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NEWS OF LA GRANDE

Returns from Portland—Frank Lewis returned from Portland last night where he spent Thanksgiving.

Leaves for Tacoma—Mrs. J. F. Corbett will leave today for Tacoma where she will visit for some time.

Returns from Visit—Dick Reddick returned yesterday from spending Thanksgiving with his parents who live in the country near Summerville.

Returns from Portland—Irene Beebe returned yesterday morning from Portland where she spent Thanksgiving.

Returns from Baker—Mrs. C. E. Hackman returned home this morning after a three week's visit with Mrs. Louis Campbell and the Surbeck family in Baker.

Mrs. Loney Home—Mrs. Andrew Loney returned this morning from Portland after undergoing an operation in a hospital there. Mrs. Loney is much improved.

Returns to Cove—Miss Nichols of Cove returned to that place yesterday after spending Thanksgiving here with friends.

Will Enlist in Aviation Corps—Rex Green will leave tomorrow for Spokane where he expects to enlist in the aviation corps.

Returns to Union—May Neill returned to Union yesterday where she is teaching school, after spending Thanksgiving with her mother here.

Back from Portland—Margaret Corbett and Helen Curry returned this morning from Portland where they spent Thanksgiving.

they spent Thanksgiving. Miss Curry also visited Sgt. and Mrs. Ernest Watkins (Alice Hill) at Fort Stevens.

Returns to Cove—Arvilla Beckwith arrived yesterday from Pendleton where she spent Thanksgiving and went on to Cove last night where she is teaching school.

U. S. Officer Stops for Visit Here—Sgt. John Wilhelm of the 364th Field Artillery stopped off in La Grande today to visit friends on his way to American Lake, Wash. Sgt. Wilhelm has been on a six thousand mile trip, just returning from New York on business for the government.

Attending Funeral—Jimmie McLaughlin went to Pendleton last night to attend the funeral of his aunt.

Take Over Hotel—Mrs. A. H. Bohoe and Mrs. Daubenvier went to Enterprise today to take possession of the City Hotel which they recently purchased.

Goes to Huntington on Business—William H. Bartholomew, O. W. R. & N. employee, went to Huntington today on business for the company.

Pendleton Men Here—Harry Owens and George Scott of the Hotel Pendleton at Pendleton arrived yesterday for a few days visit. Mr. Owens will then go on to Baker where he will enlist in the navy.

Will Be Buried in Lostine—The remains of John L. Moore of Lostine, who died in this city Sunday, were forwarded to Lostine this morning.

by the W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. for burial. A brother, Henry S. Moore, accompanied the remains.

Will Spend Winter in Eugene—Mrs. L. E. Tyler of Joseph passed through La Grande this morning on her way to Eugene where she will spend the winter with her brother, G. F. Conley.

Enlists in Marine Corps—Francis Adrian Goodbrod of Union, enlisted in the Marine Corps through the local recruiting office and will leave tonight for Mare Island, California.

Attended Game in Portland—Miss Mabel Osterling returned last night from Portland where she attended the Oregon-O. A. C. game and visited friends over Thanksgiving.

False Alarm Calls Out Department—The fire department answered a call from Adams and Fir street yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The fire proved to be only a false alarm.

City Water O. K.—A report from the State Board of Health states that the water now being used by the city is perfectly pure. Recent snows at Beaver creek have increased the supply at the intake and all the water now used comes from this source.

ROY CURRY WRITES FROM SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.
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land drizzle. Don't be too quick to believe any and every adverse report you hear. Things may not be as bad as they seem. When we get settled somewhere I may be able to tell you more. Don't know anything about the censors yet so can't tell just what I am allowed to write. We are going to sign the payroll in a few minutes so it looks like we would get paid in a few days. I have \$50.00 U. S. money on tap now so you see I am all right but not getting rich too fast. Last month was bad as I stocked up for the winter on several articles. Well I guess this is all for a time. Write soon and often.

Your loving son,
SGT. ROY B. CURREY,
Field Hospital No. 167, 117th Sanitary Train, American Expeditionary Forces.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE.
November 12, 1917.

Dear Folks:—We are now in camp again, billeted in a small French village and the chances are that we will be here for some time. Our quarters are not palatial by any means but they could be worse. It has been raining almost all the time since we arrived here but by frequent changing of socks, etc., I manage to keep dry and warm. So far I have not caught cold, so I guess I am all right. No snow yet.

France is certainly a picturesque country, but the customs of the people are quite crude and primitive. They are threshing grain by horse-power devices and the streets are narrow and dirty. The troops are cleaning up the village pretty well and the natives are getting the idea also.

I haven't received any mail since we left Camp Mills, but I expect to be agreeably surprised one of these days. The Y. M. C. A. opened up a "hut" yesterday and that will help a lot. I understand that they will have another "hut" here in a short time.

We have rented a couple of rooms down the street a ways that this company will use as a club room. We will use our company fund to defray the expenses. It will give us a sort of lounging room, etc.

We got the Paris edition of the New York Herald every evening. It is a small four-page affair and gives us the dope in a condensed form. However at that we don't know any more about this war than you do.

I understand that we are not allowed to go to Paris for some time yet, but I am going to try and go over as soon as I can.

We have been pretty busy since our arrival; got our quarters fixed up, so I haven't written much. I will write a real letter next trip. Albert is getting along all right and so is Kenneth. None of the boys are sick so there is no use for any one at home to worry. Give my regards to all my friends. Love to all.

Your loving son,
ROY.

R. ALEXANDER HERE.
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that younger shoulders could take over a share of the responsibilities. When Mr. Alexander moved to Pendleton from Baker some 40 years ago lands about the town sold for \$3 to \$6 an acre. No wheat was raised. Cattle and sheep ranged the hills. These same lands are selling today for around \$125 an acre.

He went into business under the firm name of R. Alexander & Co. Some time later Jacob Frazier, an early pioneer, put up a building on Main street and went into partnership with Mr. Alexander. Later he gave his stock to his son, Nick Frazier, who was killed while hunting, and a short time afterward the firm became known as Alexander & Frazier, but some four years later Mr. Alexander bought out his partner and since that time has conducted the growing business by himself.

At all times he has been identified with the growth of the community. Twice he was mayor of Pendleton. On December 30 he will celebrate his forty-sixth year in the I. O. O. F. lodge, having joined in La Grande.

He has been grand master of the lodge.

"I have lived too long in Pendleton ever to want to leave it," said Mr. Alexander. "My idea is only to cut down some of my responsibilities. There are hosts of friends and pleasant business connections that have grown up about me. I couldn't think of getting away from them."

ELKS MEMORIAL

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Cully, Frank Parkhurst and J. A. Woodell.

All those present, including Judge and Mrs. McGinn, commented on the excellent program, consisting of two numbers by Mrs. W. A. Winters, Tschalkowsky's March Fugue and Rockwell's Lament; the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the lodge and audience, a beautiful solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," by Mrs. J. F. Corbett, a double quartet "Te Deum," by Mesdames T. J. Serogin, J. J. Carr, Mesdames Cella Bollman, Gladys Winters, Messrs. A. W. Nelson, Claude Cooper, Paul Knautz and H. E. Dixon, which was much appreciated; a vocal solo "Crucifix," by Mrs. Birden-Fraker Gambell, which was finely rendered; and the singing of the Doxology by the audience.

Norman Deslett, assisted by the lodge officers, conducted the ceremonies. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs gave the benediction.

Sells Plumbing Interest—Harry E. Goss of the firm of Spaeth & Goss Plumbing and Heating Co., has sold out his interest in the company to Fred Spaeth. Mr. Goss will enter the employ of the government.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE!

Those who bought pies at the Red Cross dinner please return pans to Mrs. Lou Givens, first house west of the Eagles' hall. Those who own the pans please call for them there.

ATTENTION HOME GUARD!

All members of the Home Guard must report for drill on line tomorrow night as rifles will be distributed at that time. (Signed.) MAJOR H. E. COOLIDGE.

NOTICE!

The State Board of Health reports the city water now being received in ample quantities from Beaver Creek in absolutely pure, so there is no longer any necessity of boiling city water.

L. M. HOYT,
Water Superintendent.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved son, Eugene Pollock.

MR. AND MRS. LEE TABOR.
12-3-21.

Business Men's Luncheon.

The business men's luncheon will be held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at noon at the Foley Hotel. Mr. C. R. Eberhard will be chairman. The football eleven and coach will be guests.

The first meeting of the dramatic department of the Neighborhood Club will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the club rooms. Russian life and literature, especially Russian drama, will be studied year under the leadership of Mrs. Norman Frees. All club members who are interested in the work of this department are requested to be present at the first meeting. The program for tomorrow follows:

"Glimpses of Russia's Past," by Mrs. Lucien Douglas.

"Russia Today," Mrs. C. E. Halperst.

Book Review—Katya, by Albert Hunter.

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Approximately 1,500,000 persons ride on the New York City subway system every day. One-half this number is carried during rush hours, between 7 to 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. Until the new extension now under construction is in operation, every rush hour train is being operated that tracks and station facilities will permit. At rush hours local trains are made up with six cars and express trains with ten cars run down apud, Na nana forty-eight seconds headway. During the past ten years, it is said that the New York subway system has carried one and one-half times the world's population, and that during this period only one person has been killed in a train accident.

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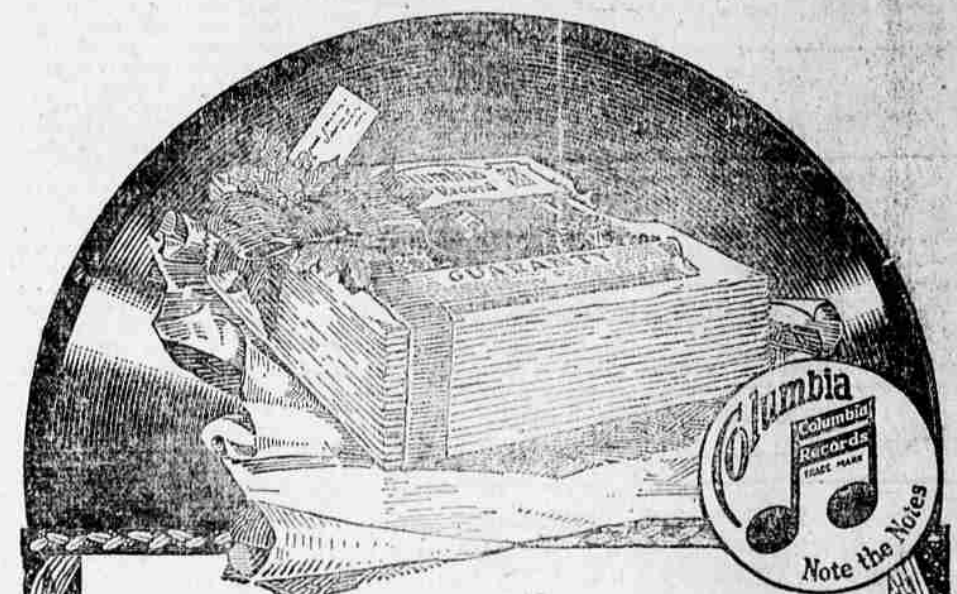
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