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WORLD'S GREATEST BATTLE.

Four months have now passed since the beginning of the battle of Verdun. It will be recalled that, during that time, hardly a day has passed without clashes of contending troops at some points along the lines, while, on most of the days, there have been engagements in great force, employing always artillery and more frequently infantry than has been the rule in this war. Perhaps it is not too much to say that Verdun overshadows any half dozen other battles of this war, including even those at the Marne and at Hanneburg, not only in the number, but in the variety of the forces engaged. In the beginning of the assault the Germans hurled great masses of infantry, including the crack troops of their army, advancing under cover of great artillery fire, against the French. The French, the strongest arm of whose military service is artillery, were able to repel these attacks and inflict frightful losses on their enemy. When the Germans succeeded in carrying a position, the French, returning to the attack, were forced to the use of infantry in making it. The German attack by infantry in mass in the beginning, followed by a series of infantry attacks and counter attacks on trenches and heights by both armies, has given the infantry more to do at Verdun than anywhere else along the total length of all battle lines.

As a result, the casualties at Verdun, in battle continuing over a period of weeks, have far exceeded those of any other field. Figures now offered can, in the nature of the case, be little more than estimates. Judged by the duration, extent and violence of the fighting, there is danger of the results being underestimated. Verdun is certain to hold rank as the greatest battlefield in the history of the world, in the history of all wars. It cannot be called a seige, since, while there are French forts at Verdun, the German attack has been directed much less at them than at points outside of

them where the French have taken strong positions.

A jury in Portland recently found a mother guilty of contributing to the delinquency of her 15-year-old daughter, in that she permitted her to frequent public dance halls at night and associate with men of doubtful character. It is said to be the first case ever tried in Oregon where an attempt was made to fix the responsibility on a parent for a child's downfall. That the decision is an important one is obvious, inasmuch as it will affect the status of all parents with regard to their responsibility before the law for their children's actions. It is believed that the result of this case will be far-reaching in that it will lessen the percentage of cases customarily ending in the juvenile court as the result of the delinquency of parents.

The third annual Farmers' Union Picnic will be held in Heppner this year, the 17th of this month of June, being on Saturday. Although the details of the program for that day are being looked after by members of the Heppner local union, it will be up to the people of Heppner to act as host to the visitors who will come to our city on this occasion. The last two years Ione and Lexington have handled the annual picnic in a manner which will be hard to approach; but by earnest efforts on our part and cooperation with the men in charge, we can, and will, make the third annual Farmers' Union Picnic the best yet. Let's all get busy and show the visiting farmers a royal good time when they are here on the 17th.

There are many men just now who would be president, either right or wrong.

Evidently the Rose Festival has lost none of its popularity.

Four prominent democrats leave Oregon for St. Louis to attend the national convention. Their task is easy in comparison with their contemporary delegates at Chicago. Wilson will receive the nomination on the first ballot.

LANSING THE NEXT PRESIDENT.

The next president of the United States will be Robert Lansing of New York, the present secretary of state.

This is not in the nature of a wild political prediction, nor is it the inauguration of a boom for a democratic "dark horse." It is merely the statement of a fact, which barring the death or resignation of Secretary Lansing, is as certain as anything can be.

Mr. Lansing's term of office does not depend upon the action of any political convention; it is likewise irrespective of any primary or direct election. In point of fact, it dates back to 1886, when congress passed an act providing that, in the event of inability of both the president and the vice-president of the United States, the secretary of state shall act as president.

March 4, 1917, will fall upon a Sunday, and it is contrary to all precedent—although not in opposition to any law—to hold an inauguration on Sunday. Therefore the incoming chief executive will take the oath of office and commence his term shortly after noon on March 5. President Wilson's term commenced at noon on March 4, 1913; therefore, according to the constitution, which defines the term of a President as "four years," his tenure of office will be over at noon on March 4 and, even if he is elected to succeed himself, he cannot take the oath of office until noon on the following day. Vice-President Marshall, of course, is under the same disability as the president. Therefore, the secretary of state, Mr. Lansing, will be president of the United States for twenty-four hours and some minutes elapsing between noon on Sunday, March 4, and the time that the new president takes the oath of office on the following day.

This brief term of office is not a mere formality. It is an actual occupation of the power of president, with all his authorities and prerogatives. Mr. Lansing—President Lansing for the day—will be empowered to occupy the White House, to issue pardons, to attend to all the other business of which the chief executive has control, and to ride to the capitol, should he desire, as he outgoing president on inauguration day.

Moreover, this is the first time in the history of the nation that a secretary of state has had this honor bestowed upon him, and only the second

COMMUNICATION.

Years ago there was a wagon road from Morgan down Willow creek to Cecil and it did not find its way over high rocky points well nigh impassable. This was before the advent of a railroad into this country. But after the coming of the iron horse, or in the preparation for its coming it was necessary to appropriate part of the wagon road right of way, and the railroad company were given permission to take what they deemed necessary, on the agreement however that the company would build a new road as good as the old one.

But now, just before the railroad reaches Morgan it runs under the rim rock for a distance. It crowded out the wagon road, and now the highway runs up over the rim rock. We understand the railroad engineer surveyed the wagon road to come through the rim rock several hundred yards northwest of where it does now. His survey would have brought the road down on an easy grade to the old road bed that remains there yet, but it would have taken considerable labor and powder to put it there. It was never done and here are a few of the suppositions why it was never done.

1st, Mr. Contractor gets the contract on the basis of the engineer's survey.

2nd, Mr. Contractor goes and interviews the local supervisor and the two agree that a wagon road down Willow creek is not any longer necessary since the building of the railroad so that all they deem necessary is to bring the wagon road around on top of the rim rock to a point where they can slide down without upsetting. This was done and every one who has come into the country since has been punished for allowing the trick to be put over. An example of the condition of this crevice in the rocks, is an incident which happened only recently when C. A. Minor and party of two automobiles came down on the road going to his ranch at Cecil. A lady was driving the first car and managed to get up to the roughest and steepest point in this slide through the rim rock when the car became stalled. It is not a pleasant place for a man to have a car stall to say nothing of a woman. Now what I want to know is, will the county court take the matter in hand and order the road opened on the old survey or must we travel this trail always?

A Taxpayer.

time in the 140 years of existence of the United States that the office has been held by any other than the president or vice-president. The previous incident was in 1849, when United States Senator David Rice Atchison of Liberty, Mo., as president pro tem. of the senate, succeeded to the vice-presidency and presidency in turn when the term of Polk and Dallas expired and held the office over Sunday until Zachary Taylor was inaugurated.

On January 19, 1886, Congress passed the bill which provided for the succession to the presidency through the cabinet, commencing with the secretary of state and passing on through the secretary of war, the attorney general, the postmaster general, the secretary of the navy, and the secretary of the interior. The other cabinet officers rank in the order of their establishment.

Since the foundation of the government cabinet officers at the close of one administration have held over into a new administration until their successors have been appointed and confirmed and have qualified.—New York Tribune.

June 14th will be observed by the nation as Flag Day, it being the 139th anniversary of the birth of the stars and stripes. June 14th is also the 13th anniversary of the Heppner flood, one of the saddest calamities that has ever happened to any community. It would not be amiss to hang the flags at half mast in this city to the memory of those citizens who lost their lives at that time.

IONE NEWS OF INTEREST

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drawback to development, will be removed.

John Harbke left by Ford for his Portland home on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Frank Engelman.

The Farmers Union Warehouse Co. held their annual meeting on Tuesday and lected officers and directors.

Miss Lillian Troedson, daughter of Paul Troedson, departed Tuesday for a visit to Portland and the Rose show.

Mr. Earl Eselyne has charge of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co. business in Ione during the absence of W. H. Cronk.

Dr. C. C. Shick was called to Heppner Tuesday to assist in performing an operation at the Heppner Sanatorium.

Miss Gwendolyn Jones is spending the week in Portland, visiting friends and enjoying the Rose show. She departed on Monday.

J. A. Waters was down from Heppner Saturday to attend the annual meeting of the Farmers Warehouse Company held here on that day.

Assessor Jesse J. Wells made an

Bulletin No. 2

Why We Are Opposing A Government Armor Plant

To the People:

Some people say that the very fact that the Bethlehem Steel Company is so aggressively fighting the proposal to build a Government armor plant is conclusive proof that the Company is seeking to assure for itself the "vast profits" derived from private manufacture.

The fact is that armor making is the least profitable feature of steel manufacture.

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Even though there is but little profit in the making of armor, we have invested over \$7,000,000 in our armor plant;

That plant is useless for any other purpose; if a Government plant is built the usefulness of our plant is destroyed.

It would be good business for us to make armor for the Government at any price over and above the actual shop cost, RATHER THAN SACRIFICE OUR ENTIRE INVESTMENT.

We do not seek to save big profits; our purpose is very frankly to save our armor plant—itsself built solely for the use of the Government—from going to the scrap heap.

To do that, we are prepared to agree for any period to any terms of manufacture which the Federal Trade Commission shall say absolutely protects the Government of the United States.

CHAS. M. SCHWAB, Chairman
EUGENE G. GRACE, President

Bethlehem Steel Company

THIRD ANNUAL MORROW COUNTY FARMERS' UNION PICNIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 1916, IN HEPPNER AT MORROW COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

The program is being arranged and will be published in full in next week's issue. J. D. Brown, State President, and A. R. Shumway will be the chief speakers. Good music.

You are cordially invited to celebrate with the farmers.

BASKET DINNER

BRING YOUR BASKET FILLED WITH EATS

A GOOD TIME ASSURED

official visit to Ione during the week. He is now busy at work assessing the residents of this end of the county.

Augustine Liebl, prosperous farmer of the West side, was doing business in Ione on Monday. He now drives to town in his new Dodge car.

O. B. Barlow, accompanied by his nephew, Floyd Barlow and niece, Miss Etta Barlow, left on Monday's train for Portland to take in the joys of the Rose show.

Leonard Carlson, prosperous young farmer of Gooseberry, took his departure for Portland Monday to spend the week visiting his parents and taking in the carnival festivities.

Kenneth Earl is the name of Prof.

Doak's new assistant. He arrived at the Doak home last Thursday and is a bright and lusty young fellow. Mother and child are doing well.

F. L. Christensen, local druggist, left for Portland Tuesday morning, having in mind some important business matters to attend to, and also to enjoy a visit with friends and see what is doing at the big show.

Frank E. Cronan, bookkeeper at Bank of Ione, left for Portland Sunday to spend Festival week in that city. While there he will also attend the sessions of the State Bankers Association which is holding a convention there.

Mrs. Della Corson returned Tuesday evening from her vacation of two

weeks. She was a delegate to the Rebekah grand lodge at Roseburg, and on her return trip stopped over at Lyle Wash., where she visited with her sister.

G. M. Akers, who was transacting business in Ione on Tuesday, states that the grain in the Gooseberry section is fairly jumping these warm days. He expects a fair yield and announces that his neighbors will all fair equally well with himself.

Miss Winnie Williams, who just recently closed a successful nine months term of school in the Williams district, departed for her Portland home on Monday. Miss Williams is a good teacher and gave splendid satisfaction both to pupils and parents.



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