

# NEWS OF LA GRANDE

**Returns from Portland**—Virgil Bolton returned yesterday from a week's visit in Portland.

**Visiting Here**—Gilbert Hunter of O. A. C. is visiting friends for a few days.

**Returns from Moro**—Mrs. George Stoddard returned today from spending Thanksgiving at Moro, Ore.

**O-W. Official Here**—D. E. Clark, O-W. R. & N. official, is in town today from Portland on business.

**Return to Meacham**—Mrs. D. W. Graner and daughter, Mildred, returned to their home in Meacham this morning after visiting here the past week.

**Will Visit in Joseph**—Mr. and Mrs.

...night. They will give a dance tonight at Hex hall. They played Thanksgiving night here and delighted a large crowd.

**Enlists in Marine Corps**—Charles Leonard Wilson of Lostine enlisted in the Marine Corps, through the local recruiting officer, Wednesday night and left Thursday for Mare Island, California.

**Football Men Will Be Guests**—The members of the La Grande football team and their coach will be the guests of the La Grande business men at their weekly luncheon next Tuesday at the Foley hotel.

**Guns for Home Guard Arrive**—The long expected guns for the Home Guard have arrived and will be issued to the men Tuesday. As the cases have not been opened yet it is not known just how many or what make of gun has been sent.

**Will Leave for Portland**—Robert Casebeer and his mother will leave tomorrow for Portland, Mr. Casebeer having enlisted in the clerical department of the Aviation corps. Mrs. Casebeer will remain in Portland.

**Mrs. J. P. Rogers Improves**—Mrs. J. P. Rodgers, of Arlington, Ore., who has been sick for the last six weeks is getting along very nicely. She is at the home of her brother. She will be able to leave for home in about two weeks. She came here to go to work in one of the local camps. Just came and worked one day and

became worse until she was removed to her brother's home about three miles from town. Although suffering steady pain she always had a smile for every one that came to see her. She wishes to thank those who were so kind and pleasant to her while she was so ill.

**Services at Christian Church**—Rev. D. D. Randall will preach at the Christian church tomorrow. Mr. J. B. Daly will sing. "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." At 7:30 the well-known Bible School man will preach and on that occasion the mixed quartet will sing.

**Overland Cars Sold**—Two Overland cars were sold last week by the local representatives, Galloway-Rees Co. George Baker of Cove is the fortunate possessor of a 1918 model 90 five-passenger car and Arch Spain of North Powder purchased an 18 model 85-4 five-passenger which Mr. Rees piloted to Powder last Friday.

**Leave for Visit in Washington**—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Leffel left last night for points in Washington. They will be gone some time and will visit Mr. Leffel's parents, also their daughter, Mrs. W. C. Wattenburg, who resides at Bremerton.

**Silverton**—Two and a half miles of hard-surface highway completed to Mount Angel.

**Coast lumbermen get contract** for 40 million feet ship timbers to be sent to Atlantic and Gulf coast shipyards.

**Red Cross Drug Store**  
The Prescription Store

**Will Drill Indoors**—The Home Guard will drill in the Y. M. C. A. beginning Tuesday. All members are requested to provide themselves with suitable footwear.

**Returns from Portland**—Francis Krauss, eleven-year-old son of Phillip Krauss, returned last night from a week's visit with his grandmother in Portland.

**Jazz Band Returns**—McElroy's jazz band returned this morning from Baker where they gave a dance last

## ALLIES WAR COUNCIL MEETS AT VERSAILLES

**Kenneth Carpy Writes From Front**

VERSAILLES, Dec. 1.—The allied war council opened here this morning, Premier Clemenceau presiding. The council plans to attack the problems before it immediately. Many important points already settled, but announcement not made.

The following letter was received by Willard Carpy from his brother, Kenneth, who is with the Hospital Corps:

On the Pond, Oct. 26, 1917.

Dear Brother:—

...ness you had a pretty good idea of the navy. This is my eighth day on the Atlantic ocean and the farther we go the more respect I have for Christopher Columbus. We have two meals a day and numerous life-boat drills, the latter being very exciting at times. But I am just like "Valley Forge" (Hap). He says that there is no use to drill if a torpedo hits us we'll never get out anyway.

Craney is on the boat but we don't get to see our neighbors very often. We get two hours a day on deck and all lights go out at 5 P. M. so you see, fresh air is the most expensive thing.

We had target practice yesterday and our gunners were very efficient. Every time a strange ship passes out on the horizon our guns are turned on them and the torpedo boats head them off. Several English and French cruisers joined us this morning and also a fuel boat for our submarine chasers. We sleep below the water line and all stair ways are guarded. I was lucky and drew a top bunk. They are all three high. Leffel and Colin Stewart are under me.

I haven't been sea sick yet but was quite dizzy the first two days. Here are the boys that are still feeding the fish, Murphy, Bill S., Happeret, Albert Curroy and Red Smith. We are not allowed to smoke but not very many of us want to. We spend most of our time down in the hole talking about submarines, six and eight-inch guns, torpedoes, periscopes, life-boats and serviceable life-preservers.

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McCall Patterns and Magazines for January

# 'SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE' Without a Smoke

Do you know what it means to a soldier at the end of a hard day's work—without a smoke? You remember how often "at home" you were stranded, but think of your soldier friend at the front—what a "smoke" would mean to him. Thousands of our boys are "somewhere in France" without their favorite smoke—they are fighting for you. Won't you contribute 25c to supply your soldier friend with a week's supply of smokes?



## The La Grande Observer's Tobacco Fund

has just been started, to supply our boys with their favorite smoke. Will you help to make it a success? This has been endorsed by the government. Through the efforts of this paper, arrangements have been made with the American Tobacco Company to send 45c worth of tobacco for 25c.

- Here is what they will get:
- 2 packages of Lucky Strike Cigarettes. Retail at 20c
  - 3 packages of Bull Durham Tobacco. Retail at 15c
  - 3 books Bull Durham Cigarette Papers
  - 1 tin of Tuxedo Tobacco. Retail at 10c
  - 4 books of Tuxedo Cigarette Papers. Retail at 10c

A return post card is enclosed in each package, so that every contributor will receive a personal acknowledgment of his gift. You will treasure this message from the trenches. Everybody wants to give a little. Will you help make it a success by doing your bit?

Contribute! Organize your club, your town, your office, your factory and give the boys just a little comfort—their favorite smoke.

### THE OBSERVER'S TOBACCO FUND

Oct 28th (Sunday)

"Welcome the morning."

We are sleeping now with all our clothes on and life belts handy. Our company gets rafts if any accident should occur. We are about seventy-two hours from port. I rather enjoy the danger zone in day time, but when the waves are ten feet high at night it is quite nerve-wracking, especially when we talk to some of these sailors. One of them had me down to the bottom of the ocean three times last night. We have just been discussing the meat we had for breakfast. It certainly was no domestic animal. Some of the boys thought it was sea-dog, crocodile, leopard or alligator meat; no one knows yet.

Have just been on deck and was sent down by the Chief Boatswain, who blew a shrill whistle and said in a deep voice, "All troopers below, all hands on deck." I think the gunners are going to practice. "All's well" sounds pretty good to me in the middle of the night. I was telling John Waller when we were on deck that "I have a strange feeling all day, just like the one I had the night my grandfather died." He said "Two more days of this will kill me." Then he asked me to sing "My Little Girl."

Drill

Oct. 29 (11 days out)

We have passed another interesting night. Bill S. and I sneaked up to the hatchway last night about 11 P. M. and listened to the boys in the lookouts shout "Hello on the bridge, red light sighted starboard side of cruiser." Bill S. made the remark to me, "I guess it is nothing but a submarine." I think we are in the Bay of Biscay or the Mediterranean Sea.

I have been working in the dining room, cleaning off tables. There are forty tables in our dining room, and there are several just like it. There are about 3,600 soldiers and 400 men in the ship's crew on this boat.

October 31st.

We are safe in some harbor. I think we will land tonight or in the morning. The trip has been quite tiresome and the water bad, but everyone is in good health and spirit. I heard we might get some wine and sandwiches when we land. I will write as often as possible.

With love to all,

KENNETH.

I am going to mail this letter on this transport.

## NEW TODAY

WANTED—Seattle property. Must have good value. Might offer you

four versatile musicians were artists on their instruments and switched from one combination to another with pleasing effect. Their best instrumentation proved to be the banjo, xylophone, drum and piano combination and the music they got out of their respective instruments was something to talk about. The drummer, besides his regular beat, took a slide on the trombone and also did enough work on the sticks for two but managed to jump the drummer job on several occasions. The banjo player had a cornet tucked under his chair which he hauled out to help things along.

Altogether the orchestra was a clever and musical organization and made a hit with the crowd.

State fair has cash surplus of \$19,297.

Roseburg—County may spend \$50,000 remodeling courthouse and jail.

WANTED—Salesmen to carry our line of signs, calendars and novelties, everything for the advertiser, nothing omitted. Splendid offer to the right party. References required. Cannot afford to miss this opportunity. Write for particulars today. Mahon Novelty Co., Kenton, Ohio. 12-11-17 pd.

HELP WANTED—Female. WANTED—Girl to do general housework and cooking. Apply Wallowa Hospital, Wallowa Ore. 12-1-3t.

FOR SALE—Fat Chickens; Fryers, 20c lb. Phone Black 3961. C. S. Shultz, 1904 E. N. ave. 12-1-2tpd

## READ

What the Portland Oregonian Said of the Ben Greet Players

### BEN GREET PLAYERS WIN

SHAKESPEAREAN ACTORS PORTRAY "MERCHANT OF VENICE"

Portland Turns Out at Auditorium to See Notable Production Artistic Presentation

The Ben Greet Players, internationally famous, came to the Auditorium Monday night and gave with true histrionic art a presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" featuring a charming young actress, Grace Halsey Mills, in the role of Portia, and Erskine Sanford, a well-known player, as Shylock.

The presentation was made, as are all the Greet productions, in the Elizabethan style, with no scenery whatever save backgrounds of rich velvet hangings. The costumes were elaborate and colorful and the offering had a positive uniqueness and distinction in its lack of scenic trappings.

Of the popularity of "The Merchant of Venice" and its appeal, Ben Greet is quoted as saying:

"For the highest form of poetry, for exquisite and elevating thought and philosophy, we have here the perfection of drama in all its forms, of plot, underplot, construction, accumulative interest and intensity, and, best of all, its humanity and picturesqueness; for these reasons, this comedy will endure to the crack of doom."

It is one of the most dignified and compelling presentations as made by the Greet Players. The players are intensely capable, serious in their art and trained in excellent fashion to delineate Shakespeare's folk.

The Auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience, special sections having been engaged by the Shakespeare club, the Portland Women's club, the various high schools, the Monday Musical club and others.

Following is the cast of players; in which there is no star system, and in which each actor proved himself capable and experienced:

Shylock, Erskine Sanford; the Duke of Venice, Elwyn Eaton; the Prince of Arragon, George Hare; the Duke of Venice, Elwyn Eaton; the Prince of Arragon, George Hare; Antonio, a merchant of Venice, David Munro; Bassanio, Lynn Starling; Salanio, William H. Morton; Salanio, Ross Grant; Gratiano, Wells Watson Gillis; Lorenzo, Albert J. Carroll; Tabal, Elwyn Eaton; Launcelot Gobbo, George Hare; Old Gobbo, Albert J. Carroll; Balthasar, Katherine Sayre; Jessica, Nancy Vermell; Nerissa, Agnes Elliott Scott; Portia, Grace Halsey Mills.

## SEE

These Same Players at the Arcade MONDAY NIGHT

## JAZZ BAND BACK AGAIN

Will Give Dance Tonight in Rex Hall; Music is Distinct Feature.

McElroy and his jazz band returned today from Baker to play a return engagement at the Rex hall tonight. Thursday night La Grande was introduced to jazz music dished out in true metropolitan style. The