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SCHOOL MEETING JANUARY FIFTH

The County School Superintendent Will
Call a Meeting to Elect a
Board of Directors

As State School Superintendent Churchill's interpretation of school law makes the action taken at our late school meeting illegal and the action then taken caused the resignation of the entire school board to take effect on that date, a special meeting called by the board of directors and County School Supt. Cummings to straighten out the muddle will be called for January 5.

A new school board will be elected at that time and a sum of money in dollars and cents, not in mills, will be then authorized by the tax payers, for the support of the schools and paying of warrant indebtedness, will be voted.

The law relative to special tax levies was changed by our last legislature, requiring that special tax levies must be stated in dollars and cents, and not in mills as has heretofore been the custom. State School Superintendent Churchill says that this law applies to special school tax levies.

It is important that all voters attend this January meeting. We desire that a standard school shall be maintained in Scio and that a school board shall be elected, which will carry out the desire of the majority of the people of the district, as well. This same law may not effect the tax levy for city purposes, but will effect special road tax levies. At all events the January meeting will place the school district in line with the law.

Special attention given to teachers orders for Christmas candies and nuts. Sticha's Confectionary.

Gift Suggestions

That We Have in Stock

Copyrighted Books
Reprint Books
Kodaks
Brownie Cameras
Developing Outfits
Kodak Albums
Negative Albums
Ivory Ware
Bibles
Fancy Vases
Stern's Grill
Stern's Milk Warmers
Stationery
Razors
Mirrors
Brushes
Perfume
Fancy Soaps
Cigars
Get your Post Cards Here.

DEPENDABLE SERVICE
SANTIAM PHARMACY
T. W. LAIRD, Prop.

SCHOOL NOTES

The High school was agreeably surprised Tuesday morning by a visit from Mr. Ewing. He spoke on the uncertainty of the future and the necessity of being prepared for it, and also explained the new war saving certificates, by which the government hopes to raise two billions of dollars.

The High school is going to purchase a service flag to place in the school, in honor of the boys who have enlisted.

The basket ball game last Friday evening was won by Stayton. The score being 18 to 10.

GERMANY PREPARING FOR MIGHTY BLOW

Washington.—Germany has massed on the western front her greatest army of the war, Secretary Baker declares in his weekly war review. To meet this menace, the United States must speed up its military preparations, the secretary adds, with a warning that the enemy is preparing to put into execution in France plans he has been maturing since the defeat of the Russian armies at Tannenberg early in the war. The peace negotiations with Russia have permitted the massing of men on the western front for that purpose.

The review asserts the German counter offensive on the Cambrai front has been successful in winning back less than one-third of the territory captured by General Byng. The statement also notes that American engineer troops, "exchanging shovels for rifles, fought off the enemy side by side with the British."

The lesson of the German exhibition of strength is then taken up:

"This German parrying thrust, the most powerful and successful blow aimed at the British during the past two and one-half years, coming as it did immediately after the British victory in the same area, serves to emphasize the reviving strength of the Germans in the west."

Rowing and sowing fall grain is still progressing throughout Linn county, with the result that the largest acreage of fall grain is now planted in recent years in the Willamette valley.

Died

At Ashfork, Arizona, on December 4, 1917, Mrs. Ethel Shelton, wife of Ona M. Shelton, age 32 years, 9 months and 21 days.

Death, when it closes a life complete with the usual number of years, is sad enough. But when it comes to one so young as the above, when just at the threshold of active life, it is most sad indeed. She was born at Mt. Pleasant, Ore., being the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ray, pioneers of that vicinity and has lived there, with the exception of four years spent in Scio, all her life. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at that place. She was married to Ona M. Shelton December 11, 1906. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two small children, father and mother, four brothers, five sisters and a large circle of relatives and friends.

The funeral occurred from the family residence at 1 p. m. December 10, conducted by Rev. Her and was largely attended.

LIEUTENANT HARDEN



First Lieut. D. H. Harden, of the signal corps, the first American officer wounded in France.

Another Letter From Soldier Green

Camp Mills, L. I., Nov. 25, 1917
Dear Dad and All.

I received your letter only ten minutes ago and will answer it at once. It sure makes me feel good to hear from home. Am glad all are well, especially Willie, for he was in the hospital at Scio when I left, and was expected any minute to die. Willie said Dr. Prill and the Scio hospital have his highest appreciation. I wish I could be at home and go to Sunday school again and be in your class. Tell them all hello for me. I wish you could be here this moment and hear us sing. We sing most the old songs we learned at home, such as "The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground Boys," "Trail of the Lonesome Pine," etc. You ought to see the clothes we are getting. I have two pair of shoes, 5 pair woolen socks, 2 pair leggings, 3 pair pants, 2 suits underwear, 2 hats, two coats, gloves, slicker, overcoat, etc. Tomorrow we are to get a pair of rubber boots. How is that for your Uncle Sam? Don't know when we will go across, but think before long as they are rushing equipments and teaching us to take care of them and to carry them in small space. By the way, I am invited out to Thanksgiving dinner with some high moguls, also to a theater party in the afternoon. They are coming after us in their car. All the boys on L. I. have been invited by some family. After being treated right as we have been if we don't do our part at the front, will die trying. Our Colonel said that two out of every hundred are killed each year, so some of us may come back. If I do I will hang my sword (if I get one) by Grandpa Greens. Guy Powell, of Crabtree and I were promoted to high private which means \$3 more per month.

Your Soldier Boy
Oliver R. Green.

Saw Filing

Owing to the increase in the cost of files, I am compelled to raise the price of filing to common hand saws 35c; Crosscut saws 75 cents.

H. S. Johnston.

JORDAN ITEMS

Mrs. Birch, who has been visiting Mrs. Wing, returned to her home in Portland Wednesday.

Percy Thomas returned Monday, from Montana, and will soon keep bachelors hall on the old home place.

Fred and Clarence Daugherty went to Vancouver Monday, where they intend joining the army.

Mrs. E. Jaynes and daughter returned from Portland Monday, after spending Thanksgiving week there.

A valuable farm horse belonging to Mose Titis, sustained such injuries from being kicked by another horse Tuesday, that it had to be killed.

J. Bilyeu, of Spokane, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Nancy Bilyeu and numerous other relatives and friends.

ITALIANS CHECK ENEMY THRUSTS

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy.—The battle of Asiago has been virtually suspended, with the enemy checked, if not defeated, in his main design of breaking through to the Brenta valley and the plain a few miles below, although he succeeded in advancing his lines a short distance when the Italians fell back to new positions. These positions, guarding the Frenzla and Gadena passes, have successfully resisted all enemy efforts.

It will be cheering news to the allied world that French and British reinforcements have taken their place on the Italian front.

Besides their powerful material they bring the benefit of three years' experience of the hardest fighting fronts of France. All this counts for restored confidence, and from Venice to Treviso the people are breathing easier, for they know that the English, with the Highlanders, Welsh, Irish and Colonials and the French are in actual fighting front.

Workmen are putting the finishing touches on Hendrick's hall at the University of Oregon, a three story brick building to be utilized as the women's dormitory.

4000 ESTIMATED DEAD IN HALIFAX

Hundreds Consumed By Fire
and Whole Neighborhoods
Wiped Out.

Halifax, N. S.—Four thousand dead is the estimate of the superintendent of morgues of those who perished by shock or fire when the ammunition ship Mont Blanc blew up in the harbor here. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of bodies have been consumed by the flames and in scores of cases not only whole families, but whole neighborhoods, have been wiped out, and the names of all their dead may never be known.

This estimate of 4000 dead was made after a survey of the devastated district of Richmond, where acres of debris probably will not be cleared for a month.

The Richmond district, in the north end, where the poorer people lived, extends along the Narrows, a channel rightly named. It was in these waters that the French munition ship Mont Blanc, inward bound, with a government pilot aboard, was rammed amidships by the Norwegian steamer Imo, proceeding outward with a cargo for the relief of the Belgians.

How this crash, not of itself serious, ripped open on the decks tanks of benzine that trickled down to the engine room and started a blaze that wrecked part of Halifax will never be explained to the satisfaction of the people here.

Nearly every house in the district fell with a crash. In nearly all of these fires started and men, women and children—mostly children—were crushed to death or mangled under the debris which a moment later was a roaring flame.

The property loss, variously estimated at from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000, probably will prove to be nearer the minimum figure.

Washington.—The roundup of Austro-Hungarian enemies is in progress throughout the United States with aid of the department of justice being assisted by local authorities. With the declaration of war, more than a million subjects of Austria-Hungary living in this country were added to the lists of alien enemies.

Christmas Cheer for the Children



Santa Claus is a reality to the little folks. Don't disappoint the appeals which they make to him for Toys, Dolls, Games, Candy, Etc. TOYS—We have an interesting line. Some made merely to amuse, while others are marvels of mechanical construction.

GAMES and PUZZLES are amusing and instructive and should have a place in every home. There are many new ones that will interest and delight the children and grown-ups

DOLLS—The little girl expects a doll Christmas. We have all kinds, Kid, Rubber, China, etc

C. A. EVERETT

DRUGGIST AND STATIONER

SCIO

OREGON