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BACK IT UP.

Two fire companies were recently organized in Heppner, following closely upon the disastrous fire of July 4th, when it was forcibly impressed upon the citizenship of the town that protection of this sort was something badly needed. At the preliminary meetings, some 75 citizens signed up to become members of these companies, and the thing started off with a rush and some show of enthusiasm. Following this, the city council has employed a fire chief at a salary of \$100 per month, and has stood ready to help the fire organization along in all the ways possible. A new fire truck has been ordered, additional hose and other apparatus is here and the new fire chief is getting the fire fighting equipment all in ship shape. But for some reason or other, there seems to be little enthusiasm at the present in the fire companies. Regular drills are being held, and a very few of those who signified their intention of becoming volunteer firemen for the city have ever turned out to practice—not more than thirty ever getting out to the drills, which are held twice a week. Many of our business men are giving no attention to the companies, and in fact, so we are informed, but very few of them ever attend the drills at all and are simply passing them up.

This condition should not exist. This service should receive the united attention and encouragement of our citizens in order to make the fire organization just as efficient as possible. The fire boys should be backed up, more men should attend the drills and get familiar with handling the apparatus. Another fire may visit the city any time that would prove just as disastrous as any we have so far suffered and it is to the interest of every property owner that effective fire companies be encouraged and maintained.

HIS PROFITS FROM PRUNES

The prune is coming into its own. The prune, notwithstanding its heritage from old Rome, has been buffeted in jest and story from boarding house pillar to post, from time immemorial.

The prune has been maligned. But the old order changeth. Seven years ago a Umatilla county horticulturist set out 10 acres of prunes. He is now harvesting from these trees a crop that will net him \$5000, or \$500 an acre. As high as \$113 a ton has been paid for the Umatilla fruit this season, and the price is still going up.

The drafted man, asked what he gets to eat in the army, answers "prunes."

This lowly breakfast food is now demanding due recognition. The prune may well feel proud to feed a United States soldier or sailor.

To say a man is full of prunes was once a popular joke. It is no longer.—Journal.

DEEM PICTURE OUT OF PLACE

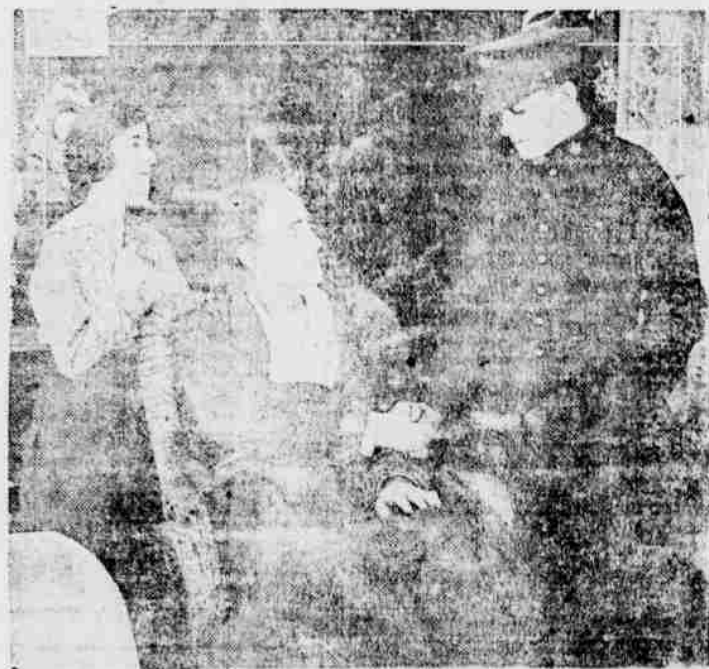
British Authorities Request Removal of Kaiser's Portrait From Tonga King's Palace.

Germany's interesting relations with the little kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific are recalled by recent incidents there. A few years back a life-size portrait of the kaiser mounted within a massive gilt frame was presented by the German government to King George Tuboa II, the present ruler of the archipelago. Forthwith this picture adorned the walls of the

wooden palace at Nukunofa, the capital of the kingdom. Germans—who, shortly before the war, were rather conspicuous in Tonga—were wont to admire the painting when they came to pay their respects to King George. Moreover, close at hand were busts of Emperor Frederick of Germany and Prince von Bismarck. So delightfully informal in many ways is the Tongan court that the busts did excellent service as hat racks on festive occasions. But not so with the present from the "All Highest." But alas for the picture of the kaiser in little Tonga! After the war had been in progress for some time the fact of its existence and whereabouts came within the purview of the British government and that government requested the Tongan government to remove it from the palace. The pith of this request was that Tonga is a British protectorate. But notwithstanding Tonga is a British protectorate it is the last independent kingdom in the Pacific and it prides itself on having not only a monarch but a cabinet and a parliament.—New York World.

Cost of Enrolling a Soldier.

Figures compiled from the records of the first draft show that it cost the government almost exactly \$5 for each man drafted, according to Popular Science Monthly. All but 7 cents of this amount represents the expense of the draft boards. In comparison with this, it is interesting to learn that the volunteer system of recruiting cost \$24.48 per man in 1914, \$19.14 in 1915 and \$28.95 between July, 1916, and April, 1917. These latter figures, however, included the recruit's travelling expenses and the cost of his subsistence prior to acceptance.



WINIFRED ALLEN IN TRIANGLE PLAY, "FOR VALOUR."

Mascagni and the War. Pietro Mascagni, the celebrated composer, once told how the opening chorus of "Cavaleria" was composed on the night of February 3, 1880, when his first child was born. That son, Mimi, is now, or was recently, driving a motor-truck for the Italian army; and a second boy, Dino, became a private in the engineer corps, blowing up Austrian barbed-wire barricades. On a visit to the young soldiers Mascagni saw his first battle.

"This is indeed music," he wrote. "It seems as if all the big drums in my orchestra had been multiplied by a million and suddenly gone mad."

The composer gave open-air concerts in the trenches, on one occasion attended by the king of Italy, and he set himself at work on a great patriotic symphony, designed to be a musical apotheosis of Italy's "war of redemption."

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THE FAIR this year will be a "war fair," and those things tending to assist in the winning of the war will be featured more prominently than heretofore.

Food Conservation Will Be The Keynote

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture will have an exhibit and will have representatives here to give instruction.

INDUSTRIAL Club exhibits will be larger and better than ever and canning contests will be held daily.

There will be lots of good, clean amusement, and music will be furnished by a live-wire orchestra.

The Secretary of Agriculture has asked that fairs which instruct and amuse be held this year, believing them a strong "win-the-war" agency.

SO BEGIN NOW TO PLAN TO ATTEND

The Sixth Annual Morrow County Fair