



ATHENA, OREGON, MAR. 7 1919

The evidence of returning officers and privates who were active participants in the battles of the Argonne Forest, would indicate that the terrible casualties sustained by portions of the American Army, resulted from the fact that only one road led into the forest, and over this one highway all troops, equipment, supplies and munitions had to be transported. Further, this highway was the only artery of transportation for the wounded and sick from the front lines back to the hospitals. In addition to this handicap of transportation facilities the Argonne terrain afforded such admirable natural resources for defensive operations that for three years the allies had made no attempt whatever to exploit warfare on that front. When the Americans went into it to wrest the gorge from the Hun, they soon found that they were up against a masterly conducted Boche retreat, scientifically protected by thousands of machine guns in rear guard action, emplaced generally in positions where they could exact toll before their eventual destruction or capture. These conditions contributed a balance in favor of the German armies opposing the Americans for a time; but the doughboys, "carried on" and one day toward the latter stages of the conflict favorable terrain was reached when, on a front of 10 miles, six inch guns were placed 40 yds. apart and a barrage lasting for hours was rolled over a section of the forest. When the barrage lifted, not a vestige of life or verdure remained within its radius and the ground had been churned to a pulp. After that the Argonne was an easier proposition, up to the time of the signing of the armistice. The Americans had the Hun on the hip, and but three weeks more of warfare would have thrown his armies into a disorganized, demoralized rout. He quit just in time—and he knew it. This is the verdict of the men who were there.

The result of the special election Tuesday shows conclusively that the people of Umatilla county want good roads. The provisions of the bill submitted to the voters for their approval satisfactorily cover the trunk road problems of the county, and with these problems taken care of the lateral or feeder roads will automatically be cared for by the release of funds hitherto applied on the main thoroughfares. State and county have given the Highway Commission necessary financial aid to construct a splendid system of highways and it is up to this commission to deliver over to the taxpayers just what they have voted for—a dollar's worth of road construction for a dollar, without any frills or sectional favoritism.

Regular hours and plain, wholesome food brought the soldier out of the service in splendid physical condition; in nearly every instance, the wounded excepted, physique has been built up. If this can be done in the service, why not in civil life? With this thought in mind, the soldier is in a position to lead the nation in matters hygienic.

We believe that we have just about got Link Swagart in the notion of subscribing for the Weston Leader—that is, if the Kernel continues to strangle verbosity, and holds the p. p. p. to "lower case."

Influenza comes back oftener than a ten-twenty-thirty stock company when it finds an easy town.

Extended foreign travel is all right, but a lot of the boys abroad are aching to see America first.

An apple a day may keep the doctor away, as the saw has it, but at the present price of good apples it is almost as cheap to have the doctor. Still, the apple is pleasanter.

"What goes up must come down," says the old saying, but there are those who seem disposed to make the great rise in wages, due to war emergencies, an exception to this rule.

The dumping of hundreds of thousands of pounds of high explosive material, the product of labor, in the sea, also shows the foolishness of war or the foolishness of somebody.

Camouflaged Philosophy.

Perhaps freedom of the air is as important as freedom of the seas.

The bolsheviks are merely brutal; the Huns were scientifically brutal.

Preventive measures are always applied most thoroughly after it is too late.

Nothing makes one appreciate a record production of coal so much as a cold wave.

Berlin is wrestling with a waiters' strike, which is not the worst of its troubles.

How father is going to miss the wages mother brought in from the munition plant!

Money talks, but it's pretty hoarse at present from arguing with the butcher and grocer.

United States saved \$7,000,000,000 by the sudden closing of the war—but you don't notice it yet.

Sometimes we get it early and sometimes late, but we usually get our allowance of winter.

Getting out of the war is much like eating at a restaurant and paying the cashier at the door.

The Austrian minister to Switzerland says the future of his country is dark. Green or blue?

It sometimes seems as if duck hunting's chief charm lies in the fact that it isn't one's daily work.

It is certain that the country has gone dry, but how is ordinary home-made cider to be kept from breaking the law?

Postponement of the race for a year may give Sir Thomas Lipton time to figure out some points on a brand-new Shamrock.

Also, if the Yankees had been paying rent for their trenches in France, they would have demanded better accommodations.

Often enough, the man who is tardy getting up in the morning isn't any tardier than the heat is in getting into the radiator.

One startling difference in sitting down on a tin sardiner and a chocolate éclair is that in the first case you know it at once.

Nineteen-eighteen will ever stand out in human memory as the year which did the most to make history of any in a century.

There should be some way to land the food profiteer in jail. He is worse than the man who openly picks one's pocket in the street.

It is claimed that Germany still has an army of 1,000,000 men—another striking bit of proof that an armistice is not necessarily peace.

Rabbit hunting in the snow is excellent sport if you don't catch any rabbits. If you catch a rabbit, tradition demands that you eat it.

The ex-kings of Europe could make a good thing of it by forming a vaudeville company to come to America and make a tour of the country.

If Paderewski can prove himself a great statesman in a crisis, a number of politicians may be tempted to get a piano and practice five hours daily.

John Shelley of England has had his name changed to John Rolls in order to inherit \$8,000,000. For that roll he ought to change his name to Chokeacow.

That girl who ran away and was married because she was spanked by her parents may or may not come back home, voluntarily, and ask for another spanking.

When the soldier returns to his civilian clothes we shall expect more of him than before as a result of the splendid disciplinary training which it has been his privilege to receive.

Enlisted men when discharged are to be allowed to retain their socks. If they have industriously darned them the better part of the hosiery probably belongs to the soldiers, anyhow!

Plainly, Russia is not one of those furry animals that can be made to rear up on its hind legs, walk a bit and pose with a broomstick for a gun at the command of a human master.

The man who reports that the czar is alive but "does not care to be bothered and wants to be left alone," has at least expressed the probable attitude of Nicholas if he be alive.

Admiral Peary proposes airplane exploration of the polar regions while Stefansson believes the submarine would be useful. Most people prefer to do their polar exploring by wireless.

An Arkansas lieutenant, who never got across, is mad as a hornet because he was reported killed in action. Inaccuracies are frequently embarrassing, but surely this man is glad the report is untrue.

The KITCHEN CABINET

Neither a borrower nor a lender be: For loan oft loses both itself and friend, And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.

GOOD THINGS FOR THE FAMILY MENU.

Bananas make a most appetizing dish for a variety, as salad, dessert, or in place of a vegetable.

Baked Bananas.—Peel and remove the coarse threads from six or eight bananas. Melt two tablespoonfuls of sweet fat in an earthen baking pan and sprinkle on one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Squeeze over the juice of one lemon and sprinkle on a half cupful of sugar; let them bake from a half to a full hour, basting frequently with the sirup in the pan. Serve as a vegetable with meats.

Onions Stuffed With Ham.—Peel eight onions and cook in boiling water until nearly tender. Cool and cut out the centers, leaving a thin wall. Chop the onion removed and mix with the other ingredients to fill the onion cases, rounding the mixture well above the shells. To the onion add one cupful of chopped ham, one cupful of soft bread crumbs, half a teaspoonful each of salt and paprika, one tablespoonful of chopped parsley, one-fourth of a cupful of fat, and a cupful of milk or broth. Salt may be added to suit the taste. Use the broth to pour around the onions and let them bake in a hot oven a half hour. The broth may be thickened and served as a sauce with the onions. Nuts may be used in place of the ham.

Tenderloin Cutlets.—Take one pound of beef tenderloin, one-half pound each of veal steak and cooked ham, put all through the meat chopper. Cream one-half a cupful of sweet fat with a teaspoonful of salt, a half teaspoonful of pepper, work into the meat with a wooden spoon; when thoroughly blended gradually work in a half cupful of cream. Divide the mixture into eight or ten portions and press into cutlet shapes, cover with egg and crumbs and fry in deep fat or in a small amount of fat in a hot frying pan. Serve with string beans, asparagus or spaghetti cooked with tomato.

Nellie Maxwell

IRISH POTATO IS IMPORTANT

In Northern Portion of Country It is Stored in Large Quantities for Winter Use.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The Irish potato is the most important vegetable in the northern portion of the United States and is stored in large quantities for winter use. It may be kept in the storage room in the basement, in outdoor storage cellars, and in banks or pits. When stored in cellars, the potatoes may be put into barrels, boxes, baskets, crates, bins, or on the floor, but must be protected from the light.

Rabbi Goldman to Speak

The Athena people will have a chance to hear the noted converted Jew, Rabbi Goldman. He is to address the Pendleton people Sunday night, but will deliver his address in Athena Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Methodist church.

Notice of Final Hearing.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Sheard, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administratrix of the above-entitled estate has filed her final report with the clerk of the above-entitled court and that the judge thereof has designated Monday, March 24, 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the office of the judge in the county court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place, when and where hearing shall be had thereon.

All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved. The administratrix discharged and her bondsmen exonerated.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1919.

Lydia Sheard, Administratrix.

Executor's Notice.

In the County Court for Umatilla County, Oregon.

In the Matter of the Estate of James F. Zerba, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of James F. Zerba, deceased, by the above entitled Court, and that he has qualified as said executor as by law required. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present the same to the undersigned, or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena, Oregon, verified as by law required, within six months from this date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, February 7, 1919.

Virgil R. Zerba, Executor.

23 Years Ago.

(From the Press of Mar. 7 1896)

County Clerk Ben Burroughs was up from Pendleton Sunday, a guest at the home of G. W. Hunsell.

E. L. Barnett and family arrived in Athena this week from Colton, Wash. Mr. Barnett has assumed his duties as cashier of the First National Bank.

C. J. Carlson, Joe Ell and John Hailley constitute the committee who will look after the firemen's tournament in Pendleton, June 2, 3 and 4.

Joe Rainville is surely having his share of ill luck. Not long ago he lost his home and all it contained together with his barn, outbuildings, etc., by fire. One day last week his smokehouse, which contained 2200 pounds of bacon, hams and shoulders in process of preserving, were consumed by the fiery element.

A whittling party was given at the residence of Mrs. F. J. Beale yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Beale and Mrs.

John Gross. Mrs. Edington was awarded first prize and Mrs. Caburn the trophy.

A number of the young friends of Mrs. C. C. Sharr surprised her at her home last evening. Games and refreshments. Those present were: Ruby and Ivah Callender, Lida Beale, Belle Johnson, Hattie and Tillie Luna, Mae and Lillie Fisher, John Foss, Charlie and Fred Fisher, Charlie Stansell, Dick Maloney, Charles Henry and Al Johnson.

The whereabouts of D. J. Woodward, the well known toll gate man, is just now a query with his family. He has been passing the winter at the tollgate, but about three weeks ago he was known to have been at Summerville and Elgin. From there the family thought he left for the toll gate. This week, however, the Stark boys were at the gate and report that Mr. Woodward is not there, nor does the place bear the appearance of having been inhabited for several weeks.

February 20th was the fifty-seventh anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McGrew, pioneer residents of Weston, both of whom are in good health.

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