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HOME GUARD MEETING CHILD BADLY BURNED

H. J. Horton, Major of the Baker Battalion of Home Guards, has written Mayor Saunders regarding the forming of a company here, stating that he would send further details as to manner of organization and furnish all assistance possible.

In the past, several citizens of the Valley have suggested that they favored such an organization and were willing to join, but the matter was dropped. We believe that the time has arrived when something along this line should be done. Major Horton informs us that previous military experience is not absolutely necessary for the officers, as a special drill book has been issued and that many competent men can be found here who could look after that with a little study.

Any male person between the ages of 15 and 65 may join, and everyone in Eagle Valley interested in organizing a Company of Home Guards are requested to meet at the K. P. Hall in Richland at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, February 3rd.

Borah Flays War Critics

Senator Borah of Idaho, in an address to an immense patriotic defense league meeting held at Baltimore last Sunday, vigorously defended President Wilson's administration and congress against wild criticisms of men whom he said could not forget partisanship, saying among other things:

"There are a few men in these crucial times who are unable to forget their partisanship, but they should not be taken too seriously, for let me assure you that as a whole, congress is straining every nerve and spending days and weeks of energy in the great task of turning a peace loving nation into a fighting machine and doing everything in its power to put the nation on its strongest fighting basis. I beg of you not to judge congress by the few who criticize. The process of transformation is a big one and in order for no mistakes to have been made, the administration would have to be divine."

The government is calling for bids for carrying the mail between Baker and Robinette via Sparta and Richland. We, for one, approve of that service and with a little united effort on the part of our citizens we believe the route could be established. Postmaster Kendall is not in favor of it, however, so no assistance can be expected from him; but it seems there should be a sufficient number in favor of getting mail direct from Baker to outweigh his objections.

Just received in cans: Tamales, chili con carne with chili beans, roast beef, corn beef, sliced beef, weinies, deviled meat products, vienna sausage, etc. Look over this line. Saunders Bro's.—ad

Little 11-year-old Lavelle Augustus is in a critical condition as a result of burns received from blazing alcohol on Tuesday evening.

From evidence secured from reliable sources we learn that the accident was due to a certain party endeavoring to evaporate niter from the spirits of niter solution. It appears that he was a novice at the business and placed the vessel containing the liquid directly on the hot stove where it quickly caught fire. In attempting to remove it the blazing stuff was spilled over Lavelle who ran shrieking to another room where she was caught by her father and flames finally extinguished.

Dr. Wilson was immediately summoned and he in turn called Dr. Sanders from Halfway. It was found that the child received terrible burns around the hips and hands, many other burns were also sustained. While her condition is precarious, her ultimate recovery is predicted unless complications of some sort develop.

Her father, E. E. Augustus, had his hands badly burned and Shorty Hall also sustained some blisters. It was fortunate indeed that the results were not more disastrous.

It has been the practice in this community for many months for "thirsty" fellows to buy spirits of niter and after evaporating the niter to "tank up" on the alcohol. As soon as Druggist Barber got next to the scheme he refused to sell more than four ounces to a customer unless he believed the purchaser intended to use the article medicinally. Having no reason to doubt Mr. Hall's statement that he had a sick horse at Sparta and was on his way there to doctor it, he was given the amount asked for.

No blame can be laid to Mr. Barber as he acted in good faith, it being no unusual thing for farmers to buy niter by pint or quart, but we are told that the government provides severe punishment for making wrongful use of it.

The Water's Fine

To the timid kid hesitating at the old swimming hole, in doubt, and afraid the water is too muddy too deep, too cold, there comes the cheerful call of the venture-some youngster already in: "Aw, come on in, the water's fine."

The one who has tried it is in a position to know. Are you in doubt as to what bank to do business with? Do you want to know of a safe, reliable institution that you can trust with your business? Just try the kid's plan. Ask any of the people who are doing business with us. They will tell you we are all right and cheerfully invite you to "come on in."

ad) EAGLE VALLEY STATE BANK

Jontee Tale 25c per can at the Richland Drug Store.—ad

NEW BUSINESS FIRM

Messrs. Sumner Woods and Frank High, who have been conducting the blacksmith shop and garage at New Bridge the past year, have leased the Jones shop and garage in Richland and took charge of same last Saturday.

Woods, whose reputation as an expert blacksmith and farrier is known to all, informs us that he has engaged another man who is just as efficient a workman, to assist him in this department and that all work in their line, no matter how large or small the job, will be done promptly and in a correct manner.

Mr. High will have charge of the garage and has engaged the services of an expert auto mechanic to assist him. He guarantees that cars left in his shop for overhauling or repairs will be properly looked after—not tinkered with by novices in the business. All kinds of repair work on any make of car will be taken care of promptly.

Both Mr. Woods and Mr. High are honest and industrious and announce that they will conduct their business on a strictly cash basis and give every customer an absolutely square deal.

Call on them and get acquainted, they are courteous jovial fellows and will be pleased to meet you at any time.

For Fire Protection

It is evident that the citizens of Richland are not much interested in organizing a fire company as only four men attended the "mass meeting" Monday night. However J. B. McDowell was appointed Fire Chief and given instruction to keep all apparatus in condition for instant use in case of need.

In spite of the fact that there is an ordinance providing a fine of \$5 to be assessed against any party taking ladders from the city fire truck without immediately replacing them, on Monday night there was not a ladder to be found. Mr. McDowell was told to locate the ladders if possible and to demand their return immediately, and if same are not in place by next council meeting night there will be trouble for some one.

Mrs. Nora McCraw called Monday and subscribed for the News. She informed us that she had been suffering for several weeks with ear trouble and expected to go to Baker this week to see Dr. Pearce.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRAZING PERMITS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the MINAM NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1918 must be filed in my office at Baker, Oregon, on or before February 15, 1918. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request. E. Barnes, Supervisor.

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