ALICEL FOLKS GO VISITING

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GIVE WAY TO INFLUENZA.

Irwin Moss Winner of Beef and Geese in Shooting Match.

ALICEL, Dec. 26.—Christmas was unusually quiet at Alicel this year. The tree and program which were to have been Sunday night were called off on account of the increase in the number of flu cases. The treats, however, were given out Sunday. The school children had their tree and program at the school house Friday afternoon. The visitors present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ledbetter, Mrs. Will Adler, Mrs. M. F. Van Housen, Mr. James Moss, Mr. Will Case, Rev. Gano, Mrs. Tresler and Misses Mary and Margaret Taylor.

Miss Ruth Winters and Mrs. Scott Wheatly are spending their vacation with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Winters, at Caldwell, Idaho.

Giles Van Housen returned Thursday from Portland, where he spent Christmas with his sisters, Miss Gladys Van Housen and Mrs. W. H. Oliver.

The Misses Mary and Margaret Taylor were visitors in Imbler Saturday afternoon.

Ralph Wells returned recently from his training camp.

Ray Ledbetter spent Thursday afternoon and night at the home of Walter Mathews.

Routh McKennon has recently disposed of five of his horses.

John Terry, who was operated on at La Grande recently, is improving as fast as can be expected.

Miss Lizzie Wells and brothers, Harry and Frank are ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Playle entertained at dinner Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fuller.

Will Adler is giving a shooting match today. Several from here attended the match at Hug's on Pumpkin Ridge last week. Irwin Moss won all of the beef and two geese.

Those who have had influenza the past week are: Mr. and Mrs. Routh McKennon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Speckhart, Miss Lola Gaskill, Misses Eva and Ruby Ledbetter, Car Fuller and members of the Frank Wright family.

Giles Van Housen is preparing to move to the Frank McKennon place for the winter.

Floyd McKennon and family of La Grande and B. F. Webb and family spent Christmas at the W. R. Ledbetter home.

LEONARDO DA VINCI INVENTED TANK, SUB

ROME, Dec. 28.—Four hundred years before submarines and tanks were used in the great European conflict, both these instruments of warfare had been not only foreseen but actually invented by probably the greatest all-around genius the world has ever produced.

Leonardo da Vinci, born in 1452, is known to the world today principally as an artist and especially for his "Last Supper" and "La Gioconda." As a matter of fact Leonardo was equally as great a genius from the standpoint of sculpture, architecture, engineering, invention, canal and harbor building, music and just about everything else which calls for genius.

From his writings it is now established that he not only invented submarines and tanks, but even foresaw their actual tactical use in precisely the same manner as the recent war has demonstrated that they can be utilized best.

Writing to Leonardo il Moro, Duke of Milan, relative to his "tanks," Leonardo da Vinci had this to say:

"I know how to construct covered indestructible assaulting cars, carrying artillery that will open a way through the enemy's ranks and pierce the most solid lines of defense. The infantry will follow them without difficulty."

As to the submarines which he invented, Leonardo wrote:

"You ask why I have not written about my means for staying under water as long as it is possible for you to stay there without food, why I don't publish it and why I don't make it public? Simply because of the brutal manner in which men would use this means for assassinating in the world of the sea, for destroying ships and for sinking them, together with their crews.

ST. PETER'S DOME SUGGESTED.

St. Peter's Dome, overlooking the Columbia River Gorge, about forty miles from Portland, is suggested as a suitable memorial to Oregon men in the war. The St. Peter's Dome committee says that a tunnel can be made to give access to the wide ledge at the base of the dome without marring its natural beauty. A water system and comfort stations will be installed. The owner of the property signifies his willingness to donate it whenever sufficient funds are pledged for its development.

CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned wish to convey to all friends who proved so great a comfort and help to them in their recent bereavement our expression of their heartfelt gratitude.

GEORGE PAINTER
MR. AND MRS. F. E. JOHNSTON.

With the Colors

In the following extract from a letter from Melvin Larsen, written November 25th to his mother, he gives a very realistic account of some experiences of their units:

"The glorious day has arrived, and the whole world is happy. We were at the front when the guns suddenly stopped on that wonderful eleventh hour, and it seemed more than a couple of shells stunned me up at Champagne the 15th of last July. Now that it is all over I might as well say that I was ready to leave the future for the next world any minute that day. Once that afternoon I was standing on a little mound when a shell lit below me and a little to one side, killing several Frenchmen and wounding others. Its concussion knocked me down. On my way away from there another shell lit behind me. It happened to be in a potato patch, where the ground was soft, where this happened, of I would have been all torn to pieces. She made some big hole in the ground. Lyle Stringham was wounded twice that day—once after they had put him in a ward.

"On that day the Germans used the heaviest artillery preparation of any during the war, and our old division was the only American outfit in it. That date was the turning point of the war, for it was there that the heaviest German offensive was launched and broken. General Geraud—the one-armed Frenchman, called the 'Lion of Argonne'—was in command, and von Einem was on the mound for the Huns. The Germans paid 3000 men for every yard that morning. General Geraud called the boys back to the second line and let the Boche in (those that lived to get there) and then our division and the "Blue Devils" shoved them back, and generally knocked hell out of the whole party.

"I can't write or even tell you anything that will give you much of an idea of that day. The sky was blood red all night, occasionally broken with flares and star shells of different colors, but we had other things to think about besides the beauties of the sky. While all the hand-to-hand fighting was going on, we were trying to do the impossible—trying to keep our wounded in a safe place. There were no safe places. We had to give up our hospital, because they blew it to pieces and killed some of our patients. It is the biggest wonder in the world that half of us didnt get it that day, as well as at other times on other fronts. We certainly have been a lucky bunch.

"We were then operating at Bussy-le-Chateau, near Rheims. That night at sundown we buried the dead and I was on detail. We buried one of our lieutenants that night who died of heart trouble. It was the most impressive funeral I ever attended. While I listened and stood at attention as "taps" was played I could hear the gravel rattling on the bottom of the pit and shells whirring and exploding, while over across the field, away up in the air, about twenty planes were driving and whirling in a big fight."

LIEUT. J. L. INGLE.

Writing from France Lieut. J. L. Ingle says in a recent letter that he had just returned from a visit of a couple of days with Rev. G. L. Clark at Nancy. Mr. Clark, he says, is now director for all southern France of the religious work of the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters in Paris. The many friends of Mr. Clarke in La Grande will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

FROM CAPT. H. M. BOUVY.

A letter written to Dr. Roe by Capt. (Dr.) Harry M. Bouvy is interesting enough to be reprinted in this column in full.

"Dear Doctor Roe: Have returned from an extensive trip over the Front and saw the sights of my life. Perhaps the most interesting was the cathedral at Rheims and the German trenches near Rheims. These trenches had floors in them and the dug-outs were cemented and divided into rooms, some of which I went down three flights of stairs to enter and found them excellently furnished with pianos, rugs, etc., all taken from French homes. I also visited Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Woods, Hill 206, Hill 204, St. Michel, Sourcy, and many other small places which were absolutely demolished.

"Rheims is a city about the size of Portland and there is not a building in it left intact. It was once a very beautiful city, but even the cemetery is now blown to pieces—a very pitiful sight.

"On returning home I found a receipt's commission awaiting me, under recommendation date of August 10th.

"All of us are anxious to get home.

"With season's best wishes,
BOUVY"

Harry M. Bouvy, Capt. M. C.
A. P. O. 731, Base Hosp. #5,
A. E. F., France

CLAYTON INGLE.

Clayton Ingle writes from Luxemburg, dated November 28th.

"Tomorrow is Thanksgiving—the second one for us in Europe, and I sure hope it is the last. The people here treat us fine, but we feel that it is forced and that under the surface they do not like us.

"I do not think we will be here much longer. It is hard to wait until peace terms are really signed, for we all want to get home, now that the fighting is over.

"Everyone is planning a feed for tomorrow, and they are some feeds that we have. That seems to be about all we think of now—eating, sleeping and keeping warm."

FROM MRS. EDNA MORRISON

From a letter received by Mrs. Fred Schilke from her daughter, Mrs. Edna Morrison, who is a stenographer in the Red Cross department in France, The Observer publishes the following extracts.

"Helen, two K. C. men, Father Chaput and I went out to Versailles. Versailles is where the old palace of Louis XIV is located and we were very lucky in getting inside of the main palace. We saw the bed in which Louis IV died, and the chapel in which Marie Antoinette and Louis VI were married. My, but it was beautiful! The chapel is all upholstered in old rose velvet. Most of the furnishings, of course, had been taken out, as this palace has never been occupied since France became a republic. It was the upkeep of this palace that caused the rebellion.

"I stood on the balcony where Marie Antoinette came to plead with the populace when they surged into the court yard from all over the city. This place is twelve miles from Paris and it is said that when the people went there to demand their freedom the crowd made one solid mass from Versailles to the capital.

"Last night three boys were in our office who were just returning from Germany, where they had been held prisoners for the past seven months. They looked mighty thin and they were certainly glad to get even this far toward home. They said the treatment they received was terrible and that if it had not been for the Red Cross they could never have stood it. Every boy who comes from the front cannot praise the Red Cross enough and one need never be ashamed to tell that one's people had a part in the work of this wonderful organization."

SERGT. CHARLES HARDING

Under date of November 21 Sergt. Charles Harding writes:

"Tomorrow we will be on Belgian soil. The armies are now on their victorious march to the Rhine and we shall be there with our divisions. Every town we enter is decorated with the allied colors, and it is wonderful to experience the happy receptions which the civilians give us. After years of bondage, and then of a sudden freedom, and disappearance of the Huns and to see the victorious army marching toward Germany is a wonderful joy producer. The hardships these people have gone through are banished or perhaps hidden away—anyway, the joy is there, overbrimming.

"I have seen long lines of newly released allied prisoners marching past, on the way to freedom, not all as fat and healthy as possible, but happy. All this long-looked for occasion is certainly up to expectations.

"Even though the war is over, it does not seem quite real. Other than that we hear no shooting and see no actual war, our lot is somewhat the same. The American soldiers have had no celebrations; it is all business and will be until the job is completely finished. When we start home and know that the thing is actually over and that we are on the way to the dear old U. S. A., then look out, for something will certainly happen in the way of a celebration."

FROM A SUB CHASER

Manuel Snider is in receipt of the following letter from his son, who has seen busy service through the war with a submarine chasing crew:

U. S. Sub Chaser No. 151, Base No. 25, Corfu, Greece, Nov. 2, 1918.—Dear Father: Now that the world has been made free we are preparing to start homeward.

Today has been made the most famous in all history (Nov. 11) by the fact that the greatest war ever known was brought to a close. A righteous cause was won. We hardly realize it was only yesterday that the fighting was at its greatest height and today everything is perfectly quiet and peaceful.

I need not be reminded that today is your birthday, too, father, and wish you all the health and happiness that a son could. I am happy because we are about to return to the U. S. A. and that's to be a great event.

By the time you receive this letter we will be floundering around some place in the Mediterranean with our bow pointed west, yet everyone will be happy, though we roll and toss about, because we will be thinking what awaits us at home.

'Twill not be long before we look the Statue of Liberty in the face and then I may get a chance to seek out the Golden West which I will not hesitate to do. The 8000 miles that seperate us will soon be wound off and then another great day just like others, will be all over the states.

Am well and want to hear from you. With love, your son,
D. T. SNIDER.

CARD OF THANKS.

For the sympathy that has been shown us and for the many acts of kindness performed in our behalf during the illness and following the death of our daughter May, who succumbed to pneumonia, following Spanish influenza, on December 18th, we wish to express our most sincere appreciation. The many floral offerings sent were received with the greatest gratitude.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN McNEELEY.

JOSEPH HAS FINE ROLL CALL

JOSEPH HAS FIVE HEAD J 500 PERSONS ANSWERED THE ROLL CALL LAST WEEK.

J. B. Hill of North Dakota Sells Herd of Registered Cattle to Joseph Men

JOSEPH, Dec. 26.—(Special)—According to Mrs. Mollie Mays, chairman of the Joseph Red Cross about 500 persons answered the roll call last week. According to County Chairman Wade Sile, this is a fine record. The workers had very little trouble, and only ran up against one or two slackers. Within the last week the local organization shipped out 20 suits of pajamas, 10 refugee garments, 24 sweaters and 30 pairs of socks. They now have on hand 20 convalescent robes. Any one wishing to help sew on these should call at the home of Mrs. Ed Leffell and receive work. Knitting yarn can also be obtained from Mrs. Arthur Collinsworth.

O. D. Mead and wife were up from La Grande to eat Christmas dinner with Mrs. Mead's sister, Mrs. L. D. Akin of Joseph.

James Winston leaves next week for Portland. It is rumored that Jim may bring back a wife. Who knows?

Sergius Caulke, who is in the Vancouver military hospital, is reported to be doing nicely.

Alice Beaudoin is home on her Christmas vacation from school at Baker.

Mrs. A. V. Medows and Mrs. Jess Hamack and children of Lostine arrived Tuesday to visit at the home of Gail Crow.

Senator Eberhard and family of La Grande spent Christmas here at the Knapper home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Marr went to Elgin Tuesday to visit for a few days at the home of Mrs. Marr's mother.

G. T. Cherry, a mining man of Salmon City, Ida., was in town the first of the week on business.

Ben Knapper returned the first of the week from a business trip to La Grande.

Miss Ilma Galbraith, a nurse in St. Elizabeth's hospital, Baker, is here this week visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. F. S. O'Brien, another nurse, is with her.

Homer Cole returned the first of the week from Spokane.

Mrs. F. M. Rodwell of Portland is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Wetzel of Joseph.

J. B. Hill of Ellendale, N. Dak., arrived on Monday night's freight with twenty-two head of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle. Of this number eleven went to Charles Crader, the rest going to T. H. Morelock and Lon Galbraith.

Miss Emma Hackett is up from Wallowa visiting her sister, Miss Bessie Hackett, this week.

Because of holiday travel the Joseph-La Grande train is loaded to the limit every day by the time it reaches La Grande, so report railway men.

O. A. C. BASKETBALL

OREGON AGRICULTURE COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 27.—Basket ball practice will start at the college immediately after the Christmas holidays. G. V. Robinson, last year's center, will be the nucleus around which the quintet will be formed. McCarty and Joe Reynolds, both on last year's freshman team, will be back, and other good material is expected to be available. "Butts" Reardon, well known Aggie athlete, is now in Corvallis from Mather Field, Cal., but hasn't received his discharge and may not get into the game.

The first contest will be with Willamette or Pacific university, January 11. The start in practice work has been retarded on account of the fact that the gymnasium has been occupied by soldiers. The floor has been renovated and is now in good shape for the season.

Track work will start as soon as the students return. The men will be worked out in cross country runs and in the armory. Coach Hayden does not know definitely just what men he can count on for this work but he does know that several of the old men will be back.

LIST OF LETTERS.

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the week ending Dec. 27th, 1918.

Gentlemen

Anderson, Gus
Bugeaun, Mr.
Davis, Jess
Hardin, L. R.
Hughes, Earl
Kohler, J.
Kohler, J.
Kelly, Vivian
McGregor, F. B.
Neal, John W.
Scott, David
Shandler, Michel
Warren, Charles J.
Wright, Vern

Ladies

Davis, Miss Pearl
Garrett, Mrs. E. A.
Hill, Frances
Murrah, Mrs. W. M.
Mussell, Mrs. Martha
Smith, Miss Mary
Slate, Mrs. J. W.
Shaffer, Miss Julia

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on January 10th, 1919, if not delivered before. In calling for the above please say advertised.

E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

300,000 CHILDREN FACE STARVATION

The words of the title above appeared in the daily press only a few days ago. The continental wide Sunday school campaign for the relief of these starving children of Bible lands has received a splendid response, but the full co-operation of every Sunday school in Union county is absolutely necessary if the success of the movement is attained. The children of Bible lands cry to us for bread and shelter. It is impossible to describe in words the situation of those lands. Ambassador Morgenthau, in an address in New York, said that he saw two little children who had had nothing but grass to eat for thirty days. If America fails, these children will starve. The "inasmuch" of the Master reminds us that we may at this time celebrate His birthday by bringing our Christmas gifts to those he loves in His home land.

Even though the influenza ban has prevented the offerings being taken at the Christmas entertainments as had been planned, it is urged that every Sunday school make the best arrangements possible to receive the contributions of its members and send them to the headquarters of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. One Madison avenue New York City, N. Y. If there are any questions in connection with the matter, it is suggested that they be made known to W. F. Landrum of this city, who is the leader for this district.

Butter Believed Long Buried.

While cutting turf in a bog near Portadown, England, workers found a keg of butter many feet under the surface in perfect state of preservation. It is believed to have been buried for a great number of years.

NEW TODAY

WANTED—To hear from owner of good ranch for sale. State cash price, full description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. 12-28-1t

WANTED—Dishwasher at Paris cafe. 12-28-tf

AUTOMOBILE of standard make and good condition will be accepted as part payment on residence furnished, and grounds between high school and Old Town. This property is cheap at $1800, and your car must have good values. Box 904, La Grande, Oregon. 12-28-3t

All phone orders promptly attended to. Phone Red 231. The Toggery. 12-27-tf

WANTED—Large knitting mill desires woman to work in own town. Easy business; permanent. Salary or commission, all or part time. Guaranteed Mills, Norristown, Pa. 11-16-Sat. only 12t. pd.

FOUND—In Hooverized Grocery, a black muff. Owner can have the same by paying for ad. Call at Observer. 12-28-2t.

FOR SALE—Bicycle, second-hand, in good condition. Call Black 3632. 12-28-2tp

FOR SALE—Upright Piano, very reasonable. Call Black 1231. 12-28-7t

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