

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Last night's downpour of rain amounted to 2.3 of an inch up to 8 o'clock this morning, and it rained intermittently during the day. This precipitation will do much good in the valley in the way of putting the ground in good shape for plowing, and in aiding in the growth of fall wheat that has been planted. More rain is due, as this morning's prediction was for rain tonight and Sunday.

Attorney Newton W. Borden has moved his law office to the Palm block, 101 East Main street. 177

Mrs. Ben Trowbridge received a postal card this morning announcing the safe arrival of Tom K. Flynn, who is in the signal corps service, in France.

Orros, the ladies' tailor, will be at Hotel Holland every Tuesday afternoon; high class only. Fit and workmanship guaranteed. 172*

United States District Attorney B. E. Haney left the city this morning to attend the session of the United States court of appeals at San Francisco.

Hamilton & Ellington pianos, H. N. Lottland, 225 South Oakdale. Look them over before you buy. 182

Rev. L. Myron Booser returned today from a visit of observation in Camp Fremont where he was the guest of the medical corps of ammunition train No. 8 and the Y. M. C. A. of the camp. Mr. Booser will speak Sunday evening in the Presbyterian church on matters of great interest to registered men and families of all soldiers.

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Former Sheriff Ralph Jennings who had intended to leave tomorrow to begin his military service at Camp Pike, Mo., in the officers training course, received a telegram from the camp this morning that there was an epidemic there and that he should not report for duty until given further notice.

For the best insurance see Holmes, the Insurance Man.

County Prosecutor Roberts arrived home this morning from his week's stay at Portland.

Daily's Taxi. Phone 150.

Mrs. Arthur Fjelder of Yreka, returned home today after a visit here with relatives.

One and three-color stock pear labels for sale. Medford Printing Co. 176*

The members of the First Methodist church met for a farewell reception to their pastor, Dr. J. C. Rollins and family, Friday evening, Oct. 4. Dr. Rollins goes to occupy the pulpit of the Centenary church of Portland. The evening was spent in listening to a well prepared program of music and addresses with an hour of social intercourse. Many and sincere words of regret were expressed for the loss the church and the community will sustain in the going of so helpful a pastor and patriotic citizen from our midst.

Dr. Helms, Garnett-Corey Bldg. *
Wednesday evening, Oct. 9th, Heames chapel No. 46 O. E. S., will hold regular communication at Masonic hall, 7:30 sharp. It will be social evening with cards and dancing. Mrs. Maude Newbury acting as chairman of social committee. *

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There will be a chicken dinner Sunday, Oct. 13th for the benefit of the Red Cross at Beagle. Price 25c. Dinner served between 1 and 2 p. m.

The furniture hospital fixes it. General upholstering, mattress renovating, clocks, sewing machines, phonographs and umbrellas repaired. All work guaranteed. Feathers steamed and cleaned. Feather mattresses made from your old tick. Douglas, 291 South Riverside. Phone 162-J.

Two new families will locate in Medford within the next week at D. E. Green and H. B. Pooley of Portland, salesman of the Union Meat company, will hereafter make this city their headquarters and travel out from here. They have leased the furnished home of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Porter, 1019 South Oakdale. Each couple has one child. Dr. Porter expects to be back from Worcester, Mass., in January, but Mrs. Porter and the children will probably spend the winter there on account of the illness of Mrs. Porter's mother, who is about 87 years old.

The Red Cross dinner at Deely school house Saturday night, Oct. 12. Admission 11.00 167

Mrs. Willy Davis was expected to arrive home today from her visit with Mr. Davis at Portland.

Mrs. M. H. Grover and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson of Hill, and Mrs. J. H. Grover, Jr., of Hillsbrook are visitors in the city and guests at the Hotel Holland.

Pear prices in the New York auction market yesterday were as follows: Oregon Anjou \$2.45, Iowa \$1.15, Manitoba \$2.75, Conico \$2.85, and Conico halves \$2.22. Nothing was sold in the Boston and Philadelphia markets.

C. M. Thomas returned home today from a conference at Eugene with the University of Oregon faculty and Adjutant General Isaacs relative to the extension work of the university in establishing officers training corps units throughout the state.

Robert W. Ruhl and family arrived home today from their sojourn at Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif., having made the trip by auto. They left Carmel last Monday and encountered much mud en route.

Mrs. Elgin Bratney and son Robert left today for Portland to join Mr. Bratney who located in that city about a month ago.

J. M. Johnson, until recently superintendent of the Klamath Indian agency, and Mrs. Johnson after a short visit here left today for their future home at Newport, Ore. Mr. Johnson resigned the agency superintendency some time ago, but was only relieved from duty on Sept. 30th.

Miss Elva Walters left this morning for a visit with friends at Portland.

Miss Marian B. Towne of Phoenix, former member of the legislature and for the past 18 months in the naval reserve service as chief yeoman, is home from Bremerton on a two weeks furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop and Miss Ida Bishop left today for a visit at Portland.

Mrs. Elsie Moore of Klamath Falls, who had been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mrs. Jasper Gillaspay left today for Portland in which city she will spend the winter.

The Klamath Falls people who were here on cases in United States court this week left for home last night or this morning.

L. A. Martin of Griffin Creek was a caller in Medford Friday.

E. D. Broch of Phoenix, was a Medford visitor Saturday.

C. T. Hamilton of Central Point, district spent Saturday in Medford.

W. N. Petri of Talent, was a Saturday visitor in Medford.

E. G. Whiteside of Central Point district was a Medford business visitor Saturday.

The county draft board has received a volunteer call for four men who have at least a good grammar school education, or its equivalent for training at the Benson Polytechnic school at Portland, to receive instruction for auto machinists, machinists, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, pipe fitters, radio operators, surveyors and topographic draftsmen. The call will be open for volunteers until Oct. 12, and men interested can obtain full information by applying to the local board.

Mrs. Linnie Morse of Rogue River, came to the city today to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Roy Guyer.

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SCHOOL JANITOR HOARDED SUGAR

Janitor Hovey of the Medford high school building came to grief through violating the food administration's sugar purchasing and consumption ruling, and as a consequence the local Red Cross chapter is \$25 richer in money for patriotism. Other violators may yet be caught.

In checking up the sugar cards from grocers County Food Administrator Folger discovered that this man, who part of the time has only two members in his family, and the rest of the time three, had purchased during the canned season 200 pounds, whereas at the most he was only entitled to 100 pounds. The sugar was purchased from two different grocers, 100 pounds from each.

"You just thought you could put it over on us" said Mr. Folger to the man, whom he had summoned before him for a hearing, and who had claimed ignorance of the sugar ruling and any intent to violate. Mr. Folger finally suggested he would have to pay \$25 to the Red Cross and \$2 costs for the hearing, or take a trip to Portland and be tried before the federal authorities.

The checking of the sugar cards from the different grocers is only partially completed and others may get caught in this checking process.

EXPLOSION WRECKS PLANT.

cries were devoted to averting a worse disaster.

Thousands of people had hurried away from Marzan and surrounding towns during the night, leaving many communities virtually without resident populations and with them may have gone many of the Gillespie employees.

Military guards were thrown around the plant and all news-paper men were barred from the vicinity of the explosions.

T. N. T. Magazines Buried

With big explosions still taking place at 10 a. m. shaking surrounding towns, Vice President Yates of the Gillespie company gave out the following statement:

"We cannot conceive how it can last much longer. The large magazines of T. N. T. are buried in a bank of the Cheesecake creek and we feel are safe."

The actually known dead number 11.

While unofficial estimates placed the number of known fatalities at 137 at 10:30 a. m., an officer of the Gillespie company expressed the opinion that the death list would prove much smaller.

Out of the confusion came this story of heroism. A trainload of explosives lay on a siding near the Gillespie plant. A railroad fireman, his identity not yet known, jumped to the engineer's post on a locomotive, coupled it to the train and took the cars out of the danger zone. As his task was completed, a shell struck him and he was killed.

As a precaution, authorities ordered evacuation of all towns within 10 miles of Marzan.

Some refugees said that before the first explosion occurred last night they saw an airplane hovering over the Gillespie plant.

Signor Berenini, Italian minister of education, has ordered the establishment of chairs of English and French literature in every Italian university.

AMERICANS PUSH FORWARD ON A BROAD FRONT

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that each end of it enfolds any force that attacks another portion.

The American troops on the left kept in perfect touch with the center and rapidly cleaned up Exermont and Chebery and captured Fleville. By noon they had mopped up La Vergette and Le Menil farm, as well as the Grange farm. They had also taken Hill 249. This advance had been just as rapid as that of the troops further to the east, notwithstanding the fact that they went over the top a 5:30 o'clock without any artillery preparation and handed the Germans a big surprise.

Just south of Chebery the general advance was slowed up by a German counter attack and the American tanks had to be sent for to drive the enemy back. The Germans have set fire to villages of Romagne, Gesnes, Cornay, Bantheville, Cheveries, St. Juvin and Maroq. Shells from American guns fell thick along the front and ammunition dumps everywhere were exploded when the shells reached them.

Center's Task Hardest

On the center of the line fell the bulk of the work. It was here that the deepest advance of the day had been planned. On the right the troops operating northward along the Meuse met with hardly any resistance at first and easily pushed up to the outskirts of Bruleilles. German artillery on the east side of the river, however, soon opened up an enfilading fire which not only affected the extreme right of the American line, but carried far over toward the center. The enemy artillery further west along the line opened up with a barrage thru which one infantry regiment had to storm before the American guns could silence the German batteries.

All the areas back of the American lines were subjected to an intense bombardment before the attack had been going on very long. After crossing No Man's Land and getting into the enemy defenses, the American infantry was met with machine gun fire which was intense all along the line. The fighting was so bitter everywhere that the number of prisoners taken fell far below the total for the first days of the last two drives. Among those brought in were some belonging to naval units, showing that reinforcements had hurriedly been thrown in against the American attack.

Tanks played a prominent part in

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the battle, especially on the left of the line near the Argonne forest, where the advance was quite rapid. These machines were able to go over the ground easily because the mud had dried out considerably. During the past few days the co-operation of the tanks with the infantry has been perfect.

DOUAI FIRED BY HUNS.

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fortress. While the British advanced toward Lille from the west, the Brit-

ish and Belgians in Flanders continue to widen the salient east of Ypres, further menacing the German position in Flanders and south of the Scarpe.

Villages Set Afire

American troops stormed the German lines east of the Argonne forest. They advanced all along the line, especially just east of the Argonne forest, where they pushed forward as far as Fleville.

Many villages back of the German lines are reported burning. They are evidence that the enemy intends to retire further toward the Kriem-

hild line, which is the main defensive position west of the Meuse.

Dispatches show the enemy is abandoning his submarine bases on the Belgian coast.

In Albania Austrian armies along the Semini river seem to be in precipitate retreat. Italian cavalry is operating in this theater of the war.

Save your papers and magazines, especially the printed paper ones, for the Red Cross, and send them to the corner of Main and Bartlett next week and the Red Cross rooms after next week.



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