

Social and Personal

Andrew Blockland left this morning on a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Frank Baker of Pendleton, spending a few days in the city.

E. Polack, of the City Grocery and Bakery, is in Portland for a stay of a few days.

Chief Clerk J. W. Purcell, of Superintendent Bollons' office, returned from The Dalles Monday.

I. L. Sherman, of the O. W. R. & N. offices, left Sunday night for Los Angeles, on his annual vacation.

Frank Tucker returned yesterday from a four month stay at Clear Lake, Wisconsin. He will take a position in the Polack Grocery.

Miss Elsie Sullivan, daughter of J. D. Sullivan, left on this morning's train for Seattle for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ellis Young, who is taking a course in a business college at Portland, was an arrival in La Grande this morning. Mr. Young is in France.

Division superintendent W. Bollons, who was called to Portland a few days ago, on business connected with his department, is expected home in a day or two.

Little Frank Cullen, who was seriously in an auto accident Sunday has been taken home from the hospital. While still suffering considerable pain he is improving rapidly.

Vernon S. Allen and Miss Mary Davis, both of Union, were married at the M. E. parsonage yesterday afternoon, July 17, 1918. Rev. Fesse, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating.

A. J. O'Reilly and Miss Helen Cowgill, assistant state leaders of boys' and girls' clubs, arrived on the morning train and will give a series of lectures in the county in behalf of O. A. C. work.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp have returned from an auto trip to Pendleton. They went by way of the toll gate road through Summerville and returned through Meacham. They report the toll road much the best.

Mrs. Williamson, wife of Lieutenant Joe Williamson, has arrived from California, having been called home on account of the illness of her father, Mr. Ed. Ayres. Lieutenant Williamson is an instructor in the signal corps in California.

Assistant District Manager Du Bois has just returned from Imbler and Elgin, in which towns he organized committees for the purpose of taking a government census for war activities of the government, as is now going on here in La Grande.

Mrs. Fred Eames, of Telocaset, has gone to San Francisco to visit Camp Fremont, where her son is in training. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson and daughter, Phyllis, accompanied her. They will visit at Eugene and Newberg before returning. They will be absent about a month.

Tonight is the regular night for military drill for the young women of La Grande. The officers of the militia have undertaken the training of the girls, at the request of the Honor Guard, but non-members are invited to participate. Business girls are especially urged to take up this training. The time is 7:30 and the place, the city hall.

Superintendent J. F. Corbett and Mrs. Corbett returned to La Grande from Minidoka, Idaho, where they went to accompany their son Joe, and left him at that point, he being en route to the east in order to join his ship, the cruiser San Diego, on board of which he is one of Uncle Sam's "jackies."

The suite of rooms on the ground floor of the new Foley building, formerly occupied by J. T. Williamson and the Mt. Emily Timber Co., has been divided into two sets of offices. The two rooms on the east are occupied by B. F. Owsley, representing Kerr-Gifford & Co., the grain buyers. The other two rooms are retained by the Williamson Land Co., who are continuing the work of Mr. Williamson in the making of township plats and government land papers.

WANTED—Clean White Cotton Rags at the Observer Office; 3c per lb.

Hon. We can not disobey the government's orders on the paper question, for the shortage is so apparent that the War Board has issued repeated warnings to conserve all paper possible. In the city of La Grande we have a collector who calls once each month at every home. Please arrange to pay the young lady when she calls. Repeat calls cannot be made for it is too expensive and it is not right. If you want the paper kindly arrange for prompt and regular payment. If you do not want it be kind enough to advise either the collector or this office at once.

HELP SAVE THE BABES

Message From Governor Sets Forth The Importance Of Help.

A message from the Governor reads: "Because of the many problems of reconstruction which are certain to follow the termination of the world war and also on account of the increasing demands and responsibilities of citizenship it is now more important than ever before that emphasis be placed upon child welfare work. Upon the youths of America who are privileged to witness the history-making events of this stirring epoch will devolve the duty of carrying forward to posterity the splendid precepts and lessons of national patriotism which are now being demonstrated.

"Mindful of these responsibilities which rest upon young America, it is indeed a pleasure for me to endorse heartily the Children's Year program outlined by the Children's Bureau and Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense. As we enter upon our second year of the war it is entirely fitting and proper that we increase our efforts to conserve the life and health of American children as far as possible and raise their educational, moral and working standards to the highest planes attainable.

Experiments made in England have found child welfare work imperative in relation to general war activity and preparedness. American are today obliged to face this movement as a necessary progress. I am proud of the notable progress the State of Oregon has made in child welfare work and feel safe in predicting that Oregon will be depended upon to do its full share in carrying out the Children's year program thru the efficient organization which has this movement in hand."

SUMMERVILLE NOTES

Ladies of Red Cross to Have a Social Next Saturday Evening. SUMMERVILLE, July 17.—(Special.)—The Red Cross, of Summerville, will give an ice cream social next Saturday evening, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the Red Cross. Miss Iva Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fine.

Andrew Tucker, of the flat east of Elgin, purchased 20 head of cattle from H. H. Hug, of Pumpkin Ridge.

ENLISTED IN MARINES.

Freeman Lubbers is one of the local young men who have recently enlisted in the marines. He left for the Mare Island headquarters on Sunday last.

MR. HARMAN HERE.

Mr. F. A. Harman, manager of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power Company, is down from Baker on one of his regular tours of inspection over this territory.

WHEATGROWERS PASSED

No Call for New Twenty-Overs in Union County For August. The wheat-growing counties, which include Union, will not be called on to furnish any part of the state's quota in the call for 400 from the state for the five days following August 5. Boards which have exhausted all of class one are directed to complete their quotas from the new registrants. Wheat-growing counties are exempted. This is in accord with instructions to effect the least possible disturbance to industrial conditions.

Besides Union county, the counties of Umatilla, Wallawa, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow are passed.

"SERUM OF SILENCE" FREE

American Women Urged to Start Endless Chain of Users. CINCINNATI, O., July 17—Advocating a medicine free to all, called "The Serum of Silence," Russell T. Edwards, of Washington, urged members of the Women's Association of Commerce of the United States of America, in session here, to start an endless chain of users of this medicine to offset the poison of German propaganda.



Maj. Gen. Kenichi Oshikawa, Japanese minister of army affairs.

PRAYING PALM TREE DEAD

Used to Prostrate Itself in the Evening While Temple Bells Rang.

The praying palm tree of Faridpur, about which certain interesting facts were published, is dead. It may be remembered that this tree used to prostrate itself in the evening while the temple bells rang, calling the people to prayer, and it erected its head in the morning. This process was repeated every day, to the bewilderment of thousands of Hindus, who naturally came to look upon it as the abode of some "devata" (god). Hundreds of forced pujahs to the unknown "devata," which all went to fill the pockets of the owner of the tree. Miraculous cures were reported as a result of pujah offerings.

The curious phenomenon attracted the attention of Sir J. C. Bose, who, after much difficulty, obtained permission of the owner of the tree to investigate the matter. He devised special instruments—all of Swedish manufacture—and began to take records. He found that the palm tree fell with the rise of temperature and rose with its fall. Records obtained with other trees brought out the hitherto unsuspected fact that all trees were moving, such movements being in response to changes in their environment.

Sir J. C. Bose holds the opinion that "the whole of the vegetable world, including rigid trees, perceive the changes in their environment and respond to them by unmistakable signals. They thrill under light and become depressed by darkness; the warmth of summer and frost of winter, drought and rain, these and many other happenings leave a definite impression on the life of the plant."

Anzac Makes Safe Guess. A company commander received an order from battalion headquarters to send in a return giving the number of dead Hunns in front of his sector of trench. He sent in the number as 2-901.

H. O. rung up and asked him how he arrived at this unusual figure. "Well," he replied, "I'm certain about the one, because I counted him myself. He's hanging on the wire just in front of me. I estimated the two thousand. I worked it out all by myself in my own head that it was healthier to estimate 'em than to walk about in No. Man's Land and count 'em!"—Australian Soldiers' Magazine.

An Ovation.

"Never got such an ovation in my life!" "How so, girly?" "You know when a young man lifts his hat to a lady every young man who happens to be with him does the same." "Of course." "Well, Ferdie bowed to me from the midst of their marching club and 300 young men lifted their hats."

The Balm of Forgetfulness.

"Did you ever break a promise?" "I try not to do anything so violent," replied Senator Sargham. "If a promise has to be disposed of I don't break it. I let it fade away."

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LOST—A man's leather pocket purse, containing \$20 bill, a \$5 bill and one cent. Finder return to Observer. Reward. 7-18-31

WANTED—To lease or buy, small house, with about a block of land. Write Chas. Edwards, Enterprise, Box 485. 7-18 5t pd

country was at war with their land. They ignored her, and she was left much to herself. And yet— One morning as she was walking up and down the deck in her solitary way she passed the steamer chair of a middle-aged English woman who was knitting at a gray woolen sock, relates a writer in the Christian Herald. And suddenly she paused in her walk and held out both of her hands. "Oh," she cried, in very good English, "will you not let me knit a few rows on that sock?" The English woman looked up. And her face was cold and rather hard. "I think," she said, "that you would scarcely want to knit on this sock! For it is going to an English colonel—my husband!" The little Austrian woman looked at the colonel's lady. And there were tears in her eyes. "Listen," she said in a low, shaking voice. "I, myself, have a son. He is an officer in the Austrian army. But if you know my son I do not think you would hate him! If I knew the colonel, your husband, I do not think I would hate him either. . . . She paused for a moment before she went on, and then—"now that the world is torn by war," she said, "we women must do what we can to keep a little love in it. . . . May I, perhaps, knit a few rows on the sock?" Silently, but with tears in her own eyes, the English woman handed over the gray wool.

OBEDIENT TO OLD COMMAND

Palestine Farmers Still Remember Biblical Injunction in Reference to the Gleaners.

After the lentils and similar crops of the bean family have been gathered in by the Palestinian farmer, the barley harvest comes next, and lastly the wheat. When harvesting, the men wear a leather apron and sometimes a large padded glove. The women have none of the protection provided for them, says the Christian Herald. Sickles are of two kinds, one, the labosah, is small and with quite a dull edge and is employed when the crops are short and scanty. These do not cut the straw, but rather help pull out the grain by the roots or break off the brittle stalks. The other, called mampal, is much larger and supplied with short, slanting teeth, and is used as the tall, well-grown grain fields.

Reaping with these simple implements and binding the sheaves with their own straw, a considerable amount is left behind and many of the ears drop off, but once the reapers have advanced, they, actuated by almost religious scruples, will not pick up that which has been dropped, even though they be severely poor themselves, for they unwittingly follow a command not given to them but to former inhabitants, the tillers and reapers of this land: "And when ye reap the harvest of your land, then shall not make clean riddance of the corners of the field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest."

THOUGHTS OF HOME

Soldier Could Not Resist Long Walk To See Frinds. By Frank J. Taylor. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 16.—(By Mail.)—He was one of those quiet, likeable sort of chaps who says little and does a lot. He never talked enough about himself so that you could know him, yet you liked him and trusted him because you couldn't help it.

He used to come in from the trenches during the day and do anything he could to be useful around the Salvation Army but run by the McIntyre Sisters, of Mount Vernon, New York. He would stand watch at night and come back to help the girls in the daytime. They couldn't persuade him to sleep. Other fellows came and worked and told their stories and got their words of cheer from the girls and went. But this chap was always on the job, ever working and never saying anything.

He disappears. Then his company moved, and the girls missed their chief doughnut dipper. They often thought of what had happened to him. But no one knew anything about him, and they heard from him only thru an occasional brief note from the trenches, a few lines to the north.

One morning Miss Irene was rolling doughnut dough, and Miss Gladys was dipping them in the boiling grease, when the former chief doughnut dipper stumbled into the hut. He looked tired and footsore, and he was dusty. "Gee, it's good to see you," he said after the girls had given a drink and fed him some doughnuts which he ate silently. "Well, how are you?" the girls asked. "All right, thanks," he smiled meekly.

"'Bout Ten Miles." "Where is your company?" they asked. "Up the line in some woods. 'How far is it?" "'Bout ten miles." "Did you walk all that way in the dust and sun?" "Most of it. Sometimes I was in fields."

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"Were you on watch last night?" "Ye-ah." "Then you didn't have any sleep?" "No." "Why did you come clear over here then?" "I wanted to see you." "Just Wanted To Look." "Well, we're glad to see you surely. What can we do for you?" "Just let me look at you—and what?" "And cook some doughnuts." "All right, but you'd better lie down and sleep a while first." "I don't want to lie down. It would be time wasted."

WOMAN'S STATEMENT WILL HELP. "I hated cooking because what ever I ate gave me sour stomach and a bloated feeling. I drank hot water and olive oil by the gallon. Noting helped until I tried simple buckthorn bark glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adol-Lak. Now use it. It flushes the ENTIRE bowel tract completely. Adol-Lak relieves ANY stomach case, sour stomach, gas or constipation and prevents appendicitis. The INSTANT action is surprising."—C. D. Putnam, La Grande, Ore.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED TO SOLICIT. (Continued From Page 1.) at their very doors, will be a question of opportunity only. The Tame of dehydrating plants, and what they do for the farmer, needs no further advertising, although, if there be any this side of The Dalles, or Salem, who want "to be shown," like any old Mis-sourian, Armstrong is the man who can do it, for he is thoroughly posted himself in all the details of this particular business, besides being a fluent talker.

Since Doctor Bacon and numerous others, including several railroad officials have asked that a comprehensive description of this particular method of dehydrating

Comes Up Smiling. "Just thought I ought to come back and tell you I'm all right," he said. "I was afraid you'd be worried. My wife and baby would, anyway." "You go out there under the tree and go to sleep," one of the girls ordered. "All right, I will," he said. "I feel like sleeping. You don't think I'm crazy, do you? I just had to see you. It took me back to them."

vegetables and fruits be given to the public, The Evening Observer will do so, at a future date, and the reader will be surprised, not only at its simplicity, but effectiveness of this particular method, being one reason that the quartermaster-general of the army has made such large contracts with this company for army foods.

As Mr. McKennon said, La Grande will be indeed very fortunate if it can get this company sufficiently interested in this country to accept his offer of a free building site, because, in the first place all kinds of building materials have advanced almost 100 per cent, especially is this true of steel and lig. products, but there is a big chance in our favor, if the farmers of these two counties step into the breach, as did those of Wasco, Hood River, Marion and Polk.

It is war, and war materials take big money, but the farmers' contracts will mean big money to them, as well as to the manufacturer.

Will Union County farmers lead the way to Victory? Huffman says "Count me in."

When the average woman buys her groceries or fruits or vegetables she is most particular and buys only the best. So it should be with the ladies who wish gold soda water, ice cream sundaes or fancy drinks. They should demand and buy the best. If you will notice these conditions you will naturally drop in at Silverthorn's Fountain and have Al Cain prepare for you one of his specialties, a Rex Pecan Sundae.

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JAPANESE MINISTER OF WAR

WOULD KEEP LOVE IN WORLD Pathetic Plea Made by Austrian Woman More Than Her English Sister Could Refuse. She was a little Austrian woman and she was crossing the ocean on a great hostile liner. Most of the other women were the wives of Englishmen and they could not forget that her

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