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Country Correspondence From

All Over The Valley

Victor Point

Another dance was given by the Victor Point Red Cross auxiliary at the F. A. Doerfler barn Saturday evening July 13th. A large crowd was present. Another dance, the last for the season will be given at the same place Saturday evening the 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and family called on relatives at Union Hill Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Doerfler and the latter's mother, Mrs. Skiff of Astoria, spent several days at the Martin Doerfler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Humphreys and Ethel and Arnett King motored to Salem on Sunday evening to hear Dr. Carl G. Doney who recently returned from doing Y. M. C. A. work in France, and who spoke on war conditions in the American army in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Fisher and Mrs. Geo. Slagel and daughters spent Sunday with Mrs. Fisher's sister, Mrs. Ed. Palmer of near Dallas.

Mrs. P. A. Caspell and Mrs. Fred Caspell and children are enjoying an outing at Wilhoit.

Mrs. Roy Savage and little daughter spent several days of last week at the W. N. Savage home.

Mrs. Phillip Fischer spent a part of last week in Silverton at the Kleinsorge home, with her daughter Miss Elva, who has been quite ill. She was sufficiently recovered to return home Sunday.

East End Notes

Miss Myrtle McLane is visiting Miss Ethel Schnackenberg.

The Mission class will have a Marshmallow toast on the river after the lecture at the M. E. church Thursday July 18.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sandberg and Miss Emma motored to Stayton Monday evening.

Rev. R. M. Gatké returned to Lyons Monday. He was accompanied by a friend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Colby spent the week end in Salem visiting relatives.

Volney Gates motored to Silverton one day this week.

Myrtle McLane, Ethel Schnackenberg, Isabella and Dora Surry called on Mrs. R. Trask the first of the week.

F. A. Marriels is able to go to work again.

There was a meeting held in the M. E. Church by the American Red Cross. There was an account given of all the money obtained, how spent and the number of articles sent in.

Kramer is turning out high class bread at his old stand.

Titus has another car load of automobiles on the road.

War Aspect at O. A. C. Noticeable

O. A. C., Corvallis, July, 10—A war aspect will be taken on by the Oregon Agricultural College next school year. Not only will the college give instruction to hundreds of enlisted men sent to the institution by the government for special industrial training, but students who enroll will be given an opportunity to prepare themselves for future military service.

Men who can merely use a shovel, a pick or an axe or can groom horses or wash dishes, are easy to find, but Uncle Sam is in particular need of specialists in technical lines. The college will not only give this training, but students will be urged to join a military unit and by so doing become members of the army of the United States.

For service in any branch of the army or navy training is necessary. Most of it can be had in this country as well as in France, and much can be obtained in a land-grant college to better advantage than in cantonments.

All students over the age of 18 will be encouraged to join the military unit which will be under the direction of competent army officers, although enlistments will be voluntary. The men will be liable to active duty at the call of the President. The policy of the government, however, will be not to call the members of the training units to active duty until they have reached the age of 21 unless urgent military necessity compels an earlier call. Students under 18 will be encouraged to enroll. Provisions will be made for co-ordinating the work of this unit with the reserve officers' training corps system.

Rogue river canneries getting big salmon catches.

Eastern Oregon farmers crying for help to save harvests.

Philomath to erect \$3000 school house.

North Bend shipyard foreman has plans for a combination wood concrete ship.

Salem—Highway commission to pave 18 miles between here and Aurora.

Southern farm boy-club members produced in 1917 food and feed valued at \$4,019,121, the department of Agriculture reports. A total of 115,745 boys were enrolled in regular clubs in 14 States.

Mrs. Lester Smith who visited the latter part of last week at the Henry Smith home returned to Eugene Monday, and left there Wednesday evening for southern California where she will remain indefinitely so she can be near her husband who is stationed near San Pedro.

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DEMOCRACY VS. FINE WRITING

The Latter is, Beyond All Question, Dependent Upon the Respect of the Former.

I do not agree with the pessimists who think that a democratic civilization is necessarily an enemy to fine writing for the public. Henry Seidel writes in the Century. Such critics underestimate the challenge which these millions of minds to be reached and souls to be touched must possess that writers, like actors, are inspired by a crowded house.

But the thought and the labor and the pain that lie behind good writing are doubly difficult in an atmosphere of easy tolerance and good natured condescension on the part of the readers of the completed work.

The novel is the test case for democratic literature. We cannot afford to pay its practitioners with cash merely, for cash discriminates in quantity and little more. Saul and David were judged by the numbers of their thousands slain; but the test was a cruel one for them and crueler still in fiction. We cannot afford to patronize these novelists as our ancestors did before us. Not prizes or endowments or coteries worship or, certainly, more advertising is what the American novelist requires, but a greater respect for his craft.

The Elizabethan playwright was frequently despised of the learned world, and, if a favorite, not always a respected one of the vulgar. Strange that learned and vulgar alike should repeat the fallacy in disparaging the pre-eminently popular art of our own times! To Sir Francis Bacon "Hamlet" was, presumably only a play actor's play. If the great American story should arrive at last, would we not call it "only a novel"?

Cares for War Dog Veterans.

War dogs discharged from active service with glorious wounds are being cared for by Countess Yourkevitch in charming surroundings in the fine Chauveau, Neuilly-sur-Seine, reports a Paris dispatch.

The Old Brigade includes Pax, who four times saved his master's life; Dick of the Somme, who had a leg amputated after a heroic exploit; Dick of the Yser, whose regimental officers decorated him with the Croix de Guerre.

Altogether the countess is caring for nearly six hundred dogs who have been the devoted companions of stretcher bearers and the friends of the poilus.

Already these faithful heroes are fasting as a result of food restrictions and with the more severe regime of bread cards there are fresh clouds gathering on their horizon.

Her Horrible Suspicion.

We are all to be oversuspicious, just now, of everything and everybody. An instance of this regrettable tendency is furnished by an edifying food queue story which is going the rounds here.

A queue had formed up outside a butcher's shop in a London suburb and, in order to make things easier for all concerned, the shopman adopted the plan of letting his customers in in parties of eight or ten, and of letting them out from the rear of his premises. One old woman, noticing that, though many went in, none came out, marveled greatly, and, when it came her turn to enter, she hesitated about doing so.

"Hurry up, madam," shouted the butcher, who didn't want to lose time. "But what have you done with all the other people?" was the startling inquiry.—London Times.

Hitting Our Stride

Below is an editorial which appeared in a recent issue of *Cappers* weekly and it is worth passing on in our estimation.

The American who has not felt a surge of pride sweep over him as he has watched the nation get into its war stride these last few weeks, has a patriotism below normal. As a people at war, we have struck our gait. The world is amazed and so are we. We are breaking precedents daily and doing the "impossible" frequently.

It amounts to a wonderful demonstration of efficiency by a great democracy actuated by one common purpose. Its driving force 100 million will power strong. It means the certain defeat of that other kind of efficiency, the slave driven efficiency, of the iron fist.

Six months ago we were like a giant slowly awaking. Our training camps were not supplied, our men were not equipped, the submarine was sinking ships faster than all the world could build them. Washington was struggling with a task of such magnitude that Europe considered its achievement impossible. And apparently we were getting nowhere with it.

Then the president and the people got together. Red tape methods were cut. Such executive and administrative geniuses as Stettinius, Schwab, Goethals, Baruch and Hurley were called in. Order came out of chaos. America's great war engine began to move.

Six months ago we had only 187,928 troops in Europe. America's "contemptibly small army" the Prussian war lords called it. It is now well over a million and increasing more than 100,000 a week. By January 1, we shall have 3 million men under arms the finest army and the tightest army the world ever saw.

In the meantime, while supplying and increasing that fast growing army, America's "embattled farmers" have sent hundreds of shiploads of wheat and beef to our Allies, and 6 million pounds of food to starving Belgium. And our great bridge of boats across the Atlantic is carrying bigger loads every day.

We are building more ships and building them faster than was ever done before. By New Years a million tons a month will be coming from our shipyards.

We are financing the ally nations and ourselves at the rate of more than 2 billion dollars every 30 days, a ratio of expenditure never before reached and maintained in world history.

Through the American Red Cross, sustained by American humanity and supported by American dollars, we are conducting the greatest mission of mercy since the Son of Man came among us.

In Berlin, in that country where the blind are leading the blind, a noted German newspaper recently printed this prophetic warning: "Beware of a war carried on with all the business calm of the American, with all his creative energy, all his purposeful coolness, and his all-embracing organization."

This is the writing on the wall and at least one German has seen and interpreted it.

It foretells the doom of militarism, the dawn of a new and better world.

The American people have had the vision of "the coming of the Lord." They are "tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored." They are marching on—to end all war, to save a blood-soaked world!

Was there ever a more glorious time to live, a more glorious heritage than simply to be an American citizen.

MRS. E. M. GILBERT

A piano teacher from Seattle, Wash. has purchased a home at West Stayton and will take a limited number of pupils at summer rates. References furnished.

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