

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NEWS

Items of Real Interest for Real People who Like Real News

The newspapers have named him "William, the Frigidus."

Miss Katie Becker will return home Tuesday from Portland for a few days visit with her parents.

Boxes have been placed in a number of stores for contributions for a fund for the service flag.

At the business men's meeting, Tuesday evening a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the celebration at Hoskins on July 4.

Miss Ruth Girard who was hurt in the auto accident on the bridge leading from the city to the river last week, has not fully recovered and is confined to her home.

Mrs. Peter Kurze and Miss Alderson and mother made a visit Friday to Portland for a few days stay. Pete is now a lone widower and seems to enjoy it. It is reported that he purchased a new hat and suit at once and says in a loudly audible whisper, "once again."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Huff entertained fourteen of the little friends of Boyd Huff at their home Friday, May 24, the occasion being the third birthday of Boyd. Seven boys and seven girls made up the party and a dainty lunch was spread for the little folks present.

Mrs. O. A. Macy of Salem, visited friends in Independence on Tuesday and attended a complimentary dinner to Prof. Ostein at Monmouth, given by the faculty of the Oregon Normal School.

Next Sunday morning there will be no services at Calvary Presbyterian church, Dr. Dunsmore delivering the memorial sermon at the Isis theatre at 11 o'clock.

Blacksmith Shop Changes Hands

Art Glover purchased the blacksmith shop heretofore conducted with the Independence garage this week and will devote his efforts exclusively to this line of work. The Independence machine shop will confine their efforts exclusively to government work and thus separate the blacksmith shop from their other business.

CAMP LEWIS

America's great epic of the West is written up in the drab prairie streets of Camp Lewis. Here in the great National Army romantic legions of the world's cantonment are poured out the fiction, gathered in from all the corners of the West to satisfy a strangely and for so great a task.

In population the largest, in character the strangest, of all of Uncle Sam's great war schools; a bewildering panorama of story-book and real life; of clerk and cow boy; of Bret Harte and Walter Besant, the two apostles of the "seamy side" at its extremes, scattering of Ralph Connor's rugged types; here the wide-brimmed sombrero flings the city fedora, and to round out the picture of this queer marshaling of the fabled West for the trenches of Europe, the full-blooded Indian.

The camp itself is like, and yet unlike its fellows which dot the country; Camp Lewis is one of those boom cities, mush room like in the beginning, whose bones chart the trail to the last ever-moving frontier of today. Its population many weeks passing before the camouflage of khaki, wiped out the superficial differences of type, represented a stampede to a gold strike; the same changing kaleidoseope of picturesque figures, crossing and criss crossing in the bewildering labyrinth of the new made cantonment; the same apparent pur-

poseful expectancy; the same half-hesitant pause upon the threshold of a new experience; the same half-frank, half-suspicious mingling of pioneer and pioneer; the same quick eye and ready hand.

The poetic mingling of rich and poor is common to every camp in the country; in the West it is an everyday phase; unremarked. Here at Camp Lewis is the mixture of all the elements associated with frontier life, many of them grown strange even to the metropolitan centers of the West itself, but which the elation of war has called from the cattle ranch, the coast waters of the Pacific, the mountain trail and the forest.—Cyril Arthur Player in June Sunset.

THE MINT INDUSTRY

A Profitable Crop in the Willamette Valley

The Raising of Mint is a Paying Industry and Polk County is Very Successful

Several years ago a small acreage of mint was planted near Albany and the crop matured and developed successfully. Soon other growers followed and now there are small acreages of mint in Benton, Lane, Linn, Polk and Yamhill counties.

Wilson & Davis planted five acres about three years ago and had such results that they increased their acreage until now they have 140 acres. S. L. Hanna has 10 acres in crop. Of the 140 acres Wilson & Davis handle 50 acres is on the Percival property and 50 acres on the Alluvial farms, both in Polk county. Their other holdings are near Newberg and Wheatland. There are about 150 acres of mint grown south of the Independence district, making 300 acres now in the valley.

The greatest center in the United States for this industry is St. Joseph county, Michigan, where 80 per cent of all the mint raised in the United States is found. The government bulletins give the total acreage in the United States at 20,000.

Wilson & Davis have established a still and are the only growers in Oregon having such.

Something About Mint

Mint is raised a great deal like hay. It is planted like beans or potatoes in rows, but from roots. The roots planted the first year will produce a return first year, and in a normal season 40 pounds annually thereafter. It is a volunteer crop after the first year and the expense, including stilling, is placed at about \$10.00 per acre. The first year the expense is about \$40.00 per acre.

Mint is either dried in the field and taken green and taken in steam, covered tanks and is steamed for an hour. The steam is piped off and condensed and goes into a receiving can at the end of the worm and is separated and in this form is called natural oil and the product is largely sold this way.

For the best drug and candy trade it is necessary to refine it, which takes out all impurities and makes it colorless.

The hay crop runs about one ton to the acre first year and two to three tons after the first year and this quantity of hay will produce about two per cent the first year and about half of that succeeding years in oil. The difference being caused by the quality of the crop.

River bottom land produces the best mint crop and it is advisable to plant the roots in the spring. It is estimated that mint will produce about \$80.00 per acre

per year as an average price over a period of years, while present prices are higher.

The Oregon mint is higher in quality than any mint in the United States. The analysis shows this mint to be identical with the English oil which has highest standing in the world's markets. There is a big demand for Willamette valley oil. It is used by Western candy makers exclusively if they can get it and the supply is not equal to the demand.

Refined oil sells at \$3.50 a pound and natural oil at about 25 cents per pound less.

MEN AT THE O. A. C.

Corvallis, Ore., May 21. U. S. army men taking mechanical training at the various educational institutions of the Pacific Northwest will be at all times under strict military discipline, declares Prof. F. H. Shepherd, District supervisor of the War Department's educational committee. The following regulations were cited:

"The men are at all times under disciplinary control of the military officers. A commissioned officer is in responsible command of each detachment. The class divisions are placed in command of Sergeants and Corporals detailed for the purpose. These officers march their classes to the class rooms and shops; take the roll before entering the room and report the class to the instructor, ready for work. After classes are dismissed by the instructors, the officers conduct them in column formation to the next class. No roll of attendance is kept by the school authorities; this is handled entirely by the military officials. Grades obtained on class and shop work are reported weekly by the instructors to the officers in charge of the course, who report back to headquarters, also weekly. The general schedule followed is a thirty-nine hour week, 8:30 to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30 daily (except Saturday). The men receive military drill after 4:30.

Prof. Shepherd has requested

the Oregon Agricultural College to enlarge its shops for training five units of 100 men each for the second and subsequent training periods. The government is unable to find training facilities requisite to its needs.



ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce the change of ownership and management of the

Fitchard Garage

and as the new owners and managers we invite your patronage.

We are prepared to do all classes of repair work, both electrical and mechanical and guarantee satisfaction. We represent the

Ford and Buick

and have these agencies for the Independence territory

We will also be able to take care of your electric house wiring and of your power motor work.

Getchell & Clark
Independence, Oreg.



"A great net of mercy drawn through an ocean of unspeakable pain"

FIRST of the American Army---they died in France! Gresham! Enright! Hay! They died for us. And willingly! But not, pray God, in vain!

For the sake of them, if for no other reason, will you not give to the Red Cross which will care for the men that follow them?

For the sake of what they died for, will you not give—and give till the heart says stop?

None of us here can give as greatly as they gave and as others are yet to give. But can we not sacrifice ourselves a little? Will you take a little from the comforts of your life and give, not a mere "conscience gift" that salves your pride and lets you say to yourself: "I have given to the Red Cross"—but a gift that cuts down into the quick and hurts because it makes you deny yourself?

Remember—they gave till they died!

Every cent of every dollar received for the Red Cross War Fund goes for War Relief.

The American Red Cross is the largest and most efficient organization for the relief of suffering that the World has ever seen.

It is made up almost entirely of volunteer workers, the higher executives being without exception men accustomed to large affairs, who are in almost all cases giving their services without pay.

It is supported entirely by its membership fees and by voluntary contributions.

It is today bringing relief to suffering humanity, both military and civil, in every War torn allied country.

It plans tomorrow to help in the work of reconstruction throughout the world.

It feeds and clothes entire populations in times of great calamity.

It is there to help your soldier boy in his time of need.

With its thousands of workers, its tremendous stores and smooth running transportation facilities, it is serving as America's advance guard—and thus helping to win the war.

Congress authorizes it.

President Wilson heads it.

The War Department audits its accounts.

Your Army, your Navy and your Allies enthusiastically endorse it.

Twenty-two million Americans have joined it.

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