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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ISSUES TELEPHONE ORDERS

The Postmaster General has ordered the Companies of the Bell Telephone System (The "Pacific States" here) to transmit all government telephone orders and bulletins to the smaller connecting companies. Hence each small company now receives one copy of each order or bulletin, issued by Postmaster General Burleson, concerning telephone service.

The Postmaster General has issued an order that Section 523 of the postal laws and regulations shall not be construed to preclude the furnishing of information to telephone and telegraph employees so as to enable them to locate persons who cannot be otherwise located. This order allows postmasters and other postal employees to aid in the delivery of telegraph and telephone messages. The order is issued because telegraph and telephone lines are now under government control.

The Postmaster General has issued an order that co-operative telephone companies shall not be required to comply with the orders of the Postmaster General affecting telephone companies, if such companies do not receive revenues, either directly or indirectly, from any source except its own partners, stockholders or members as assessments or dues. But such companies are allowed to maintain their present connections with government controlled systems, provided service satisfactory to the government is maintained and that no extensions be made except with the approval of the postmaster general.

Postmaster General Burleson has issued an order to all telegraph and telephone employees that they must exert every effort to see that messages are transmitted in the quickest possible time; and that all who come in contact with the public must at all times be courteous and obliging. He adds that officials of the company will be held strictly accountable for the conduct of employees, and also for the service rendered.

CANBY MAY APPEAL DAMAGE SUIT AWARD

Judge Bingham has denied the motion of the defendant for a new trial in the case of Peter Hornig vs the city of Canby. Hornig was awarded \$4780 damages for personal injuries sustained at the Canby pumping station. It is understood that Canby will now appeal the case to the supreme court on the ground that the verdict against the city is excessive and unjust.

WAR STAMPS FOR 1919

The government will continue the sale of war stamps during 1919, by the issuing of a new series of both thrift and war certificate stamps. Both will be blue in color instead of green. The 1918 thrift stamps will be good to apply on the 1919 war stamps. But every one is requested to clear up their 1918 pledges in 1918 stamps—not to let the pledges run over into 1918.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Aurora State Bank will be held in the Bank Building at Aurora, Oregon, on Thursday, January 9, 1919, at the hour of 1 P. M. At this meeting there will be chosen from the stockholders seven (7) directors, who will serve for the ensuing year.

Such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the annual stockholder's meeting.

Zeno Schwab,
Secretary.

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Secretary Baker Urges Letters With "Home-touch" For the Boys

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. Fosdick:

The eyes of the world are upon our soldiers overseas today not more for what they have done than for what they are now called upon to do. Before them lie the tasks of helping to rehabilitate the devastated lands of France and Belgium and of making sure that the victory in which they have so gloriously shared shall be a permanent one.

This means that we may not expect soon to have them all with us here and to greet them face to face. The postponement of their homecoming will be often uppermost as well in their minds as in ours. They will yet meet and must overcome many difficulties without either the incentive or the excitement lent in the past by the activities of war. They need our help and encouragement now perhaps more than at any other time since they left home in order that they may be inspired and strengthened to maintain that fineness of character, manner and conduct which has earned for them such universal respect.

I believe that among all the influences which may be focused upon this object, the strongest and most far-reaching is that which emanates from home letters, and I therefore urge the mothers, fathers, wives and sisters of our soldiers overseas to express themselves earnestly in their letters as their share in seeing that the high standards which America represents both here and abroad shall be constantly upheld.

Cordially yours,

Newton D. Baker
Secretary of War.

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick,
Chairman, Commission on Training Camp Activities.

BUTTEVILLE ITEMS.

Josie Ryan spent the week end in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Glyter were in Portland a week visiting their children and friends.

R. V. Parrott and family, who have been very sick with the influenza are able to be around again. The Brower family also are well again.

Next Saturday evening, December 21st, will be the regular business meeting of the Auxiliary and a good attendance is desired, as officers are to be elected.

School resumed this week after a quarantine of four weeks on account of the Spanish influenza. There are no new cases reported here and we hope the school may not be interrupted again.

The Butteville Auxiliary are still busy with their sewing. They have made and donated 13 suits of pajamas, and are waiting for further orders from the Chapter. Our Auxiliary is self supporting.

Saturday evening, December 14th, a special meeting was called to prepare for the Christmas Drive. The district was divided in three parts and Messrs. Penrod, Dentl and Kinyon were appointed majors to canvass the district.

Mrs. T. M. Felts, of Portland, and her son Tom Felts, who enlisted in the Marine service and is stationed in California, spent the day at the old home one day last week. As Tom has only a ten day furlough, he returns to California Tuesday of this week. His mother accompanied him to spend the remainder of the winter with her mother who resides there.

Dance At Needy

There will be a dance at Frey's Hall, Saturday night, December 21, at Needy, under new management. Everyone is cordially invited.

MACKSBURG.

The clangor of sledge and wedge, the sound of blasts and the nightly illumination of the landscape by rubbish fires show that the work of clearing in the interest of next years crops is steadily going on.

The ranch lately purchased by Earl Dwarschak is already showing the energy that must be possessed and exerted by all young Americans if in the present generation we are to see the devastation of war repaired. Mr. Dwarschak is one of our young men who reached the registration age just before the end of the war and so was deprived of the chance to render his country military service. He is now indemnifying himself by entering the ranks of those who are helping in the great work of the world—by teaching, which devolves so largely upon the United States.

Two households in our community are meriting the united sympathies of the people by the turn that war matters have taken for them. Both incidents have found recent mention in this paper but we wish to manifest to these two families our deep concern in their trouble. Clarence Stevens the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens has been missing since early in October and Will Gibson the first of Mrs. Gibson's sons to enlist was reported several weeks before the end of the war, as having been injured by poison gas. Nothing has been heard of the young man since. The welfare of these boys, so well known to us all, is a matter of real anxiety. Daily we are watching the paper's hoping to find that these familiar names come to light.

The Red Cross Auxiliary is awaiting new material for work, and has besides a hearty welcome for the solicitors who comes to record the renewal of membership in the Red Cross for the coming year. Who would be out of the Red Cross who would be known to say, as all must who refuse to renew their membership—"I withdraw from the society which is working for the thousands of sick and wounded soldiers, who crossed the ocean to fight for us; to help feed and clothe the refugees driven from their homes by war, to provide food and shelter for those whose breadwinner has fallen victim to the influenza. I want my time and money for myself." Surely if there are any such among us, we must confess that they have souls as dead as has he "Who never to himself has said "This is my own my native land. Whose soul has never within him burned as home his footsteps he hath turned from wandering on a foreign strand", but we are hoping that this week's Drive will show that there are no such among us.

Louis Weibert was among the Aurora people in Oregon City yesterday.

AURORA-SALEM PAVING PROSPECTS LOOMING UP

Delivery of crushed rock and asphaltum for paving the Salem-Aurora stretch of the Pacific highway in Marion county is to begin by the first of year, so that the work may be started as soon as spring weather permits and that the entire 18 miles may be completed during the coming summer. The state highway commissioner has placed an order with the Columbia Contract Company for delivery of 50,000 yards of rock. The rock is to be dumped at convenient points along the Southern Pacific tracks and in the spring will be hauled to the highway. A California concern will furnish 2200 tons of asphaltum to be used on the road. The work is to be done by state forces and the plant will be set up during the winter.

HOP NOTES

The English hop controller is reported to have fixed the price of English 1918 hops at 70 cents a pound. This is the price at which the government will buy. It is also said that the acreage allowed in England for next year will be 75 per cent of the 1914 acreage.

Hop purchases from growers during the past 10 days have probably reduced the hops in first hands far below 1000 bales. It is said that 30 cents has been offered for 1918's the past week, but no names or other particulars are given.

FRUIT TREES AND ROSES

We still have due us from two good nurseries, the following nursery stock which we will sell at the prices named: 150 apple trees at 15c; 50 pear trees at 20c; 25 grafted Franquette walnuts at \$1.00 to \$1.50; 35 seedling Franquette walnuts at 30c; 75 plums, peaches and prunes (not Italians) at 15c; 40 apricots and cherries at 25c; 200 gooseberries and currants at 10c; and a number of roses and ornamentals at 35c to \$1.00 each.

Ask us about them at once, because we can not hold them much longer, as they revert to the nurseries soon.

MAKE W. S. S. PLEDGES GOOD

Diana Snyder, the Aurora postmaster, requests all signers of pledges for war stamps who have fulfilled those pledges but who have not received credit (or are not sure that they have), to notify her so that she may complete her card records so as to show that such pledges have been met.

She also urges all who have signed pledges to redeem same as soon as possible, as there are only nine more business days in which signers may make their pledges good.

THE MASONS ELECT

At the last meeting the Champege Lodge of Masons elected the following officers:

Wm. Heinz, W. M.; J. G. Wurster, S. W.; Chas. Spagle, J. W.; C. B. Brewer, treasurer; A. H. Will, secretary; H. L. Bents, Senior D.; and G. A. Ehlen, Junior D.

BARLOW

Merry Christmas to all. Mrs. Hattie Crowley has gone to Oregon City to be with her brother Elmer Irwin.

Lee Hayes, who was here from Philadelphia, on a 10-day furlough, on account of his father's illness has returned. His father is improving slowly.

The Red Cross drive is in charge of Mr. Giddings, Orville Widhows, with Mrs. L. L. Irwin, captain. Barlow last year had 86 Red Cross members. It is hoped to increase the number.

Victor Rymerson, nephew of W. O. Bergerson, died in Portland and was buried Dec. 6, in the Scandinavian cemetery. His parents resided here a few years ago, his mother dying in 1915. x x x. Miss Oliva Johnson died at Oswego and was buried at the Scandinavian cemetery. Both deaths were from influenza.

The Aurora schools will be closed next week for the Christmas vacation.

A. B. Dentel, Wm. Dentel, and G. E. Penrod were the soliciting committee for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call in the Butteville district.

Lola Bevins, the year-old child of Wort Bevins near the White school died this week, and Mike Platts of Hubbard lost his young son the same day. Another death, this week was that of Henry Goebel of Macksburg.

The Pratt brothers and W. W. Dibble were here from Meridian Tuesday.

GIRL DIES OF INFLUENZA

Ida Pardey, the eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pardey, died Monday, at the home of her parents in the White school district, after a short illness, from influenza. Funeral services and interment took place yesterday at 1 p. m. at the Hubbard cemetery. The contagious nature of the disease prevented any services at the Aurora Lutheran church of which the family are members. The parents and several brothers and sisters survive to mourn the loss of this bright young girl. The family have the sincere sympathy of all who know them.

MRS. JOHN BOWERS DEAD

The Fargo-Butteville community were shocked Sunday to learn of the death of Mrs. John Bowers, of Fargo at the Hubbard hospital where she had undergone an operation, and was apparently on the road to recovery.

The funeral services were held yesterday at 2 p. m. at the Fargo church, and burial took place at the Butteville cemetery. She is survived by her husband and two sons Oliver and Clarence; her parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bents, a sister Miss Hattie Bents, and two brothers, Wm. Bents and Clarence Bents. The latter is now with the American expedition forces in Siberia.

Mrs. Bowers was an active community worker, and greatly esteemed by neighbors, and a large circle of friends all of whom deeply regret her passing just in the prime of a useful and happy life.

BIG MARKET AFFORDED FOR MANY VEGETABLES

L. J. Chapin was here from Salem, recently representing the Salem Kings Products Company, which has big contracts from the French government for evaporated potatoes, carrots, cabbage, etc.

The enterprise is a big asset to the county. The work at the plant goes forward every hour of the 24. The fires are never out. The shipments are being made as fast as the products can be put into packages and loaded into cars. The raw products come from all over the state. In fact, from three states, for recently a carload of vegetables came to this plant from Idaho, and frequent shipments come from the other side of the Columbia river, in Washington. There seems no end to the market for these products. The difficulty is to fill the orders.

The company is ready to contract for almost any quantity of potatoes, carrots, parsnips, cabbage, spinach and many other crops. The freight rate on car lots from Aurora to Salem is low, and farmers in this section should investigate the condition and prices for growing these products.

Cora D. Adams has begun a suit in the Clackamas county circuit court against L. I. Snyder for \$2900, alleging that her house and barn, valued at that figure were burned by the spreading of a fire started on the defendants land.

Things For Xmas

Books For Boys and Girls

Army Boys On The Firing Line
Navy Boys Behind The Guns
Air Service Boys Over The Rhine
Putnam Hall Encampment
Boy Scouts For City Improvement
Khaki Girls Behind The Lines
R. C. Girls Afloat With The Flag

Story Books For The Kindergarten

Don't Overlook the
\$3.00 Air Rifle
A Real Gun

WILL-SNYDER CO.
THE STORE OF MERIT

Just One More Week

For your Christmas buying. Our stock was so large there is still an excellent assortment of Christmas goods of every description. The following suggestion may remind you of just what you want:

- Waists**---A fine assortment, stylish and beautiful.
- Hosiery**---Silk and Lisle. Good to give and good to receive.
- Ribbons**---Beautiful gifts—not expensive—all colors.
- SILK UNDERWEAR**—Always a welcome and appropriate gift.
- HANDKERCHIEFS**—Thousands of them, the most popular and satisfactory of gifts.
- NECKWEAR**—Dainty things that appeal to all ladies
- HOLIDAY STATIONERY**—The largest array ever shown in the city.
- TOILET ARTICLES**—A thousand and one appropriate and dainty things for Xmas gifts.
- MISCELLANEOUS**—Holiday boxes, silverware, leather bags, purses, linens, towels perfumes, brushes, ivory, jewelry, books.

The war is over, and we are justified in helping Santa to Break all speed laws in Christmas Gift Buying.

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