

NEWS OF LA GRANDE

Baker Visitor—E. R. Wright of Baker is here on business.

Cecil Galloway Here—County Commissioner Cecil A. Galloway of Elgin is at the Foley.

Mild Rain Falls—A mild rain is falling today. In fact it might be called a drizzle.

Here from Imbler—W. W. Brooks and John Cole from Imbler are registered at the Sommer.

Commissioner Towley Here—W. J. Towley, county commissioner, is registered at the Foley from Union.

Elgin Visitor—R. L. Shoemaker, a prominent business man of Elgin, is in the city, registered at the Foley.

Imbler Orchardist Here—Chas. A. Bingham of Imbler, a well known orchard man, is registered at the Foley.

Returns to Enterprise—W. W. Zucher, who has been in Portland on business, returned to his home in Enterprise this morning.

North Powder Visitors—Those registered at the Foley from North Powder are: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dalton, Herman F. White.

Here from North Powder—H. A. Monday and wife and R. W. Parker and wife are registered at the Sommer from North Powder.

Returns to Pendleton—Mrs. Sylvia Foster of Pendleton, who has been confined to the Grande Ronde hospital for two weeks, returned home today.

On a Furlough—J. L. Collins, of Camp Lewis, is here on a ten-day furlough to visit his wife, formerly Marjorie Kline, and two brothers.

O. D. Shirley Dead—News has been received of the death of Mr. O. D. Shirley, of Elgin, at Hot Lake of tuberculosis of the kidneys. His body was shipped to Elgin this morning.

Visits His Brother—E. Desilet, brother of Norman Desilet, is here with his two children from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. It is the first time for fourteen years that the brothers have met. E. Desilet is a cigar dealer in Medicine Hat. He was formerly manager of the Hotel Royal there.

Will Work at Y. M. C. A.—Miss Beatrice Patty has accepted a position at the Y. M. C. A. as stenographer and office clerk. Miss Patty, with Miss Gladys Black, will handle the Army Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross collections and will also assist the local exemption board.

Candy Business Looks Up—Jimmie Bannon, a well-known candy man, visited his trade on the branch today. He reports that candy manufacturers are allotted 80 per cent of the sugar formerly consumed, instead of 50 per cent. Consequently they will be able to handle about the usual amount of the candy trade.

Birthday Celebration—A most enjoyable birthday dinner was given on New Year's day by Mrs. Clarence Charboneau in honor of her husband's birthday. Among those present were Mrs. Floyd Charboneau, Claude Lynch, Andrew Loney, Chas. Bingle, I. L. Sherman, Floyd Charboneau, Willard Carpy and Oscar Johnson. The birthday cake was decorated with the correct number of candles, and after the toast and speeches, the evening was passed in listening to good music and singing and playing cards.

Hose Company Election—Rescue Hose Company No. 1 held its annual election Tuesday at the fire station. The following officers were elected: Pat Foley, captain; L. L. Snodgrass, first lieutenant; Jas. O'Neal, second lieutenant; C. L. Mackey, president; Nate Zweifel, vice-president; C. P. Cayler, secretary; L. M. Hoyt, treasurer.

Lecture on January 11—Rev. H. L. Ford has definitely decided to give his illustrated lecture on the "Home of the Manatee" on Friday, January 11. About 150 pictures of Cannibal Island scenes will be shown also the picture of the man who said, "White man tastes better than ripe bananas."

Returns from Colorado—Colonel F. S. Ivanhoe returned to La Grande on New Year's eve after a week's visit in Golden, Colorado, where he and Mrs. Ivanhoe went to spend the holidays with Mrs. Ivanhoe's family. Mrs. Ivanhoe is still in Golden and will be gone for a month visiting in Omaha and Chicago and other eastern cities before her return.

Christian Church Home Coming—The Christian church of this city will hold its annual home-coming, Sunday, January 6. There will be three services during the day at 11:00 A. M., 2:30 P. M., and 7:30 P. M. The members and friends will bring their lunch baskets and all will lunch together in the church at 12:30. The choir is planning to have special songs and a day of great social and spiritual uplift is planned.

Watch Party—A most pleasant watch party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Benham, 1929 Second street, Monday night, when an even score of friends gathered to watch the old year out and welcome the new year. Games of various kinds were indulged in and refreshments were served at a late hour, the guests departing soon after the birth of 1918.

Ward Lamb of Imbler is registered at the Foley.

E. E. Anderson of Cove is at the Foley.

F. F. Wilshire of North Powder is registered at the Foley.

O. E. Royder of Elgin is at the Foley.

F. W. Parlant of Enterprise is a guest at the Foley.

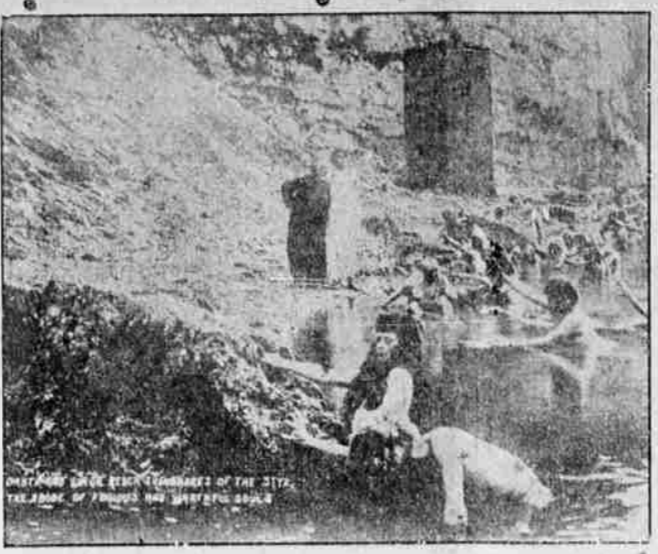
Milton W. Hoswell, of Closset & Devers, is out on the branch on business.

Dante's Inferno, the poet's conception of Hell. Star theatre, Saturday only. 1-2-21.

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Ralph Russel Writes About Hospital Boys

(Letter from Ralph Russel of the La Grande Hospital Unit, to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russel, and family.)

France, Nov. 23, 1917. Dear Folks:—I received your letter last night; they were the first I have received since we landed in France.

Everything is going along nicely; we were here about a week, when they turned the hospital over to us. The Colorado boys started it, but they were transferred to another town, about seven miles from here. The hospital is located in an old castle, which is built in two sections. The first part was erected in 1516, and the second part in 1632 and was used as headquarters by the Germans during the Prussian war of 1870.

We rented a couple of rooms and fixed them up for club rooms; there are two large fireplaces, they were nice on rainy days. We built tables and benches. The greatest difficulty is getting wood.

Reading material is very scarce, and the only English paper we got is the New York Herald, which is published in Paris. Every time any important news arrives, an old man goes down the street with a drum, stops and tells the people, then goes up the street a block or so and repeats the performance. Another queer thing is to see the old town shepherd gather up the sheep. Instead of a drum, he uses a little tin horn, and when the people hear it, they turn the sheep out and they are taken off to pasture.

We are getting very good meals, and every one of us is getting fat as can be seen. About the only fruit we can get are apples, raisins, dates and figs. They don't seem to know what oranges, bananas and pineapples are.

I understand we get a ten-day furlough after I have been here three months, and I surely hope it is true, for I would like to go Paris and see a bit more of France.

We are close enough to the front to hear the cannon and see the flashes at night. All the officers have left, with the exception of two lieutenants, who have charge of the hospital. The rest have gone to some other town to go to school for five weeks.

If you are sending any kind of a Christmas box, you had better get it started pretty soon, as it takes something like a month to get any mail, and there has been trouble in keeping the different soldiers' mail separated as the United States troops are scattered all over France.

Well, must close as it is time for taps; but I hope all of you will write real often as it is rather lonely here. From your loving son

RALPH RUSSELL, Sergeant R. W. Russell, Field Hospital Unit 167, Sanitary Train 117, A. E. F.

"PAY ME."

Harry Keizer Writes to his Aunt and Cousin

(Letter from Harry Keizer to his aunt, Mrs. C. E. Henderson, of this city, and to his cousin, Avia.)

Camp Grant, Ill. December 8, 1917.

Dear Aunt Alma:—Your welcome letter just received with Avia's enclosed. Your letter was doubly welcome as I had received none since I got back to camp.

We had a nice time in Chicago last week. We have it pretty good here with heated barracks and plenty of chow, as it is called here. Also we are well supplied as to clothing, bedding, etc. We have infantry drills of all kinds and as much of the artillery preparation as we can get without a range, but we manage to get everything but the actual firing. We are to use the French 155's, about six-inch calibre when we go across. We have French officers and soldier visitors all the time; some paraded with us in the city. The soldiers here are from every nation in the world coming from Chicago's great melting pot.

My bunk mate is a Russian Pole named Penosky; others in my section are Neal (Irish); Estell (French); Tomasco (Wop); Paradise (French Wop); Maria (French Wop); Goudreau (French); and a few from below the Mason-Dixon line, so you see we have every kind of accent here.

I would appreciate a letter from you and also Dot. I can't think of anything I need just now, but thank you for your kind interest in me and hope you will write me often. With regards to Charlie and the kids (I suppose they are beginning to feel more than that) I will close.

Your loving nephew, HARRY C. KEIZER, Battery E, 333rd F. A., Camp Grant.

Camp Grant, Ill. December 8, 1917.

Dear Cousin Avia:—I was agreeably surprised to receive your nice letter. It seems strange to receive a growing-up letter from you, as I can only remember you as you looked when I saw you last.

If you will excuse my writing with a pencil, it being too cold to go to the Y. M. C. A., where they have writing tables, pens, ink, etc., I will try to tell you something about our life and experiences here.

There are about 160 of us in battery E out of about 220, the original number. Some went to Texas and some to France. We take turns at being our own waiters and work in the kitchen also. I have been wait-er eight times within the last two months and in the kitchen twice. Our kitchen used to be somewhat dirty, our dish towels were the kind that you could stand in the corner or lean against the wall, but lately we've had a little reform and things have changed considerably though the cook still stirs the fire and the potatoes with the same poker. Just why he stirs the fire first is more

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than I can understand, but probably he knows best.

We have nearly all the preliminary drills in the artillery, but our sixteen weeks are up January 1, then I guess it is a case of "Where do we go from here?" We have no artillery range here, so have confined our shooting to the rifle range, where I made 130 out of a possible 175 on the 100, 200 and 300-yard ranges. My score was fairly good, 105 being necessary to qualify. The times I was out on the range, the whole regiment of nearly 2000 men were there and it sounded like a Chinese New Year.

We went to Chicago, 10,000 strong to see the football game between Camps Custer and Grant, and as you like the game I will tell you something about it, also our trip. We were up, had breakfast and were off for the trains before daybreak last Saturday morning and arrived in Chicago about 10:30 A. M. We were all supplied with sandwiches and ate them just before reaching the city. It was the noisiest trip I ever made; we nearly raised the roof off the cars with our yelling and singing. We were all a trifle excited and scared, I believe, when we began to assemble from the depot for the parade, especially when we saw the great crowds of people, but after we had gone about a block we found the people wouldn't bite us so we swung into step with the bands and marched like veterans, or so the papers said that evening. I think the first thing that put me at my ease was to hear a young lady in the crowd say, "Oh, what a cute little soldier; I would like to take him home with me." There were two little soldiers in front of me and both looked like the guilty one, as near as I could judge. We marched through the loop district for a while and assembled in Grant park about noon, nearly overflowing it. We sang a few songs for the crowd and then boarded the elevated steam lines for Stagg park at Chicago University which is pretty well south in the city, on 57th street. Camp Grant won the game, 14 to 6, before a crowd of 25,000 people, including between 16,000 and 15,000 soldiers. Silverick, a former Yale star, I believe, made the first touch down. After the game we all streamed toward the nearest elevated electric trains and surface cars. The steam elevated trains are fast and make but few stops, being patronized mostly by the moneyed class, and as we were paying our own fare back we preferred the jitney ride. A lot of us left the cars in the loop district and the bunch I was with began looking for a restaurant. I found

where they were going then went to mail a letter at the P. O. We had supper in a cafeteria and after I got tired riding around with the boys I went to a hotel but couldn't sleep much on account of the noise. When we got back Sunday night I was on guard duty for 24 hours so was pretty sleepy Monday night.

As this is probably about all you can stand at one time, I will close, thanking you for your nice letter and hoping to see more of them. Say hello to Vester and Izma for me and regards to Aunt Alma and Uncle Charlie.

Your cousin, HARRY C. KEIZER, Battery E, 333d, F. A., Camp Grant.

O. L. McOWN IS HAPPY

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is green and plenty of it. It has rained several days and made it a little sloppy. The people sure have a great way of tilling their ground; they do most of it with oxen and use but a very few horses, and instead of driving their horses abreast, they have them in a line, one in front of the other, and use a jerk line instead of two. They do their treading with the old horse tread machines.

We have taken charge of a camp hospital and have about all we can do. We have organized a club among ourselves, so we have got some place to do our writing. Our quarters are in old buildings; they look like they are a good many years old.

All the people are limited on their food, such as potatoes and bread, and have to get a permit from the French

government to get their wood. Well, will close for this time; will write again.

As ever your friend, ORON L. McOWN, 167th Field Hospital, 117th Sanitary Train, American Expeditionary Force.



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