

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Margery and Ruth Mahoney daughters of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Mahoney, are here from Portland as guests of the W. P. Mahoneys.
LOST—Valent such as Chautauqua tent or on street Sunday evening leave at this office, suitable reward—Advertisement.
Mr. Cavin, cashier of Livestock State Bank, of Portland, was the guest of W. P. Mahoney for several days during the week. He returned to Portland Monday.
W. P. Mahoney and his friend Mr. Cavin, of Portland, Fred Tash and others drove through the Eight-mile country Saturday admiring the wonderful wheat crop now being harvested. Mr. Mahoney says the crop in Eight-mile is fully as good as any other part of the county.
Mrs. Cleveland, of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan, Canada, who has been visiting her friend, Mrs. D. E. Gilman for several weeks, left for her home Monday morning. Mrs. Gilman accompanied her to Portland and will visit friends in that city and at Seaside for a few weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. (Jake) Oster of Madras, came in Friday to visit his father, Chas Oster, of near Parkers Mill. Mr. Oster has recently disposed of his interest in the Madras Flour and a moving picture business to his partner, George Pearce, and will engage in business elsewhere.
Jesse Boardley, former brakeman on the Heppner branch and well known resident here for several years is now conductor on the main line and was here Sunday morning supervising a trainload of sheep and cattle to the Junction where they would join the regular stock train bound for North Portland stock yards.
Rev. T. E. Elliott, of Portland, was here for a few days during the week in the interests of Willamette University, of which institution he is vice-president. Rev. Elliott conducted morning service at the Federated church Sunday morning and in the evening he preached at the open air service at the fair ground park.
Ray Rogers and Earl Hallock left Sunday morning for a real, old-fashioned camping trip in the mountains to the south. No truck or flier will carry their camp supplies but they will revert to the good old custom of 20 years ago and depend on good reliable horse flesh to provide needed transportation. They expected to camp first on Ditch creek and then roam the untrod hills and canyons as fancy dictates. The boys expect to be gone two weeks.
RESCUE MISSION ASKS FOR FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
The following letter from W. G. McLaren, general superintendent of the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society, is self-explanatory.
The work done by this society is of a nature that should appeal to the generosity of every citizen who is in any way able to help even in small ways. Unfortunate girls and fatherless babes from every part of the state are taken in and cared for at the time when they most need helpful home and perhaps no other class of unfortunates are more helpless and in greater need of the helping hand than they. Recent casework in this county has proven that good work the society is doing at this newspaper takes pleasure in recommending the society as one worthy of every possible support. The letter follows:
To The Editor:—
For many years through the kindly offices of the press, we have been able to make an appeal to the public for canned fruit and vegetables to be sent to the Louise Home for girls, and for the other children at the Albertine Kerr Nursery.
We have now 144 mouths to feed three times a day. It is a big job. Inasmuch as we answer calls from every part of the state, it calls for state-wide interest. The allowance made us by the state aid provision does not begin to meet the expense of the upkeep of the homes in our care.
It is our aim to give these girls and babies, who often come to us in a run-down and undernourished condition, wholesome food, of fruit and vegetables from a local source.
Will you kindly make a stream of good through your paper to the members of church organizations, women's clubs, reading clubs, for Red Cross societies, Camps and Girls, as well as interested individuals, to get together and send shipments of fruit, vegetables, potatoes and cans are needed. We use ten dozen eggs a week for the same purpose.
Address, Pacific Coast Rescue and Protective Society, 315 Broadway Street, Portland, Oregon.
We will gladly pay the freight and will also send jars, rubbers, tops upon request.
With much appreciation for your kindness and interest, I am,
Respectfully,
W. G. McLaren,
General Superintendent.

At the Saturday meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau they decided to employ C. C. Calkins as their new county agent in the stead of L. A. Hunt who has resigned to take charge of the Oregon Hay Growers.
C. C. Calkins has been county agent in Sherman county for nearly four years. He has given splendid satisfaction in that county. He is an expert grain man, poultry man, and a first class livestock man. Mr. Calkins assisted with the Sherman county farm bureau in co-operating with the Morrow county farm bureau in putting over the Oregon Grain Growers association and is recently interested in its success. He is fairly familiar with the problems of eastern Oregon and his coming to Morrow county at this time is certainly a splendid thing for the county. We trust that he will receive the same spirit of co-operation that has been extended to the county agent in the past.
HIS LAST FIGHT
It was all in vain that several American runners had attempted to pass the cordon of encircling Germans and carry to the American lines the news that the Lost Battalion was surrounded and in peril of extinction. The German sharpshooters would pick off the American couriers as fast as they left the cover of the precarious shelter that shielded the handful of survivors from overwhelming German besiegers.
"I hesitated to ask other men to go," said Major Whittlesey, describing the incident in Portland last year. "Man after man made the attempt only to fall, sometimes before he had passed 100 yards from our cover."
For the whole of the beleaguered force to attempt to rush the German lines would have meant annihilation of the unit.
It was in this desperate extremity that a quiet man approached Major Whittlesey and offered to make an attempt to reach American lines. He was Private John Munson.
"You know the danger?" said Whittlesey. "I do but I think I can make it; I will try," said John Munson quietly.
And John Munson, the hero who carried the message to the American commander and brought relief to the Lost Battalion, died alone and neglected in a New York hospital recently. By the mere chance that his emaciated body with a tag telling his name was found on a slab in the city morgue Munson was saved from being buried in the potter's field. Friendless, forgotten and penniless, in the last stages of tuberculosis, he had not enough strength to drag himself to the hospital. Pawn tickets were his telltale story of his poverty in his last few days, verified the identification tag.
We didn't do right by John Munson. We are giving him a funeral with military honors in the National cemetery with speeches and general and bugler sounding taps. Its all we can do now, but it comes too late to be of value to John Munson. He can't hear the words of eulogy or see the flowers on his casket. The man who, for his gallant deed, was one of only four American privates

in the great war who received the French Medal Militaire, lost to the white plague the fight he had to make, forgotten and forsaken by all, save the pawnbrokers, to whom he pledged his last belonging.
The buglers taps at John Munson's funeral should amplify and amplify throughout America until none, legionnaire or citizen, may have to make his last fight alone and unknown, save by the pawnbroker.—Madras Pioneer.
ONE MAN FINED FOR BOOTLEGGING
George Cochran was brought from Ione Wednesday evening by Sheriff McFarlane charged with bootlegging. In Judge Cornett's court Thursday morning he entered a plea of guilty and was assessed the usual fine of \$250.00.
The young man said he had been acting as sort of an agent for some moonshiners and that the profit he made out of the business did not nearly justify the chances he took, which seems to be true with about 90 per cent of the boys who mix up in the traffic and then get caught.

STAR THEATRE

PROGRAM JULY 27 TO AUGUST 2, INCLUSIVE
Wednesday and Thursday
Bessie Love in the FIGHTING COLEEN, full of action and pep.
Larry Semon in "THE HEAD WAITER" two-reel comedy.
Friday
Max Linder in "SEVEN YEARS BAD LUCK," 75 minutes of laughter. "SAVING SAVAGES IN THE SOUTH SEAS," educational. "THE FORBIDDEN RIVER" ten days on the Salmon.
Saturday
"UNDER NORTHERN SKIES," thrilling melodrama of the Canadian Northwest. "SIMPLE & SWEET," one real Star Comedy, International News, particularly interesting.
Sunday
Jack Pickford in "THE MAN WHO HAD EVERYTHING,"—Special.
Bray Pictorial and Comic, enjoyed by every one.
Monday and Tuesday
Blanche Sweet in "SIMPLE SOULS," entertaining with superb acting. Vod-a-Vil Movies as real as life. "Should a Husband Tell," comedy.

CHAUTAUQUA ATTRACTIONS PLEASE GOOD CROWD
The 1921 Chautauqua will close this evening after six afternoons and evenings of splendid entertainment. The attendance was better than was anticipated by the committee there being considerable disappointment over the date selected by the Chautauqua people who were advised a year ago that the meeting should be held here in June rather than any later date which would bring it into the busy harvest season.
While the committee has not yet checked up closely on the proceeds from the sale of tickets it is understood that the deficit this year will be small and as the Chautauqua company finally agreed to stand half of the deficit the local guarantors will probably get off easier than they did a year ago.
It is understood the committee has signed up with the Ellison-White company for next year with the definite agreement that the entertain-

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HAT approximately \$700,000,000 is required by the public utility companies of the country to provide service for an additional million inhabitants, is one of the interesting facts brought forth in the recently published report of Senator Willard M. Calder's Committee on Reconstruction and Production.
After a searching inquiry into the various conditions bearing upon the housing situation and the country's industrial production, the Committee finds that the business of public utilities has outgrown their plant facilities owing to the inability of the companies to finance improvements and additional necessary to take care of the increased service demands.
"Prior to the war," states the Committee, "it is estimated that the annual requirements of electric railway, gas, and electric light and power companies for extensions, betterments, and improvements was about \$500,000,000, proportioned as follows: Electric railways, \$250,000,000; gas companies, \$125,000,000; electric light and power companies \$125,000,000.
The Committee has been informed that for four years not over 10 per cent of such betterments has been made, leaving an accumulation of about \$1,200,000,000. If this sum is added to \$700,000,000 required alone for new residential buildings held in abeyance a total of approximately \$2,000,000,000 seems necessary for the public utility program in the immediate future.
The question of placing these businesses on a sound financial basis in order that credit may flow to them is the same question which confronts steam railroads and housing; but in the case of public utilities the case is more difficult because there is no central body as now provided in the case of steam railroads which might adjust rates in proper relation to operating costs and capital investment. The utilities likewise suffer in their effort to secure new capital for necessary extensions of service by the greatest insurmountable difficulty of having to compete for such capital with municipal, state and similar tax-exempt securities. Until these problems are solved the public should recognize this underlying reason for much of the faulty service and for the failure to provide the additional facilities urgently demanded to meet community needs.—Paid Advertisement.