

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

VOL. 34, NO. 21.

HEPPNER, OREGON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1917.

SUBSCRIPTION, \$1.50 PER YEAR

26 CLAIM EXEMPTION FROM DRAFT

Fifty-Two Men of Morrow County Pass Satisfactory Physical Examination.

Twenty-six men have filed claims for exemption on the grounds of dependencies, before the Morrow county exemption board. The exemptions will be passed upon within three days after the expiration of the 10 days time limit for filing claims.

The board examined a total of 71 men and of this number 19 were physically unfit and four were aliens. Of the total 82 men called for the first draft, 8 were examined elsewhere and 3 have already enlisted.

The board has called up a list of forty more men to undergo the examination for the first draft. Just what number of this will be used will depend upon the number of exemptions that will be made. We are publishing a complete list of these men in another column of The Gazette-Times.

Made a Good Shot.

Heppner can boast of a few good rifle experts among the women and one of them is Mrs. E. G. Noble. One day last week, in company with Mr. Noble, she was riding on the upper Willow creek road near C. A. Minor's ranch. They saw a coyote off about 75 yards. Mr. Noble stopped the car and his wife took up the 22 special. With deliberate aim she brought down Mr. Coyote. She received the bounty from the court as her reward.

RED CROSS MAKES EXPLANATION OF ITS ATTITUDE

Many questions have arisen as to the attitude of the American Red Cross toward Germans wounded on the battle field, and also toward Americans of German origin affiliating themselves with Red Cross hospital units going abroad. To make clear the attitude of the Red Cross, Henry P. Davison, Chairman of the War Council, authorizes the following statement:

When war was declared between the United States and Germany, the neutrality of the American Red Cross of course ended automatically. The American Red Cross can co-operate only behind the lines of the armies of the United States and its allies.

But the Red Cross knows no such thing as the nationality of a wounded man. Any wounded enemy turned over to the care of the American Red Cross will receive as kindly treatment as any friend.

The Red Cross will not only extend every aid and comfort to the armies of America and its allies, but it will assist in every possible way the sick, wounded and afflicted among the civilian populations among our allied countries. This is in conformity with the practice of the Red Cross Society in every country.

As to the policy of the Red Cross in this country toward those of German origin:

The Red Cross knows no difference and makes no distinction between any American citizen.

Insofar as base hospital units are concerned, the Red Cross equips and enlists the personnel of those to be sent to Europe to operate not only with our own armies but with those of our allies. Once enlisted and mustered into service, these units become part of the Army of the United States and there is of course no discrimination by the Red Cross or the American Army against and loyal American citizen no matter of what national origin.

Our allies in Europe, however, have requested the American State Department not to permit persons born in enemy countries, or of parents born in an enemy country, to travel as civilians in any of the Allied countries. Representations, however, have been made by the Red Cross, which it is hoped will ultimately prove effective, whereby loyal American citizens on Red Cross service, may be exempted from this rule, no matter what the country of their origin.

The Red Cross wants it clearly understood that it welcomes the co-operation of every loyal American, and that it does not regard that loyalty as measured by the country of his origin.

FOR SALE—Good land 2 1/2 miles from Castle Rock, sec. 29-4-24, near water and rail transportation. Artesian wells three miles north and some south also. Water within 25 feet of surface on this section. Land \$15 to \$18 per acre; terms. Address owner, A. B. M., White Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

LEXINGTON BREEZES.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith were Lexington visitors Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barnett and daughter Miss Dona and Mrs. Fannie Parker left Wednesday for the coast. They expect to be gone for two or three weeks.

Miss Grace Hodge is spending the latter part of the week with friends at Boise, Idaho.

Miss Bertha Miller is spending the week with Marie Cason.

Loyal Parker and Arthur Schriever left the latter part of the week for Portland, where they expect to join the navy.

Mr. and Mrs. Herrell left last Wednesday for Portland. Mrs. Herrell will be remembered as Gertrude Beymer.

W. J. Davis is sick at his home on Black Horse. While working, he got a few splinters in his hands which caused blood poisoning.

Mrs. C. T. Davis has returned home from the mountains to spend a few weeks. Mr. Davis has recently purchased the Pointer property in the eastern part of town.

Mrs. E. A. Beymer left Wednesday for her home in Portland.

Miss Marie Cason and Bertha Miller spent Tuesday evening in Heppner, attending the Carnival.

W. K. Corson returned Saturday from his trip to Portland. While there he represented Burgoyne's store at Buyers' Week.

W. T. Campbell and family returned home the latter part of the week from their auto trip through southern Oregon.

H. E. Warner has recently purchased the new bungalow of Jas. Saxe. If called to army service, he expects to move his family there during his absence.

Is Installing New Thresher.

R. W. Turner of Sand Hollow has been busy the past week installing a new threshing machine at his place. The new rig will be run by a gasoline engine and should be ready for turning out the grain this week. Mr. Turner has a lot of good grain on his own farm besides the machine will be used in threshing the crops of his sons Harry and Jesse.

NEWSPAPERS GET MOST OF BUSINESS

Commercial Experts Say They Are Best Salesmen.

An interesting lecture on retail merchandising was given at the Chamber of Commerce in Eugene recently, when W. H. Farley, expert lecturer of the National Cash Register company, told of the causes for loss in retail business, and how they could be remedied. More than 50 merchants and salespeople were present. Stereopticon slides and motion pictures were used throughout the lecture by Mr. Farley to emphasize the various points.

Particular emphasis was laid on the value of newspaper advertising to the retail merchant in the lecture. Mr. Farley said in part: "More people can be reached oftener and at less expense by newspaper advertising than by any other medium. But don't spend a few dollars advertising, and then say advertising doesn't pay. Make advertising a continuous policy of your store, and you will not be disappointed with results." The proper method of preparing newspaper advertisements was shown by Mr. Farley.

Man Held on Wife-Beating Charge.

Frank Elliott of Butter creek was bound over to the grand jury this week by district attorney S. E. Notson on a charge of beating his wife. He has been placed under \$1500 bonds.

While the specific charge against Elliott is that of assault, it is alleged that he also drew a gun on Mrs. Elliott beside making dire threats against his brother-in-law Waldo Vincent and Mrs. Vincent.

Elliott has pleaded guilty to the charges against him and told the district attorney that he (Elliott) "had made a fool of himself."

Returns From East.

Prof. H. H. Hoffman, superintendent of Heppner schools and Exalted Ruler of Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E., returned home Tuesday from an extensive eastern trip. Prof. Hoffman left Heppner several weeks ago to attend the annual convention of Elks in Boston. While in the East he paid a visit to his old home in Ohio. He announces that he had an enjoyable trip, barring the severe hot weather on the Atlantic seaboard.

NOTICE!

A LARGE NUMBER OF RED CROSS PLEDGES ARE STILL UNPAID.

Those who were patriotic enough to pledge their financial support to the grand work carried on by the Red Cross organization, are earnestly requested to make the payments pledged.

Wherever possible, payment should be made IN FULL at this time for the total amount pledged.

Simply mail your check, or a money order, to the First National Bank, Heppner, Ore., with a slip saying "for Red Cross," and the payment will be applied to your pledge and receipt mailed to you.

SUMPTER IS VICTIM OF FLAMES

Business Section of Town Wiped Out In Blaze That Does Damage to Extent of \$200,000.

Reports from Baker indicate that Sumpter, the pioneer mining town of that section, suffered a disastrous fire last Monday, in which two miners are believed to have lost their lives and the loss in property will reach \$200,000.

The fire started from a defective flue in a hotel there it is believed. Fire fighters worked for hours striving to check the flames and help was sent from Baker. Among those reported burned out are the Baird Grocery, Basche Hardware Co., Columbia Hotel, Capitol Hotel, C. P. Holley Harness Shop, Hub Clothing Co., Sumpter Drug Co., Sumpter Garage, Whitte's Cash Market, J. E. Hayden, grocery; Blue Mountain American newspaper plant, Curtis Haley's livery, A. E. Dagny, soft drink parlor and lodging house; Electric theatre and Sumpter Opera House, Del Fox, blacksmith shop; Pacific Telephone and Telegraph office, Walter Jamison's billiard parlor, Whitman National Forest office, F. P. McDevitt & Co., dry goods; Methodist Episcopal church, New Sumpter Meat Co., Sumpter postoffice, Rodgers and Frates, soft drink parlors, St. Paul's Episcopal church, G. Harry Wilson, jeweler; Eagle's Hall and Masonic Temple.

Later reports state that no lives were lost but that the fire loss will come near to \$300,000 with but little insurance.

200,000 AMERICANS READY FOR CAMP

First Draft Contingent Could Move at Once if Transportation Were Available.

Washington, D. C.—Two hundred thousand physically perfect American men are ready for the first mobilization day, September 5. According to reports to Provost Marshal General Crowder, the September 5 contingent could move tomorrow if transportation facilities were available. It is believed the full quota of 687,000 men will be accepted and willing to serve before the end of this month.

With America's first draft army due in camp by the first week in October, the second increment—probably 750,000—will not be called for duty until next spring or summer, in all probability it was learned today. It will be called up for examination immediately after the first unit is completed, however. In some districts this examination is going on. Training officers for the national army already have been drawn from reserve camps and some regular army majors and other officers will go too. Many noncommissioned officers from the regular and national guard armies will assist.

It will be impossible, according to indications now, to get the first national army into condition for service before next spring or summer.

Tomorrow was to have begun entrainment of guard troops for southern camps. Construction work, however, has been slow and these forces will be delayed from two to four weeks getting under way. Many of these will see service in France this fall.

MORGAN NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Hendricks and daughter Harriett, who have been visiting our worthy postmistress, Mrs. Holbrook, for some time, returned to Portland last Friday.

Mrs. Ben Morgan's mother, sister and aunt are visiting her at her home.

Mrs. Earl Morgan spent last Friday with her sister, Mrs. H. O. Ely.

Geo. N. Ely, Morgan's accomodating warehouseman, tested T. M. Benedict's wheat and reports the test at 56. This is the best so far that he has been able to test.

Geo. Whitcomb has his Tin Lizzie home at present.

Dode Benedict took his government examination for a soldier on the tenth. He graded 98. Dode is proud of his high standing.

Geo. Whitcomb and cook were out motoring Sunday.

Mr. Holbrook is helping Mr. Swanson with his wheat.

Geo. N. Ely took Olaf Johnson to Heppner Thursday to take his government examination for the draft. Mrs. Elsieckson, Mr. Ely's housekeeper, accompanied them.

Mrs. T. M. Benedict, Jr., was in Morgan Friday.

J. Y. Gibson and Mrs. Hulburt were in Morgan Sunday.

Bert Palmateer was in Morgan Monday on business.

Miss Rubie Tomlin is visiting old friends in Morgan and vicinity.

Fred Ely, who is harvesting in the Gooseberry country, visited his family Sunday in Morgan.

Wm. Palmateer expects to start his thresher in a few days.

J. Y. Gibson and helper Tobie Wiles, are hauling wheat to the Morgan warehouse.

COYOTE AND DOG, CAUGHT IN TRAP, FIGHT TO DEATH

Trapper Finds Body of Dog Eaten, but Adversary, Too, Dead.

An unsolved mystery of the desert is contained in a trapper's report, just received from Cecil to the local biological survey office. He tells of setting two traps along side of each other and later visiting them to find a dog and a coyote to have been caught, and the former eaten by the latter, that in turn died.

How the animals were caught, no one knows. There is only supposition. Probably, the dog first fell into the clutches of the trap. The coyote might have seen him there and, coming for a good meal, himself was caught.

It is a good theory that after this there was a fight to the death taking place in which the coyote won out and then ate his adversary. But his next meal might have been postponed longer than nature would stand for, and so he too died.—Pendleton Tribune.

PLENTY OF LABOR FOR OREGON CROPS

No Difficulty Anticipated Over Shortage in Fields; Strikes Help in Situation.

Salem, Or., Aug. 14.—The labor situation in connection with the grain harvest is well in hand, with no serious shortage appearing in any district.

This is the information conveyed by telegram from State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff to A. Caminetti, commissioner general of the United States employment service at Washington in reply to a query.

Commissioner Caminetti inquired as to the status of farm labor conditions in Oregon, and asked if the United States employment service might be of aid. Commissioner Hoff replied as follows:

"Thanks for kindly proffer of assistance, bureau of Portland and United States employment service with this department, the labor situation, so far as grain harvest is concerned, is well in hand with no serious shortage appearing in any district at the present time.

"Owing to conditions of crops, ranging from 60 to 80 per cent of average in Eastern and Western Oregon; the disposition of farmers to go into the fields and exchange labor with their neighbors, and shifting of organized labor, on strike in some industries, to farming and other classes of labor pending settlement of disputes, serious shortage anticipated some weeks ago has not materialized and harvest is progressing under favorable, though somewhat short-handed circumstances.

"Thanks for kindly proffer of assistance, with cooperation already existing with Portland branch of the United States service, I believe situation as regards prunes, apples, pears, etc., will be safely tided over."

STAR THEATER WILL BE REMODELED BY OWNER

The Star Theater will be remodeled and according to plans drawn up by the owner of the building, Mrs. Geo. D. Fell of Pendleton, Heppner will have an up to date picture theater when the work is completed.

It is the intention of the owner to build an extension of fifteen feet on the rear of the present building, thereby allowing for a greater seating capacity and permitting interior changes in the theater that are needed at the present time.

The balcony will be altered, new seats will be installed and the inside of the building will be completely renovated and made over.

WALL PAPER BUYERS ATTENTION, 1916 BARGAINS. Assortment never better. Nearly entire line at last years prices. Case Furniture Co.

WOMEN AUTOISTS HAVE A WAY OF USING THEIR BRAINS IN TIMES OF ROADSIDE TROUBLE

Women appear to be especially adapted to driving automobiles. Morrow county has her full share of lady motorists and every one of them handle a car as well as the best drivers of the opposite sex.

An illustration of this point is brought out by a little episode occurring a short time ago to Mrs. Albert Bowker, who is now making a tour of the south. Mrs. Bowker does considerable driving for her husband, and was recently called to the vicinity of Hardman to bring in a broken down car. It was dark when the call came, but Mrs. Bowker started out nevertheless. Within a few miles of her destination Mrs. Bowker met with misfortune in having a puncture in one of the front wheels. Blithely she stepped out of the car and prepared to mend the trouble. But upon opening the tool box she found the jack had been left at home. How to raise the front wheel off the ground would have been a puzzle to many but not so with this fair driver.

Her first thought was that she might be able to find an axe or a shovel on a near-by ranch and by blocking up the front axle she would be able to dig down under the wheel. A search revealed the fact that if there was an implement such as she was seeking, it was well kept out of sight from every passer by. So she was forced to give up the first idea. She noticed a big wagon in the barn yard and an idea struck her. She drove the car into the barn yard and ran up onto the tongue of the wagon

head on with sufficient force to lift the front of the car from the ground and leave the wheels free.

It was an easy matter then to fix the puncture. Anyone would have known how to mend that little hole in the tube, but who would have ever thought of driving up on that wagon tongue. It only goes to show that the women would use their brains to the best advantage in a pinch. Many a man would have left the car there on the road until morning, or until help arrived.

Grain Is Turning Out Well.

Henry Blahm has finished threshing for the season and reports that his grain turned out quite well considering the season. From ten acres on the flat near the house, Mr. Blahm got 211 sacks of bluestem, weighing 140 pounds to the sack. His grain on the hill made better than 18 bushels to the acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Szepanek and two daughters of Echo were in Heppner Wednesday and Thursday. They have been spending a few weeks in the mountains south of Heppner and had an enjoyable vacation. Mr. Szepanek reports conditions good on his ranch in the Echo section, and he raised over 100 tons of hay that will be fed to his cattle this winter. A new postoffice will soon be established at the Szepanek ranch and residents of that section will have improved mail service. At the present time they are served by rural route from Echo.

Ruth Roland Coming to Star Theatre in New Serial "The Neglected Wife."

