

## Letter From Secretary of Oregon Welcoming Commission Tells of The Tragic Death of Cecil Landon

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Landon, of 5324 Eighty-ninth street, the latter part of last week received the following letter from the secretary of the Oregon Welcome Commission in New York City relative to the death of their son Cecil. In addition to the information given the letter shows the keen interest taken by this organization in the Oregon boys as they arrive in New York from overseas. Wednesday a soldier en route from New York to Camp Lewis called at the Landon home and brought the remainder of the personal effects of their son. Following is the letter:

By this time your son's body should have arrived in Portland, although we have had no notice to that effect. While the body was at the undertakers various Oregon boys, in the service went there to pay their respects, and the same attention was paid that could be given to a member of ones own family.

The uniform in which he was sent was his own, which we found at the home of his friend Voss, and the few pictures and trinkets which I am sending also were there in a kit which accompanies. I was not able to send these to you before, as, although they were in our possession, the police did not want them to get out of their reach. Today the detective, Mr. Kenny, of the homicide bureau informed me that he had obtained some of your son's possessions. These too will be sent to you as soon as they are willing to release them.

At present the authorities are working very hard to find the man who committed the crime, and they have promised that their vigilance will not lessen until they have him. The whole affair here is regarded very gravely and sympathetically. When some months ago the Provost Guard was released from duty here, there began to be less protection for the man in uniform, as he did not especially regard himself as a subject of civil law and protection. This caused the vultures who make soldiers and sailors their prey to work in more freedom, although at no time has the work of the police against the offenders ceased.

This last calamity, your son's misfortune, has, we all believe, awakened the public conscience to the dangers facing the boys who return, and will result in good to the boys who are yet to return from France.

When your son arrived he went with several of the other men in his special casual company to a down town office, where one of the boys had a friend. At that time they all had baggage. This they took with them when they left. That night your son was the guest of Sergeant Voss, at his home. In the morning they all left for Camp Mills, where they reported to Mitchel Field. They obtained their discharges on August 12th. Your son, that night registered at the War Camp Community Hotel at 57 West 27th street. They have no record of his baggage. He did not leave anything there, that they knew of. The two young men who shared the room with him, returned to their homes this week. They had asked to be called at six o'clock to take a morning train. It is not known what your son did during the day. There is as yet no record of his movements; we do know that at six thirty-seven o'clock in the evening he called up

Mr. Voss at his home. The conversation was:

"I am coming up to see you Voss."  
"I am sorry, but I shall not be at home, I have an engagement. But I would like to see you as I have civies on."

"That's the reason I'd like to see you, I'm in civies too."  
"You left your second uniform here when you were out, don't you want it?"

"Yes I will come up and call for it."

"I will leave it with the telephone boy in the hall. Do you know how to get up here again?"

"Oh, yes I'll get there all right."  
About seven o'clock a clerk about ten blocks north of there and seven east, at 177th street and Amsterdam street, sold a pair of shoes to a man, whom he described as your son. The boy was in civilian clothes and he wrote his name "Cecil E. Landon," on the bottom of his issue shoes that he left to be called for. He started to pay for his shoes. He had a roll of about \$300.00, and the smallest bill was fifty dollars. His companion who is described as "five feet seven, dark, Jewish or Italian, and rather heavy, large features," said, "don't break that, you can give it to me later." And he paid \$10 for the shoes.

The next trace we have of him, is later in the evening when the two men registered at the McAlpin Hotel. Your boy registered his own name plainly. The other man made an unintelligible scrawl beginning with P. They took their room and to all appearances went to bed. The boy evidently went to sleep. His assailant remained awake and after striking the boy removed his stockings, his collar, tore the band off of his shirt and out of his hat.

This is the entire case as it is known to date. If you know of any friends of his here, or acquaintances he might have had in New York, it might be a great help to the officers who, I wish to say have shown a remarkable interest both in looking for the man who did it, and also in assisting us in obtaining the body, and his few possessions.

I have taken the liberty of making this lengthy and tedious report to you, because I feel that anything whatsoever concerning the affair is of vital interest to you and your family. Boys who were with him on the ship and had known him in France say that he acquitted himself there as a gentleman and true soldier, doing his work efficiently and well. He made himself a non-commissioned officer by his own good work, they say, and was a credit to his people and state at all times there.

Permit me here to express my own and the deep sympathy of the other members of the commission here and of the boys who were here at the time. We had sent him the Oregon Club card, but his being permitted to go to the city from the ship and his rapid discharge thereafter in the camp prevented his getting it, or if he got it, getting a chance to come to the club. We feel deeply for you in the loss of your soldier son. The knowledge that his misfortune will be the means of saving, perhaps many more from ill-luck here cannot soften that, but it is one of his sacrifices. With sincerest regards I am,

Very truly yours,

## Additional Departments to Make Exhibits at County Fair Next Week

The following is a list of some of the departments not already mentioned in the earlier previews of the county fair:

Horse department, which includes types from thoroughbreds to the general-purpose horse, and including mules and Shetland ponies; cattle, of all the standard kinds; sheep and goats; swine, of all well-known breeds; poultry, including American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, and French breeds; turkeys, geese, ducks, hares and rabbits, pheasants, pigeons, and guinea fowls.

Milk and butter tests are to be made on the grounds and every precaution is to be taken that the competition shall be fairly conducted.

Honey, comb and strained, of local production will be on exhibition.

The Oregon Manufacturers department will show farm implements, road vehicles, household necessities, and flours.

Prizes will be given for the best collection of medicinal herbs grown in Oregon and also for the best collection of domestic-purpose minerals.

The Industrial Club department will exhibit results of the following projects: Corn growing, potato growing, vegetable gardening, poultry raising, pork production, sheep raising, calf raising, canning, sewing, cookery, rabbit raising and milk goats.

## M. E. LADIES' AID SOCIETY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The M. E. Ladies' Aid met at the church last Wednesday for the first time since the summer vacation. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Woodworth; vice-president, Mrs. Strahl; secretary, Mrs. Earl Cone; treasurer, Mrs. Hurd. Mesdames Kerr and Wilkinson were appointed on the working committee, with Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Nellie McGrew and Mrs. Roy Steffey in charge of the fancy work. The monthly teas will also be resumed, the first one to be held at the home of Mrs. Alice Woodworth, 6417 Eighty-fourth street, next Wednesday, September 17, at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Woodworth extends an invitation to all members and their friends and especially to all the ladies of the G. A. R. Come one and all and have a good time.

## PAVING OF SEVENTY-SECOND WAITING ACTION OF P. R. L. & P.

The paving of Seventy-second street is hanging fire at present. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company has filed a remonstrance against the improvement, and the commissioners have waived the company's objections and have presented to the council their recommendation for the improvement. If the council votes in favor of the improvement and the street car company does not serve an injunction, the work will go on to completion. If the paving is done the railway company will have to pay for the surfacing between the rails and one foot on either side.

When the paving is done the sidewalks on Seventy-second street, including the crosswalks, will also be put in; the whole improvement being brought in conformity to the sidewalks already at official grade, such as those at the corners of Seventy-second street and Millard avenue and Seventy-second street and Fifty-ninth avenue.

## HURST TO ADDRESS GRANGE AT MEETING TOMORROW

The Lents Grange will meet at the Grange hall tomorrow. Mr. Hurst will speak on "The Wastage of Child Life" and Mr. Benefield will give "Observations on My Trip to Crater Lake." A vocal solo will be sung by Lyle Peters, accompanied by his mother, and J. L. Johnson will also render a vocal solo. The first and second degrees will be conferred on candidates. The new gas stove has been "connected up," which will insure delightful refreshments.

Fred Kelley, 5405 Eighty-ninth street, who served his country as a sub-chaser during the war, arrived home the first of the week.

## Rebekahs and Odd Fellows to Hold a Joint Reception

On Friday evening, September 19, the Rebekahs and the Odd Fellows will have a joint function in honor of the anniversary of the Rebekahs and also in honor of the returned soldiers and sailors. The principal address of the evening will be made by Bishop W. T. Sumner of the Episcopal church. A short address will be made by the grand master of the Odd Fellows.

After the program, which will be given in detail next week, there will be refreshments. The committee from the Rebekahs consists of Mesdames Sam Allen, Anna Romaely, Mamie Cox, Minnie Nelson and Nellie Dilley. The Odd Fellows committee includes Messrs. W. E. Goggins, Walter Baker and Samuel Allen.

## Registration 738 at Lents School.

Professor Herschner, of the Lents school, states that up to and including Wednesday the registration of pupils had reached 738; also that one other new teacher has been added to the faculty, Miss Bessie Eardsley.

## PARTY GIVEN MRS. ELKINS ON NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY

A most enjoyable party was given in honor of Mrs. L. E. Elkins at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. J. Boland, of 5530 Eighty-sixth street on Wednesday evening, September 3. The occasion was Mrs. Elkins' nineteenth birthday and the day also completed six months since her marriage. There was an abundance of good things to eat and Mrs. Elkins was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Boland and daughter Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boland and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Elkins, Mrs. Reizer and daughter Helen; Mesdames M. J. Boland, George Millsbaugh and C. Conig; the Misses Mary Flemings, Teresa Petty, Tillie Cozer, Gene and Mae Duffy; Messrs. Matt and John Boland; Jennie Lewis and Mrs. Russell.

## FORMER PROPRIETOR OF THE LENTS JUNCTION STORE WEDS

The news that Peter Leipzig, well known in Lents as the popular proprietor of the store at Lents Junction for several years, was recently married, will be of interest to his many friends here. The following account of the event appeared in the Sellwood Bee:

Peter A. Leipzig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leipzig of 695 Tacoma Ave., Sellwood, and Miss Helena Hollevoet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hollevoet, were married in St. Anthony's church, Forest Grove, at 9 p. m. last Thursday, September 4th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Murphy, pastor, assisted by Rev. John Cuminsky of St. Agatha's parish, in the presence of a large number of friends.

Miss Mary Hollevoet, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the groom was attended by his brother, Frank Leipzig, as best man. Following the ceremony a wedding banquet was spread at the home of the parents of the bride.

Mr. Leipzig was mess sergeant in the quartermaster's corps, U. S. army, during the late war, and since his discharge has conducted a restaurant and confectionery at 428 Hoyt street, where Miss Hollevoet was employed. Both are decidedly popular in Portland and Forest Grove. The young people will make their home in Portland.—Sellwood Bee.

## Park at Seventy-second Probable.

It was stated at the city hall Wednesday by one of the commissioners that the park at the corner of Seventy-second street and Fifty-fifth avenue is a probability, but that it is pending until information is had from Mr. Kiser of the park bureau. Mr. Kiser is out of town, but will return in two or three weeks. Nothing definite can be stated till then.

Mrs. Ralph Wigle, who has been spending the past two months with Mrs. R. G. Wigle and family, returned to her home in Hood River last Sunday, accompanied by her son Robert.

## Brother of Mrs. John Eggiman Writes of Experiences on a Battleship in the South Seas

The following letter from Harvey M. Kuenzi, brother of Mrs. John Eggiman, is reprinted from a Silverton paper. Mr. Kuenzi's home is at Silverton but his entertaining letter describing the places he has visited will be of general interest:

Will try and give you some news from Santo Domingo, as very little is known about this country and few people in the states know that the marines and sailors of Uncle Sam are having some rough times here in this insignificant isle of the south seas.

I enlisted in the navy May 29th, 1918, and was stationed at Bremerton, Wash., until November 12th, being then transferred to Charleston, S. C., for further orders. We were in hopes of going to France, but when the old U. S. S. Kittery turned her bow southward we knew that we were bound for a different clime.

Our first stop was at Guantanamo Cuba, where we met many sailors and marines, all eager to get some news from the states. From there it took us about six hours to get to our next port, Santiago de Cuba. We were given four hours of liberty there, and our first chance at Spanish. I'll never forget Santiago and how queer everything seemed to us. The buildings are mostly one story and built of abode clay and brick, with flat roofs. Here are the rest of the ports we stopped at on our way down: Port au Prince, Haiti, Cape Haitian, Monte Christi, San Domingo, Puerto Plata, Sanchez, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, San Juan, Porto Rico, and finally landing at Santo Domingo city after almost a month of traveling on a crowded ship and sleeping on the hard deck with nothing but sky overhead for a roof—oh yes, we got wet.

At Santo Domingo city we took in the sights for three days and then were transferred to different posts on the island. My cousin, Herman A. Kuenzi, and I enlisted at the same time and had been together up to this time, but were parted here, he going to one province and I to another.

Everything was real interesting at first, but after being down here for eight months or more everyone longs to get back to a civilized land. I would prefer Oregon to all others just now.

The Dominican is a mixture of Indian, Negro and Spanish and is all shades of color between white, yellow and black; the majority being a light brown. The white Spanish are all looked up to and the darker class all look as if they had fallen into a flour barrel when they are "dressed up."

Drinking wine and watching a cock fight seems to be their chief sport, or attending a "fantango" (dance); where they make the queerest kind of music with every kind of instrument imaginable.

The most of them are very illiterate and many have never seen the inside of a school room, even such as they have. They are under the American military government at the present. The country is infested with roving bands of bandits and the Dominican government was unable to control them; being under the weather financially. To one not acquainted with this country it would seem an easy matter to put an end to these roving outlaws, but there are some large hills and swamps here, with a dense tropical vegetation that would discourage even a tax collector.

Agriculture is their chief occupation. Sugar cane and tobacco are extensively grown, also all kinds of tropical fruit. Quite a few Americans own large sugar and tobacco plantations on the southern part of the island, and believe me, they are all guarded by the U. S. Marines.

Much cocoa is grown in the vicinity of this town. We, who are stationed down here, are mostly all duration of war men and are looking forward to the day when we can bid "adios" to the land where formerly the cannibal had his war dance, and where, it is claimed, some still exist.

HARVEY M. KUENZIG,  
H. A. 1st cl. U. S. N. R. F.

## MRS. DROSTE WILL LEAD DRIVE FOR BABY HOME

Mrs. E. A. Droste, of 9409 Fifty-seventh avenue S. E., has been appointed the head in Lents of the drive for the Albertina Kerr Baby Home. This home, situated at 129 Fourteenth street, is for the babies of unmarried or deserted mothers, or for babies from broken homes. No child can be adopted from this home unless with the full consent of the mother, and then only after it has been in the home or six months. This probation is required so that the mother may have a chance to change her mind about giving up the child, for the city protective society believes that the best friend of any babe is its own mother. The amount of the drive is \$60,000, \$10,000 of which will go to pay off the mortgage on the Louise home. The drive is to be made through the parent-teacher associations, the women's clubs, the ministerial bodies, and all civic organizations. The trustee for the funds is W. D. Wheelwright, the well-known lumberman.

The money for the Albertina Kerr home is to be used for a new fireproof, plain but substantial brick building. The City Protective Society, which is sponsoring the movement, includes the Albertina Kerr home, the Louise home, and the Department of Domestic Relations.

## Dr. Nelson Buys Home.

Dr. David Nelson, who has been living for a number of years in apartments in the Addison building on Ninety-second street, has bought a home at 9635 Foster road and expects to take possession the first of next week.

Gertrude Katzky and Zella Landon will leave next Sunday for Monmouth to begin their year's studies at the Monmouth Normal. Miss Alta Landon will attend the University of Oregon at Eugene this year and will leave for Eugene the last of the month.

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## CONFECTIONERY STORE IN HERALD BLDG. BURGLARIZED

The burglars union seems to have picked the Herald building as the object of special attention. Last Thursday night a rock was thrown through a back window as near the lock on the door as possible. Sunday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock entrance was gained to the building by reaching through the broken glass with some instrument and sliding the bolt back. His presence became known when he opened the door into the confectionery store, allowing a cream spade which had been leaned against the door by Mr. Kerr for that purpose to crash to the floor. Lights were turned on and the man was located hiding behind a door. Owing to a lack of "shooting irons" he made his escape. Tuesday morning Patrolman Day found the door of the candy store open shortly after 1 o'clock, and when Mr. Kerr reached the store about \$3 worth of chewing gum was found to be missing.

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## CITY TO SET ASIDE PARKING SITES FOR AUTOMOBILES

City Commissioner Pier is to be complimented upon his untiring efforts in securing parking sites for automobiles. These sites will be located in different sections of the city and the public will be informed in the future of their location.

Tourists sojourning throughout the country will find this new innovation to be a great convenience to them upon their arrival to the city and as Mr. Pier contemplates to fit them out with all necessary improvements such as sewerage, water etc., the tourists will not be compelled to be at any great expense while here. At the same time it gives them ample time to do some shopping and enjoy all the

comforts of home. It will, in case they are accompanied by their families give the youngsters plenty of playgrounds for their amusement and in the future will be the means of inducing them to make more frequent visits to the city.

Mr. Pier has had this matter uppermost in his mind for some time and now that the opportunity is at hand for him to carry out his plans, he is going to go right ahead and make the "automobilist, rendezvous" one of real pleasure, comfort and enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Duncan from Pleasant Home, Wis., made a call on Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ulrich of Happy Valley last Tuesday. The Duncans and Ulrichs were old time friends in Wisconsin 35 years ago.