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OPPORTUNITY.

Opportunity knocks and most of us are deaf. Never was there more opportunities for young men and young women of good character to distinguish themselves. War, as well as peace, has its triumphs. For the young man of adventuresome turn of mind, there is great opportunity in his country's service.

So it is in other walks of life. Francis Scott Key would be forgotten today if in the stress of war times he had not written the "Star Spangled Banner". The greatest achievement of Benjamin Franklin and the most difficult was borrowing money for the colonies to finance the Revolution.

And for the young women, too, there are manifold opportunities for service, and it is our opinion that many are grasping them. The work of the Girls' Honor Guard, the girls' training camp, the Red Cross is largely the work of young women.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF Y. M. C. A. AT THE FRONT United States Army officers have been loud in their praises of the patriotic service rendered by the Y. M. C. A. with the troops at the Mexican border.

Any soldier from almost any of the camp streets could see the structure and at once it would suggest companion-

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Have you selected your graduation gown yet? If not, you should see our splendid line of beautiful gowns for graduation.

Have you noticed our window display? If so you have seen but a fraction of the beautiful gowns we carry. Come in and let us show you the rest of them.

It's not every store that can show you such pretty things so reasonably priced.

Are you leaving your graduation suit until the last thing? You should not. You should see our line now while it is complete.

We have a beautiful display of blue serges; some with stripes and others plain. We also have some pretty black suits, and others that are very suitable for graduation.



ship and beneficent pleasure. Off duty, he could go to the Association building and write that deferred letter home. He would find files of familiar magazines. There would be music and checkers and frequent meetings, with addresses so ringingly inspirational that his mind would be turned directly away from the drab institutions of sordid diversion that always trail the army.

For the service of soldiers on outpost duty, automobile trucks were rigged up to carry men and supplies such as writing paper and magazines. These trucks would make their way across the roadless desert. When noon came the secretaries would get out and prepare a lunch under a sun that seemed almost as hot as the fire used in cooking their food.

The variety of services rendered by the Y. M. C. A. was related by Father Harvey, officer of the Order of the Holy Cross of the Episcopal Church, who said: "The Y. M. C. A. work is largely directed toward holding the interest and attention of the men and keeping them from evil in-

fluences of border towns. No scheme to this end is left untried. Religious meetings, talks of all sorts, moving pictures, boxing contests, stunt nights, popular band concerts and indoor baseball are some of the methods which are being used. The soldiers spend long days on these hot Texas plains, and often work very hard, but the secretaries in the Christian Association building have done the most exacting work in all the camps."

So extensive did the Association's work become and so rapidly did the soldiers' demands for the appreciation of the service grow that "folks back at home" were called upon to raise an aggregate of \$1000 a day to keep the work going and it was done gladly with the feeling that money could not be better invested.

Regularly organized work was done in connection with the base hospitals, furnishing stationery, writing letters for those unable to write, putting on wrestling and boxing matches and other stunts, moving picture shows and musical numbers for entertainment and holding Sunday and vesper religious services.

Madame Schumann Heink sang for the guardsmen at the Y. M. C. A. Building of El Paso. Y. M. C. A. work was permanently organized in some of the border towns, the buildings in the camps became such centers of attraction that they were constantly thronged by soldiers when off duty, so that it was considered no wonder that General Allen of the Iowa brigade, voicing the general feeling, said in an official report, "I consider the Y. M. C. A. service in connection with this Brigade as extremely beneficial. They seem to fit in to do a work not provided for in any other way.

Society and Personal

ANNOUNCEMENT. Social and club news for this department should be given to the Observer by phone or otherwise, during the forenoon. Such news turned in after 12 o'clock, noon, will frequently have to be held for publication the following day.

A wedding of interest to Portland folk was that of Miss Josephine Butler, niece of Mrs. Thomas O'Day and Dr. William M. Peare, which was solemnized Tuesday morning, Rev. Father Reilly officiating. A wedding breakfast was served, only the intimate friends and relatives being present. The bride was attired in a gown of ivory satin, embellished with lace and pearls and her tulle veil was arranged in cornet fashion, banded with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Harry Turner left last night for Portland and Burton, Washington, where she will attend the graduation exercises of her nephew. Mrs. W. L. Sergeant, of this city, left this morning for a visit at the home of her parents in Imbler for the remainder of the week. Rev. G. L. Clark left for Joseph this morning where he will attend the flag raising held in that city today. Mr. Clark is one of the speakers on the program. Mrs. Ella Long, recently of Elgin, passed through the city this morning for Elgin where she will visit her relatives. Mrs. Long is from Milton where she is making her present home. Frank Conley was over from Cove yesterday on business. He reports that a good many acres of farm land in that community will be so wet this season that it will be impossible to farm it. Mrs. Lester Bramwell is today busy distributing window placards showing her picture and also the picture of the Winton six for which she is contending to win through subscriptions to the Portland Evening Telegram. She claims now to lead all Eastern Oregon by strong majority. Curtis Miller, of Union, stopped over in the city today from Corvallis where he has been attending the O. A. C. the past semester. He intends to take up work on a farm, having finished his semester's work. He states that the boys are leaving in large numbers each day and that it will not be long before all boys in the school will leave.

Mrs. Clara Scriber left for Enterprise this morning on a visit. Dr. R. E. L. Holt was a business visitor to Enterprise this morning. Rev. J. T. Cantwell, of The Dalles, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Miss Edna Jones, of Portland, is visiting relatives in the city. She will leave shortly for Boise. Mrs. R. B. Mason, of Island City, left for her home this morning after a business visit in this city. Mrs. W. R. Holmes, of Enterprise, passed through the city this morning from Portland where she has been visiting.

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Additional Sports

Woodburn leads Oregonian shoot. La Grande Third. Columbia - Willamette Trapshooting

Standings table with columns: W, L, P.C., Shot at Bk. Woodburn 3 1 750 500 455; Albany 2 1 867 375 352; La Grande 1 1 500 375 346; Salem 2 2 500 590 451; Astoria 2 2 500 500 436; Pendleton 2 2 333 375 342; Oregon City 2 0 000 375 323

Yesterday's Results. American Association—At Minneapolis 2, St. Paul 3; no others scheduled. Western League—At Sioux City 5, Wichita 1; at Omaha 4, Denver 1; at Lincoln 6, Joplin 3; at Des Moines 2, St. Joseph 0.

Next Sunday's Schedule. La Grande versus Astoria. Oregon City versus Albany. Woodburn versus Pendleton. Salem remaining idle.

Pacific Coast League Standings table with columns: W, L, Pct. Salt Lake 22 15 .595; San Francisco 23 16 .590; Oakland 20 18 .526; Portland 18 17 .514; Vernon 16 24 .400; Los Angeles 14 23 .378

Yesterday's Games. No games played, teams traveling. Today's Games. At San Francisco—San Francisco vs. Portland. At Salt Lake—Salt Lake vs. Oakland. At Los Angeles—Los Angeles-Vernon series starts tomorrow.

BASEBALL SUMMARY Standing of the Teams. National League table with columns: W, L, Pct. New York 13 6 .684; Chicago 19 9 .679; Philadelphia 12 8 .600; St. Louis 13 10 .565; Boston 8 10 .444; Cincinnati 12 16 .429; Pittsburgh 8 17 .320; Brooklyn 5 14 .263

American League table with columns: W, L, Pct. Boston 15 7 .682; New York 13 9 .591; Chicago 17 12 .586; Cleveland 15 13 .536; St. Louis 14 13 .519; Detroit 10 14 .417; Washington 8 16 .333; Philadelphia 7 15 .318

American Association table with columns: W, L, Pct. Indianapolis 23 5 .821; Kansas City 13 18 .619; Louisville 16 11 .593; Columbus 13 13 .500; Minneapolis 8 12 .400; Milwaukee 9 15 .375; Toledo 7 16 .304; St. Paul 7 16 .304; Northwestern League Tacoma 16 4 .800



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