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FIRE ALMOST DESTROYS OLD UMATILLA LANDMARK

Providence, in the shape of rain and still night, saved the whole row of buildings from Means' hotel to the ocean hotel in Umatilla from going in smoke Monday night. As it was estimated damage was done to the Means' hotel, which is one of the old landmarks in Umatilla, having been built years ago in the halcyon days of that once busy town. Fire was discovered in the rear of that hotel about 10 o'clock that night. Immediately the fire alarm was sounded, and the hose carts were quickly brought to the scene of the conflagration, which had gained considerable headway. Had the wind been blowing it would have been impossible to save the block of buildings, but by slick work on the part of the fire department the flames were soon brought under control, thus saving the building in which the fire originated from total destruction.

It is thought the fire originated from the butt of a lighted cigar or cigarette popping into the basement, for when it discovered flames were creeping through the floor of the building and began shooting up between the walls. Damage from flames to the structure was considerable, and water most ruined the furnishings. It has not been decided as yet by Mr. Means whether he will rebuild.

GREEN ALFALFA WILL GROW ALL OVER IT

E. P. Dodd, owner of the Boardman waste, accompanied by R. W. Allen with tripod and compass, went to the above thriving little village in Morrow county Monday, and while there run lines over the town for a system of irrigation, the intention on the part of the owner of the township being to put the whole area of uncultivated lots in alfalfa just as soon as they can be leveled and the irrigation system installed.

Boardman is nicely laid out and this kind of improvement should make it go ahead and thrive doubly in volume of business to what it has heretofore. It is only a little over a year old, it is a busy little burg as it is, and has a great future before it.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS AID ALL IN SERVICE

Christian Science camp welfare work is now being carried on in forty-five army and navy camps in the United States under direction of the Christian Science War Relief and Camp Welfare Committee of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston. There are present about seventy men and women engaged in this work, the women serving mainly as welfare camp attendants.

Conducted at first independently, the camp welfare work has been merged with the war relief work which the Christian Scientists were doing in foreign countries before the United States entered the war. For both these purposes about one million dollars have been raised.

The aim of the Christian Science camp workers is to be as helpful as possible to all the men in the camps, whether or not they are Christian Scientists. A feature of this phase of the work is an arrangement for keeping soldiers and sailors in close touch with their relatives.

The linking of home and camp, combined with the personal attention of the Christian Science workers in the camps, has frequently been the means of changing a soldier's outlook from one of gloom to one of joy.

The camp workers say there is an increased willingness among the commanding officers and surgeons to allow Christian Science treatment for those who ask for it, and many Christian Science healings have been recorded.

In or near numerous camps the Christian Science committee have erected substantial buildings, with quiet places for reading and writing, and other buildings are in course of construction.

Next to a liberty bond, the best investment you can make is a college education for your son. Mt. Angel College, St. Benedict, Oregon. Address Rev. E. R. Meier.

PIONEER BARBER SHOP SOLD TO MADRAS MAN

Frank Auseon, who has conducted a tonsorial establishment in this city the past seven years, on Monday disposed of the shop, fixtures and good will to F. O. Vose of Madras, Oregon. Of late years Mr. Auseon has acquired much farm land, which he has little by little improved, until now he finds that he has his hands full attending to ranch work, and for this reason sold his town business, and in doing so desires to thank his patrons for past favors and asks for a continuance of their trade with his successor, who comes highly recommended.

The new proprietor of the Pioneer Barber Shop has a genial disposition. He is a man of family, and Mrs. Vose and their two children expect to come here to reside permanently along about the first of September.

IN MOTOR DELIVERY SERVICE IN FRANCE

The following interesting letter was received the first of the week by Mrs. E. A. Hobbs from her son, Corporal Robert E. Hobbs, who is now a member of the motor delivery service stationed near the firing line in France:

"It has been some little time now since receiving any mail, but will write a few lines to let you know that I am still progressing fine and like my work (M. D. S.) very much. Have been traveling around quite a bit lately, going to the various camps and headquarters in our section. Still have not seen Paris, but hope to in the near future. We are having lovely weather for driving, with just an occasional shower or two to settle the dust.

"I suppose you find the papers quite interesting these days, as our boys are doing splendid work and practically putting the Huns on the defensive, which means another point won in our favor.

"A couple of our officers took a run over to the front lines the other evening in a Cadillac and picked up some souvenirs, which included a helmet, bayonet, scabbard, shells, etc., which the Germans left when they were forced to retreat. Last night it was an interesting sight watching them blow up their own munition dumps, which they always try to do before retreating, and the flames were visible for miles around.

"It certainly looks pretty good to me to see our Liberty motors over here now and hope that they will prove all that they claim to be. Saw one go over us yesterday."

RIVERTON-ON-THE-UMATILLA

Mrs. A. E. Benseal and family and Mrs. Wm. Benseal and son spent Tuesday afternoon at Beth Arabah ranch.

E. E. Davis is in Portland this week on business.

The Harnack children are staying at the Mathison ranch while their parents are visiting in the Rose City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Miller spent Wednesday in Irrigon.

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HOMING PIGEONS GOING TO THE FRONT



This British official photograph shows how British army homing pigeons are sent up to the fighting lines in France. These intelligent birds have been the means of turning many a possible defeat into a glorious victory. In one of the great battles that raged along the British front recently a British officer found himself surrounded by Boche troops, and released one of his pigeons with a note to his artillery telling them to pour a barrage over the Huns. He was saved.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry from Holdman were project visitors last Friday.

Miss Pearl Christian from Hermiston spent several days this week with Miss Minnie Thompson.

Mrs. Geo. Beddow entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beddow at dinner Sunday, the occasion being the birth anniversary of Geo. Beddow.

Mrs. Wallace Spencer left last Monday for a month's visit with friends in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were Umatilla visitors Sunday, being guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. Brownell.

Edward Hall has purchased an "Indian" motorcycle.

F. A. Brunson and Childs Barham were Pendleton visitors Monday.

L. H. Pearson is preparing for a large hog shipment to Portland.

Miss Florence Hannan is reported as being on the sick list.

Mrs. Ragsdale and daughter from Moro, Oregon, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Belchee, the past week, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Graham returned Monday from Puyallup, Wash., where they have been visiting the past three weeks.

Walter Davis, formerly employed by H. Sommerer, and now located at Camp Lewis, enjoyed a three-day furlough visiting old friends this week.

Mr. Hannan was a county seat visitor Monday.

Henry Ott and family are now enjoying a gasoline-driven vehicle, and he doesn't seem to mind the cranking of it, either.

Harry Murchie came up from Bordman Wednesday to look after his ranch interests in this section.

Miss Ruth Akers spent Wednesday and Thursday in Hermiston guest of Miss Frances Hinkle.

Columbia East End ladies enjoyed a little party Monday afternoon at the Waagman home honoring Mrs. Lay who will leave soon for Spokane, Mrs. O. W. Thompson who will leave for Elgin, and the welcome of Mrs. Carl Thompson who will occupy the Craik place formerly occupied by O. W. Thompson.

The heavy rain storm of Monday night caught several ranchers with their hay down.

Mrs. Henry Ott entertained at dinner Monday night, the honor guest being Walter Davis, who enjoyed a short furlough the fore part of this week. The guests were Miss Agnes Soneson, Mr. Gunn and Mr. Myers.

Mrs. O. Jacobson and sister, Miss Pearl Dunning, spent a few days shopping in Pendleton last week.

While en route through Missouri last week Dwight Sellers, a former project resident, wrote his old neighbor, Mrs. Henry Ott, a card saying he was on his way, and he hoped it would be to Berlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Clark and family returned Wednesday from La Grande, where Mrs. Clark and children have enjoyed an outing with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Udey have returned after a week's visit with relatives and friends in Wasco.

The ladies of the Neighborhood club

have arranged a meeting to be held Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 28, at 2:30 sharp. Every member is urged to attend.

F. N. Bollen, salesman for Park Bros. wholesale grocery in Portland, was a project visitor during the week.

Leo Clark is busy leveling and seeding for Joe Udey.

Dan Ransier is confined to his bed with smallpox.

Mr. Tabor has sold 70 boxes of Bartlett pears this week at 2 1/2 cents per pound.

Mrs. Mathews and son Milton and her mother, Mrs. Hornby, left Friday for Spokane where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Waller and daughter Jean returned last Friday after a month's visit with relatives in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Sommerer returned Friday from a ten days' outing at Hidayway.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kellar were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sapper Sunday.

Agnes Soneson spent several days this week with Mrs. Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Leathers left Thursday for Portland for a few days.

Much credit should be given our road supervisor W. A. Leathers for the good work he is now doing on the roads.

UMATILLA ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wellman has taken the steam shovel to the O. W. R. & N. shops at Albina for repairs, and will go from there to Grays Harbor, where there are a number of bridges to repair.

D. C. Chapman of the Jones-Scott Co. has purchased the C. G. Brownell property and will move the latter part of the month. Mr. Brownell expects to enter the service soon and Mr. Chapman will be employed by the O. W. R. & N.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Carroll were in Walla Walla Monday, having taken their little daughter Mildred there for treatment.

Mr. Egan of Walla Walla was visiting the Chapman's Thursday.

Mrs. James was a Pendleton visitor Monday.

Mr. Spinning of Hermiston is spending the week with his son, W. B. Spinning.

L. L. Carroll spent Sunday in Irrigon.

Ben Spinning and Cyril Brownell were in Hermiston Monday.

Lou Brownell and wife were guests of Hermiston friends Sunday.

Clarence Atchison, who has been in the harvest fields, is spending a few days with home folks.

A. B. Spinning was calling on relatives Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Cherry, president of the Umatilla branch of the Red Cross, is in receipt of the first refugee work in the county, namely, pinafores for the Belgian children. The ladies have just finished two dozen hospital bed shirts, and are now engaged on comfort kits and housewives.

What your son lacks he will acquire at college. Mt. Angel, St. Benedict, Ore. Address Rev. E. R. Meier. adv.

STANFIELD AUTOIST HAD "SHEEP THIEF" FEELING

RESTAURANT WILL BE OPENED SATURDAY

Mrs. M. Dack has everything in readiness and will open the Oregon Cafe to the public at 12 o'clock today, Saturday. The new proprietor, whose ability as a caterer in the edible line is well known in this city, announces that she has opened up the Oregon Cafe with the avowed intention of keeping it open by building up a trade through honest service and meritorious foodstuffs.

HOW TO THICKEN THE STAND OF ALFALFA

To thicken the stand of alfalfa where poor stands exist is frequently a difficult and uncertain task. Numerous practices have been followed with varied success. What appears to be by far the most successful method of procedure is to irrigate the land thoroughly and sow soon after the third crop of hay is removed, says R. W. Allen.

If the old plants are uniformly quite thin a rather heavy application of seed should be made. This is also true where spots in the field are very thin unless such areas are doubly sown lightly. Fields having a uniform stand of moderate thickness should be sown with three to six pounds per acre, depending on the number of plants desired.

Young alfalfa started among old plants in the spring usually perishes from the influence of the shade of the large and rapid growing plants. The slight shade caused by the fourth crop results in little damage to young alfalfa and fall sown plants are large and strong enough in the spring to shoot up with the old plants and get adequate light to enable them to make a good growth.

HEAVY RAINFALL CAME LAST MONDAY NIGHT

Rain fell in this valley last Monday night to such an extent that there has been no precipitation to equal it in volume for a long time—and some there are that say it was the heaviest they had ever witnessed on the project since first they came here several years ago. At any rate it was a good one, being 1.19 inches, thus giving us about half as much as we had since the first of the year all in one rainfall.

During the week the maximum temperature was 85, minimum 49 and the rainfall 1.35 inches.

DAIRY AND HOG SHOW COMMITTEES NAMED

The date for the Dairy and Hog Show will soon be named, and the first preparations for the sixth annual event are now being made. The general committee, which will have full charge of all arrangements, has been named as follows: H. J. Stillings, F. C. McKenzie, G. A. Cressy, J. J. Casserly, C. M. Jackson, H. M. Sommerer and J. H. Young. This committee will meet in a few days and complete the program.

The committee which will have the grounds in charge and prepare the big tent and buildings for the show are: Frank Guilwits, J. W. Campbell, C. C. Mason, Reed Agnew and W. Rees.

Two Shows Again

The Movie goes back to the old schedule by beginning to give two shows, the first starting at 8 o'clock. An admission fee of 10 and 20 cents will be charged, the raise in the adult price of admission of five cents being due to the war tax. The play tonight presents Pauline Frederick in "Sleeping Fires," and there will be special music for the occasion by Mrs. Chezik.

Word has been received by relatives and friends to the effect that Raymond Longhorn and Gregory Finnegan, both enlisted Hermiston boys, have arrived safely overseas and are now close to the battle front in France.

You all have heard about Col. Newport and his trusty Ford taking a header into the ditch one day last week as he was hurrying from his home to reach the depot to take the train for Portland. He was making good time alright, and would have reached the station in safety had it not been for being too generous in giving all of the road to a car going in the opposite direction—in fact he gave so much of the highway that he landed in the ditch, and damaged the Ford to the tune of about 25 bucks. He escaped injury himself and succeeded in just making the train on foot.

But all the time he kept muttering to himself about the greediness of some automobilists, being certain in his own mind that the "other fellow" had "hogged" more than his share of the road on him, thus causing him to meet up with the aforesaid accident.

The matter kept recurring to him all the way to Portland and back, but the gloom dispelled and his feelings were ameliorated upon receipt of the following letter on his return, upon the reading of which he confided to a friend that James Stuart of Stanfield, the writer of the letter, was certainly "a white man, if there ever was one." Here's the contents of the epistle from Mr. Stuart to the colonel:

"I don't know whether you know it or not, but it was me that you tried to pass at noon today down near your town, when you run into the ditch with your car. I was hurrying home and didn't give it a thought till I got by too far to do any good, when it struck me all at once that I had done you a dirty trick, and I have felt like a sheep thief ever since. I should have helped you out at least. I think that there was room enough for you to get by, but you struck the rough ground and that drew you in. I hope that there was no damage done. If there was, and you think that I was in any way to blame, I will pay you for it, for I feel that it is not the right way to use a friend."

ADOPTING THE TRADE ACCEPTANCE FEATURE

Manager R. A. Brownson of the Tum-A-Lum Lumber Company in discussing the Trade Acceptance feature now being generally adopted by lumber companies, said to our reporter:

"The Trade Acceptance, although used many years in leading European countries, has only recently been introduced in this country. Its use, however, is being rapidly employed by business houses engaged in various lines of industry throughout the country, who have no hesitancy in adopting it because it has the approval of the Federal Reserve board, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Credit Men, the American Bankers' Association and others.

"The placing of business on the Trade Acceptance basis is considered a patriotic duty. In this present critical time of our country's existence, the call comes to each of us to do 'his bit.' Placing our accounts on a solid banking basis is a step in the right direction. The Trade Acceptance, while developing advantages to both buyer and seller, offers a means to that end."

WATER FLOW IS INCREASED TEN PER CENT

The work of increasing the water flow in the west extension canal is progressing satisfactorily under the direction of Engineer H. M. Schilling, sent here recently by the reclamation service to take charge of the improvement. Three sluiceways for washing sand out of the canal have been completed, and already the flow of water has been increased 10 per cent over July with only two of them in operation. A fourth will be constructed soon and when all of them are working the flow should be ample. Already all along the line of the canal a much better spirit is beginning to prevail among the ranchers, for they feel now that the government is taking an interest in their welfare.

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