

With the Colors

FORMER LA GRANDE BOY WRITES TO "DAD"

The Observer takes pleasure in publishing in this column a letter from a boy who formerly lived in La Grande and who was one of the Observer's carries when a lad.

Young Thomson went overseas on the same boat that carried the La Grande hospital unit.

Bourges, France, 11-22-18 Dear Dad—Everybody in the A. E. F. is going to write "dad" on the 24th, so I am commencing my letter now so I can write you a good one.

Some of the cruise-ship regulations have been removed, so I will start in and tell you what I have done since I left New York, one year ago.

We left Camp Mills on Long Island about 4 a. m. on Nov. 27, 17. After staying up all night in the cold—it took until 10 a. m. before we were loaded on the transport, and we were nearly frozen.

At 4:00 the next morning we had passed the three-mile limit, and I have told you most of the trip over. There were four transports, besides some freight ships, in the convoy, with a cruiser and a small torpedo boat.

We had a couple of sub scares, and some say that a sub was actually sighted. Anyway, one day when it was very rough, something appeared that looked like a sub, and our gun crew took a couple of shots at it.

I will never forget that Thanksgiving dinner. The boat we were on was a Malory coastwise ship, and it was towed about as bad as the little torpedo boat.

One morning we sighted land. It was Belle Isle, near St. Nazaire. Maybe you think we were not going. Some airplanes were hovering over us, and soon we could see the coast of France.

We were at sea 14 days and at Camp No. 1 for 7 days. It started to snow while we were there. I think it was December 17 when I think other men were detailed to go to General Headquarters at Chaumont.

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six hours and walked around the town. It seemed to be a nice place. From there we were shipped into a French troop train of third class coaches.

At the time we arrived at the office there were three men there doing the work. The thirteen of us handled it until about March, when we got an increase of about fifty men.

A separate organization from the Statistical Department, called the M. P. E. S., "Military Postal and Express Service."

The only time I was within the sound of guns was the few hours we were in Joinville. At Chaumont there were a few aerial scares, but nothing happened.

Until I left Tours I had worked every day and lots of nights with one Sunday and holidays afternoons off. Now we get Sunday off.

We won the scrap, and although I did not get mixed in the actual fighting, I went where I was told to go and did my best to help out.

Well, dad, it won't be long now until I can return home, any maybe you think I won't be glad.

And I know, dad, that you folks at home have worked hard and have skipped to help out, too.

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Nearly every Sunday I go out with a fellow to a French home. He has a girl there and he takes me along to do the talking. I get a good meat out of it, anyway. They are very nice old people. The father and daughter work in an ammunition factory here. The mother is a descendant of Lafayette and came from a noble family.

Well, this is all I can think of now. Your son, Bo. Sgt. Mjr. E. B. Thomson, R. F. D. M. P. E. S.

WANT UNIFORM LAW

Mining Engineers of United States and Canada in Convention.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Mining engineers of the United States and Canada rolled up their sleeves and sat together today to urge a uniform mining law for the continent of North America.

For a long time, it is said, the confusion in mining laws in Canada and the United States has led to a duplication of effort and has sometimes created a barrier to international cooperation in mining.

Some of the features of the ladies' entertainment today, following a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, South, continue every day at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m.; but, dear fellow Christians in town, while those who come are getting great benefit and are enabled to rejoice, where are you and what are you doing during the hours of these services?

And to the ungodly: While many are being gradually saved and satisfied, where are you and what are you doing during these hours of service? You say you expect to be a Christian some day, but when?

W. B. SMITH, Pastor.

CHAMPION AND CHALLENGER

Close-ups of Giant Jess Willard and Giant Killer Jock Dempsey.

Jess Willard admitted to Promoter Tex Rickard at the time of signing articles in Chicago that he weighed "around 275" and expected to take off thirty-five pounds by song time the day of the fight.

Those who know Willard intimately say that he has been living a very happy and care-free life, not disparting to any great extent, mind you, but sipping plenty of the flowing bowl and enjoying the fruits born of his title.

Tex Rickard says that Willard is fat around the shoulders, arms and chest, but that he has kept the "grease rolls" off his midsection.

Granting Willard is in better condition than the average fight fan believes, it remains that he is getting on in years. The records say Willard is thirty-two. He is at least thirty-eight, or fourteen years older than Dempsey, and he has reached the age when "getting back" will be hard labor and discouraging.

Dempsey, on the other hand, is not yet at the height of his manhood. He is just opening into his best form, and with all his youth, his vigor, his terrific punching power, his fearlessness, and his ability to take care of himself in the ring, he looms up as a mighty formidable opponent for Willard from every viewpoint, the champion's big bulk notwithstanding.

Herbert V. Winchell of Minneapolis, Minn., was today elected president of the American Institute for the coming year. Other officers elected were as follows: Vice presidents: Edwin Ludlow, Lansford, Pa.; A. E. Ledoux, New York, N. Y.; Directors: J. V. W. Reynolds, New York, N. Y.; George D. Barron, Rye, N. Y.; Charles E. Rand, New York, N. Y.; Louis S. Cates, Ray, Ariz.; Stanley A. Easton, Kellogg, Ida.

The pride of the Institute for its members who fell in service during the war was expressed at a memorial meeting held during the afternoon. The number of those who served in the army or navy totalled some 800, and information has been received of the death of twenty-five of these.

No matter how fast the snow falls, they keep busy at Silverthorn's soda fountain. Those fruit nut sundaes and Swiss milk chocolate sundaes will please the most fastidious customers.

Never before have I been away from home so long; and I tell you it makes a fellow appreciate home lots more.

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The Observer's Classified Ads.

- FOR SALE—Miscellaneous
WANTED—Miscellaneous
FOR SALE—1916 car, been driven carefully and is in best condition.
FOR SALE—Sewing machine, in very good condition, cheap, at the Walling Millinery store.
FOR SALE—Two thoroughbred partridge roasters.
FOR SALE—Straw \$2.00 per load.
FOR SALE—First-class ice box.
FOR SALE—Part or all of my 22-acre Fruitdale ranch.
FOR SALE—Auto. Used but not abused.
FOR SALE—Rhode Island Red eggs.
FOR SALE—That monument you want for Decoration day is ready for immediate delivery.
FOR SALE—New Paige car.
FOR RENT—Neatly furnished, steamheated rooms.
FOR RENT—Home and 10-acre tract.
FOR RENT—Rooms for light house-keeping.
FOR RENT—One furnished room.
FOR RENT—Store room, steam heated, good location for grocery or other business.
FOR RENT—Nice cozy rooms from \$12 up.
FOR RENT—One furnished room.
LOST AND FOUND
FOUND—Pair of glasses at court house.
LOST—2-year-old light Rhode heifer, branded conjoint K L on left hip.
Stop Itching Eczema
Never mind how often you have tried and failed, you can stop burning, itching eczema quickly by applying a little zemo furnished by our drug store.

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JAS. M. DALY—Piano Tuner. References, Mrs. G. S. Brink, Mrs. R. J. Green, Miss Miller. Phone Mrs. R. J. Kitchen for appointment. Will be in La Grande in May. 2-4-1m-p
OSTEOPATHIC.
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, Black 1231, 37 New Foley building.
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EDUCATIONAL
REMEMBER GOODING COLLEGE, Gooding, Idaho. Practical business courses, review subjects, regular college work and summer school. 12-19-1f
Fraternal Directory.
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
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. F. 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.
K. of L. or Security—Mt. Emily Council, No. 246, meets the second and fourth Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Eagle hall. Visiting members are welcome. ABE HARRIS, Fin'l. Sec. J. K. FITZGERALD, Pres.
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. C. M. HUMPHREYS, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Sec.
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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 Eiks' Bldg. on Washington Ave. Visitors always welcome. Dues payable at Young's Sweets. W. C. HANSEN, Dic. HARRY SWART, Sec.
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ROYAL NEIGHBORS—1st Camp meets every second Friday afternoon and every fourth Friday evening, every month in E. P. Hall. All visiting members cordially welcome. HENRIETTA GHABST, Oracle MARY L. WEST, Recorder.
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Cagle Hall (K. of P. Hall). A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights. J. L. ROBERTSON, C. C. O. BELLE GREEN, K. of R. & S.
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It is possible to readily improve that condition if you will come to our corset department and get a trial fitting of the MODART front laced corset.

See for yourself the youthful and graceful lines this famous corset will give you.

No expense to you—do not buy unless there is a decided improvement—then you should.

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