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## CARLTON E. SPENCER AGAIN HIGHLY HONORED BY ALMA MATER

Former Cottage Grove Man to Succeed A. R. Tiffany as Registrar of University of Oregon.

Carlton E. Spencer, son of County Commissioner and Mrs. E. R. Spencer, formerly of this city and well known here, probably will be registrar of the University of Oregon to succeed A. R. Tiffany, whose resignation will take effect April 1. The position is a highly responsible one and his selection is quite a distinction for Mr. Spencer, who has just returned from service with the colors.

Spencer graduated from the university in 1913 and was active in all affairs of the university during the four years he spent there. In his freshman year he won the alumni medal as the best debater in the university. He was president of the sophomore class and during that year won the intercollegiate oratorical contest of Oregon. In his senior year he was president of the associated students and on graduating won the Falling prize in the Falling Beckman oratorical contest.

On leaving the university he became secretary of the University of Oregon law department in Portland and held that position four years. In November of 1917 he enlisted with the aviation section of the army and was sent to Kelly field for training. He received his commission as the adjutant's training school at Columbus, Ohio, and was assigned to duty at Chanute field, Kan., Ill. From there he was sent to Langley field, Hampton, Va., where for the last of his service he was commanding officer of the 83rd aero squadron.

## COOPERATION OF LOYAL CITIZENS IS NEEDED SAYS DENNIS

Legislator With Real Record Thinks New Executive Will Give the State Good Service.

W. B. Dennis, of Carlton, chairman of the roads and highways committee of the house in the recent legislature, father of much of the road legislation, who is given credit for engineering the success of the road legislation and who is deeply interested in the manner in which the state administration directs its efforts in carrying forward the mammoth good roads program, was here this week looking after extensive cinnabar interests at Black Butte. He expresses keen regret over the death of James Withycombe, Oregon's Grand Old Man, in whose hands he felt certain the program would be promoted in a manner that would be eminently satisfactory to all concerned. "However," Mr. Dennis added, "it is fortunate that a man of Oleott's ability has stepped into the place so ably filled by the late chief executive. I have confidence that he will make a splendid governor and will give the state a wise business administration. The new governor has many grave and serious problems confronting him. While he is himself responsible to the people for his own acts, yet he is in a large measure bound to follow the general policy that would have been pursued had the late governor lived and can not give the play to his own initiative that he might under other circumstances. The people of the state should stand as loyally behind him as they did behind the man he succeeded. With this cooperation I feel certain the office will be conducted in a highly satisfactory manner."

Commenting upon the possible resignation from the highway commission of R. A. Booth, of this county, Mr. Dennis stated that such action would be a near calamity. "Mr. Booth now has an insight into the road business that a new man would take a year to acquire. Besides he has the utmost confidence of the people in his integrity and also the ability to make the best use of the knowledge he has acquired. There are many other good men who would make good commissioners but I believe the state as a whole is almost a unit in desiring the retention of Mr. Booth."

### WATCH YOUR LABEL.

**Boys of 69th Arrive.** Nearly all the boys of the 69th are now at home, but they came home one or two at a time, so that no arrangements could be made for a demonstration in their honor. Those whom The Sentinel has been informed have arrived are Sergeants Wilfred S. McCaleb, Albert Griffin, Norval H. Powell, Ralph W. Teeters and Wiley H. Oleott, Corporals Kelly H. Cooper, Leslie T. Grant, George W. Gibson and Everett S. Grant, Mechanic Ralph Milne, Cooks Arno C. Brown and Hosen Brown, Privates Virgil A. Powell and Judd D. Doolittle, Lieutenant Lee Roy Woods, Jr., and Sergeant Dan L. Woods were discharged at the same time and went to the home of their parents at Cornelius, but have since been here for a visit. Private C. E. Elliott went to the home of his parents at Kelso, Wash.

## TALES OF THE 65TH

Little Nuggets of Information About What Happened to the Soldier Boys While in the Service in France

Every once in awhile you hear the boys say something about the lives of the entire battery being saved by Eddie Valentine. Eddie doesn't claim any honors, however, for being any greater hero than the rest. He was the cool, and saved their lives by serving meals on time.

Everything was not always pie and cake. Once in awhile the boys would be confronted with an exhumed corpse or something equally disagreeable that made pie and cake the last thing their stomachs craved for the time being. A good many meals were completely spoiled by some such incident.

The accuracy of the American guns was a marvel to their allies. There was no hit and miss firing with the Americans. When a barrage was put over for the doughboys you could go over the ground afterwards and find a clean cut line of shell holes almost exactly 10 yards apart.

The boys of the 65th didn't get to serve in the trenches, but as they moved their guns forward in pursuit of the huns they got an opportunity to view the trenches the huns had left behind, and which had been preempted by the boys of the allied armies. They also inspected many of the German and French dugouts. Where the lines had stood for years in almost the same position concrete dugouts had been built that were almost as good as city dwellings, having many rooms, hallways and some of the comforts of home. Furniture had in many cases been appropriated by the Germans from the French dwellings they captured.

The boys of the 65th didn't see many of the reported cases of frightfulness alleged to have been so common with the Germans, but they did see many refugees returning and many of the younger women had without question been the victims of German lust. Most of the refugees seemed to be of the older and very young, there being few of the middle aged.

The Cottage Grove boys are firmly convinced that had the armistice been postponed another month the Germans would have been driven back to Berlin, and the Yankee boys were raring to go.

The boys in the artillery didn't often get the opportunity to see the damage done by their guns, for which they were thankful. They once made a direct hit upon a German battery and those who reported the result to them said that pieces of the men who had manned the battery were hanging around in the trees and otherwise musing up the landscape.

The Cottage Grove members of the 65th were fortunate in not collecting many cooties. Some got none, while a number did not get any until after leaving France. Those who did have the experience of cootie hunting say it was most interesting, as well as aggravating. A whole tribe of cooties will grow to manhood and womanhood in a day and their progeny seems to be without end. Clothes rid of all cooties large enough to see will have a brand new and very vigorous crop the next day. The only way of getting rid of them is to change clothes and make a cootie stew of the discarded ones. One soldier says there are seven distinct varieties of cooties: first, the common or garden variety, that uses the Australian crawl stroke; second, the submarine cootie, that burrows like a mole; third, the kangaroo, or jumping cootie; fourth, the bluejay, or flying cootie; fifth, the old settler, or stationary cootie; sixth, the wildest or fighting cootie, who is always engaged in a battle royal with a dozen other battlers; and seventh, the college or educated cootie, who stages a field meet with several rival teams of his pals on isolated portions of your back that cannot be reached by hand.

The coast artillery was not put in any division, being used wherever they were needed, which accounts for their seeing service in so many sections of the front.

Sam Veatch tells of a rather humorous occurrence when a negro soldier was gathering souvenirs. A German officer objected to the proceeding and interfered. The negro was not so easily daunted, however, and had not been taught to respect the uniform of a German officer, which was in a moment soiled by contact with the muddy soil. The officer got up sputtering German. The negro said, "Ah don't know what you-all is a-sayin' but I's shore goin' to hab dat ornament." And he got it without further protest.

Talking of souvenirs, a German prisoner was mighty tickled to get to the prison camp with his clothes on. It frequently happened that the demand for buttons was so great that the only way of preserving a semblance of modesty was to keep the clothes in place by use of the hands.

### WATCH YOUR LABEL.

## TRIBUTE IS PAID TO J. T. ALLISON BY FORMER ASSOCIATE

Many Attend Service Held in the Building Which Deceased Had Helped to Erect.

The funeral of James Thomas Allison was held Sunday afternoon from the Baptist church, death having occurred Friday afternoon from cancer of the liver. He had been a sufferer for several years.

The funeral services at the church were conducted by Rev. E. G. O. Grant, pastor emeritus, now 85 years of age, who in touching words told of his associations with Mr. Allison in the work of the church. The building in which the services were held was made possible through the efforts of Mr. Allison, whose hands had joined with those of the pastor in laying the foundation and raising the framework after the ground had been secured. The six sons acted as pall bearers and at the grave the services were in charge of the Knights of Pythias lodge. The church was filled to overflowing and the floral tributes were magnificent.

Mr. Allison was born at Flat Rock, Crawford county, Ill., October 5, 1846, and was married there 51 years ago last October. He came to Oregon about 30 years ago and to Cottage Grove 23 years ago. The wife and the following sons survive: D. Y., of Roseburg; J. W., of Grants Pass; G. F., of McMinnville; S. V., of Cottage Grove; H. E., of Grants Pass, and F. H., of Cottage Grove. There were 35 relatives present at the funeral.

### Ether Bricher Dies.

The funeral of Miss Ether Bricher was held Monday forenoon from the Catholic church, Father Moran, of Eugene, officiating. Death occurred Saturday at Eugene, where Miss Bricher had undergone an operation for appendicitis. She had been low but was thought to be well on the road to recovery until just before the end. She was aged 19 years, 5 months, 20 days, was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bricher and was born in Minnesota. She had been employed at the Bank of Cottage Grove for some time until just before her death. Surviving brothers and sisters are Irwin, of Portland, Joseph, Vincent and Agnes, all at home.

## UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB APPEARS HERE TONIGHT

"Music everybody likes" will be the type of entertainment presented by the University of Oregon Men's Glee Club when it appears in concert here this evening.

The program prepared by the club is lively and snappy, consisting of chorus numbers, solos, quartettes, and clever stunts. The music is of a type to appeal to everyone, according to Paul Spangler, manager of the organization.

### Odd Fellows to Go to Eugene.

The I. O. O. F. lodge of this place intends to assist the Eugene lodge in celebrating the centennial celebration of the founding of the order, which occurs April 26. The local lodge will put on the third degree of the work in a competition of several lodges.

### Ross Haines in Hospital.

Ross Haines, a member of the 69th, is in the hospital at Camp Lewis. He suffered an attack of the flu, which was followed by typhoid and double pneumonia and he has been a pretty sick boy.

### Snow Flakes Fall.

The first snow this section of the state has seen during the past winter fell last Friday morning but had entirely disappeared long before noon. There was another slight flurry the following day. Of course there is considerable snow in the mountains and on the higher levels and the heavy heads of the mountain tops make a pretty picture to those down in the cozy valleys.

### Masonic Grand Master to Visit.

F. W. Sattelmeyer, of Woodburn, grand master of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon, will pay Cottage Grove lodge an official visit tonight. The lodges at Drain, Yoncalla and Elkton will be represented.

## GRANGE SEES THAT SOLDIERS ARE FED

That the boys back from the service for Uncle Sam are in no immediate danger of starving was evidenced by the feed put up for them by Cottage Grove grange Saturday noon. About 25 of the boys were on hand and took in the whole program from chicken to two dozen kinds of cake.

The program given as the boys completed their dinner was as follows: Words of welcome—Eldert Bede.

Piano solo—Mrs. Oleott.

Introductory, "The Night Is Past" (A. M. Belding)—Ora Read Hemenway.

Vocal solo, "There's a Long, Long Trail"—Hazel Ashby.

Reading, "Der Tag" (Kipling)—Almond Hemenway.

Piano solo—Frieda Aubrey.

Reading, "Between Two Loves"—Enid Veatch.

Song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

Closing poem, "Our Flag"—Mrs. F. J. Helliwell.

"America"—by all.

## MASONIC LODGE RECEIVES BOYS BACK FROM SERVICE

Soldiers and Sailors Organize for Good Government and to Down Monarchy and Anarchy.

"The most pleasant and most enjoyable function we have attended since we arrived in the good old U. S. A. or were discharged from the service," was the way 35 boys expressed themselves after the reception given them Wednesday night by the Masonic lodge. The reception was informal in every way. After a singfest in which the boys took the largest part and furnished the pianist, Virgil Powell, of the 69th, "chow" was served in the banquet room, where a camp fire had been arranged. Beautiful decorations added to the pleasant surroundings. Following the banquet informal addresses were given, among the most notable being those of Lieutenant Carlton Spencer, of the aero service; Ed. Miller, Lieutenant Ben King, of the 65th; Major—H. K. Metcalf, Colonel B. K. Lawson and John Metcalf. Several of the boys who had been across or at the front responded briefly when called upon by their comrades.

Preceding the reception a meeting of the soldier and sailor boys had been held in the same building for the purpose of organizing themselves for mutual helpfulness. The objects of the organization were stated to be to keep up the same comradeship that existed in military life, for the upholding of law and order, for the crushing of monarchy and anarchy and for taking a healthful interest in politics and good government. A meeting for the election of officers will be held next Wednesday and it is planned to make this organization a part of a national organization.

### Blue Mountain Over the Top.

The Blue Mountain district has raised more than its quota in the Armenian and Syrian relief drive. Subscriptions were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frost, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ward, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Butte Mooney, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Landwehr, \$1; Bona Patten, \$1.50; Mrs. A. Castle, \$1; Josephine Seward, 50c; Sarah Donohue, 50c; Marjorie Shay, 50c; William Rawlings, \$1; Rufus Rawlings, 50c; Mrs. T. B. McGuire, 50c; Clifton McGuire, 50c; Edith Landwehr, \$2; John Allen, \$1; Chas. Allen, \$1; Vernon Whippis, \$1; Finley Whippis, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kibby, \$1; Arnold Duerst, 50c; Lester-Downes, 50c; Bert Lancaster, 50c; Lewis Lange, 25c; Frank Miller, 25c; Elmer Robbins, 50c; Darrell Mosby, 25c. Other donations of \$4.20 were made, the total reaching \$24.45.

### Correction in Honor Roll.

In some inexcusable manner, the name of Dennis Murray Bowman, of Seginaw, was printed last week as among those who had died in the service during the recent war. The name should have been Bowman Hartley, also a former resident of Seginaw. There are several other corrections in the Honor Roll, which will again be published in full a little later.

### Old Postage Rate After July 1.

Beginning July 1, letters may again be sent through the mails for two cents, and postcards for one cent, according to a communication from Washington, D. C.

## TEACHER REMEMBERS J. S. BENSON AS SMALL TAD THREE YEARS OLD

Odd Circumstances Connected With Renewal of Old Acquaintance.

J. S. Benson has recently received evidence that this is a mighty small world after all. When he was a small tad he went to school to a teacher named Fletcher. A short time ago he read an item from Forest Grove which told of the profit a former school teacher 74 years of age named Fletcher had made raising chickens. The idea struck him that this might possibly be the teacher of his childhood days and he wrote to find out if this might be so.

In a few days Mr. Benson received a letter from Mr. Fletcher which confirmed the fact that this was, indeed, the same man and strangely enough he remembered the little Benson boy of the letter says: "In the spring of '67 I moved to Centerville district (Wash.) on John R. Porter's place and that spring and summer one Jimmie Benson went to school to me. He was three years of age and small for his age. I have satisfied myself that you are the same person."

Mr. Benson's father went east on some business while Mr. Benson was a very small boy. He never saw him again and his mother died shortly afterwards. Mr. Benson has never known what happened to his father and inquired of Mr. Fletcher, who replied that he knows all the circumstances and that the elder Benson died in the east.

Miss Mabel Spray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spray, was injured in a bicycle accident Tuesday afternoon. She ran into a pedestrian and was rendered unconscious from contact with the hard pavement. She has now fully recovered.

## Letters From Soldier Boys

Following are excerpts from a letter written by Lieutenant Noble White to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. White:

A. E. F., Germany.—I am now with the 3rd division of regulars, tried and gnarled. They have been mentioned several times for their work on the line. The division was part of the army to take part in the St. Mihiel offensive, which was just launched as we arrived. We arrived at division headquarters in the evening. At 1 a. m. the barrage started and a little later in the morning the Yankees went over the top. Our division was in reserve. We spent four days in terrible long hikes in keeping up with the retreating boche. The roads were nothing but continuous streams of artillery, infantry, trucks, machine guns and prisoners; blocked most of the time with disabled trucks or jammed traffic. Kitchens and supplies could not be brought up and for two days we had little to eat and lots to go. I was in charge of Co. C, 30th infantry. The attack we expected did not come off. The news was received that night that the huns had retreated leaving 20,000 prisoners. The entire salient was taken. Then came more hard marching, a little rest and preparation for a real offensive. The 3rd division was moved to another army corps and we moved up near the village of Montfaucon in the Verdun sector. This offensive is known as the battle of the Argonne. We would move mostly by night, rest what we could in the daytime and hide the concentration from the enemy.

One day we were marching through the Bois de Hesse (Woods of Hesse), when suddenly an airplane dove out of a very tiny cloud. He had the American insignia, so no one gave attention until the plane headed for an observation balloon near us. Before we could open fire he had set the balloon on fire and was headed for another mile away. He got the second balloon before we got him.

In one place I saw a bright new Cadillac car, two new Dodge cars and five new trucks in the midst of such desolation and shell craters that it would have taken four miles of road building to get them out. Then Fritz comes over and drops bombs on them.

One night Lieutenant Hague and myself were awakened by a shell which dropped about 75 feet away. We received a shower of mud but nothing more. After that we were not very sleepy so helped care for a man who had been hit in the leg. That shell killed one of our mules on the rolling kitchen team. The other mule went A. W. O. L. and didn't come back for three days. He was a pretty wise mule for if he had stayed another day we could have tried him for desertion. Three more shells lit in camp that night with a harvest of 25 wounded and 5 or 6 killed. The following day we moved in just back of front ready to do our bit in the offensive. The shelling was pretty heavy and Fritz's airplanes were entirely too familiar. We shot down eight with m. g. and anti-aircraft guns. Our planes were an actual disgrace in this offensive, according to the opinion of most of us of the 3rd. I have seen our fighters in the air deliberately clear out when hun fighters were about in the air, then come back a-tearing when they knew Fritz had gone. Giving due credit for those mighty good fighters in the air, my opinion of the delicate dandy of two hours a day in pleasure flights is not fit to print. There are more aviators hanging around the cafes of Paris than men of any other branch of the service.

To get back to events, the same day we shot down eight planes, one came over our battalion flying very low. He came around and emptied his machine gun into the woods on our right and then came back over us. As he was about 200 feet away and about 500 feet high I saw the observer pitch something out over the side of the plane. It looked to me like a long tube. An officer standing near me said, "There is a message. We will get it and find out what it says." Then it lit—and we got it. One sergeant got a piece in the leg. My striker got a piece in the arm. We were quite fortunate to get off that easy for it lit within 10 feet of us. My wound was not serious. I rejoined my battalion within a couple of days and got back just in time to go in on the offensive with the 3rd division. Will not attempt to describe that. There is a great deal about it that I hope I can forget. Will simply say we stayed in the line a long time. At this time I was battalion adjutant. I had the experience of leading a few patriots into no man's land and also of having charge of a battalion for a few days and the placing of it in the line. Have done nothing heroic or startling and will bring home no medals, nor even a promotion, but I can say that I did my duty and did not show up as did many an officer and enlisted man.

After this offensive we were taken out of the line back to a dirty little village in France, and the armistice was signed while we were there. We were then chosen as part of the army of occupation. We hiked all the way to the Rhine and are now near Coblenz. This hike has been quite enjoyable and the country is quite different from that of France. In Germany they have the most beautiful forests I have ever seen. The

## LORANE ROAD MUDDLE IS SETTLED; OH! NO IT ISN'T!

County Court Votes to Cut Through Chunk of Curtis Veatch Ranch Over Owner's Protest.

The Silk Creek-Lorane road muddle is settled, and yet it isn't settled. It is settled to the extent that the county court has accepted the majority report of the viewers, which takes off a slice of the Curtis Veatch ranch. Commissioners Spencer and Harlow voted for the majority report and Judge Bown voted for the minority report. The latter report would leave the road at this point upon its present location.

The muddle is further settled to the extent that the county can now proceed to make plans for putting the road through. With \$7500 appropriated by the county, \$7500 match money on the part of the state and \$15,000 match money which it is thought can be secured from the federal government, there will be a total of \$30,000 available for work on this road, which may be completed through to Lorane during the coming season.

The muddle is distinctly not settled as far as Curtis Veatch is concerned. He intends to take the matter into court. He claims that the expense of fencing is hardly covered by the amount allowed him by the viewers and that he is allowed nothing for a part of his best land and for the serious inconvenience caused by splitting up his ranch. He asks \$4000, while but \$600 was allowed by the viewers and says he would not accept even that amount for damages should someone come and make him the direct offer for any other purpose.

The Silk Creek-Lorane road has caused more fuss than it would seem possible for a road of but twelve miles in length to make. Many opinions have been expressed pro and con and it would hardly seem possible that so many people could have contrary views upon a proposition of that kind and all be so firmly convinced that their way of thinking was the only one with merit.

Regardless of who is right in the controversy there seems little doubt that the road will now go ahead with satisfaction to a large number of the people it will serve and it is more than likely that Mr. Veatch will get in the courts an advance over the amount allowed him by the viewers.

## EXPERTS WILL TALK UPON DAIRY SUBJECTS

Suggestions Will Be Made as to Best Methods of Cutting Down Cost of Producing Butterfat.

Farmers who have been up against the feed problem for stock during the past year—and that includes nearly every farmer—will be interested in the dairy meeting to be held at the commercial club today and tomorrow, for the subjects of silos and ensilage and cheaper methods of producing butter fat will be up for discussion.

This dairy meeting has been arranged by the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college in cooperation with the Lane county farmers' bureau and Cottage Grove commercial club. The instructors will be E. B. Fitts and E. L. Westover and the complete program is as follows:

- Friday.
  - 10:00 a. m.—Business of Dairying; Need of Better Dairy Methods.
  - 11:00 a. m.—Building Up the Herd; Selecting Sires and Handling the Herd so as to Get Larger Production.
  - 1:00-3:00 p. m.—Calf Raising; Feeding and Handling from Birth; Calf Diseases.
  - 2:00-4:00 p. m.—Judging Demonstration or How to Select the Higher Producing Cows.
- Saturday.
  - 10:00 a. m.—Feeding for Milk Production; Selection and Value of Different Feeds; How to Get More Milk by Better Feeding.
  - 11:00 a. m.—Silos and Silage; your chance to get latest information on silo and silage problems.
  - 1:00 p. m.—Community Breeding; Benefits of and How to Get Started.
  - 2:00 p. m.—Herd Record Keeping; The Value of Records; How to Get Records.

County Commissioner E. R. Spencer and son, Lieutenant Carlton Spencer, were up from Eugene Wednesday night to attend the meeting of Masonic lodge and entertainment for the soldier boys.

river Rhine reminds me very much of the Columbia near Goldendale.

I hear very strong rumors that we are going home in a few months. So soon I shall return with no more visible signs of the war than two small scars and the cooties. In spite of my inhospitality the cooties are still with me, but after a few more repeated insults I am sure they will leave me.

I must now write a poor mother who is inquiring for information of her son. He was in my company and was killed in the battle of the Argonne.