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LEGAL NOTICES.**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION—Isolated Tract.**

Public Land Sale. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, August 29th, 1916. NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Walter W. Luckman, of Heppner, Oregon, Serial No. 014923, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.00 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 19th day of October, 1916, next, at this office, the following tract of land: NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 2 S., R. 28 E., W. M.

The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised

to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.
F. C. BRAMWELL, Register.
NOLAN SKIFF, Receiver.

C. D. Robinson, Ira McConkie and Mr. McConkie's mother and sister were in the city Monday from Lone Rock. Mr. Robinson was accompanied home by his daughter, Mrs. Eva Crawford, who will visit for a few days at the Robinson home.

Jesse Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Coats and daughter and Mrs. W. T. McRoberts and children were outgoing passengers Tuesday morning, their destination being Junction City. They will spend some time visiting relatives and friends in Lane county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Minor are receiving the felicitations of their many friends upon the arrival of a daughter. The young lady was born in this city Saturday and both the mother and child are doing well.

EDITORIAL SECTION**THE GAZETTE-TIMES**

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THE VALUE OF CONCERTED ACTION.

The Echo News, one of our esteemed contemporaries of Umatilla county, in its last issue had a lengthy editorial on the value of concerted action and took the Echo people to task for sitting quietly by and allowing the cities of Pendleton, Pilot Rock, and Heppner to walk away with the tourist travel which the News maintains should go through Echo.

Says the News, "The Blue Trail is much longer than the Echo road, but its boosters claim for it the advantage of being a better road. This statement has been so generally circulated by interested parties that much auto travel is being diverted from the Echo route. This is a good illustration of what can be accomplished by concerted action. Notwithstanding the fact that reputable auto drivers who have been over both routes report the Blue Trail to be much worse than the Black Trail and many miles longer, the commercial organizations by working together have succeeded in sending much travel that way."

Whether the commercial bodies have been as untruthful in presenting the case of the Blue Trail to the traveling public as the News maintains, is not for us to say. We will say however that since the last concerted, and really the first concerted efforts of Pilot Rock and Heppner to bring travel this way, the Blue Trail has been alive with auto tourists. Some praise the road and others condemn it. It appears to be largely a matter of opinion. None of the roads are as good as they should be through Morrow County at this time of year.

But as we started to say in the beginning, results obtained through exploiting the Blue Trail, only show in a feeble way what can be accomplished through concerted effort. There are many things right here at home that are of more importance than the tourist travel. Matters of more vital interest to our general citizenry. Let us profit by the things pointed out by our Echo friends and go after more of the things that come near'er to being absolute necessity for the future commercial progress and prosperity of Morrow County.

THE SIMPLE STRATEGY OF GERMANY'S FOES.

The layman has difficulty in coordinating a war waged on five fronts, especially when they are so extended and complex as the Franco-German front, the Austro-Italian, the Bulgarian, the Turkish in Asia Minor and the Russo-Hungarian-German front. He sees the tremendous struggle at Verdun or on the Somme in France, the success of Italy at Gorizia, the opening offensive at Saloniki, the steady onward movement of Duke Nicholas in Anatolia and the stunning success of Russia in Bukovina, the Carpathians and Galicia. He naturally expects "a decisive victory" on one or more fronts, which will bring the end of the war speedily nearer. He does not realize that in so unprecedented a war as this no victory can be decisive of the result.

"What, then," he naturally questions, "is the use of such frightful conflicts as those at Verdun or on the Somme, where the victor wins inches of ground only at frightful cost and the vanquished retires to positions already prepared in the rear?" The reply must be that the military value of the result is measured and shown by its indirect and far-reaching effects upon the beleaguered garrisons power of resistance.

Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, respectively, are a lion, a crippled lioness and a couple of cubs. They are beset by nine hunters. While the lion had strength to turn wherever the lioness and cubs most needed him, he could hold the huntsmen at bay. But when several of them put the lion hard at it to defend himself, clearly the lioness and the cubs are weaklings of whom the other hunters can dispose.

This is what England and France do on the western front. They give the German lion all he can do to hold them off, and the task demands five-eighths of his strength. He has only three-eighths left for fighting Russia. It is out of the question for him to help Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria or Turkey.

But Austria-Hungary can not hold its own against Italy and Russia. Bulgaria is beset by the British, French, Italian, Russian and Serbian strength at Saloniki. Turkey steadily succumbs to the Russian bear in Asia Minor and the Moslem rebellion in Arabia.

Nor is this all. The nine huntsmen of the quarry become 10 when Roumania joined them and struck Austria-Hungary on a defenceless flank. This renders inevitable the speedy collapse of the dual empire. Tomorrow Greece may become the eleventh hunter and Bulgaria, attacked in the rear by Roumania, throw up the sponge. This would deprive Germany of the four-hundred thousand manpower of Bulgaria and add 1,000,000 manpower to the strength of England, France and Russia against Germany. Its defense will be terrible and wonderful, and bring about another struggle of uncertain length and unprecedented bitterness.

Such, then, in essence, is the strategy of Germany's foes. The lion is to be prevented by three of the hunters from helping

the lioness and cubs and these are to be done to death by the other hunters. The struggle on the Somme and at Verdun holds and weakens the lion. Italy and Roumania drag down the lioness. The Saloniki and Anatolian campaigns will dispose of the cubs.—Spokesman-Review.

It is now up to Morrow county to get busy and finish the work of strawing the roads up Butter creek from the Corrigan place. Umatilla county has her part of the thoroughfare in excellent shape now to the county line. The roads leading down to Butter creek are in need of the same treatment as they are practically impassible on account of the deep chucks. As a matter of fact, all the roads of the North end are gone at this time of the year, except where the public spirit of some few citizens have taken the matter in hand and done the strawing, and a serious problem is facing the wheat producers out that way of getting their grain to the railroads. A general strawing day has been proposed. Why not get busy and put it into effect. Get some concerted action on this part of the road problem; it is just as important as the tourist travel, and the latter can be greatly helped thereby.

FOR OUR GUESTS.

The Morrow County Fair is a county institution in which all the people of the county take an equal share in the pride and glory of making it a success.

But since it falls upon the citizens of Heppner to entertain and take care of the crowds that come to enjoy this event, it is well that we make extensive preparations for their enjoyment and comfort. To this end, is the fair board working. One of the biggest jobs they have on their hands is that of securing lodgings for the visitors who will remain over night. On Saturday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week, a committee from the Fair Board will visit every home in the city. Every spare room that you have and every bed or cot that you can spare, will be listed by this committee and our guests will be directed to these places after the hotels and lodging houses have become filled up.

This is a plan followed out in past years, but extra precaution is being taken this year on account of the record-breaking crowd that will be here.

Let us take a personal interest in caring for our guests this year and thereby make them feel like returning another year.

OUR NATATORIUM.

Every city has its benefactors. There are, in nearly every town and hamlet, men who stand above their fellows in public spirit and financial wealth. Public libraries, gymnasiums, city parks and schools are often the result of philanthropic men who have made their money in a community and have a desire to see others enjoy what otherwise they could not.

Morrow county has produced many wealthy men, but loathe as we are to admit it, they have gone from the community of their financial advancement to the larger centers where wealth has a habit of congregating. As a consequence we have suffered in a multiplication of ways.

Now comes one man who is not afraid to invest a little money in an enterprise which will be of great benefit to the city of Heppner. The investment is not a large one, but it means far more than the cost in money which it will represent. W. O. Minor has announced that he will construct a public swimming pool, and he backs up the announcement by going after the material which will go into the structure. Mr. Minor is still in Portland, but if anything should arise to prevent him putting through his project, it will be a misfortune for our city. During the past few months, a resort of this kind would have been a God-send. We wish Mr. Minor the best of success in his undertaking and the people of Heppner will not be slow in showing their appreciation.

Commendable work is being done at the present time on some of the roads leading into Heppner. Just below town on the Willow creek road, straw is being used as rapidly as it can be secured from the fields. Good preparatory work was done in removing all the loose rocks before the strawing was commenced. The road leading out of town in the south, past the Bisbee place has also been greatly improved by strawing.

The Oregon boys are returning home. Maybe the Mexican farce is nearing an end. Anyway, we are glad that all the boys are able to return home. There was nothing down there for them to do and the change of climate and scenery added a variety which they would not have gained at home. And all at the expense of Uncle Sam too.

Italy declares war on Germany. Roumania declares war on Germany. Germany declares a state of war existing between herself and both Italy and Roumania, and so the fight goes on. The entente allies have been greatly strengthened by these more recent declarations and Germany is undeniably weakened.

Two young men traveling from New York to Portland, declared at the end of their trip that the worst roads they encountered on the entire journey were between Pendleton and Echo. Their remarks have aroused the Umatilla county people to action.

The big fair will be over in time for all Morrow county people to attend the Pendleton Round-Up. From all reports, there will be some representation there from this district.

Democrats generally are somewhat displeased with the statements made by Mr. Hughes. Writing notes would come much nearer meeting with their approval.

Munter, the aviator who performs all the stunts known to the modern airman, will be worth going miles to see.

Let's all dress up.