

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

ALLIES POISED FOR BIG COUNTER BLOW

Reserve Army About to Strike Back at Germans Somewhere on Western Front.

Portland Oregonian.

After six days of terrific fighting the German offensive in France is beginning to show signs of losing its momentum. The progress of the enemy has materially slackened and the form of the dent made in the allied line west of Cambrai has begun to resemble the familiar wedge-like salient, instead of the broad straight-forward movement of an offensive which carries everything before it.

At its apex this wedge has gone beyond Albert, to the south of that place, and is to the westward of he old allied line as it stood a year ago when Von Hindenburg began his "strategic retreat." From this point the line runs off to the northeast at a gentle angle, with the line to the south running back until it reaches the Oise River.

In spite of tremendous exertions and terrible losses, the German efforts to widen the tip of this salient were defeated on Tuesday. The British lines have stood firm to the north and have forced the Germans to turn southward toward the point of least resistance.

American's Take Part. Official statements issued at London confirm the report from Berlin that American forces are engaged in the struggle. They are reported as "fighting shoulder to shoulder" with the French and British in the region of Roye, on the south side of the salient driven into the allied front.

There has been no official report sent to Washington as to the identity of these troops who are taking part in this greatest battle in history.

With the slackening of the German pace there are indications that he allies are ready to strike back somewhere along the front. Just where this blow will be launched will not be known until it is struck, but it may be expected that its impact will be terrific. It is known that the allied war council at Versailles created a great strategic reserve of men to be used in just the contingency which confronts the armies which have borne the brunt of the fighting since last Thursday morning. This force probably will be launched when and where it is believed it will break the force of the German onslaught and send the enemy reeling back over the desert from which the British have slowly withdrawn.

Gives Turkey to Red Cross.
J. S. Carter of Rhea creek has donated a big turkey gobbler to the Red Cross. The turkey will be raffled off next Saturday, the winner being expected to give the bird back to the Red Cross in order that it may be put up as a prize for shooting at the Heppner Gun Club. The gun club expects to be able to turn over several dollars to the Red Cross through this novel means of raising money.

Christian Church.
Sunday, March 31, 1918.
Easter morning program:
Bible School assembly at 10 a. m.
Opening exercises.
Class reports.
Violin and piano duet.
Song by choir.
Communion service.
Songs and recitations by school.
Offering for church benevolences.
Benediction.
C. E. meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Preaching service at 7:30 p. m.
Subject: "The Fact of the Resurrection."
Midweek service Thursday at 7:30.
Be sure to set your clock an hour ahead so as not to be late for these services.
F. A. ANDREWS, Minister.

NOTICE OF ESTRAY.
Notice is hereby given that I have taken up and now hold at my ranch 12 miles northeast of Heppner in Jones Canyon, one brindle cow with crop off right ear. Branded WR on stifle and IL on hip. Owner may have this animal by paying all costs.
JAS. SHERIDAN.

DR. TURNER
Eye Specialist of Portland, will be at The Palace Hotel, Heppner, again
TUESDAY APRIL 2ND,
ONE DAY ONLY
In Ione
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd
Consult him.
DON'T FORGET THE DATE

HEPPNER GUN CLUB WILL HAVE NEW HOME

The Heppner Gun Club has commenced the construction of a fine new home on their grounds above town. The new building will be a commodious affair with two large rooms and the front will be of glass doors opening out upon a wide veranda facing the shooting grounds. The building will be completed by the 14th of April when members of the Pendleton Gun Club will be in here to compete with the local trap shooters. A number of prominent Portland gun artists will also be here on that day.

The Heppner Gun Club scored well last Sunday, Albert Bowker and C. A. Minor each making a 25 perfect score. Heppner defeated the Colfax-Palouse club by the close margin of 122 to 121. This was in the Inland Empire tournament. In the Northwest shoot, Heppner now stands third and bids fair to come out at the top.

The record gunmen for last Sunday were C. A. Minor, 25, Albert Bowker, 25, B. R. Patterson, 24, Ed Adkins, 24, Dr. McMurdo, 24, Jim Wilson, 23, Harry Duncan, 23, John Blake, 23.

No More Parcel Post or Express For The Boys "Over There."

There will be no more direct shipments of articles to our boys in France. Instructions have been received by Postmaster Richardson that the postoffice and express companies will not receive packages for delivery "over there." The government contends that these various articles, and the quantity has become enormous, take up too much valuable space that can be used for the absolutely war-ware essentials. Shipments from the Red Cross and other organized societies will not be curtailed at this time.

The local postoffice is already feeling the strain of the work caused by the increased weight limit for parcel post. The change went into effect last week: parcels up to 70 pounds in weight can be handled in the first and second zones, and up to 50 pounds in other zones. No change in rate is announced. A large shipment of alfalfa seed in 70 pound packages passed through Heppner Wednesday on its way to Ritter.

The Parent-Teachers Meeting.

The parent-teachers meeting scheduled some time ago, was held Saturday afternoon, March 23, in the high school auditorium. The attendance was small as regards the parents but a number of local teachers, as well as several from nearby districts, attended the meeting.

The following program was given:
Star Spangled Banner.....Audience
Instrumental Solo.....Miss Cox
"How We Tried to Whip the Teacher".....Louis LeTruce
Short Talk.....Mrs. Shurtz
Address, "The Relation of County Agent and County School Superintendent".....F. R. Brown
Recess
Instrumental Solo.....Mrs. Sweek
Address.....Mr. O'Reilly
Address, "The Teacher in the Community".....Mrs. Blinn
Solo.....Mrs. Vaughan
Discussion led by Miss Thiele.....
"The Report Card"
Song, "America".....Audience

Asks for Divorce.

Maude E. Ashpaugh has brought suit in the circuit court here asking a divorce from Ralph Q. Ashpaugh, whom she married in Arlington in 1898. She alleges that, in 1915, after a seven-year period of cruelties inflicted on her, he deserted and she has been left to support herself. She asks \$20 a month for her support and \$100 suit money. W. M. Peterson is her attorney.—Pendleton Tribune.

FEDERATED CHURCH

Sunday School and church will combine for an Easter Service next Sunday morning at 10:15 a. m. Please note change of time to a half hour later than Sunday school usually begins.

Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Topic, "The Forty Days After Easter." Leader, Charlotte Winnard.
Junior Endeavor, Leader Charles Church.
Easter Service 7:30 p. m.
H. A. NOYES, Pastor.

OREGON IS READY FOR LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE WHICH STARTS NEXT WEEK

All Oregon is ready for the big drive which starts on Saturday, April 6th, to raise the state's quota for the Third Liberty Loan. Oregon's quota will not exceed \$18,000,000. When announcement came that the loan would be for three billions instead of five billions, leaders in Oregon's drive had to revise their figures and of course, quotas in every county will be materially reduced.

However, leaders in the drive say that the task will be sufficiently large to require hard work to put it over and working on that theory. They are entering into the campaign with the same pep as though the amount to be raised was several billions larger.

It has been previously estimated that Morrow county's quota would be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Now it develops that the sum will be about the same as in the second loan; about \$167,000. In the Second Liberty Loan drive Morrow county came within one per cent of subscribing her quota. A little extra effort at that time would have put this county over the top in fine shape. Local loan officials are determined that Morrow county will round out her full hundred per cent in the third loan and to that end have completed an organization that will comb the county. Slackers of known means will not be tolerated longer. They are due for the "big bawl out" if they don't come

YOUNG ENGINEER GETS PASSPORTS FROM CHILE

Leo Blackman, Formerly of Heppner, Finally Proves Citizenship and Is Coming Home to Enlist in Engineers.

After being held in Chile for several months, denied his passports to the United States because he could not prove his citizenship, Leo Blackman, young mining engineer who lived in Heppner for many years, will now be able to leave the country of his captivity.

It was necessary for Mr. Blackman to write to Heppner for certain affidavits proving his former residence and in this he was aided by Phill Cohn and D. O. Justus of Heppner. Mr. Blackman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blackman of San Francisco and since his graduation from the University of California he has been engaged in engineering work in Mexico and South America.

Mr. Blackman is now coming home to enlist in the engineers for duty in France, according to word recently received by Phill Cohn. Abe Blackman, who has been living in Los Angeles since his graduation from the University of Oregon, has enlisted in the naval reserves.

Lexington Red Cross Notes.

The regular business meeting of the Lexington branch was held at the home of Mrs. W. G. Scott on March 26. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Dorman, the president, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The report of the supply chairman was read and gave the amount of materials bought during the last month and of the contents of the last box of relief supplies sent to the chapter.

A vote of thanks was given to all members of the surgical dressings committee, of which Mrs. Fertig is chairman. The secretary, Mrs. E. L. Reaney, gave a report of funds on hand and bills to be paid. The total amount of cash in the treasury is \$111.44. Bills payable amount to \$52.50. Fifty two dollars of this is for supplies and fifty cents for membership dues. It was moved and seconded that these bills be paid.

Mrs. K. L. Beach made her report on the amount of garments shipped. Lexington has decided to ask rural districts to help them raise funds for local relief work. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. T. L. Dorman.

On March 16 the local branch sent out a shipment containing the following articles, 19 bed shirts, 6 pairs of socks, 200 triangle bandages, 18 packages of gauze, 5 packages of T-bandages and 17 sweaters.

On Friday evening, March 29, Miss Carmichael, the primary teacher, assisted by the children of the grammar school, will put on a play entitled "The Stars and Stripes Jubilee" at the high school auditorium. The Red Cross Juniors will serve supper in the domestic science room after the entertainment.

across and buy bonds at this time. In Unatilla county last week every newspaper in that county went on record regarding their attitude to the "yellow man" who fails to buy bonds. The name of every one of these slackers will be given full publicity. In order that loyal Americans may know the slackers in their midst, these papers have pledged themselves as a unit to see that full publicity be given.

MORGAN ITEMS.

An Easter program will be given by the Sunday School next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Everyone is invited.

A number of relatives gathered at the home of W. F. Palmateer last Sunday and helped him celebrate his sixtieth birthday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Ely and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morgan and family, Wid Palmateer, Wilbur Wade, Echo Wade and Carl Morgan.

Wilbur Wade, who is working near Olex, spent Saturday night at the home of H. O. Ely.

Ben F. Swaggart, pioneer mule and horse grower of the north Lexington section, transacted business in Heppner Wednesday.

A number of local Odd Fellows attended lodge in Lexington last night.

EAST NOT AS PROGRESSIVE AS THE WEST

Private Clarence Bauman of the Marines Writes of Interesting Facts to Miss Dona Barnett.

The Gazette-Times herewith gives publication to a letter recently received from Clarence Bauman, Lexington young man now in the United States Marines, to Miss Dona Barnett of Lexington. Mr. Bauman is now located at Rose Island, where he is doing guard duty.

Rose Island, March 3, 1918.

Miss Dona Barnett, Lexington, Ore. Dear Dona: Received your box of cake and candy and am somewhat at a loss to express my thanks and appreciation. I thank you very much for the trouble of making and sending it across the United States to this island. The rations of a soldier include very little sugar and pastry, so you can imagine his delight on receiving a box of sweets from his home friends.

You are indeed very patriotic to try and add to the comforts of a soldier. I can assure you, however, that your efforts and the efforts of many other ladies' societies in behalf of the soldier, are deeply appreciated and respected by them.

I can well remember while being transferred from Quantico, Va. to this island, the company had only enough rations for one meal, but owing to congestion of railroad traffic we were delayed about 12 hours and were hungry as wolves with nothing to eat. Imagine our joy, when on our arrival in N. Y. we were met at the station by a host of smiling Red Cross ladies with baskets well filled with sandwiches, also coffee and candy. Nothing ever tasted better. They were surely life savers for us. And on our arrival at the island, had it not been for the sweaters, helmets and wrist-lets given us by the Red Cross, we would now all be icicles. But it is such gifts from home friends that puts "pep" into a soldier and sends him over the top. Of course we have no chance to go over the top while on this side, but we are all looking forward to the day when we can get into the trenches and strike a blow for the cause of democracy. This guard duty is necessary on this side, but we would all rather be "over there."

There doesn't seem to be near as many autos here as in the West, though there are a few swell cars here. All groceries and other things seem to be as high as in the West. The people themselves do not appear as progressive and as ambitious as the western people. If they have a steady job and get to go to the show once in a while they seem to be contented.

Thanking you again for the package, I remain,
Private C. J. D. BAUMAN.

Lotus Robison was in town Wednesday from his ranch in the Hardman country. He reports Spring opening up nicely and all vegetation is growing at a rapid rate. Stock wintered in the mountain section and but little feeding was necessary.

LIVE CECIL NEWS ITEMS

Jim Whitney and Jim O'Conner returned to Cecil Monday after a brief stay in Heppner.

Mrs. Marion Van Schoeck and son, who have been spending the last few days with Mrs. Bennett at the Last Camp, returned to Arlington Tuesday.

Alf Troedson was a business caller in Cecil on Wednesday.

Willie O'Rourke made such a hurried departure from Cecil Wednesday he didn't even have time to light his cigarette.

F. R. Brown, the county agent from Heppner, was visiting in and around Cecil last Thursday.

W. A. Thomas was transacting business in Ione last Thursday.

Mrs. Oney was a passenger on the local for Heppner Thursday.

Roy Whiteis and party from Heppner were Cecil visitors last Thursday.

C. A. Minor, has shipped to his ranch above Heppner six car loads of ewes and lambs from his Cecil ranch. They are all in fine condition.

Mr. Forbes, who is discing for Messrs. Baker and Norrie, was a Cecil business visitor last Thursday.

R. D. Watkins left the Last Camp Friday to spend a few days in Heppner.

Hank Howell was called to Hardman Thursday on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Smith. The Cecil Auxiliary of the Red Cross County Red Cross Chapter wish to thank the following for gifts of clothing to the Belgian refugees: Mrs. Peter Nash, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Easton, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nash, Alf Troedson, Pete Bauernfind and Mr. and Mr. T. H. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henriksen were in Heppner and Morgan last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Nash were business callers in Arlington last Saturday.

W. G. Palmateer was a visitor in Ione Saturday.

Cecil Auxiliary of the Red Cross held a meeting at Mrs. Lowe's on Saturday afternoon. There was a good turn out of members and a good afternoon's work was done.

S. M. Morgan and Mrs. Hannah Ahalt and son Cecil visited with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Logan and Mrs. J. J. Allyn on Sunday.

Paul Charles of Ione is making short work of the squirrels around Cecil this week.

Mr. Hardesty of Morgan and Earl Cronk of Ione were business visitors in Cecil Sunday.

A. Henriksen and Mrs. Henriksen spent their Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterby Flats.

Get-Together Social at Lexington.

Lexington, March 27.—A Get-Together social will be given at the Congregational church Friday evening, April 5, at 7 o'clock. A picnic dinner will be served. All members and friends of the different departments of the church are cordially invited.

The Gazette-Times Family Grows.

During the past week a number of new subscribers were added to The Gazette-Times' ever growing list. They are, N. E. Fertig, Lexington; Mrs. Ed Giese, Vancouver, Wash.; R. E. Green, Portland, L. W. Phelps and F. R. Brown, Heppner. Renewals were Ralph Benge, Wm. Driscoll, E. J. Starkey and Mrs. S. E. Simpson, Heppner, Harvie Young, Heppner and Lotus Robison, Hardman.

Shipped Mixed Load to Portland.

Jeff O'Jnes delivered a car of cattle Jeff Jones delivered a car of cattle past week and found ready sale at good prices. He was accompanied to the city by Mrs. Jones.

Men Are Getting Out Gravel.

A large crew of men in the employ of the city, are at work just north of the McCullough place in the north end of town getting out gravel and crushed rock which will be placed on the streets in the near future.

Registration Closes April 17.

The registration books close on April 17, just one month before the May Primary election. Voters who have not registered should do so at once. If you registered for the last election and have not moved out of your precinct since that time, it will not be necessary for you to register again.

E. L. Wallace is the new man in the paying teller's window at the First National Bank, succeeding Walter Moore, who has gone into the army. Mr. Wallace comes from Montana and has had many years of banking experience.

COUNTY AGENT IS MOVING THINGS UP

Work of Organizing the Farmers of Morrow County Progressing.

Following the meeting of the Morrow County Agricultural Council a series of community meetings were arranged and definite plans for the complete organization of each community were outlined. In cooperation with Mrs. Shurte County School Superintendent, meetings were held at Eight Mile, Cecil, Ione, Boardman, Irrigon, Hardman and Pine City. At these meetings the purpose and plan of organization was outlined and the community urged to form a permanent committee.

At Boardman a committee consisting of Mr. Aylesworth, representing the Boys' and Girls' Club work, Mr. Gibbons, representing the Farmers' Union, and Mr. Boardman and Mr. Hatch, representing the farmers at large, met and mapped out a program of work which includes the organization of a dairy association, demonstrations in growing corn, and a campaign to control the rabbits.

The Pine City committee is composed of R. F. Wiglesworth as chairman, Chas. Bartholomew and Mr. Neill, representing the farmers, Mr. Jarmon and Mrs. Carlson, representing the Club work and Mrs. Wiglesworth and Mrs. Bartholomew representing the ladies. A meeting of the committee will be held in the near future to plan some cooperative work in that community.

The committees in other communities visited were named and will be announced as soon as the organization is complete. Meetings are scheduled for the sections not yet visited.

Political Paid Advertising.

FOR SHERIFF.

Notice is hereby given that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Morrow county at the primary to be held in May.

WILLARD H. HERREN.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

I will be a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner on the republican ticket before the coming Primary Election.

Respectfully,
G. A. BLEAKMAN, Hardman Ore.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

To the Republican voters of Morrow County:
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the nomination for the office of county clerk before the May primaries.

J. A. WATERS.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Morrow County, on the Republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries to be held on May 17, 1918.

E. M. SHUTT.

FOR ASSESSOR.

To the Democratic Voters:
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the office of county assessor, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary to be held in May, 1918.

J. J. WELLS.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

To the Republican voters of Morrow County, Oregon:
Notice is hereby given that I will be a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer at the May Primary Election.

Respectfully,
T. J. HUMPHREYS.

FOR COUNTY CORONER.

To the Republican voters of Morrow County, Oregon:
Notice is hereby given that I will be a candidate for the nomination to the office of County Coroner at the May Primary Election.

Respectfully,
M. L. CASE.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

To the Republican Voters:
I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the office of County Judge of Morrow County, subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election, May 17, 1918. I have resided in the county 32 years. My long residence here and two years' service as county commissioner have enabled me to become familiar with the needs of the county. If nominated and elected, I shall pursue a progressive policy, but shall carefully guard against unnecessary expenses in county affairs.

W. T. CAMPBELL.