.

Radicals to Be Curbed. A bill was introduced in the senate 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.

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 camouflaged for protection against bombs from French, English and American airplanes. In the foreground are men with an anti-aircraft gun.

intendent at salaries of \$1500 annually, 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 sailors, compulsory by the state, counties and municipal corporations.

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 Umatilla county.

The resolution provides for the appointment of a committee of five members 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 present 6 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 employment for at least 1000 men was passed in both houses.

Prevent Teaching Foreign Languages. Representative Doid of Umatilla introduced 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.

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.

Land Settlement Act Introduced. 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. Tommy thinks it's a good joke on the Huns, while he looks on unconcernedly.

ment of a soldiers' settlement board of three members and carries an appropriation of \$500,000 to meet the state's share of the expense of cooperation with the United States.

Briefly, the bill provides a plan whereby the state 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 soldiers' settlement board, who shall be designated as the soldiers' settlement commissioner and shall receive a salary of \$4000 a year.

Legislative Briefities. 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.

Having procured Oregon's ratification of the national prohibition amendment by a total vote of 87 to 3 in the combined branches of the legislature, the prohibition forces of the state now are to train their "dry" guns on the patent medicines and so-called tonics containing a generous portion of alcohol.

World advertisement and world salesmen to get world trade were never so much needed as now. But the salesmen and the advertisement, like the poet, are born, not made.

WARRANT NO. 435 ISSUED TO CARTANO

At a special meeting of the city 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 against 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 to trial, Taylor was dropped and the city alone became defendant.

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PENOLETON 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 him underneath it.

The car was found in this position about 1:30 by Olney Salling, 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.

Flattered, the youth stated his willingness to oblige, and the following day 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 recruit.

Leonard, however, insisted that the lesson 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.

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

"Sometimes at night, after dinner, a little music is indulged in as a relaxation. Of course the Italians shine there. Many a pilot or chauffeur in overalls is humming selections from grand opera. Some of the American boys also are good musicians. One especially was a splendid pianist, and would rattle away for an hour at a time selections from Schubert or Mendelssohn's 'Melody in F,' that is, played it in a rattle for a chance."

JAMES F. ZERBA DEAD AT SAN DIEGO

After a lingering illness of several months duration, James F. Zerba died at San Diego, Calif., Tuesday of this week. His daughter, Miss Edna, who accompanied her father to California, was the only member of the family present when he passed away.

Mr. Zerba left Athena for California during the fall. He was in poor health and went south in hopes of receiving benefit from change of climate during the winter months.

The deceased had been a resident of Umatilla county for over 40 years, residing continuously with the exception of two years, on the home farm north of Athena, which was homesteaded by his mother and himself.

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 death, Mr. Zerba was aged 60 years. His children are: V. R. and Lowell, of this city; Forrest and Everett, who are in the army; Ray, of Idaho; Mrs. Nellie Banks, of Idaho; Miss Grace, teaching at Knappa, Oregon, and Miss Edna.

UMATILLA COUNTY MAKES RECORD 4TH LIBERTY LOAN

Umatilla county contributed \$2,100,350 to the grand total of \$89,302,550 of the Fourth Liberty Loan in Oregon. The number of subscribers in the county was 5,594. The over-subscription was 9.95 per cent.

In the newspapers outside of Portland \$1,384 column inches of space was used in paid and free publicity in aid of the loan.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Quota, Subscribed, No of subs. Rows include Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Weston, Athol, Freewater, Milton, Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Helix.

Water Pipes Frozen

Residents of Adams street, between Third and Fourth, have been much discomforted as the result of frozen water mains during the last two weeks.

Lieut. McFadden Home. Lieutenant Curran McFadden, who was employed as a pharmacist in the drug store in Athena when war was declared, and who held the rank of lieutenant in the Oregon National Guards, returned from France last week.

Peoples Warehouse Burned

Fire yesterday damaged The Peoples Warehouse. Pendleton's big department 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'clock, when the fire was finally put out.