

BOYS ARE HOME FROM FORT CANBY

Teddy Jewett and Bert Bates Arrive to Visit For Only Few Days.

RETURN FRIDAY NIGHT

Say Army Life is Great and All Are Happy in Their New Field of Duty—Expect to Be Moved.

Teddy Jewett, sergeant of the Sanitary troops located at Fort Stevens and Canby, and Bert Bates, also a member of that organization, arrived in this city this morning on a four-day furlough and were greeted by a large number of friends here today, who were pleased to again catch a glimpse of Roseburg soldier lads. The boys carried with them optimistic stories of soldier life at the mouth of the Columbia and stated that although the typhoid shots mingled with home sickness were getting a little the best of a few of them, the majority of the Douglas county lads are in good spirits and are anxiously waiting to get a "lick" at the kaiser and have a hand in hanging his hide on the walls of Berlin.

The boys will be required to return Saturday to the fort in time for their sixth and last anti-typhoid "shot in the arm." According to stories told by the boys, a large number of the soldiers are confined to the hospital and quarters as a result of the inoculations, but are recovering rapidly and will soon be able to "tote" a gun and stand guard again. The hospital at Fort Canby has a few patients who were knocked "cuckoo" in the language of the army, by the "shots" and one patient, the boys state, had to be held in bed by three of the hospital corps boys.

The hospital corps lads at Fort Canby have charge of the post hospital and are under the command of Lieutenant Edmund Myers. Lt. Myers is an efficient surgeon and his instructions to the boys in the art of first aid are proving very valuable. Lt. Myers has been kept exceedingly busy during the past few days on account of the small pox vaccinations and typhoid injections and has established a record for speed in "shooting" the boys that has outdistanced any other of that section. He has a complete system arranged for the work, according to the visitors here today, and every boy has his work to do so that everything works as smoothly as a well-oiled machine, when under way.

The Roseburg boys here today, also stated that Lt. Col. B. K. Lawson, who formerly conducted a ranch in the Round Bay district, near this city, is in command, and is handling his duties in a very efficient manner. Col. Lawson will undoubtedly make his mark in the military line and his previous experience in the work is proving to be very valuable. He is well liked by all those of his command and the boys observe his ruling with the strictest obedience.

The Roseburg boys are now messing with the Hood River company at Canby and state that the eats are fine. The cook hired by this organization is an expert along culinary lines and makes excellent efforts to satisfy the growing appetites of the boys.

It may seem strange but Fort Canby is the only fort in the United States where rubber boots and coats are issued in the winter months to the soldiers stationed there. This is on account of the extremely wet weather which prevails.

When asked today as to whether a move was expected soon, Sgt. Jewett stated that he has no information along that line, but it is the general belief that something will "happen" soon, the nature of which cannot be yet determined.

The whole Roseburg organization, including the Sanitary troops and Fourth company are lacking "pen" this week, but are due to receive soon with the completion of the injections of serum.

The Canby boys state that the only part of the shipment of magazines, fruit, etc., that reached that place were some ears of green corn, which were greatly appreciated. The chickens which were due to arrive, did not make their appearance and the boys were disappointed as a result.

Everyone of the soldiers lads are gaining in weight in spite of the arduous duties placed upon them and their ruddy faces bespeak good treatment on the part of the government, who by the way, has never failed yet to take care of her soldier boys who sacrifice so much in order that democracy may be saved.

John Alexander, of Glide, came to town yesterday.

PAYMASTER SUICIDES.

(Special to The News.)

PT. STEVENS, Sept. 6.—Paymaster Captain Krook, following a fit of despondency, as a result of a nervous breakdown, suicided at his quarters last night. This occurrence will hold up the pay of the regiment until about Saturday. Krook slashed his throat with a razor while in the bath room.

"FRESH EGGS" SERVED THE SOLDIER BOYS

A good story is told by Teddy Jewett and Bert Bates, who arrived here today from Fort Canby, concerning the various and miscellaneous assortment of foods placed on the menu for the soldier boys at their fort. Taking it as a whole, the boys offer no complaint whatever regarding the food served, but occasionally something is "handed" them that has a tendency to make the "inner man" crave to get out in the open—and it often happens that this is fully accomplished without any exertion whatever.

For instance, some few days ago the boys heard an echo from the company's kitchen that "fresh eggs" were going to be served. Of course "fresh eggs" had a ring to it that would make the average soldier "whet" up his appetite in good shape—nothing before ever coming from the culinary department that even sounded like the cackle of a hen, much less the product thereof.

Leon McClintock, Jewett and Bates were hanging close to the dining room door when the gong sounded for the noon hour meal. They didn't intend taking any chances of letting a menu containing "fresh eggs" get past them. A grand rush was made for the eats. But a careful survey of the spread "laid out" on the "line" failed to bring to the surface anything that looked like an egg. However, the boys were not dismayed and thought the eggs would be sprung as a final surprise at the noon hour meal. Finally a large platter, containing what the boys supposed were fresh peas, hove in sight. This was also a pleasant surprise and three hungry soldiers dipped into the dish for a generous supply and lost no time in assembling a full "load" on their fork to satisfy the inner cravings for this delicious product. One by one the boys slipped away from the dining table—pale and with a look of agony on their face. The "fresh eggs" had been discovered and they were fried salmon eggs—done up in fine style—but left a "dark brown taste" in the mouths of the boys that didn't set just right.

This was a new "wrinkle" to the amateur soldiers and one that can only be appreciated by a practical "demonstration"—which they state is anything but popular among the soldiers.

THOMAS J. SINGLETON IS BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Thomas J. Singleton was held this afternoon at the Baptist church, Rev. G. Miller and Rev. W. H. Eaton conducting the services. A large throng of sorrowing friends and relatives were present attending the high esteem in which "Uncle Jeff" Singleton was held in this community. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The sincere sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved relatives, and in losing Uncle Jeff the county has lost a valuable citizen and a loving friend.

WINTER ONLY HOPE LEFT THE RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press.) PETROGRAD, Sept. 6.—It was semi-officially announced here that the German fleet has made its appearance in the Gulf of Riga. Retreat of the Russians from Riga over a neck of land only a mile and a half wide, between Lakes Kish and Great, is being accomplished with the greatest difficulty, as the enemy is constantly shelling the rear guard. Tuesday the Germans energetically pushed their advance, particularly north of Ukol. In the cutting of the Riga and Vomo Railway General Romanofsky chief of staff, believes that Petrograd is in no great danger of attack, because the near approach of the rainy season, it is pointed out, will prevent the Germans from advancing very far toward the Russian capital.

COUNTY COURT BUYS A TRACTOR

Requisition Issued by Judge Marsters Today For One Machine.

TO BE PLACED AT RIDDLE

Others May Be Installed in Various Districts if The One Purchased Proves a Matter of Economy in Road Construction.

A requisition was issued today by County Judge Marsters to Messrs. Bullwinkel & Marsh, the Riddle hardware merchants, for a Cleveland tractor engine which will be placed in the Riddle district to facilitate the handling of road work in that section of the county. One of these machines has been in this section of the past few days and practical demonstrations made by the company's local representative, M. J. Lee.

That the new acquisition to the county's road building equipment will prove a very economical one is assured. It is a gasoline tractor of the caterpillar type, four cylinders and geared to the ground, has sufficient pulling capacity to draw two fourteen inch plows and in ordinary free soil will plow an acre an hour, at the depth of ten inches.

These machines are superior to the old method of using a plow on the roads in that they are much more compactly constructed. A carload of the tractors has been placed at Medford and vicinity where a number of them will be placed in the orchard tracts. The machine is four feet high, eight feet long and 2 1/2 inches wide, and will move easily over soft ground.

In all probability if the engine gives the satisfaction that it has so far proved the county court may decide to place an order for several more to be located in the principal road districts of the county. They would be a great aid in future road construction and greatly facilitate the carrying on of this important improvement in the county, of which there is much to be done.

STATE LIME BOARD SHOULD WAKE UP

Nothing Has Been Done to Carry Out Law Which Would Greatly Aid Farmers.

LIME IS SOIL RESTORER

Under Provisions of Law Civil Labor Would Be Used in Pulverizing Lime, Giving It to Farmers Cheaply.

At the last session of the Oregon legislature, after an extremely hard fight, a bill was passed creating a state lime board, and appropriating \$20,000 for the purpose of locating suitable lime deposits and using the quarries and grinding the lime in order to furnish farmers with cheap lime to use on the soil.

The authors of the bill were Hon. B. L. Eddy, of this county, and Hon. C. F. Hawley, of Polk county. Now comes the protest from prominent citizens as to why the state lime board has done nothing, or at least there is no outward evidence that anything of any consequence, has been done. It is true that the board looked at lime deposits in Douglas county, and also in Jackson and Josephine counties, but apparently that is as far as their work has come for no quarries are in operation for the purposes set forth in the law, nor is there any sign of such operations.

In view of the fact that a tremendous effort is being made, and rightly, too, to increase the food supply of the country, and a special appeal is being made to the farmers to increase the wheat yield—Oregon being looked to to increase her average 50 per cent—and it being a scientific fact that lime is a great soil restorer, it seems that it is time the state lime board is waking up, and it is not surprising that a "kick" is being registered on account of their inactivity.

As has been stated, the bill was fought very hard for some reason, not very clearly defined, but it had the very staunchest supporters as well, stronger in fact, as was shown

by its being finally passed. Among the strong supporters of the measure were the State Grange, Prof. Scudder and Dr. McPherson, of the O. A. C., the latter helping to frame the bill.

Both Prof. Scudder and Dr. McPherson are scientists and well know the economic features of the measure. The law as passed is modeled after a similar Virginia law, which has been tried out and found very successful. Other states are also getting splendid results from the laws.

W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, is chairman of the food commission of the state Council of National Defense, and a subordinate of President Kerr's, Prof. A. B. Cordley, is chairman of the state lime board, so it would seem to most of us that if President Kerr desires to see the best of results derived through the commission of which he is chairman, that he will use all the influence he has to arouse the state lime board from its lethargy, and thereby aid the farmers in putting new life into wornout soil in order that Oregon may do its part in the great national food drive.

It will be remembered that prominent citizens of this county urged the appointment of Hon. B. L. Eddy as a member of the state lime board, for the reason that he was absolutely familiar with the workings of the law, and because Mr. Eddy is a man who "does things". It is felt at this time that if he had been appointed much would have been accomplished before this.

Let us hope that the time of "napping" is over and that results will follow.

PASTOR RELEASED UNDER PROTEST

A special meeting was called at the Christian church last night for the purpose of considering the resignation of their pastor, R. E. Jope, who tendered his resignation a week ago last Sunday, and after much protest on the part of the members of the church the resignation was finally accepted.

In an interview with a News reporter today a prominent member of the official board of the Christian church stated that at last night's meeting Mr. Jope made a motion that his resignation be accepted without debate. "But we voted that down almost unanimously, for if we could not keep our pastor we were not going to be deprived of a right to protest his going," said the official. It was further stated that the church deeply regrets to give up Mr. Jope and were very much disappointed that he did not re-consider his resignation.

Not only will the church miss Mr. Jope and family, but the entire community will regret to see them depart for they have a host of friends in this city who will regret to see them leave, but who have only the best wishes for them in their new field.

Mr. Jope, whose resignation will take effect October 20, will take up evangelistic work and is already booked ahead until February 1.

IMPROVEMENTS ON COOS BAY ROAD

County Judge Marsters stated yesterday that the county court is getting everything in readiness to call for bids for the work to be done on the Coos Bay road between Camas Valley and the Coos county line. It is expected that the work will begin within the next three weeks.

DR. H. J. VAN FOSSEN HELD CONFERENCE

Dr. H. J. Van Fossen, district superintendent of the M. E. church for southern Oregon, presided at the fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. church of this city.

Dr. Van Fossen left for his home at Ashland this morning.

Mass Rice, who recently fell and dislocated his shoulder is able to be about the streets.

W. E. St. John is registered at the Empqua. Mr. St. John came over from Fetherlin to attend to some matters dealing with the county court.

Rafe Dixon motored in from Dixonsville to spend the day.

Company 1 of the Girls National Honor Guard will participate in military drill on Saturday evening under the direction and command of Sergeant Victor Mosier, of the 4th company coast artillery. All members of the guard in the city are requested to be present at this session which will be extremely successful and entertaining.

H. J. ROBINETT IS ARRESTED

Taken Into Custody at Portland Today and Will be Returned Here.

CHARGED CRIME RAPE

Alleged He Had Carnally Known His Daughter, Evangeline Robinett, Who is Not Yet Sixteen Years Old.

COMMITTED SUICIDE

A telegram was received here at a late hour this afternoon that H. J. Robinett had committed suicide at Portland, after retaining Attorney A. M. Crawford to defend him against the charges made by his son-in-law, and making arrangements to leave for this city, he asked permission of the officers to return to his room to secure a few personal articles. While supposedly engaged in this mission he suddenly grabbed a knife and slashed his throat, death resulting almost instantly. The body will probably be brought to this city for burial.

Sherriff Quine this afternoon received information from Portland officers that H. J. Robinett, who is wanted in this city on a charge of rape, had been arrested and would be held pending instructions from the officers here. The telegram also stated that the amount of bonds required was requested by Mr. Robinett and that he would like to have the privilege of returning to Roseburg unaccompanied by an officer. Sherriff Quine immediately instructed the Portland officers that no bond in any amount would be accepted and further that he would leave this evening for Portland to accompany Mr. Robinett to this city.

The information given against the accused was made by W. R. Warner, a son-in-law of Robinett who lives

TRAITORS OF ALL SORTS ON THE LIST

Department of Justice Will Start Prosecution of Suspects.

FEELINGS HURT BADLY

Chicago Herald Defendant in Damage Suit for \$250,000—Mayor Alleges Defamation of Character.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—The nation wide seizure, yesterday, by government officials, of documents and records belonging to Industrial Workers of the World, and the closing of their headquarters in several states, is said to be but the first step in the vigorous campaign which the department of justice is now prepared to wage against disloyalty and sedition wherever they show themselves. From this time forward all organizations or individuals whose utterances and activities give ground for suspicion of disloyalty will be under strict surveillance. So called soap box orators of the larger cities, writers and publishers, some of whom are connected with German language newspapers, will soon be dealt with by the government.

Thompson's Feelings Hurt. CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 6.—Mayor Thompson, pained on account of articles appearing in the Chicago Herald, vigorously criticizing his anti-war attitude, has filed the proscenium in a suit against the publication for \$250,000. Mayor Thompson thinks this amount will probably indemnify him for defamation of character, it being alleged that the Herald has held him up as a traitor to the United States. Thompson alleges that his enemies have bored holes in his apartment walls, tapped the telephone wires, and employed spies to hood him in their efforts to secure evidence.

Hussler's Confidence Unshaken. MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 6.—Charles Edward Hussler, a member of the American commission to Russia, in a statement to the Loyalty Confer-

WILL PAVE ROAD.

Action was taken by the county court today looking to paving that section of the county road extending from the city limits in West Roseburg to the soldiers' home, a distance of probably three quarters of a mile. This marks an important step in road improvement, and will be appreciated by the public generally. The fact will also probably result in the paving that portion of the street from the west end of the Oak street bridge and extending to the city limits to connect with the paving proposed by the county.

on a homestead several miles above Peel, the complaint having been filed in the justice court in this city September 2. Sheriff Quine immediately made an effort to get trace of Robinett, who left this section several weeks ago for Portland, where it has later been learned he has been employed in a saw mill near that city. Today the sheriff was apprised that Robinett had been arrested and was being held in custody by the officers. He will be brought back tomorrow by the sheriff to answer the charges preferred against him.

The complaint made by Mr. Warner states "that on the first day of February, 1917, in the county of Douglas, state of Oregon, the said defendant, H. J. Robinett, did then and there wrongfully and unlawfully and feloniously carnally know and have intercourse with Evangeline Robinett, a female child under the age of sixteen years and that the said Evangeline Robinett then and there being the daughter of the said defendant, H. J. Robinett."

The accused man has been a resident of this county and city for many years and at one time was justice of the peace for this district. He has taught school in various sections of the county and is well known. For the past few years he has been living on a homestead at Nofog, several miles above Peel, and has taught school in that district for several terms. At the present time his wife and family are located at Nofog.

Further details of the alleged assault will not be forthcoming until the arrival of Mr. Robinett from Portland, which will not be later than Saturday morning. He asked the officers here to grant him the privilege of driving to this city in his Ford car, but this request has been denied.

The matter will be fully aired if the charges are sustained in the justice court and passed up to the circuit court for final disposition.

FORMER RESIDENT HERE ON VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Barker, of Portland, arrived here last evening to enjoy a week's visit with relatives and are now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McAllister, on Main street, Mr. Barker being an uncle of Mrs. McAllister. The visitors have been on an extended visit to eastern states, covering a period of two years, and at Kansas City they decided they would enjoy a little variation from train travel and purchased a Ford machine and continued their journey westward in this manner. A greater part of their vacation has been spent in California and they are now returning to their Portland home. Mr. and Mrs. Barker are well known in this city by the old timers, the former having been in business here for many years, and their visit here will be made one of much pleasure mingling with old acquaintances.

It is because of this fact that these extensive bean growers are casting a weather eye at the fleecy clouds these mornings and devoutly hoping that the drought will continue for another week.

In addition to this large acreage of beans Throne & Bogard also have about eight acres in corn. Moore & Signor planted 12 acres to corn and this latter piece is said to be fine. The corn planted by the former is not so good.

Various estimates of the probable yield of the entire 200 acres of beans have been made, according to Mr. Throne, who was asked about the outlook this morning, yet in his opinion the production of 500 pounds per acre, made by District Agricultural Agent C. J. Hard, is probably nearest correct. This is possibly a third of what would have been harvested under normal weather conditions, but the extreme drought played havoc with beans as well as with all other farm crops in southern Oregon this year.

But even with a one-third crop the venture will not be a loser one. Five hundred pounds to the acre means 100,000 pounds for the entire 200 acres. A bushel of beans weighs 60 pounds, and according to the Michigan Bean Growers Association, which usually sets the price of this product for the whole country, or at least establishes a basis, beans will be worth \$6 a bushel, or about ten cents per pound. At any rate the compensation, which is expected to

BEAN MEN BUSY HARVESTING CROPS

Estimated That the Yield Will Fall Considerably Short of Normal.

WORK MARTIN RANCH

Roseburg Men Interested There Will Realize Fair Profit on Their Venture—New Owners Will Plant Wheat.

With the beginning of the year, when everybody throughout the whole United States was urging the farmer to get busy and plant all available acreage to cereals, potatoes or something that could be used for food both at home and abroad, several men in this city became infected with the "planting germ" and at once commenced to look around for a desirable place where a bean crop might be profitably raised.

Among those who went into the business on quite a large scale are J. M. Throne, of the Umpqua Valley Bank, and W. A. Bogard, a realty dealer. These gentlemen secured a tract of land from O. Martin, just below Days Creek, on the South Umpqua. Here they immediately began operations and planted 80 acres to beans, mostly the Lady Washington variety. L. B. Moore, S. P. agent in Roseburg, and John Signor, proprietor of the Farmers Feed Shop, secured another large tract on the same farm and planted 90 acres. W. C. Pickens and John Metz, well known business men of Roseburg, also leased 30 acres of Mr. Martin, and all of the gentlemen got into the bean game in dead earnest.

A tractor was put to work and by the last of May and the first week in June the beans were planted, and when the work was all done the area devoted to this crop on the Martin ranch totalled 200 acres, 160 of which was planted to the Lady Washington, a very popular variety of small white bean, while 40 acres were put out to White Kidney and Boyson. During dry weather which set in shortly after the crop got started the best of care was given the growing beans, and by thorough cultivation the moisture was conserved. Practically no rain has fallen since the beans came up, but notwithstanding the unusually dry season the gentlemen engaged in this effort of adding to the nation's food supply will be reasonably rewarded for their work and enterprise. At the present time the work of harvesting the crop is under way. A machine for cutting the plants is first run through the rows and then the beans, bushes and all are piled up in shocks, much like the farmer does his hay for curing. Later, when they have thoroughly dried, they are hauled to the threshing sheds where a bean huller is stationed, and there the threshing is done. Messrs. Throne & Bogard have installed an Owen bean huller, which is run by a gas engine, and they will thresh not only their own crop, but also for Messrs. Moore & Signor and Pickens & Metz. Absolutely dry weather is necessary for the successful culmination of the bean harvest, because the slightest dampness touches the pods and also leaves the possibility of the beans becoming discolored, particularly if any rain comes at an inopportune time.

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