

CLERK DESERTS STORE TO WORK ON FARM

CORPORAL SHANNON HOME ON VISIT—E. T. SCHLEUR GOES INTO SHOW BUSINESS—WARREN GILBERT A VISITOR.

JOSEPH, July 9.—(Special.)—Raymond Cook has quit his position as clerk in the McCully Mercantile Store in order that he might work on a farm.

Miss Emma Roup arrived home the first of the week after a visit in Walla Walla.

Corporal Leo Shannon, one of the best and biggest men in the service of Uncle Sam, returned home last Saturday for a ten days' visit with his mother and brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Green returned home last week after spending some time in North Powder.

Warren Gilbert, of Denver, Colorado, arrived last week to spend three days in Joseph with his uncle, F. D. McCully.

E. T. Schleur has decided to take the People's Theater in hand and "make something out of it" if patronage warrants it the show will be open every evening.

Mrs. William Morelock, accompanied by her infant son and daughter, Leontine, will leave for Portland the last of the week.

Miss Emma Hackett, of Wallawa, who has been visiting at the J. O. Hackett ranch on Hurricane Creek, returned to her home the first of the week.

MUST GIVE RELEASES

New Registrants May Join the Navy or Marines

Local draft boards must release registrants of the 1918 class for enlistment in the navy and marines when requested to do so, according to word received from Washington, by the navy recruiting station in the Dekum building today, says the Oregon Journal.

Some time ago a few of the local boards shut down on releases, since the number of men in their districts was so small they feared they would not have enough left to fill their quotas. Instructions from Provost Marshal General Crowder have been to the effect that "local boards may release," the interpretation of which has been made by the local boards and Captain J. E. Cullison, head of the selective service, to mean that the matter rested with the boards to act according to their own discretion.

The navy recruiting station upon learning that some of its applicants were being refused releases, took up the matter with the navy department at Washington which, in turn, took it up with the war department.

A wire from the bureau of navigation was Tuesday received by the navy recruiting station, stating that as a result of the conference, "this office has today communicated with the adjutant general of Oregon, calling attention to our telegram and stating that inasmuch as the registrants of June 5, 1918, are not within the current quota of local boards, the local boards must issue certificates to them permitting them their enlistment in the navy and marine corps in accordance with section 151, paragraph A of the selective service regulations."

Captain Cullison said Tuesday noon that no such communication had as yet reached him from Washington.

The men will only be granted releases for a short time, however, as the orders for their immediate classification by the local boards have already been sent out by Captain Cullison, and upon their classification, they will be within the draft quota and will not be permitted releases.

The average annual meat product from the Tonto national forest of Arizona and the Humboldt national forest in Nevada is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Classified Ads

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Red 962

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms. Red 962

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms, phone Red 3171.—Adv. 5-24-tf

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping, two blocks from center of town, 1512 Adams. Phone Black 3901.—Adv. 7-3-tf.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Modern, 5-room house. Call Main 780. 5-28-tf

FOR RENT—Bath. Call 103 Greenwood or phone Black 3891.—Adv. 7-9-3t.

FOR RENT—Modern five-room house, acre of ground, good garden, good well, near Hospital.—See J. R. Oliver, La Grande National Bank Building. 6-28-18 tf

WANTED.

WANTED—A Piano. Box. 1904. 2nd St. 7-9-3t

WANTED—Cherry pickers.—Ike Bonel, Fruitdale.—Adv. 7-6-4tp.

WANTED—Stenographic work. Address Daily Deering, Union, Ore.—Adv. 7-9-3tp.

WANTED—A meter reader. Inquire Eastern Oregon Light and Power Co.—Adv. 7-3-tf.

THOSE who wish scavenger work done at a reasonable price, call Main 37, Observer office.—Adv. 6-12-1mp.

CITY SCAVENGER—All calls, both in residence and business districts answered promptly. William Hotho, Black 1153.—Adv. 7-3-tf.

WANTED—Position as Cook for harvest hands on ranch or saw mill. Call at address 1909 Cherry Street, Baker.—Adv. 7-9-6t

WANTED—Man clerk in grocery store. Reply in own handwriting; state experience, if any. Care of A. B. C. Observer, La Grande.—Adv. 6-18-tf.

WANTED—Mechanics in all branches of the metal trades for Emergency War work. Good wages; good working conditions and best climatic conditions. Astoria Marines Iron Works, Astoria, Ore.—Adv. 6-11-30t

FOR SALE OR TRADE

FOR SALE—Charges. Place your order. Call Black 3452.—Adv. 6-24-tf.

FOR SALE—Ford touring cars. Inquire Harry Furniture.—Adv. 7-9-tf.

FOR SALE—New wagon, hayrake, and bed.—J. L. Snodgrass. Red 894. 7-8-6t

FOR SALE—Team, harness, wagon, all in good condition. Apply at Observer office. 6-26-12 pd

GONE TO WARR—Dodge roadster in good condition for sale cheap.—Leighton's Garage.—Adv. 7-9-tf.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One and one-half million feet saw timber for town property. This is extra fine timber. Address L. F. care Observer.—Adv. 7-9-2tp.

Fraternal Directory.

K. of L. of Security—Mt. Emily Council, No. 246, meets the second and fourth Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Eagle hall. Visiting members are welcome.

J. K. FITZGERALD, Pres. ABE HARRIS, Fin'l. Sec. FLORENCE BRYANT, Rec. Sec.

L. O. O. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 850, Loyal Order of Moose holds regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 p. m. in Eagle hall next

to Elks' Bldg. on Washington Ave. Visitors always welcome. Dues payable at Young's Sweets. W. C. HANSEN, Dic. HARRY SWART, Sec.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS—Iris Camp meets every second Friday afternoon and every fourth Friday evening, every month in K. P. hall. All visiting members cordially welcome. HENRIETTA GIARST, Oracle. NELLIE V. VINACKE, Rec.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons. ROBERT S. EAKIN, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 59 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. Hall. All visiting members are invited to attend. SARAH McCLURE, N. G. MATTIE GOLDEN, Rec. Sec.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in the K. of P. Hall. Visiting neighbors welcome. L. J. MUNHALL, V. C. W. P. ASHMAN, Clerk

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visiting members cordially welcomed. SADIE E. GIVEN, W. M. MARY A. WARNICK, Sec.

P. O. EAGLES, AERIE NO. 269.—Meet first and third Friday of each month at Eagles Hall. Visiting members welcome. J. F. STACEY, W. P. LEE BELLINGER, Secretary

B. P. O. E. ELKS, La Grande Lodge No. 433. Lodge meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Home and club privileges cheerfully extended to all Brother Elks.

R. J. O'KEEN, Exalted Ruler. A. B. CHERRY, Secretary.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle Hall (K. of P. Hall) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. C. K. McCORMICK, C. C. DELJIE GREEN, K. of R. & S

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Camp No. 169 meets every first and third Monday at Eagles Hall. All visiting neighbors welcome. Dues payable at the office of the clerk, New Foley Bldg., 9 a. m., to 5 p. m. J. J. MURCHISON, C. C. R. J. KITCHEN, Clerk

Professional Directory

CRAWFORD & EAKIN—T. B. Crawford and Robert S. Eakin, Attorneys at law. Practice in all the courts of the state and the United States. Office, West-Jacobson Bldg., rooms 9-10-17, La Grande, Oregon.

ATTORNEYS

DR. A. N. MAYVILLE—Mechanics' Therapy; chronic diseases, especially; Physical and Mental Sciences. Hours: 11:30 to 4:00 p. m., 7:00 to 8:00 evenings. Phone Black 2311. Rooms 1 and 2 over Quodrigde Paint Store, Adams Ave.

COCHRAN & EBERHARD—Geo. V. Cochran and Coles R. Eberhard, Attorneys. La Grande National Bank Building.

GREEN & RUDOLPH—Attorneys. R. J. Green and L. G. Rudolph, Attorneys at Law. La Grande National Bank Building.

C. E. MILLER—Architect, room 31, New Foley Bldg. Phone Red 1871.

DR. MARGARET INGLE, Osteopath Physician, specializing in diseases of Women and Children. Hours 10 to 12 a. m.; 1 to 6 p. m., and by appointment. Phone: office Red 1761. Residence Red 881. 37 New Foley Bldg. Dr. J. L. Ingle has entered the U. S. Army.

VETERINARY

DR. H. W. RILEY—Graduate Veterinarian. Hospital, 1409 Madison Ave. State Stallion Inspector and Inspector of stock for shipment. Home Independent Phone, Black 41; Farmers Co-operative Phone, Main 112.

Are the Packers Profiteers? Plain Facts About the Meat Business

The Federal Trade Commission in its recent report on war profits, stated that the five large meat packers have been profiteering and that they have a monopoly of the market. These conclusions, if fair and just, are matters of serious concern not only to those engaged in the meat packing business but to every other citizen of our country.

The figures given on profits are misleading and the statement that the packers have a monopoly is unsupported by the facts.

The packers mentioned in the report stand ready to prove their profits reasonable and necessary.

The meat business is one of the largest American industries. Any citizen who would familiarize himself with its details must be prepared for large totals.

The report states that the aggregate profits of four large packers were \$140,000,000 for the three war years.

This sum is compared with \$19,000,000 as the average annual profit for the three years before the war, making it appear that the war profit was \$121,000,000 greater than the pre-war profit.

This compares a three-year profit with a one-year profit—a manifestly unfair method of comparison. It is not only misleading, but the Federal Trade Commission apparently has made a mistake in the figures themselves.

The aggregate three-year profit of \$140,000,000 was earned on sales of over four and a half billion dollars. It means about three cents on each dollar of sales—or a mere fraction of a cent per pound of product.

Packers' profits are a negligible factor in prices of live stock and meats. No other large business is conducted upon such small margins of profit.

Furthermore—and this is very important—only a small portion of this profit has been paid in dividends. The balance has been put back into the businesses. It had to be, as you realize when you consider the problems the packers have had to solve—and solve quickly—during these war years.

To conduct this business in war times, with higher costs and the necessity of paying two or three times the former prices for live stock, has required the use of two or three

times the ordinary amount of working capital. The additional profit makes only a fair return on this, and as has been stated, the larger portion of the profits earned has been used to finance huge stocks of goods and provide additions and improvements made necessary by the enormous demands of our army and navy and the Allies.

If you are a business man you will appreciate the significance of these facts. If you are unacquainted with business, talk this matter over with some business acquaintance—with your banker, say—and ask him to compare profits of the packing industry with those of any other large industry at the present time.

No evidence is offered by the Federal Trade Commission in support of the statement that the large packers have a monopoly. The Commission's own report shows the large number and importance of other packers.

The packers mentioned in the statement stand ready to prove to any fair minded person that they are in keen competition with each other, and that they have no power to manipulate prices.

If this were not true they would not dare to make this positive statement.

Furthermore, government figures show that the five large packers mentioned in the report account for only about one-third of the meat business of the country.

They wish it were possible to interest you in the details of their business. Of how, for instance, they can sell dressed beef for less than the cost of the live animal, owing to utilization of by-products, and of the wonderful story of the methods of distribution throughout this broad land, as well as in other countries.

The five packers mentioned feel justified in co-operating with each other to the extent of together presenting this public statement.

They have been able to do a big job for your government in its time of need; they have met all war time demands promptly and completely and they are willing to trust their case to the fairness of the American people with the facts before them.

- Armour and Company, Cudahy Packing Company, Morris and Company, Swift and Company, Wilson and Company

LOCALS And Advertising in Brief

OFFICE REMOVED TO FOLEY BUILDING

Attorney H. E. Dixon has removed his law office to Rooms No. 20-22, New Foley Building.—Adv. 7-5-5t

There is a general disposition to doubt the reports of von Hindenburg's death, but no doubt as to where he went if he did die.—Dallas News.

ATTENTION ELKS

Regular meeting Thursday night. Business of importance. If interested in the work the lodge is doing, be present.

R. J. GREEN, Exalted Ruler. A. B. CHERRY, Sec. —Adv. 7-9-3t.

NOTICE

Some people are making a habit of turning their dogs loose at night. This must be stopped at once and the first case of the kind will be followed by a complaint. L. RAYBURN, Chief of Police. —Adv. 7-9-2t.

The high-class soda water is always what you want, and the very latest Sundaes are what Al Cain puts up at Silverthorn's. Better drop in and see Al about this. By 7-9 tf

Silverthorn's FAMILY DRUG STORE LA GRANDE, OREGON.