

NEWS ITEMS "DOWN THE LINE"

Mrs. Cronwell returned Sunday from a visit to Vancouver.

Mrs. Nancy Maybee is spending a few weeks in the country, accompanied by her grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Phelps have a new daughter, born July 26. Her name is Doris Elaine Phelps.

Mrs. Frank, who at one time resided in Kern Park, visited old neighbors Sunday. Mr. Frank died some weeks ago.

Harry Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor of Sixty-fourth has arrived at San Diego. He has been stationed in Hawaii for some time. He is in the regular army.

Mr. Williamson who had a little store on Thirty-seventh avenue southeast, has closed it out. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and daughter are going to Walla Walla by auto, in the near future.

H. C. Woodham and wife from California, who have been visiting Wm. Woodham and family, at Kern Park, left Sunday for Washington State, where he is to take up some government work.

Little Hazel Wigen, while on a visit to relatives in Tacoma, with her mother, fell while playing and fractured her right arm near the shoulder joint. Upon returning to Portland, and having an X-ray made of the arm it was found that it had not been properly treated. She was taken to a hospital the last of

the week where the healing fracture was broken and properly set. At present she is progressing nicely.

Rev. and Mrs. Handley, and small son, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Payne, are journeying by auto to the coast. They will follow the coast about 400 miles. They started Monday morning. Rev. Handley is pastor of the Arleta Baptist Church.

G. W. Snider, who was injured two months ago while at work at the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Mill, has recovered sufficiently to be about on crutches. He left for Seattle, Thursday for an extended visit with his daughter, Mrs. Paul Walker.

Miss Elizabeth Maker was hit by a street car at 9:30 Monday evening, as she was going to the drug store at Stewart station. Miss Maker was staying with Mrs. Ira Bradshaw, on Fortieth avenue southeast. She received injuries to her shoulders and side which were bruised. She was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital.

Frankie Sterk, for a number of years a victim of infantile paralysis, who has been in a hospital for many months and operated upon a number of times, is at home hobbling about on crutches. He will be returned to the hospital after about six months, for further operations, in an effort to enable the little fellow to walk.

DECLINE OF JUVENILE BOOKS.

A painstaking summary of the production of books for juveniles in the past 28 years shows that in proportion to the total number of all books published there has been a distinct falling off, while the situation when viewed in relation to our increase in population becomes to the writer a matter of "curious" concern. The total output of books in the United States in 1890 was 4,530, of which 408, or about 9 per cent, were juveniles. In 1917 the total was 10,000, of which there were 504 juveniles, or about 5 per cent. It does not follow, however, that the habit of reading is not growing among youths of both sexes, says Portland Oregonian. Ordinary observation and the experience of most librarians would indicate the contrary. The fact would seem to be that the young folks are more discriminating in their tastes, that they are reading the same things that their fathers and mothers are reading, and that the practice of "writing down" to them has consequently become unpopular. There is, after all, a great plenty of books made primarily for grownups which also are pleasing, instructive and inspiring to children of various ages. The happy family is the one which has common fireside interests—and there are many such.

If the daring Italians who made their way into an Austrian naval port and torpedoed a battleship have been captured, they will very likely pay a heavy price for the fame which will carry their names down to posterity as among the heroes of naval history, for the Huns are not of a caliber to feel such men they would have treated a generous admiration for a courageous enemy. Had the allies captured them with all the consideration due unusual bravery, but in German hands they are likely to feel all that can be inflicted on them by a mean spirit of spiteful revenge.

The recital of how Prince Henry was enabled to inspect British military and naval strategic points by the pleasant device of an automobile tour of England and Scotland recalls Germany's pretense at the outset of the war that Belgium had perpetrated a violation of neutrality by permitting French officers to travel in motor cars in Belgian soil.

There are some very important differences between fathers and mothers. Mother will toll like a slave in the kitchen before she will let her girls endanger their hands washing dishes, but the old man will certainly paw up some sand if the boys come round him wearing kid gloves or spats.

By the treaty concluded between Germany and Roumania the army of occupation's right of requisition is restricted to grain, peas, beans, fodder, wool, cattle, meat, timber, oil and oil products. There seems to be little left outside the restrictive area except wrist watches and moving picture scenarios.

An army ruling is that a soldier's life insurance must be taken out in favor of his legal wife. Which calls to mind again that the illegal wife has a very poor standing in this vale of tears.

We suggest that the maximum draft age be high enough to cover the fellow who is always saying: "If I thought I was really needed I would like to go."

The astronomers have discovered a new star, but they are not making so much fuss about it as would an impresario who makes a similar discovery.

Two of the torpedo boat destroyers now under construction are to bear the names of naval officers who lost their lives in acts of heroism since the United States entered the war. These are Lieut. Stanton Frederick Kalk, officer of the deck of the Jacob Jones, and Gunner's Mate Osmond Kelley Ingram of the Cassin, torpedoed in European waters. The policy of Secretary Daniels in thus commemorating naval heroes while their fame is yet fresh in mind is to be commended.

The movement to utilize the boy power of the country on the farms is a good one. It will supply much needed labor now, and the knowledge it will impart will last in usefulness long after the war is over. Furthermore, its effect in morale and health in getting the growing generation next to nature's heart will be a vast gain in itself.

Now and then there is an exception, but as a rule every mean, contemptible act, every unworthy motive or deed, every despicable, shameless and unprincipled maneuver which man may now and then attempt in his dealings with his fellows, may be set down to the baleful influence of money.

The unsinkable ship which made a trial voyage across the ocean has returned unscathed. It may still be an experiment, but so far the result is encouraging, and may mean another check to the costly depredations of the submarine.

The theory that "a man is as old as his arteries" has possibilities. There should be some good fighting material among the numerous gentlemen of fifty and upwards who have delighted society with their grace and endurance in the tango.

The alleged discovery of the Swedish naturalist that the ant is overrated and that its ways are not to be considered in the pursuit of wisdom isn't going to help the sluggard under the new Anti-Lousing law.

If a U-boat should blow up a seashore merry-go-round or a soda fountain Berlin would rush into print with another glowing account of an enormous victory.

The bolsheviks are considering making labor compulsory. This is going to be a terrible shock to their American admirers.

The most popular of the season's new schemes are those which promise a reasonable supply of money without work.

VALUE OF SPANISH.

Accepted as conclusive the general resolution to exclude from the schools the teaching of the German language it would seem the part of wisdom to substitute another and more attractive tongue, says Las Vegas (N. M.) Optic. This is Spanish, spoken by millions of close neighbors and the native speech of the residents of our island possessions. Even now, with the Teutonic competitor excluded, strong efforts are being made by bankers and tradesmen to obtain for the United States the commerce of South America. The great war has operated to turn these peoples away from Germany and toward this country, once unjustly suspected of an ambition to dominate the entire western hemisphere politically. To carry on business with them and to be in a position to exchange the treasures of art and literature as friends, it is almost an imperative necessity that their speech be acquired. The time to begin acquiring it is now, and not later. From the head of the national government, the initial and energizing impulse should be given by proclamation falling upon the directors of education in all the states to take up and forward the work of installation of the teaching machinery. In this worthy labor, no doubt, valuable co-operation would cheerfully be offered by the various South American governments.

In Pennsylvania it has been decreed that crackers are in the same category as bread, and that hereafter it will be contrary to the food administration rulings for oyster houses, restaurants, quick lunches, hotels and clubs to serve more than two ounces of crackers with an order of soup or oysters in any shape. In one way it is possible that the restaurants will regard this a blessing in disguise, for it is no secret in the trade that a great many customers consume at least one-third the value of their soup order in crackers that are served as a side dish, says Hotel Gazette. It will be a money saving proposition to the restaurant man and will doubtless be regarded by him in that light. The administration is going thoroughly into the matter, and investigations will be instituted to find where and by whom this order is violated in the ranks of oyster houses and restaurants.

Scarcity of oil in Denmark is so great that there has been danger at various times that there would not be enough for the railway signal lights and the beacons on the coast. The government has recently contracted for 400 tons of tallow for candles to form an emergency supply for these lamps and to be used in the farm-houses of the country. The coal shortage has made it almost impossible to obtain dependable electric or gas light service. Alcohol lamps with mantles similar to those used in gas burners are being installed in stores and city residences, and the government has removed the ban from acetylene, in spite of the fact that it is explosive.

The Sims correspondent of the Times, London, in pointing out that in the year which ended April 1 last the combatants enlisted in India numbered 285,200, stated that any estimate of India's man-power based on a total population would be fallacious, since a large proportion of Indians are non-fighting people. The latter fact partly explains why India's representation in the line of battle is comparatively small. If the population of that vast country were of the kind that peoples the white man's lands it would form an unbeatatable aggregation.

German is no longer to be required at the University of California. Entrance credits in German language and literature will not be asked in any department of the university. The last department to indorse the ruling was chemistry. Much authoritative material in this field is written in German, but the chemistry department will arrange its courses so that a knowledge of the language will not be necessary.

A Berlin paper refers to the American "bordes" in France. That is letting the cat out of the bag, is it not? The official theory is that owing to the U-boat only a few Yanks are over there.

Chickens are great daylight savers, says the Toledo Blade. If the chickens that go to roost at sundown get that great reputation for their species, what about those that manage to get fried for breakfast?

The official war statement said: "Except for artillery firing on both sides, everything was quiet today." There you get the soldier's conception of what is meant by "quiet."

Germany reports a shortage of noodles. What's the difference? They have mighty little soup to put them in, anyway.

A news item says that Belgians are now compelled to eat cats. Well, it's not much of a change from Belgian hares, at that.

CORRESPONDENCE

BELLROSE - GILBERT

Jessie Farnsworth was home Sunday for a short visit.

Mr. Smith, who lives near Johnson Creek, Deerdoll road is not starting for China—he's just fixing his well.

Mrs. White and Miss Henderson of Bellrose visited Mrs. J. W. Frost at Pleasant Valley one day last week.

Fred Pratt, who recently came to Lents with his parents from Topeka, Kansas, has been visiting his uncle, C. S. Clark, for the past week.

Mr. Field, of Bellrose had the misfortune to lose his horse which broke its leg and had to be shot. Although Mr. Field has an auto now, he will miss the old worker and helper.

Word has been received from Curtis Valentie that he is now in England. He reports that his health is good and he carries a hopeful spirit for victory. He sends loving regards to all friends here and hopes they will not forget him. They will not, while he is serving under Old Glory and his name is on the Lents Roll of Honor, 92 Foster Road.

WATSON and KENDALL

Mrs. John Hipperson has returned to her home in Spokane, after a pleasant

visit with her son, Harry Hipperson and family.

Mrs. Adah MacFarlain had a surprise visit this week from a dear relative who has been for some time in British Columbia.

Mrs. Josephine Cane and daughter, Winifred Farley, are now domiciled in the small cottage near the James McVey residence on Ninety-first avenue.

Harry Porter, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Porter on Eighty-first street, has been assigned to an aviation camp "somewhere" on the Atlantic Coast. He had finished a four-year enlistment, and before taking his vacation he enlisted a second time. Harry has a younger brother, Willie, who is First Water Tender on one of the transports taking our soldiers across the waters. He also is a long-timer and looks forward to his furlough home to see his dear, brave and enduring parents whom he has not seen for a long time.

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Saturday—Charles Ray in "The Son of His Father." The Allies' Official War Review.

Sunday—Elsie Ferguson in "The Rise of Jennie Cushing." Fatty Arbuckle Comedy.

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Wednesday and Thursday—Roy Stewart in "The Devil Dodger."

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