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MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1918.

This is regular old-time March weather—a little mixed.

Keep your eye on the back yard garden. It pays to Hooverize—both in front and rear.

Trotsky has not yet vindicated the capacity of the soap box orator and the pamphleteer for genuine statesmanship.

William G. McAdoo is one of the men of this country who are beyond question entitled to hand out a "busy day" sigh.

The income tax return is leading many a man to find out some interesting and often important facts about his own affairs.

A very pitiful achievement has to supply Germany's publicity performers with material on which to base the submarine claims as a war winner.

A pacifist would regard a war cabinet composed of those three celebrities, Faith, Hope and Charity, as possessing the needed distinction and experience.

Phishing that Oregon communities are being fed up on falsehoods of various kinds, that the people here as elsewhere are repeating these stories for truth and are thus creating a morale that is injurious to the cause which brought the United States to declare war on Germany, the administration at Washington is asking the people of this state to refrain from passing judgment on the way the war is being won, or from saying and doing things that will destroy confidence. A favorite story is to the effect that food and supplies gathered and sent forward to soldiers are being diverted; that articles are being sold and the money not accounted for. All such statements may be branded as false. In Portland more than 20 such rumors have been traced down and found to be unfounded. They were probably started by German agents. Don't believe rumors that are peddled about surreptitiously. All war news will be given out at Washington. Don't talk too much anyway.

FUNNY CUSTOMS ON OTHER SIDE

Interesting Letter From Julius Riddle Concerning Peculiarities French People.

AMERICANS TOO FAST

Natives Sit Up and Take Notice at the Speed With Which Our Boys Do Things—Boys See Major Houck.

Somewhere in France, Feb. 5, 1918 Dear Folks:

Have been mighty slow in writing, but there is so little one can tell. Have been receiving lots of mail from you and Dad, and also today received the box of socks and handkerchiefs. My that was great work on those socks. Never saw such nice knitted work; also the handkerchiefs. They were the most needed. Olive drab handkerchiefs get old after a while and a good white one is a pleasure, many thanks for both.

Am going to write to Pearl and Nettie tonight. About two weeks ago I got a five dollar bill from each of them, and also a box of divinity fudge or nougat from Aunt Pearl today.

We are having a regular picnic here. The last week the sun has been shining nearly every day and all the snow has been gone for two weeks.

Joop has been on a wonderful drive and since he arrived I am his orderly. He has charge of the car and I have charge of all that goes in it. We expect to have lots of fun together as soon as the weather settles down to good old spring and summer.

We have wash day here every day except Sunday. They have a public wash house. Water comes down and they built up a big square basin about 12 feet long and six or eight feet wide and two feet high. It is built sloping to the inside and the sides are about 12 inches wide. They wash on that side and with a heavy brush and a heavy paddle. How they do work. Mostly elderly women. How they can stand all that cold water half a day at a stretch is more than I can see, about half an hour in all I want, but they stand it and the funny part of it is that they get the clothes clean.

They have lots of funny customs here. Wooden shoes are the vogue. Everybody in the small towns wear them. They wear heavy socks and a pair of light slippers in them and when they go into the house they leave the wooden shoes outside, aren't troubled with cleaning their feet here. Another is the houses and barns are all under the same roof. Have a big central entrance with a stable on one side, drive way in the center and the house on the other, then the hay loft is over the whole thing, so you can imagine how

many mice they have in the house. Mice holes all through them, and these places are where we are quartered. But the mice don't bother us any more. We have them all educated to keep off of our head and face. Don't care how much they ramble over the bed, just so they keep out of the way.

We saw the major (Houck) the other day. He said that he had received no mail from home since he landed, so we told him all about his wife which you told us about. He was mighty glad to hear from them, even though the information was second-hand.

One thing, the French aren't in any hurry. When an American army truck fogs down the street the French people surely get out of the way. About the first thing they learn to say about the Americans is "They move too damn fast." They think we are in too big a hurry.

A bunch is on the bed talking so will have to close—can't think.

Lots of love to all, JULIUS M. RIDDLE, 163rd Ambulance Co., A. E. P., via New York.

WALTER FISHER AS-SIGNED TO CALIFORNIA

Walter Fisher, a former Roseburg boy and an associate of a local publication for several years, left yesterday for Eugene after visiting with his parents and friends in this city. Mr. Fisher recently finished the 3rd ordinance course at the University of Oregon and has been called to Benicia, Calif., where he will take six weeks of advanced training with the other members of the course before entering into active service. The 3rd ordinance class will leave Eugene within the next few days for California.

MANY GOOD POSITIONS

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Douglas county. Cora M. Christenson, Plaintiff.

vs. Robert P. Christenson, Defendant.

To Robert P. Christenson, defendant above named: In the name of the State of Oregon; You are hereby required to appear and answer plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above court and cause, on or before six weeks from date of first publication of this summons being date prescribed by order of the court in which you are to appear and answer said complaint, and if you fail to appear and answer plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows: For a decree of divorce, for the care and custody of Margaretta Christenson and defendant's minor children. This summons is published in The Evening News, by order of R. W. Marsters, Judge of the County Court of Douglas county, Oregon duly made and entered of record in the Journal of the above Court. Date of first publication of this summons is Monday, the 4th day of March, 1918.

JOHN T. LONG, D-15 Attorney for Plaintiff.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

FOR SALE—Jersey cow, tuberculin tested, fine milker. Phone 15F14.

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FOR SALE—Two dozen laying hens—White Leghorns and White Cornish games. 85 cents each. Inquire News office.

FOR SALE—Duroe Jersey (Red) pigs. All thoroughbred. Papers free with each. Charles A. Brand, Roseburg, Ore.

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorn eggs for hatching from proven winter layers. \$1 per fifteen; \$6 per hundred. L. J. Houser, Roseburg, Ore. Phone 25F3.

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FOR SALE—Small orchard, within 4 miles of North Yaktima, Wash., for sale at a bargain, if taken soon, or will trade for Roseburg residence property. G. W. Ryan, 244 S. Kane street, Roseburg, Ore.

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FEBRUARY HISTORY THAT IS AUTHENTIC

Month Past Somewhat Disagreeable With Flurry of Snow to Credit.

RECORD IS AVERAGE

Nearly Half Inch More Rain Than Normal—Dry Februaries in Past and Some Wet Ones—Grass and Grain Are Growing.

February lived up to its reputation and everybody is glad it is gone for another 12 months, although it was not half so bad here as in some parts of the United States. Without any snow during the winter and scarcely any frost until February, then the weather became blustery and altogether during the month we got a trifle over an inch of snow—to be exact, 1.7 inches, which laid on only a few hours. Nothing like telling the whole truth about these disagreeable conditions. The warmest day during the month was on the 9th, when the mercury touched 48. The coldest was February 20, when 25 degrees was registered. The greatest daily range of temperature occurred on the 28th, there being 36 degrees between the coldest and warmest parts of the day. The highest daily average temperature was 51.5, the lowest daily average, 35.4, and the mean daily temperature for the month 43.4. The weather records for February of this year, as shown in the summary supplied this office by local Observer Wm. Bell, do not materially differ from those of February during the past 40 years. In fact, the normal mean temperature for a period of 41 years is 42.6, so that February of this year is still slightly to the good.

In the matter of precipitation the month just past was a little ahead, the rainfall totalling 4.96, the normal, however, being 4.56. There have been some real drouthy Februaries in the past 41 years, notably 1913, when only .57 inch of rain fell. Other Februaries when less than two inches of rain occurred were in 1882, 1889, 1892, 1895, 1898, 1903, 1905. The wettest February on record was 1890, when 11.50 inches of rain refreshed the landscape of this country. The hardest wind in February occurred on the 6th, and the velocity attained was 22 miles an hour, but it was only a squall. There were 4 perfectly clear days, 14 partly cloudy, and 10 when old Sol failed to peep through at all. Grass and grain growth was somewhat retarded by the low temperature during the month, although crops generally that were sown in fall or early winter are looking well. Stock has required but little feed, and in fact most of the cattle and sheep have had little if any feed, as grass has been sufficient for them to go fairly well.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

All accounts not paid in full by the 10th of each month will be subject to an additional charge of eight per cent per annum on all purchases until paid. This action is taken in accordance to the request of the government to all business houses to limit credits to a 30 day basis and it is with this view in conducting our business that an additional charge of 8 per cent will be added to all accounts not settled by the 10th of each month, commencing March 10, 1918.

MOTOR SHOP GARAGE, By Nat'l & Baker. OVERHAULING GARAGE, By C. O. Thomas. ROSEBURG GARAGE, By C. W. Parker. FORD GARAGE, By W. A. Burr. J. O. NEWLAND, FARMERS FEED SHED, By John C. Signor. RICE'S GARAGE, By E. L. Rice. G. W. BURNETT. m10

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to Simon Caro are urged to call and settle their accounts at once, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. SIMON CARO. m7

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ONCE OVER And under, and all around our plant, went Hire's Root Beer agent before issuing a license to us, to make and bottle that delightful drink. It's a pretty good guarantee to you of the purity of all our products. Roseburg Dairy & Soda Works