



STAY-AT-HOMES HOLD SOLDIERS' OLD JOBS.

Men Who Fought in France at Disadvantage in Getting Places Back.

Washington, July 18.—Much complaint is arising from clerks in the departments who served in France, to the effect that on their return to civil life they are being forced to take positions subordinate to clerks who before the war were subordinate to them. In other words, it appears that many of these clerks who offered their lives to their country are now getting as their reward the discovery that in their absence from the departments other employees have been promoted while the best that is allowed them is restoration to their old position.

Many instances of this sort of thing are coming to light and are being brought to the attention of members of the House and Senate. The defense of the officials of the departments is that they have no authority to do more than restore returned soldiers and sailors to the positions they left when they entered the service of the land or naval forces. Many members of Congress feel that while technically this may be a correct statement officials who were fully appreciative of the service could find ways of giving them appropriate recognition.

Dr. C. R. Ray Sells 428-Acre Tract Near Table Rock.

Table Rock, July 14.—One of the largest real estate deals to be made in our district in many years was concluded last week when Stanley Lydiard, of this place, and his uncle, Charles Dunlay, of Lakeview, became the owners of the property commonly known as the Jennings ranch belonging to C. R. Ray. This property contains 428 acres, there being more than 300 acres in cultivation, all of which can be irrigated. The new owners will make many improvements, including new buildings, and expect to make a model stock and dairy farm of their new holdings. Of the two purchasers we know Stanley Lydiard the best who, during his residence here, has proved himself a far-sighted practical farmer, who is not afraid of work and is always on the job, and we know of no one that we had rather see succeed or would chance a bet as to making good.

MILITARY SERVICE WANTED.

Senator Chamberlain to Reintroduce Training Bill.

Washington, July 13.—Senator Chamberlain plans to reintroduce in a short time his bill providing for universal military training. "I shall place it before congress for discussion," said Senator Chamberlain. It will be well for congress to discuss it and for the county to think it over. "There is no doubt that the discussion which followed the introduction of my first bill for universal service prepared the country for the selective draft system which followed as a part of the machinery of the war just closed. It had the effect of preparing the public mind for the new system and had much to do with the success of that plan."

Auto Mechanic Examiners Act Fought in Suit.

Salem.—To test the constitutionality of the act of the last legislature creating the state board of auto mechanics examiners, suit has been begun in federal court by M. L. Dewey against Walter H. Evans, district attorney, and E. E. Boggess, H. R. Fancher and M. L. Granning, members of the board. Dewey is represented by Arthur Moulton. Five thousand auto mechanics in Oregon are interested in the outcome of the suit.

Dewey sets forth in his complaint that the act violates the 14th and 15th amendments to the constitution of the United States and is void in that it vests arbitrary and unlimited power in the board without prescribing a measure of efficiency to serve as the basis for examinations for a license as auto mechanic. The members of the board as created by the legislature and appointed by the governor are entitled under the provisions of the act to receive \$10 a day for each day actually employed and necessary traveling expenses. The funds for the expenses of the board are to come from the \$5 fee for license applications and \$5 for renewal of licenses.

Dallas Fruit Sent to Kansas.

Dallas, Or., July 13.—H. C. Varner, owner of the Mount Pisgah fruit farm located one mile southeast of Dallas, last week shipped a number of boxes of cherries to Kansas. The cherries were of the Lambert variety.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

World's War Veterans to Organize.

An effort is being made to organize a Post of the American Legion in this city. The American Legion is a national wide organization composed entirely of men who served the United States or any other allied country in the war with Germany.

The minimum number of members for any local organization is fifteen. Now let all the ex-service men fall in and help push the idea along. If you wish to help out or if you are interested in any way call and see or phone Dan Bagshaw at the "Jacksonville Post."

Noted Author on Fishing Tour is Visitor in Valley.

Medford, July 14.—Stewart Edward White, of Santa Barbara, Cal., the noted author, who recently returned from two years military service in France, and his wife were visitors in Medford this forenoon for a short time and stopped at the Hotel Medford for a conference with George Putnam and Deputy Game Warden Walker seeking information about fishing conditions and points of interest in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. White are out on an outing and fishing trip thru California and Oregon, traveling from place to place as the mood seizes them in a Pierce Arrow touring car and camping out all the time. They spent last night in camp at Gold Hill and drove down to Medford this morning. They came to Gold Hill from California by way of Eureka and the sea coast.

Mr. and Mrs. White left this noon for Tiller, Oregon. Enroute to Portland they will make stops at various places on this side of the Cascades.

They will return to California by the other side of the Cascades and will visit Crater Lake and Klamath county, returning to Medford some time in August for a fishing stay of two weeks.

Newspapers in Art Class.

Newspaper printing is to be included in the art display at the Oregon Land Products show at Gresham September 15-20. A critical study of some of the best Oregon newspapers show that the artistic balance, contrast and composition, especially of the front page, justify the action of the show committee. Other papers lay more stress on utility in both typographical style and make up.—O. A. C. Press Bulletin.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufactures, Enterprises and Improvements, Providing Payrolls and Promoting Development of Oregon.

July 14.—Standard Oil Co. spending large sums prospecting for oil in central parts of state. Large testing rig going up in Yamhill county.

Portland—N. W. Electric Co. to build \$100,000 heating plant.

Production for past week at 121 West Coast Lumbermen's Associated mills amounted to 76,851,221 feet. New business amounted to 79,023,137 feet, and total of all shipment for week 78,441,431 feet. Trans-continental rail shipments were approximately 38 per cent in excess of orders accepted from Eastern territory.

Linnton payrolls to be increased by more industrial plants.

Teel Irrigation project to water 12,000 acres, Umatilla county, within one year.

Klamath Falls—Plans made to irrigate 30,000 acres of Langeils valley.

Past week witnessed booking of a considerable volume of coastwise domestic cargo lumber business; and it was also one of heaviest weeks in recent months with regard to acceptance of export orders.

Portland shipyards met 5-day money strike with a 10-day vacation.

McKay storage reservoir in western Umatilla county to cost \$2,000,000.

More strikes have been called off than pulled in the past thirty days. Strikes are not increasing in favor.

Portland is becoming one of the great manufacturing centers of the west and it has been largely due to the development of industrial districts such as north Portland where factory sites include transportation and power facilities can be secured at reasonable figures. Any town can do the same thing if it wishes.

Pacific Power & Light Co. reports earnings for May of \$166,572 against \$48,147 for May 1918.

Mills and logging camps generally closed during Fourth of July week; a large number of plants to remain closed or in only partial operation during July and August, in order that repairs may be made.

Albany—S. P. will replace wooden bridge across Willamette with steel structure. At present this bridge is noted as longest draw bridge in world.

Salem—State Highway Commission lets 100 miles new contracts.

Wallowa Marble & Granite Co. have installed power drill at quarry a few miles south of Lostine.

Grants Pass—Repair work at Golden Duft Dam in progress.

Corvallis—Steel bridge across Willamette has been paved.

A distillery is being built at Harrisburg to pool the 1919 crop of mint of Lane, Linn and Bend counties.

Klamath Falls—New business building to be constructed.

U. S. R. R. Administrator advises West Coast Lumbermen's Association that every effort will be made to avoid a car shortage in Oregon, Idaho and Inland Empire territory.

Vale—Four lots sold to local milling company; may build warehouses.

North Bend—Another ship being built for private concern.

New Oregon hops bringing 50 cents, record price in 37 years.

J. W. W. literature being peddled in Pendleton.

Work on road between Independence and Monmouth rapidly progressing.

Echo—Hay selling for \$16 a stack in this vicinity.

Echo—35 carloads of sheep shipped to Chicago.

Roseburg—Five tons cherries canned daily at Umpqua Growers' cannery.

Tillamook Leads in Tuberculosis Cleanup.

Tillamook dairymen have entered upon a program of tuberculosis clean-up that will land them as leaders in this movement, says E. L. Westover, O. A. C. and federal dairy extension specialist. They are setting the pace for the entire United States, he declares in the thoroughness of inspection. They have a county dairy inspector, a dairy herd inspector, Mr. Westover thinks Tillamook will be the first county in the state to be tuberculosis free.

AEROPLANE FOR MEDFORD.

Medford Men to Organize Aeroplane Company.

Arrangements have been made whereby three Medford men will combine to buy an aeroplane. The men are Seeley Hall, Floyd Hart and Frank Farrell, all of them being well known locally, and all three served in the aviation branch of the army. They have purchased a Curtis plane and its arrival is looked forward to with interest. They plan to take the machine to Klamath Falls and possibly to Crater Lake in the near future.

The investment should prove a success for undoubtedly there are many people in this valley alone, who will kiss a ten spot good-bye for the privilege of getting a little nearer Heaven. The writer of this article however has no aspirations in that line.

Jacksonville Man Buys Auto Business.

Another change in the auto business in Medford occurred recently when R. D. Hines, of Jacksonville, and I. A. Snider, of Portland, purchased the business of Elliott & Cook Auto company, and the name of the new firm will be the Hines & Snider Auto company, and the business will be continued at the same place, on South Fir, one of the largest and best equipped establishments of the kind in the city.

The new proprietors are live-wire business men and will be welcomed into the auto and garage business one of the largest in Medford.

They will continue to carry the Scripps-Booth, Haynes, and Dort cars, Republic trucks and Firestone tires. Their shop men are all experts in their line.

F. C. Currie will continue as the sales manager of the company.

Frank Elliott will devote his time to the manufacture of his patent auto lock, one of the best on the market in which a number of eastern manufacturers are interested. He will go east soon in the interests of the same. Mr. Cook is succeeded as to what he will do.

New Powder Shed on Jackson Creek.

The Crater Lake Hardware company and the Giant Powder company, of which it is the local agent, have made extensive arrangements for the more prompt and frequent delivery of powder which is welcomed by the Medford concern's powder customers. L. V. Rex of Portland, the Giant company's representative, has been here for some time working out the new plans with Samuel Leonard of the local company.

The Giant company has just built at an expense of \$2000 a large powder magazine on Jackson creek near the Opp mine in the Jacksonville district, by means of which powder hereafter be handled in carload lots. The company has also built a road to this magazine over which the new \$1200 truck just purchased by the Crater Lake Hardware company will make semi-weekly trips to the magazine in making deliveries to its customers.

This new arrangement obviates the necessity of going to the Gold Hill magazine, heretofore the only one in the county, once a week for powder orders and does away with the freight charges on powder between Gold Hill and Medford, and now enables customers to have more frequent delivery and at Portland prices.—Medford Sun.

Gagnon Mill on Double Shift.

The Gagnon Box & Lumber concern has so much work on hand and ahead that it has been operating night and day for some time. The mill is working on an order for 15 car loads of apple shook for the Wilson Orchard company of Nampa, Ida., which must be filled between now and October. Shipments in filling this large order will begin July 29th.

The mill also has an order for 19 car loads of dimension and finishing lumber to be shipped to Dunsmuir, Calif. Two car loads of the same kind of lumber were several days ago shipped to fill an order at Sission, Calif.

Mr. Gagnon will begin this week the transportation of 1000 cords of four-foot dry fir and oak wood from his Jackson creek timber holdings to Medford.

BUILD ELECTRIC R. R. FROM BEND.

First Railroad Construction in State Since War.

Construction Starts Soon as Government Ownership is Abandoned

Bend, Ore., July 15.—The first announcement of proposed new railroad construction in Oregon since the war was formally made here today when J. W. Foster, of Portland, construction engineer, who stated that the company which he represents, will build from Mount Angel, on the west side of the Cascades, to Bend, by way of Sisters, for the newly incorporated Portland and Southeastern Railway company.

Construction will not start until government control has come to an end, Foster believes, will be early in September. From Bend, the railroad, he said, will be pushed southeasterly into Nevada, where it will ultimately tie into the Western Pacific. In many respects the line of the Portland and Southeastern follows the old Corvallis and Eastern survey, with the exception of the western terminus is to be at Mount Angel, the present terminus of the Willamette and Pacific electric line. While no absolute announcement on this point has been made, it is generally understood that the new railroad also will depend on electricity for its motive power, for Mr. Foster admitted that leases for power site purposes have been obtained on Marion lake in the Santiam national forest in Curry county.

Medford Man Starts Fire in Office.

Medford, July 15.—Dr. E. H. Porter cleaned up his private office in the Medford sanitarium last night. He washed the base board and the book shelves of his medical library with a decoction containing three pints of gasoline in a pan. Then he dusted and rearranged his books and stepping back a few feet to admire his handiwork, struck a match to light his pipe, tossing the lighted match into the pan of gasoline.

There was no explosion, but the flames rose and spread with great rapidity, the doctor, fighting them as best he could with a rag and his pipe, but by the time the firemen had arrived and extinguished the fire the book case had been badly charred and the majority of the \$2000 worth of medical books were ruined, to say nothing of the damage to his oak top desk and the walls and ceiling, amounting to about \$100.

Dr. Porter asserts with all sincerity that he thinks when he struck the match his head flew off into the basin, but the firemen found the partially burned match stick lying in it.

School Boards Must Pay Higher Salaries.

Salem, Ore., July 15.—Education of school boards to the necessity of paying better salaries to teachers is the only way in which the high standard set by the schools of the United States can be maintained, according to State Superintendent Churchill, who returned to his offices today after attending the annual meeting of the National Education association at Milwaukee.

"Reports at the convention indicated a serious shortage of teachers," said Churchill, "and in some sections of the country the schools are suffering because of an inadequate supply of competent instructors. This is particularly true in the middle west."

Check Public Extravagance.

Extravagance in expenditures in public affairs is almost a crime under the conditions in which the world finds itself today. War taxes, expansion of all salaries, higher cost of all branches of public service, double cost of all equipments and supplies compell economy.

Yet one sees motor vehicles employed in public work driven about unnecessarily or left standing for long periods with their engines idling.

The war period has bred habits of wasteful extravagance in all walks of life and especially in the ranks of public service, who should set better examples. The disposition is to swell all kinds of public appropriations and thus multiply public burdens, and fan the flames of civic discontent.

Picnic and Camping parties will find our line of Lunch Goods complete Also: Fishing Tackle.

Lewis Ulrich

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