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*904 College Street, Corvallis, Ore.*  
*Oregon Historical Society*  
*Auditorium*

**"A Great Net of Mercy drawn through an Ocean of Unspeakable Pain"**  
**The American Red Cross**

**To Save the Wrecks of Humanity—To Fill the Hands Held Out to Us**



Contributed by George Wright.

## RIVER TRAFFIC DISCONTINUED YESTERDAY

**UPPER WILLAMETTE CITY FOR 8 YEARS WAITED FOR FREE LOCKS ONLY TO LOSE**

## INCREASED COSTS GIVEN AS CAUSE

**Another Cause Claimed By the Company Is Falling Off of Business.**

Corvallis, Or., May 3.—"We have waited for eight years for an open river and free locks and now when they are about to be realized, notice is given that Corvallis will be cut off from the river transportation next Monday." This was the statement of a disgusted business man today when the announcement was made by the Oregon City Transportation company that its steamers would be retired from the upper river on this date.

Corvallis has had river transportation for 32 years. About 10 years ago when the bill was before the state legislature and congress for appropriations to build free locks at Oregon City, the people of Corvallis and Benton county worked hard for the projects, and the people are naturally indignant that the service is to be discontinued just when the project is being completed. "Corvallis has paid taxes to help build the expensive locks at Oregon City and the people thought they were going to get something for their money," said a member of the Commercial Club, "but this has put out the way most of such projects to end in Oregon."

The company gives as its reasons for discontinuing the service the high expenses of operation and the falling off of business. Merchants state that the cause of falling patronage is because the managers have not attended to or tried to get business. "Not half of the people of Corvallis even know where the docks are," one business man stated, "and but very few are aware of the schedules of the boats. The business has simply run itself and the hustling and competing lines have beat out the boats."

In 1886 the first steamer, the Latona, started the river run and it has been in constant service since, excepting during the times of extreme high or low water.

Boats followed and the Graham brothers have been in charge of the lines all these years. For the past three years business has fallen off materially until now it is stated that the boats do not pay expenses between this city and Salem. Monday night when the Grahamson left here she blew her whistle for the last time and river traffic ended at least until business conditions change.

## 84 LETTERS FROM HOME RECEIVED AT ONE TIME

Dallas, Or.—Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Woods received a letter from their son, Laird Woods, this week, and in it he stated that he had just received his first mail since arriving in France. The mail consisted of 84 letters and 6 packages. Young Woods, together with several other Company L boys of this city, were left behind in a hospital in New York when the Oregon troops sailed for France, and he sailed on a later date, but never caught up with the regiment. He was finally assigned to a company in the old Montana national guard, and is serving with that regiment somewhere near the fighting front in France now.

## WEST SIDE AND O. E. TRAINS TO USE FOURTH

Portland—In view of the fact that the federal government has ordered all the big railroads entering Portland to consolidate their passenger depots and terminals, Edward M. Cousins, municipal public utility expert, has recommended to the council that the West Side Southern Pacific trains and the Oregon Electric trains all be routed over the Fourth-street tracks of the Southern Pacific from the southern part of the city to the union station.

**NO. 113**  
 We add the name of **John W. Quivey** to the South Polk County Service List.

## SORGHUM SEED TO BE POLK FARMERS FREE OF CHARGE

Dallas, Or.—To encourage the conservation of sugar the Polk County Fair Board has secured a quantity of sorghum seed to be distributed free to those who will give it proper cultivation. It is hoped in this way to get acreage enough to justify the installing of a community sorghum mill and cooking vat.

For several years sorghum has been grown in this county. Last year, O. N. Hunnicutt, a farmer living south of Independence, grew sorghum which made 80 gallons of molasses to the acre, so the fair association feels justified in promoting the growing of a large acreage.

## OTTO HILKE READY TO GO AFTER KAISER BILL

Mikkalo, Or., May 3.—(To the Post)—I have passed the physical examination for the national army successfully and am now waiting patiently for the call to go and get Kaiser Bill. While waiting I am working again for Charles Chaney in the Eastern part of the state in the sage brush country, but it is dead here without the Polk County Post so please send it to Mikkalo.  
 OTTO HILKE.

## THE FEW IN NUMBER THEY'RE ALL WITH US

The few in numbers, what county candidates there be are making a noise like old times and just as pleasant to meet.

## SOAKING RAIN IS BADLY NEEDED FOR ALL CROPS

**SHORT CROP IMMINENT IF RAIN DOES NOT FALL IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

## REPORTS OF DAMAGE DONE BY BUGS

**Parasitic Hordes Are Inflicting A Vast Amount of Damage On All Crops**

A good old fashioned rain is badly needed in this particular section—one of those we got last February when we had no particular need of it.

In fact we must have rain within a very short time or a shortage in crops is a possibility.

A general report indicates that an army of parasites are at work in many fields and gardens and are doing much harm. Some wheat fields are turning yellow which at this time is downright disloyalty, tho it cannot be charged that the wheat is to blame but rather it is the sabotage work of the six trillion bugs, who, taking advantage of the weakened condition of the wheat owing to a lack of moisture, are attacking from all four sides at the same time.

## THRIFT STAMP DAY WAS A DAY OF THRIFT

Monday was Thrift Stamp Day and the sale in Independence totaled a big figure.

## AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM EMERSON GROVES

American University, Washington, D. C., April 26, 1918. —(Dear Friends)—I received your welcome letter last night and was decidedly glad to get it. As you say, there are thousands of letters going to soldiers, and it is not surprising when one is lost, but why pick on me?  
 Hearing Dean Baughman was at

Fort Meyer, Va., was a little surprise. That camp is only five miles from here and I drove over quite often with trucks and cars. I will look him up the next time I go over.

As soon as the war is over there is going to be a big cloud of dust with me in the lead going back to Oregon.

Hazel Louise is here now and is working in the Ordnance Department. I called her up as soon as she was located and it seemed mighty

good to see a friend from the old home town.

I never fail to tell the natives of D. C. about Oregon and we Oregon boys were highly elated when the dear old state went ahead on the Third Liberty Loan.

There is a British tank in town stirring up interest for the Loan. It is one of the smaller sizes but has been in several engagements. Good results are obtained with them although the way has to be cleared pretty well before they are started. The clearing is done with heavy artillery and bombs.

My battalion was supposed to be on the way to France by this time, in fact we were reported "ready" on the sixth of the month. The great demand for infantry and artillery has held us up and our supplies here have been unloaded from the cars. Now there is no telling when we will start.

You people are probably under the impression that I am a soldier, but I just belong to the army. Since enlisting I have only drilled about two hours. Have been in the motor transportation nearly all the time. "All of my company are drilling every day except myself. I am still held at the garage which probably means that I will belong to the regimental headquarters when we go across.

It would be very interesting to see the boys in khaki. There is a more loyal spirit in the West anyway than in the East. Am so glad that we boys have such loyal backing.

EMERSON GROVES.

## SATURDAY NIGHT PUNCH IS GOOD TO BEHOLD

Independence's Saturday night "punch" is good to behold. This particular night was evidently made for Independence.

## Canning Season

is approaching and the far-sighted housewife will this year above all others buy her requirements early.

We advise that you do not delay in buying all of the jars that you need as a traveling salesman told us that only about ten per cent of the glass factories in the United States are running. We have quite a generous supply on hand and are selling Masol. for—

- Pints ..... 85c dozen
- Quarts ..... \$1.0 dozen
- ½ Gallons ..... \$1.25 dozen
- Zinc Caps ..... 30c dozen

Yours Truly,  
**JOHNSON & COLLINS**

*Adolph Zukor*  
 —PRESENTS—  
**Ann Pennington**  
 —IN—  
**The Antics of Ann**  
 By Frederic Chapin

**ANN SCORES A TOUCHDOWN**  
 in more ways than one in this rollicking story of seminary capers. She'll go straight through to the goal posts of your heart. It's a "bear of a story" that you can't afford to miss.

**ISIS THEATRE**  
**Wednesday, May 8**