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—The boys in the service, no matter where, will be anxious to know just what you are doing on this Glorious FOURTH. Wherever you celebrate, take a few pictures of the doings, and send them to the boys who are fighting for us. Let us show our appreciation for the boys with the colors. Send them pictures from home.

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FROM FRANCE.

Speech Made To American Engineers Now Overseas.

Many of the Eastern Oregon parents have sons now in France—a few of them members of the Eighteenth Engineers, companies E and F.

For the benefit of these few, as a patriotic memorial address, the following is a reproduction of the address of Captain Kenneth D. Hauser, of Co. F, delivered upon the occasion of the death of three men from that company.

The address follows. It might be added that this speech was first published in France in the company's own newspaper, called "The Spiker":

Men of Company F, Attention. It is with no little difficulty that I address you on a subject probably nearest our hearts and yet paradoxical as it may seem, one we would all be glad to avoid.

In the month of December alone, we lost three more men from our company, William Hancock, December 2, tuberculosis; Herman Saupé, cerebro-spinal meningitis and pneumonia on December 27, and lastly on December 31, one of the boys we all loved and admired best, Gerald Barrett, in a train accident. This brings the sum total of our mortalities up to five, and it can be attributed solely to a freak of fate that the only five deaths in this regiment of 18th Engineers Railway have occurred in the ranks of Company F. This is one of the inexplicable things of life and while addressing you in the mess hall the other night the happy thought struck me that, inasmuch as death had claimed five of our best boys, so it had taken them all from the best company. This is certainly a consistent way of looking at it, and although it may sound too egotistical, the circumstances furnish us a justifiable pardon for thus relieving our feelings at this time. We know we have the sympathy of the entire regiment in our run of hard luck. It has been expressed to us in so many different ways and forms especially strong by the officers and enlisted men of E. company, our brother company from Portland.

Everyone will admit that the spirit of E. company has been developed to such a high degree, as evidenced by the success attained at everything we have tackled—that our esprit de corps can never be broken and we cannot be discouraged. While we are at a loss to understand why these calamities should be visited upon us, let us resolve that they shall only serve to cement the rest of us closer together and build up our organization to withstand any future shocks we may be subjected to.

May it also serve as a guide for our actions in the future, so that the unworthy things we might be

held accountable for should some similar disaster abruptly confront any one of us, be reduced to a minimum.

If we will consecrate our future standards of living and actions to their memories, then these five wonderful boys who gave their lives for their country—The Company F. Honor Roll, Mercer, Grunps, Hancock, Saupé and Barrett, will not have died in vain.

KENNETH D. HAUSER,
Captain 18th Engineers Railway,
Commanding Company F.

GUARANTEES REQUIRED.

Great Britain And France Fulfill Their Contracts.

BUENOS AIRES, July 4.—Uruguay has declared herself for the cause of the Allies and has broken diplomatic relations with Germany. For she has made an arrangement with Great Britain and France which compares unfavorably with the one these countries made with Argentina.

Uruguay's contract calls for solid guarantees. The original plan was that the governments of England and France should deposit in escrow bonds of the Uruguayan public debt and other securities of Uruguay. But it was found out later that the greater proportion of these bonds had been used by Great Britain and France in other financial transactions, principally in the United States, and that they were not immediately available for Uruguayan purposes.

The English government, when it found that it was impossible to secure Uruguay in this way, decided to make a deposit of one million pounds sterling to the order of the Uruguayan legation in London, reserving the right to exchange it later for Uruguayan securities.

A similar situation arose in the contract made between Uruguay and France. The French government has likewise used its Uruguayan bonds as securities on other loans. The result is that the French banks will be called upon to make individual guarantees.

Considering the fact that Uruguay is one of the foes of Germany it seems that Argentina was very generous in her much larger transaction with Great Britain and France without security of any kind.

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LA GRANDE, OREGON.

CITY FATHERS IN SESSION

ROUTINE MEETING HELD, WITH EARLY ADJOURNMENT TO CHAUTAUQUA GROUND.

Manager Currey's Report Gives Expenses of City Government—Water Proves Sanitary.

President McKennon, of the La Grande Commission, presided at a routine business meeting last night, the proceedings being shortened on account of the Chautauqua closing exercises.

Following is Manager Currey's report of the week's business of the city:

To the Honorable Commission, City of La Grande, Oregon. Gentlemen: Herewith I submit by report for the week ending July 3, 1918.

The chief of the fire department reports two general alarms and one still alarm for the week. The first one was a burning fire. Seven firemen responded to this alarm, at a cost of \$7.00. No damage. The second call was the sawdust at the Roesch ice house flaring into a blaze. No alarm was turned in for this fire. The third one was a grass fire in the wholesale district. The grass on the right-of-way near Greenwood street was fired by a passing locomotive. Nine firemen responded to this call, at a cost of \$9.00.

The chief of police reports 16 arrests for the week. Three of these were state cases, two were drunks, one disorderly conduct, four traffic violations, five for smoking cigarettes and two charged with being slackers. Number of meals served, 16. Amount of fines and forfeitures, \$125. Number of stock impounded, two. Pound fees, \$2.00.

Street and Water Foreman Kane reports a total expenditure for labor for the week of \$123.76. The water department is charged with \$37.88, and the street department with \$85.88. This includes a rather serious break on Jefferson avenue. This leak was under the pavement and was the result of the lead joint having worked loose.

City Treasurer's Report.

Receipts—
Water rents \$29.05
Imp. Dist. Int. 81.35
Imp. Dist. Inst. 503.87
Franchise tax 66.81
Total receipts \$681.08
Disbursements—
Imp. bond coupon paid \$186.22
Park warrant paid 114.00
General warrant paid 195.62
Imp. bond coupon paid 30.00
Total disbursements \$525.84

City Recorder's Report.

From fines \$145.00
No warrants or licenses issued for the week.

Cartelker Woods is down from the reservoir and reports that the water appears to be in first class condition and that the amount of water flowing into the reservoir is still about equal to the amount escaping through the dam. We are able to maintain a full head here and a full city reservoir. Inspected the pipe where it crosses the Grande Ronde river to connect with the Palmer mill line and find that as soon as the river gets a little lower, some additional rock should be placed upon the pipe to insure its remaining in place during future high water. Have kept the sprinkler on the macadam streets and the city park grounds during the greater portion of the week. Have also had the sidewalk repaired leading to the park. This walk was constructed several years ago, from second hand material and is in a bad state of decay.

The police have notified all pool rooms relative to the new ordinance, and so far there has been no disposition to evade the law. Have received returns from the analysis of the city water, and same is pronounced by the state health officer to be fit for use and properly free from colon bacilli or gas. Have sent additional samples again this week but have yet received no answer. Will continue to send samples each week during the summer months.

Yours very respectfully,
F. B. CURREY,
General Manager.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY'S EXTRA SPECIALS

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One lot of Men's Elk Bal Outing Shoes, chrome soles, on sale at, per pair \$2.49

One lot of Men's Dress Shoes, values up to \$5.00 on sale at, per pair \$2.95

One lot of Women's Dress Shoes, values up to \$5, on sale at, per pair \$1.97

Lostine's Best Coffee, on sale, per pound 17c

Folger's Shasta Tea, on sale, per half pound 17c

20c Cans of Sauer Kraut will be sold at, per can 13c

One lot figured Lawns and Dimities, Batiste, etc., values up to 25c, on sale at, per yard 10c

Tee Pee Laundry Soap, Special for this sale at, per bar 4c

One lot of Women's Hat Shapes, values up to \$2.50, to be closed out at 10c

Men's Poroknit Under Shirts and Drawers, special for 39c

Spee-Dee Cleanser, special for Friday and Saturday, at 13c

75c Packages of Parlor Matches, at special 49c

One lot of Machine Oil on sale at, per bottle 3c

We offer 5 dozen Clothes Pins, special, for 5c

You can buy 5 rolls of Toilet Paper for 25c

One lot of Safety Pins, on sale at, per paper 2c

We offer Men's Canvas Gloves at, per pair 7c

One lot of Women's Oxfords, values up to \$3.50, at, per pair 49c

We offer Men's Work Shirts, regular \$1.00 values, at 59c

Youths' Suits, values up to \$18.00, on sale at \$3.98

Men's Athletic Union Suits, regular 75c values on sale at 49c

One lot of Wash Goods, consisting of Voiles, Marquisettes, etc., values up to 65c per yard, on sale at 25c

King's Fruits and Vegetables, regular 30c packages, will be sold at 19c

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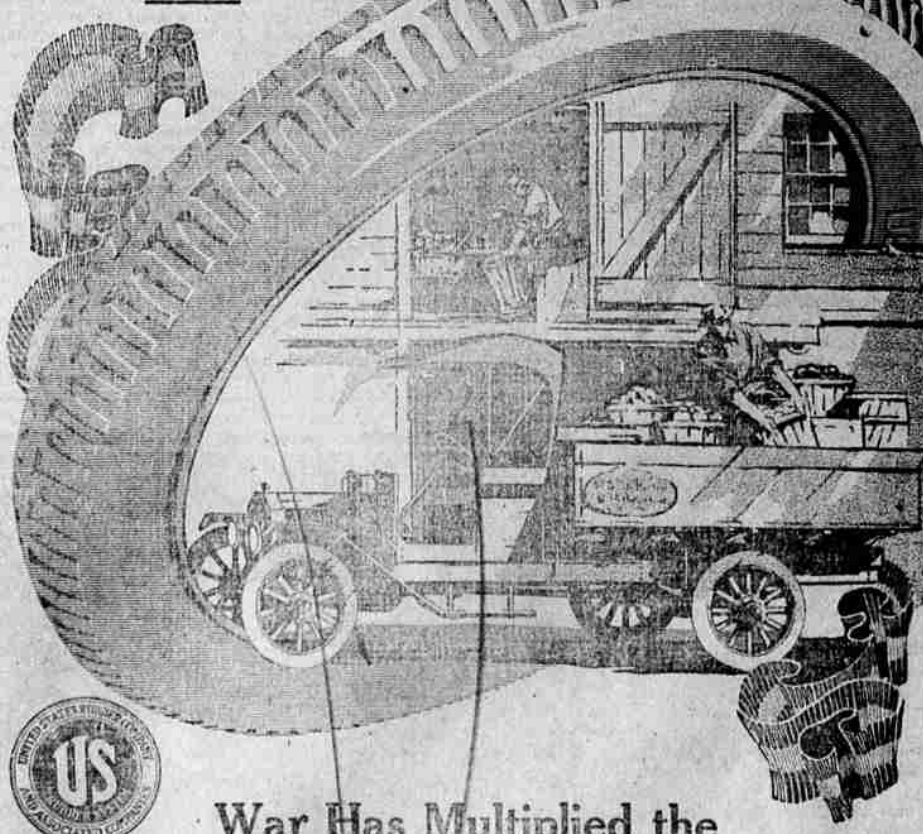
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