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Letters From Soldier Boys

The following letter has been received by Mrs. P. H. Lambert from her son Frank from Camp Kearney Cal., and will be read with interest by his friends:

Camp Kearney Cal., July 14.—Dear mother:—

I arrived this morning at six o'clock, I can't say how I like it here yet. It was some hot yesterday.

Well I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you all the same. It seems to me that it is awfully dry in California. We saw some pretty country on the trip.

There were 620 men on the train that I was on. The women of the Red Cross treated us boys fine. They gave us 25 gallons of ice cream and they would be at the train to give us postal cards at every stop where we could step off the train.

At one station there was one man that treated all of us boys to ice cream and he said "we are not here for nothing boys, we are with you boys and we are going to stick with you fellows."

We didn't go to bed last night until we passed through San Diego. I wanted to see the city but it was midnight when we went through so we could not see much of it. We are nine miles from the Mexican border. I think it is going to be awfully hot here. We are pretty well south to be sure.

I tell you the mountains were sure rugged. We went through 50 tunnels I am sure coming through the mountains. There was one two and one-half miles long. It was sure a long one. It got pretty hot before we got through it.

Well they haven't the camp fixed up like Camp Lewis. Camp Lewis is sure fine beside this camp to this boy. When you write tell me all the news at home and ask me all the questions you can for it helps to write a letter.

When did you folks get home

Dr. Watson Returns to Post of Duty

Dr. G. C. Watson and wife, who spent several days last week visiting Mrs. Watson's parents Mr. and Mrs. E. Roy and other relatives, returned to his post of duty Sunday. Dr. Watson has charge of the plate department in the Canadian Army Dental Corps in Victoria B. C. His work is very interesting, and he comes in contact with many of the boys who have been in action on the western front as they are returned home to be fixed up.

Up to the 10th of last April the Doctor, who is now a Sergeant, had three brothers in the service but on that date one brother Rev. J. E. M. Watson, a chaplain in the British Army died of wounds received the day before. The chaplain had been decorated with the military cross, and his commander said in speaking of him that he had won the cross many times because of his bravery and fearlessness. He was carrying a wounded comrade to the rear on the afternoon of April 9 during the first Spring offensive of the Germans when a shell exploded near him inflicting the wound that caused his death.

Of the other two brothers Major F. H. C. Watson is still in the service, but Captain A. H. Watson was recently invalidated home as physically unfit for further military service.

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned desire to express our thanks to the Farmers Fire Relief Association of Sublimity for their prompt settlement of the fire insurance policy we carried on our home.

John Mack and family.

Thursday night? I was sure glad to see you all. The chicken was fine and the cherries lasted till we got to camp.

Well I guess I shall close for this time. Your Son,
Frank.

Lonsway-Kramer Wedding

Mrs. Katherine Lonsway and Mr. C. E. Kramer were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday afternoon in the Episcopal church in Salem, the Rev. Robert S. Gilt officiating.

The bride has resided in Stayton for a number of years and endeared herself to a large circle of friends, she has the happy faculty of both making and holding friends.

Mr. Kramer is our well known baker, he was formerly located here for about two and one-half years, but left here a little more than a year ago, he recently bought out the bakery and returned, being engaged in business at his old stand.

There were about 30 persons present at the wedding, after the ceremony a splendid wedding dinner was served at the Spa.

The happy couple have a host of friends who join the Mail in wishing them bon voyage through life.

East Lynne

A capacity house greeted the Sublimity Dramatic club Tuesday evening in their presentation of the 5-act drama East Lynne.

After a years absence from the stage they returned to give a play for the benefit of the Patriotic Home League who are knitting and sewing for the soldier boys who have answered their country's call from Sublimity.

The play was well staged, and presented in such a manner as to reflect great credit upon every member of the cast, showing they had coupled lots of hard work with their natural talents.

At the conclusion of the play dancing was indulged in until a late hour by all who cared to remain. The net receipts after deducting expenses were \$150.

Don't fail to see Mary Pickford Sunday at the Star Theatre.

Russia has Corner on Platinum Supply

The needs of platinum in war industries and in the sciences are explained by Dr. Charles L. Parsons, chief chemist, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, in an argument for discontinuance of the use of platinum in jewelry.

"The war cannot be won without platinum" says Dr. Parsons, "and it is equally essential in times of peace if our country is to excel Germany in the development of chemical science and industry. With the aid of platinum from one ordinary wedding ring about 100 pounds of nitric acid can be made every 24 hours. This 100 pounds of nitric acid converted into high explosives will send a number of 3-inch shells against the Germans and help to bring the boys back home.

"Platinum rings, pins, cigarette cases, and mesh bags are not factors in winning this war—explosives are. I wonder if the purchasers and wearers of platinum jewelry know that explosives cannot be manufactured without sulphuric and nitric acids: that the manufacture of these acids requires the use of supplies of platinum; that airplanes must have platinum for important instruments they need that platinum is absolutely necessary in the manufacture of special pyrometers; that pyrometers are necessary in all steel treatments; and that no guns can be made without the use of pyrometers.

"There is a shortage in the supply of platinum. Russia has a corner on the world's supply, and Germany is in Russia. Our domestic production of platinum is negligible, while our military requirements are increasing at a rapid rate."

A Reception

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lilly was the scene of a reception Friday evening which was tendered to Mr. C. E. Kramer and Mrs. Lonsway in honor of their coming wedding which took place Wednesday of this week in Salem. The gathering was in nature of a lawn party and was given by Mrs. Lilly.

There were 25 persons present and the evening was pleasantly spent in conversation. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cookies was served. The congregation of the M. E. church presented the happy couple with a beautiful chair. At a late hour after congratulations and fond good night the guests took their departure pronouncing the event an enjoyable one.

Scio Condensery Again in Operation

Through the activities of E. C. Peery the Trustee of the Scio Condensery it was released from bankruptcy proceedings, being sold in trust to a committee selected by the farmers and business men of that community, who in turn sold the property to the Henningson Produce Company. The plant was opened last Monday and is under the able leadership of E. C. Peery as superintendent.

The new owners are well fixed financially and are rated high in the business world. They own and operate several other milk products concerns and manufacture condensed milk in several forms, powdered milk, butter and cheese

FRUIT JARS

Mason and Economy Jars, Jar Rubbers and Tops, get your canning supplies now at the

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Important

Portland, Ore., July 22.—Uncle Sam wants his selective service men who are called to the colors hereafter to reach the training camps mentally and morally fit in every way, and with at least an elementary knowledge of military drill.

The condition in which a man reaches camp makes a surprising difference in his usefulness as a soldier. Actual experience has demonstrated that men who come to camp clean, sober, willing and determined to do their part, will be ready to leave for the battlefield at least a whole month, and often more, earlier than others not so fit.

This having been demonstrated Uncle Sam has undertaken a plan to educate all selective service men so that they will be better soldiers and better men when it comes their time to be called to the colors.

With this in view, the various local draft boards throughout the country have just been notified, through a leaflet from the Provost Marshal General at Washington, of a method for bringing personal instruction to each man by means of local boards of instruction, to be appointed by the draft boards.

These boards of instruction are to be composed of thoroughly patriotic and capable citizens of each community. It is intended that they shall do more than instruct. For instance, the members of the instruction boards will endeavor to ascertain and clear up all the perplexities that may beset the registrant, and to be of practical assistance to him in every way.

The first meeting of registrants for instruction, the leaflet suggests, might well be at the time of the medical examination. The registrants may be assembled in small groups for personal interviews, it is suggested, and encouraging suggestions made to them as to the personal value of military training and of outdoor life, the chances for promotion,

the aid and friendly support of the Red Cross, the Army Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A., the Hebrew Welfare Board, and the Commission on Training Camp Activities.

Prior to their induction, it is planned that the men shall be called together once or twice by order of the local draft board, to meet in groups for instruction in the following subjects:

(a) The provision which the Government has made for the protection and welfare of disabled soldiers and, in the event of death, of their families and dependents, through its War Risk Insurance Bureau.

(b) The Government provision for allowances and allotments to soldiers' dependents, these provisions being so liberal that the soldier can rest assured his dependents will be amply cared for.

(c) Discussion of such topics as "Why America Entered the War," "Why America Must Win the War," "The Necessary Character of the American Soldier," "Sexual Restraint and the Avoidance of Liquor as a Patriotic Obligation," "Camp Life," etc.

It is also planned to conduct preliminary military drill to familiarise the men with its first principles. It has been found that this work actually places the men a month or so ahead in capacity to become efficient soldiers and of course the well drilled man has a much better opportunity of obtaining quick promotion than the man who has to begin at the beginning and learn everything after he enters the service.

The government is encouraging draft registrants wherever possible to enter local militia reserve organizations in their communities for drill.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to our friends and neighbors for the help and kindness shown us since the loss of our home by fire July the 2nd.

John Mack and family.

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