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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are at the close of another year, having passed another milestone along our journey through this mortal life and as we look back over the past year we can see many mistakes that we have made. Through it all our patrons and readers have stood nobly by us and by thus giving us their loyal and hearty support encourages us to keep on and try still harder in the future.

While the year just closing no doubt has brought disappointment to many, yet we all face the New Year with a cheerful spirit and a fuller realization of our duty to our country and our fellow man hoping it will hold in store many good things for us all. The Mail wishes to extend the seasons greetings of a Happy and Prosperous New Year to one and all.

Farm Labor Survey to be Made

One of the most important developments in connection with the County Agent's office during the past week, is the announcement by labor commissioner Hoff and farm help specialist, Brewer to the effect that the organization which is being perfected by the County Agricultural Agent will be used in supplying the needs of the farmers during the coming season. In speaking of the situation in Marion county Mr. Brewer stated that he could not render any aid to the farmers of Marion county if this organization was not maintained, without the organization the cost of getting the information necessary for the working of his office would be so expensive as to almost prohibit such work.

Under the present plan of organization, the farmers when needing help could notify his

nearest community chairman, or committeeman, who in turn could telephone to the County agent and if the call was urgent the County agent could telegraph to the State offices in Portland, and the Federal machinery would be set in motion to supply the needed help. All this at an expenditure of very little time and money. This should be sufficient answer to those people in the county who are maintaining that there is no need for a County Agricultural agent and that the cost of 4c per \$1000 assessed valuation is more than is warranted for the benefit derived.

Popular Teacher Marries

Miss Vesta Marshal, teacher in the Stayton schools, surprised her friends by taking advantage of the holiday vacation to become the bride of L. D. Mars, the happy event occurring on Christmas day at Gervais, Ore., the home of both parties.

The bride is on her second year of school work in Stayton and is well liked by parents and pupils, and it is hoped that her marriage will not deprive the school of her services. She has the best wishes of her many Stayton friends.

Methodist Church

Pastor W. J. Warren

Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m. Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Meeting of the Sunday school board the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p. m. Official board meeting the same evening at 8 o'clock.

Ye editor and wife was entertained Christmas day and night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ware.

From France

Below are extracts from letters from Glen W. Porter to his father, John H. Porter, and also to Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Korinek. He says:

Received your letter and also letter and package from Dr. and Mrs. Korinek. It certainly was nice of them and the package was very handy for me. We have nearly everything we want except tobacco, and American tobacco we cannot get. Never really cared much about smoking, but it helps me out, at that. T. Y. McClellan sent me some tobacco and his wife and some other girls sent me some candy and other things. It was very good and it seems as if we crave something sweet, as we get no sweet stuff in our mess.

We had a fine meal today (Thanksgiving). It tasted better than any meal I ever ate, for it was the first time we have had all we could eat since we left America. We had turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, salad, cake and pumpkin pie.

I am going to take out \$10,000 insurance. It will cost me about \$7 per month. If totally disabled I will draw \$100 per month for 20 years and after that a small pension. However, if we stay where we are we are pretty safe.

In writing the Korineks thanking them for their package, he says:

"Unless one has had a taste of this life they can hardly appreciate what a letter from friends at home does mean to us.

It promised to be a rather bleak Thanksgiving for most of us, and there was hardly a smile left in camp that evening until about 7:30 we received the largest shipment of mail that we have had since we have been over here. Everyone was all smiles after that. I was lucky enough to get several letters, also two packages. You couldn't

have sent anything that pleased me better, especially the cake, which put the finishing touches to the Thanksgiving dinner.

We only had to work until noon that day, then the feed, and after that the rest of the day to ourselves. Our mess hall was decorated with ferns and we had music from the orchestra, also several of our fellows sang real honest to God American songs. It certainly was a treat to us, altho I believe it did make the most of us a wee bit homesick.

After the meal our football team trimmed the one from the marines 12 to 0, and in the evening we had an entertainment given by some of our fellows and a bunch of negroes from one of the colored regiments.

The people at home are very good to us fellows, for nearly every mail I receive a letter or a package from some friend. They always send something that is useful. Candy and American tobacco is what we need most, and usually get some each time. This French tobacco is certainly hard to go up against.

Carl Martin is in Co. F. and has been with me all the time. Have also met several fellows that I knew before. There are ten boys in Co. D. that worked in Alaska where I was.

Every few days we get to see a U. S. vessel come in from the U. S. It certainly looks good to us fellows to see our flag come floating up the harbor on the stern of one of our ships.

If the Russians don't quit acting like the Mexicans I am afraid we will have to spend some time here.

This is some country. Everything is so old and quaint. Just think of going into a wine cellar and seeing wine that was made 50 or 60 years ago. There is a house in the way of one of our tracks and it will have to be moved. The old lady there said the house was over 500 years old. I went thru an old church some time ago that was built in the year 300. All the buildings are made of stone. Most of the people wear wooden shoes. Never saw people that like to drink so well. Nearly every other door in town is a cafe.

I made the highest score in our company and was second in the regiment at rifle range.

The Stayton basket ball team smothered the Mill City team in their game at the gymnasium last Friday evening. The score being 46 to 4 in favor of the local team. The high school and its friends can well be proud of their team as they have won all three of the contests they have participated in and with such scores as left no doubt as to the superiority of the team over their opponents. One feature worthy of note was the parade of the high school students through the town in the afternoon preceding the game. Not only the parade but the unity of spirit manifested was commented on as being the best and most unanimous in the history of the school.

We wish to thank the Public for their Patronage during the past few months and asking a continuance of the same we wish you and yours

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Income Tax Officer Coming Jan. 2

It will require a small army of men to take the income tax returns of persons subject to the new law.

Collector of Internal Revenue, Milton A. Miller, today announced that fifteen officers will start from his headquarters on January 1st and on January 2nd every one of them will be on the job at the points in the respective counties as designated, to meet the people and help them make out their income tax returns. The officer assigned to this county is due to arrive here on January 2nd and to remain until January 30th both dates inclusive. He will have his office in the Court House at the county seat where he may be found every day of the dates stated.

"It will be well for every unmarried person whose net income for 1917 is \$1000, or over, and every married person living with wife or husband whose net income for 1917 is \$2,000, or over, to call on the income tax man and learn whether or not they have any tax to pay", Collector Miller said today. "The person subject to tax who doesn't make return in the time prescribed is going to regret it. The Government is going to get after all income tax slackers."

"There's hardly a business man, merchant or professional man who won't have to make a return of income. Farmers, as a class, will have to pay a tax. The safe thing to do is for every person who has a total income of

\$1,000, or \$2,000, as the case may be, and who is not sure about what deductions the law allows him, to play it safe by calling on the income tax man.

"The man sent by the Collector will have forms for everybody and persons who expect to call on him need not trouble themselves to write for forms."

Very respectfully,
Milton A. Miller
Collector

To The Public

In response to the expressed wish of the government that the merchants economize as much as possible in every way the following undersigned merchants of Stayton will close their stores at 7:00 o'clock p. m. during the months of January, February and March. Chas. Gehlen's Store, W. F. Klecker, J. R. Gardner's Cash Store Doll's Cash Store Marketeria Grocery Co. This is a move in the right direction and one that every merchant in town should make as it cuts down some of the heavy overhead expense and in so doing help in the general economic program of the government.

Get Your Calendar

We would be glad to have you call and get one of our large Calendars or leave your address for mailing same. Slopers Drug Store.

We Declare War

Against the high cost of living, this is our New Year resolution and if you pay attention to our advertising you can also reduce your expenses. 20 bars Crystal White Soap for one dollar. 9 lbs sack of White Self Rising Pancake Flour 85 cents. 9 lbs sack Yellow or White Corn Meal 65 cents, Fresh Stock. 9 lb sack best grade Rolled Oats, Fishers, Albers or Golden Rod 75 cts Catsup Sniders, Knights 25 cts large bottle. 5 lb pail Compound Special while we have our present stock \$1.35 Just received a new shipment of Crisco. Price right 1000 yards light colored very best grade Outing Flannel yd 15 cts this is from 3 to 5 cts per yard less than it should be or will be when our present stock is sold. 40 pair of plain blue heavy overalls bib white they last \$1.25 per pair all sizes.

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