

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

## Oregon Far the Best

"Bill" Strandborg has returned from a six weeks' rattle with the great American heat wave. Everyone of 10 or a dozen towns. Bill says, trotted out its happiest little hot spell in history and told him they would do better the next time.

"My trip, which was undertaken from the purest of motives," sighed Billy yesterday, "looked like a tight-rope canter along isothermal line 110 degrees Fahrenheit plus. I think if Uncle Sam wants to plot a graphic chart of the gold-dummed warm belt in history, all he needs to do is to follow my somewhat rambling trail athwart our fair land, all the way from Imperial Valley, Cal., to Rockaway beach and back as far as Kansas City, at which point reason began tottering in her insubstantial throne and I didn't care 10 cents worth of ice water what happened after that.

"As for doleful details. Leaving San Francisco, I headed for Texas, via Imperial Valley, Yuma, El Paso and way points.

"At Niland in the Imperial Valley, the world's renowned shipping point for cantaloupe, we got laid out a couple of hours while the natives were cleaning up the melon crop and sending East. It felt something like a cross between a young oven and a mouthful of mustard, so I squinted at the village thermometer hanging on the depot wall. "Only 124 degrees."

"Ever get real warm here?" I asked the station agent. "Just a mite, Brother. Other night at 2 in the morning we were chasing five trains of cantaloupe East ahead of the regular trains and I felt a bit wilty and I held my lantern up to the thermometer and it was 131 then. But that ain't the limit. Twicest I've seen it teetering around 135 and I recollect it being 137 several years ago."

"Next place where the climate got fresh was Fort Worth, Texas. The weather man admitted 110, and I saw some of the most respectable thermometers in the state bubbling up around 116. It was 110 in my hotel room at midnight, and I tried to get a cold bath by borrowing a bucket of cracked ice and pouring it in the bathtubs and most of the ice was melted before I got in the tub.

"At Chicago I got it 100; at Grand Rapids the same; at Detroit it was 98, at Cleveland 99.

"But I'll be slum-dodged if they didn't save the real curtain-raiser for me in New York. One hundred and two (officially), the hottest spell they ever had just two weeks ago. Fifteen deaths and over 100 prostrations that day. Fat chance to enjoy life. I was mussing up three stiff collars a day and I took to soft ones and they would wind around my neck like a wet towel. That night I saw fully 8000 women and children sleeping on the lawn in Bryant park. I walked over there shortly after midnight, and I never had anything get to me so hard as when I heard babies and little children moaning and crying for a drink of water. The two or three drinking fountains were mobbed all night, and policemen were called out to keep a semblance of order. A party of Elks from the Elk's club, a block away, borrowed three or four big milk cans, filled them with ice water and carried them over to the park and it was all they could do to keep from being mobbed when the poor suffering tenement dwellers heard that they had real ice water. I guess the boys carried water out there for a couple of hours.

"In Central park, all the way from Eighty-fifth street to 110th, the grass was dotted with sweltering humanity. In the ghostly night shadows it reminded one of a battle field strewn with dead and wounded—the most shivery thing I ever saw.

"A quarter of a million New Yorkers heat it for Coney Island Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the water was full of bathers all night long.

"I lost nine pounds on the trip and if anybody ever tells me to go East again between June 1 and October 31, I'm going to hit 'em in the ear. Coming back home, such little incidents as Philadelphia 104, Cleveland 100, Chicago 101 and Kansas City 104, didn't disturb me. I just asked the porter on the train to bring me another woolen blanket.

"Any man, brought up in Oregon climate, who goes East for business or pleasure in the summer time should be put in a nice, upholstered little cot and kept under observation till the alienists determine whether he is harmless or not."—Telegram.

## From Across the Sea

Following are extracts from a letter of Private Theodore Nelson, who enlisted in December in the 20th Engineers. Previously he had been employed in the Peninsula Iron Works. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Nelson, 816 N. Edison Street: "Yesterday there was a fire in a little railroad town a few miles away. You talk about France fighting fire! It was a real circus to watch them use hand pumps and Stone Age fighting apparatus. It was a joke all the way through. They sent for our company to help and when we had the fire almost out they told us to not put more water on as they wanted to see if it would burn again. We returned to camp, but in about fifteen minutes they called us again. A drummer stands near the hand pressure pumps and beats the drum. If you saw it you would have laughed until you cried.

The frogs act as if it were a big celebration to see a fire, but the ones that lose their homes look at it in a mournful way.

Yesterday we were allowed to wear our service stripes for the first time. It is a gold colored chevron and it means six months of active service in the advance zone. Some of the infantry men over here have been carrying a banner that reads "Heaven! Hell or Hoboken by Christmas." I think they are expecting too much. We might as well do a good job of it while we are here. We have seen quite a few star shells lately. Kaiser Bill surely realizes there are a few Yanks over here now.

## It Seems So Strange

It seems so strange how we would talk, in olden times, of cheap affairs! How we would argue round the clock concerning oil well stocks and shares! And often, when the evening came, we sat before the Racket store and talked about the base ball game until our lungs and heads were sore. If Johnsing bought a motor cart, that was our theme from sun to sun, we'd talk that blamed thing all apart, and show just why it wouldn't run. The weather was a daily text, and we denounced the groundhog's game; and then the crops we'd take up next, and they would last 'til bedtime came. And still we met at close of day, and gossip all the evening through; but no one notes the price of hay, or brings the weather in review. The trifling matters of the town no more engage our anxious thought; we speak, until the moon goes down, of far-off fields where men have fought. Oh, what if Jinks has swiped a cow, or beat a neighbor in a trade? Such things won't draw attention now when soldiers swing the shining blade. Oh, what if Jimson has announced that he will run for county clerk? until the measly foe is trounced, we care not for such piffing work. It seems so strange that once we cared for idle tales of Tom and Dick! But now the nation's sword is bared, and other topics make us sick.—Walt Mason.

## Stenographers Wanted

Word has been received from Provost Marshal General Crowder asking that preparations be made to fill a coming call for a large number of good stenographers who have had legal experience. Only white men in limited or special service classifications will be accepted for these positions. The stenographers taken will probably be assigned to the judge advocate general's department and the provost marshal general's department and will be required to report court marshal cases and attend to other matters pertaining to military law in the field. The work, it is announced, will be interesting and will give invaluable experience to the fortunate applicants. Registrants eligible for this work are urged to present themselves without delay to their local boards to have their names listed for the service. However, no inductions will be made until further orders.

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## Big Band Benefit Dance

Plans have been practically completed for a big benefit dance to be held at the community house Saturday night, Sept. 14th. The affair promises to eclipse in magnitude and pleasure all events held at the club house since its opening.

The committee in charge is working hard on the details, and no feature will be overlooked which can possibly enhance the enjoyment of the occasion.

An admission of 50c per couple will be charged, and every man in the yard who can afford it is requested to cooperate in making the benefit a huge success. The band has been under very heavy expenses for uniforms, instruments and music, and hope by their dance to clear away their debt. At the noon day concerts, baseball games, parades and other affairs connected with the yard, the musicians gave freely of their time and services and are richly deserving of the encouragement which financial support will lend to their coming benefit dance.

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## St. Johns' Honor Roll



Following is a list of those from St. Johns who have enlisted in Uncle Sam's service. Persons knowing of any names omitted will render a favor by reporting same to this office.

- Taylor M. Whitmore, Athill W. Irvine, Dean H. Knowles, Earl H. Knowles, Theodore Bugbee, H. Bryon Poff, Armand Olin, Claude E. Harris, Russell Poff, R. P. Galloway, Chas. E. Garlick, Murne Donaldson, Glenn Haskell, Ray Clark, Benajah T. Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John La-Villett, Frank L. Thompson, Oron Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trowbridge, Bert Larson, Alan Rutherford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenberg, J. W. Welsh, David Bove, Clyde Heath, Walter Mayer, Fred Scamling, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram Etinger, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dowe Walker, August Jensen, Ray Meyer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gagnon, Lester D. and Basil B. Smith, Bryant Kilkenny, Paul Rude, Emory Gilmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindle C. Satterlee, Gordon and Wilbur Bellinger, Zelta Rice, Leslie B. Moulton, Harry Truman, Frank Green, Walter Rickson, Frank Whitney, Thomas Reynolds, Carlyle Cunningham, Percy Smith, Frank Whitney, Arthur C. Clark, Alphonso Fox, Harry O. Hughes, Geo. Downey, Thos. E. Willikson, Edw. G. Willikson, Ingolf Willikson, F. Edward Isbell, Graham Moxon, G. Lincoln Fassett, Harley Manning, Grover Carroll, Clyde Miller, Adolph Ascher, John Basey, Wm. Moe, Albert Hyde, Reed Chamberlain, Ray Vanderbeck, Richard Barley, Cecil Magone, Frank Bugbee, Ivan Faber, Bert Sundstrom, Gail Perrine, Norman Nelson, Grover Barron, Harry J. Simmons, Thos. Roberts, Max J. Witters, A. Tallman, G. W. Stevens, Christ Lind, William E. Galloway, Geo. Worthington, Jack L. Douglas, Joy Milton Carnahan, Elmer Flynn, J. Elmer Thomas, Eugene Small, Howard and Basil Holcomb, Carl Smith, Sprague B. Marsh, William Ward, Bert Sundstrom, Glen Weiser, Louis St. Johns, John F. Brownley, Ross Gatton, Thos. Cochran, Dewey Brown, Henry J. Amala, Alva and Ralph Smith, Eugene Thurmond, Harry Reichtmeyer, George Schmidt, William Sneed, Alec S. Cokalas, Louis Fletcher, Roy Muck, Paul Irvine, R. L. Smith, Frank Steichen, George I. Letson, Merie Andrew Teeling, Guy Edwin Teeling, Albert Wrinkle, Eneas Small, Raymond Sproles, Robert and Roy Andrews, Leonard H. Gagen, Frank Carlson, John B. White, Donald M. Flynn, Raymond Smith, Tony Halicki, Fred Marlett, Albert V. Marcy, John Balke, Edward Crosson, Anton Piekliop, F. E. Wright, Vernon C. Scott, Emil Bronsart, Lester E. Ellis, Fred De Villette, Elmer Sneed, Harry W. Fassett, Percy M. Johnston, Fred Sterritt, Willis Vinson, Claude L. Peters, Lester E. Barry, Cyril W. Magone, Jerome H. Whisler, Eugene Brown, A. Earl Jayne, Wyeth Jayne, John McGregor, Thos. J. Donlon, Roy Thompson, J. Morton Lindley, Wylie R. Hessinger, Harry A. Imboden, George H. Royer, William Hughes, Clyde Thayer, Leo Sterns, Edward Hanson, Casper Hanson, Sam Dewey Peterson, Theo. Fred Muller, Viking Larson, Gardner M. Whipple, William M. Koeter, Gilbert M. Olson, Earl Keliher, Ernest Jensen, Clyde Hein, Melvin A. Butts, Raymond F. Bueermann, Allen F. Sterritt, Wm. J. Kirkham, Olney Crosson, Lawrence Layton, Alva J. Asper, Geo. S. Payne, Fred Herwick, Robert G. Clark, Jos. C. Galloway, David Dickson, Chas. Spackman, Elgin L. Barton, Frank Walden.

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