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## NEW ERA TEACHER FORCED TO QUIT

MRS. JENNIE PETERSON LACKS PATRIOTISM—IS REQUESTED TO RESIGN

## WAS "CITIZEN OF HEAVEN"

Woman Refused to Aid in Patriotic Movements Among School Children

"I am not a citizen of this or any other country on earth. I am a citizen of heaven." This is what Mrs. E. Jennie Peterson, teacher of the New Era school, told the school board last Thursday night when it met with Sheriff Wilson, Deputy U. S. Attorney Earle C. Latourette and County School Superintendent Calavan to hear charges of disloyalty preferred against her.

"That being the case, it is probably better that you get your reward in heaven than from the funds of the county," decided the board, and demanded her resignation on the spot.

The trouble started several days ago, when Mrs. Peterson flatly refused to aid the Thrift Stamp campaign being carried on throughout the schools of the county. "I cannot conscientiously do anything to prolong the war," she told Rural School Supervisor Brenton Vedder when he visited the school in the interests of the Thrift campaign on Wednesday morning. Mr. Vedder decided to give her a chance to explain her stand to federal and county officials and her own school board, composed of Elmer Veto, Joseph Andre and Mrs. Minnie Anthony.

Mrs. Peterson, whose husband lives in Portland, told the officials that she had offered to resign three weeks ago because she believed her acknowledged lack of loyalty would be unpopular. In view of this fact, she was allowed to present her resignation instead of being summarily dismissed. The resignation read as follows:

"Secretary School Board. Dear Sir—This is to tender my resignation from your school, taking effect February 15, 1918. My reasons are on the religious grounds that I cannot participate in the selling of war stamps and otherwise enter into other activities of the war expected of school teachers at the present time.

Very truly,  
MRS. E. JENNIE PETERSON."

## MRS. LIEUTENANT PARKER LEAVES FOR WASHINGTON

Mrs. Lieutenant Charles Parker, formerly Miss Hazel Russell of Portland, a niece of ex-Mayor Albee, left for Washington, D. C., Friday night, to join her husband prior to his departure for France. Lieutenant Parker has been in training at Camp Meade, Virginia, a few hours' ride from Washington, and telegraphed his wife to meet him at the national capital before he went "over there."

## SUES FOR EXTRA EXPENSES

Askwith Files Against Richardson, et al. for \$453.00

H. A. Askwith last Thursday filed suit against C. F. Richardson, First State Bank of Milwaukie, Richard W. Scott and the Highland Plumbing company for an aggregate sum of \$453.

Askwith is a contractor and, the complaint alleges, entered into an agreement to build a house for Richardson for a certain sum. For this Richardson gave him a note on the First State Bank of Milwaukie, to become payable on the completion of the contract. In the meantime Askwith and Richardson made another agreement for additional expenditures in the construction of the house. When the dwelling was completed, Askwith alleges, the bank and Richardson would only advance him cash on the original note.

Therefore he asks for \$348 for the extra labor, \$100 for attorney's fees and \$5 for filing costs.

## Are You Guilty?

"That person who willfully hoards any necessities shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not exceeding \$5,000 or be imprisoned for more than two years, or both. Necessities shall be deemed hoarded when either held, contracted for, or arranged for by any person in a quantity in excess of his reasonable requirements for use and consumption for himself and dependents for a reasonable time."—U. S. Food Administration Act, passed Aug. 10, 1917.

## Moral Character High

But 2,001 men have been exempted on the ground of "moral deficiency." This phrase was defined by the President's regulation to include persons convicted and sentenced for felony in any court of record.

## YOUTHFUL PICKETS HAILED INTO COURT

FIVE SCHOOLGIRLS, AGES 8 TO 12, TAKEN UP FOR ANNOYING MILL WORKERS

After a strict lecture from County Judge Anderson Monday evening, five girls, ranging in age from 8 to 12 years, were temporarily released from custody, after being charged with making themselves obnoxious to non-union papermill workers. The girls are Bertha, Bittner, daughter of Mack Lake; Stefina Martinjak, daughter of Frank Martinjak; Stetina Sajovic, daughter of Frank Sajovic; and Leone and Cozette Lee, daughters of Raleigh Lee.

The youngsters had established a picket-line on the suspension bridge, and awaited the crowd of non-union workers returning to Oregon City from the Crown-Willamette mills at West Linn. Oregon City has strict ordinances forbidding strikers and unionists from interfering with the papermakers or annoying them in any way. Knowing that the children, if arrested, could not be punished under the regular law and could only be held to account by the delinquency law of the juvenile department, officials believing that the strikers themselves are responsible for the organization of the youthful picket-line. This theory is further strengthened by the fact that several of the little girls' parents were with them at the time of the arrest; had, in fact, been with them when Court Matron Mrs. M. E. Church had previously warned the children to go home.

Matron Church, seeing the line organize during the afternoon, advised the children to leave the bridge and go home, but they refused, several of them impudently. When the papermill workers began crossing the bridge, the children did everything possible to annoy them, calling "scab!" and "rat!," accompanied by much hissing and cat-calling, to the great enjoyment of the strikers.

When Matron Church finally marched the septet before Judge Anderson, one and all vigorously denied their guilt. Whether or not juvenile court charges will be preferred is not known.

## HUNDRED MORE CALLED FOR DRAFT EXAMINATION

Upon receipt of telegraphic orders from the Adjutant General's office, the local draft board last Thursday sent out calls for one hundred more draft registrants to appear for physical examination. The men are to report today and Friday.

Approximately 300 young men have been examined here so far for the second draft. The examinations were halted abruptly by orders from headquarters several days ago. Now they are ordered continued, so that Clackamas will have its share of men ready for the "Ninety-Thousand Call" that Uncle Sam will issue early in March.

## FOUR MORE CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOYS ENLIST

Four local boys voluntarily enlisted in different branches of the service Monday. Sam and Albert Martin, sons of a well-known family in the Hoff district, joined the Spruce division of the aviation corps Monday morning and left in the afternoon for the Vancouver barracks.

Oliver Leek and Roy A. Jones obtained their release from the local draft board and enlisted in the United States Marines. They left Tuesday, presumably for the Mare Island naval station in San Francisco bay.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO UNVEIL GREAT SERVICE FLAG

The Oregon City high school will unveil a service flag of 45 stars at 2 p. m. Friday. An appropriate patriotic program will be presented.

The high school is at present at work on a big frame containing the photographs of all its boys who have enlisted in the army or navy. The dedication is to take place in the near future.

Rev. E. E. Gilbert, of the Methodist church, will be the principal speaker tomorrow.

## Look Who's Joined Our Staff

(Ed. note—The Courier has always been modest about singing its own praises. Of course we have, on occasion, admitted that we publish the best weekly paper in the entire state, but there has always been some good cause, as at the present time when we print the following contribution from Mary Frances Cox, poet laureate of Bend, Oregon.)

"What are you knitting, my pretty maid?"

She replied, then dropped a stitch. "A sock or sweater, sir," she said, "and 'darned' if I know which."

## Cook Sues Shaver

W. H. Cook brought action against W. A. Shaver Monday in the circuit court, to recover \$93 alleged to be due on a former lease existing between the two parties on a large tract of land near Molalla.

## GERMAN EGOTISM SHOWN BY LETTER

GERMAN GIRL DEMONSTRATES SPIRIT OF NATION IN LETTER TO FRIEND

## CONCEIT IS UNBELIEVABLE

Even Adam and Eve Were Dutchmen, German Preachers Gravely Assert

The following letter taken from the Harness, Shoe Findings and Leather Record, brought to our attention by Mr. F. H. Cross of this city, is published with the view of broadening the vision of some of those who might find it in their hearts to give Germany the benefit of a doubt in the present war and also to show what an educated German young lady really thinks about the conflict:

"Frankfort on Oder, July 20, 1916. 'My dear Louise: The contents of your last letter would have hurt me had I not known that your thoughts of our glorious war resulted from sheer ignorance. You are in a country rendered effeminate by the influence of old-fashioned ideas of liberty a country which is at least two centuries behind ours. You are in need of a good dose of Prussian culture. 'It is evident that you, a Swiss girl, can not understand how my heart, the heart of a young German girl, passionately desired this war. Speaking of it some years ago, my father said to us: 'Children, Germany is getting too small for us; we shall have to go to France in order to find more room.' Is it our fault if France will not understand that more money and land are necessary for us?"

"And you reproach us that our soldiers have been very cruel to the Belgian rabble, and you speak also of the destruction of Rheims, and of the burning of villages and towns. Well, that is war. As in every other undertaking, we are past masters in the making of war. You have a great deal to learn before you can come up to our standard, and I can assure you that what has been done so far is a mere bagatelle compared with what will follow.

"As a matter of fact, there is but one race worthy of ruling the world, and which has already attained the highest degree of civilization. That race is ours, the Prussians; for though we Germans in general are the lords of the world, the Prussian is undoubtedly the lord par excellence among the Germans. All other nations, and among them, unfortunately, the Swiss, are degenerate and of inferior worth. That is why I have always been so proud of being a true Prussian.

"Yesterday, again, our pastor explained to us convincingly that our first parents, Adam and Eve, were also Prussians. That is quite easy to understand, because the Bible tells us that the German God created us all after his own image. If, then, all men are descended from Adam and his wife, it follows that only Prussians, or at least Germans, ought to exist in the world, and that all who push on and prosper ought to belong to us. You must admit that that is logic; and that is why our motto is 'God with us; Germany above everything.'"

"You know now why we wished this war. Is it not shameful that other nations, who have no right to existence on the earth, wish to diminish our heritage? We are the divine fruit and the others are only weeds. That is why our great emperor has decided to put an end to all these injustices and to extirpate the weeds. Do you understand that now?"

"I remain, your school friend,  
"Katie Hamel."

## Prof. Bowland Heads Auxiliary

At the organization of the Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors last Thursday night, Prof. J. R. Bowland was elected president, and E. H. Cooper secretary. A committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws was also named, consisting of the following: J. W. Draper, Rev. W. T. Milliken, O. E. Freytag and A. M. Sinnott.

## Three Enlist in Spruce Division

Three more Clackamas county men recently enlisted in the spruce division of the aviation corps. They left for the Vancouver barracks last Thursday. They are Emile L. Klein, Oscar Gunderson and Willie Fisher. All were in class I of the draft.

## Sues to Collect for Labor

R. D. Morris last Wednesday filed a complaint against J. E. Morgan for the sum of \$236.01, alleged to be due Morris for services rendered between October 20, 1917, and February 4, 1918. Attorney J. F. Clark filed the suit for the plaintiff.

## K. of S. in New Home

The Knights of Security have moved from the Moose to the Woodmen hall. Hereafter they will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, commencing on February 19.

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FATHERS OF SOLDIERS-SAILORS EXPECTS 200 MEMBERS BY NEXT MEETING

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## "CLAIRE" IS LAUNCHED

Third Steamer Is Added to Willamette Fleet

When the river steamer "Claire" was launched at the Portland Shipbuilding company's ways Friday afternoon, the Willamette Navigation fleet, plying between Oregon City, Portland, Camas and way points was increased to three carriers. The "Claire" will start on schedule in three weeks. She is a sister craft of the "Lang," operated by the same company.

## Chief Lavier Renominated

Fire Chief Ed Lavier was Wednesday night nominated to succeed himself as head of Cataract Hose company 2. The annual election of chief, assistant chief and three commissioners is to be held Monday, March 4.

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When Jesse Merle Jones, a young farmer living near Mulino, was placed in class I by the local draft classification board, he promptly went home and got his wife to chop off his trigger finger with an ax. He has now been turned over to federal authorities.

Jones is 22 years of age. He and his wife have been living at the home of his father, W. H. Jones, a pioneer of the Mulino district.

When the local draft board, after having put young Jones in the first division, discovered that he had mysteriously lost his trigger finger since being examined and passed, they subpoenaed him and his father to appear and explain the matter. Their separate statements, heard in Deputy District Attorney Burke's office, were at wide variance as to how the accident occurred. Young Jones was then placed in jail to await further examination. Friday night he lost his nerve and made a complete confession to Deputy Burke, Assistant U. S. Attorney Latourette and County Clerk Harrington, admitting that his first statement was false.

"I thought I would be of more use at home than at the front," he told the authorities, "so I asked my wife if she would cut off my trigger finger so I could not serve in the army. She said she would. She cut it off with an ax. Then she fixed it up temporarily for me, and I came in to Oregon City and got Dr. Strickland to dress it."

In Jones' first statement, he said that his wife had been cutting wood and that he, standing near the chopping block, slipped and grabbed the block to catch himself just as the ax came down. His father, on the contrary, swore under oath that he had accidentally cut off his son's finger.

The conflicting statements landed young Jones in jail until the matter could be threshed out. When the authorities, after hearing Jones' statement, confronted him with that of his father, he broke down and made a complete confession.

The young man was married but a few months ago in Vancouver. Soon after his marriage, he says he read that men who had married after the draft would not be granted exemption or even deferred classification. A relative of his, he says, also under the draft, suggested to him: "You cut off my finger and I'll cut off yours." The authorities are looking up the young man referred to.

"I knew they'd get me for some kind of service," Jones stated to federal authorities at Portland, where he was sent after his confession, "but I thought if I had my trigger finger gone they'd probably put me in the spruce division, or something."

## LAW SEIZES ANOTHER LOT OF FIRE-WATER

BEN JELLENS AND 8 QUARTS OF "DAGO RED" RUN AFOLU OF AUTHORITIES

Another booze haul was made here Tuesday when Ben Jellens, a Slavonian lumberjack, was nabbed with eight quarts of that doubtful concoction known as "Dago Red."

"Mebbe you get my eight quart," the somewhat inebriated Mr. Jellens gravely informed the officials, "but I got two quart' more you don't get, ye?"

"Where's that?" Deputy Sheriff Henry Hughes, who made the arrest, wanted to know.

"Already I drink her, yes," stated Mr. Jellens, with apparent satisfaction. Circumstantial evidence and the gentleman's breath combined in substantiating his statement.

The arrested man is a resident of Oregon City. He had been employed in lumbering operations at Falls City, Oregon, and upon his return set out to celebrate. He was waiting to board a Portland interurban car when Deputy Hughes, noting the man's condition and the suspicious appearance of the big grip which he carried, placed him under arrest.

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For the 'steenth time Oregon City's fabled anti-picket ordinance has gone on the reefs again. The latest wreck occurred at the special meeting of the city council Monday night. This time it was the substitution of a period for a semi-colon that punctured the good ship and sent her down to a watery grave, where already lie her two predecessors.

According to precedent, the city dads have got to kill at least one anti-picketing ordinance at the beginning of every session. The same time-honored custom requires that before the meeting comes to a close, they must introduce another new anti-picketing ordinance for first reading, so they will have something to kill the next time they meet.

An ordinance modeled after that in vogue in Portland, requiring all second-hand and junk dealers to keep an accurate record of all goods passing through their hands was created at Monday night's meeting. The object of the ordinance is so that stolen goods, if released in these channels, may be easily traced. Junk dealers' license fees were increased to \$5 per quarter.

In official recognition of a petition signed by some 60 firemen, the Council allowed the fire department election ordinance, now up for consideration, to die a natural death. In consequence the regular annual election of officials of the fire department will be held early in March. The late lamented ordinance aimed to abolish the coming election, and let the officials elected in 1917 hold forth for another year.

The Council also passed a resolution requesting congress to enact protective legislation that the water supply of the city may not be endangered. Under the lieue land act, a part of the Oregon City water reserve on the Clackamas river recently fell into the hands of a railroad company, and, knowing the natural tendencies of great railroad corporations and also the fact that the town is dry anyway, the Council wishes the assurance of protection for the city's water supply.

## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CLACKAMAS CIRCUIT COURT

The Supreme court Friday upheld the decision of the Clackamas county court in rendering a judgment of \$1687 in favor of O. C. Purdy against I. C. Underwood. The supreme court further allowed Mr. Purdy interest at the rate of 6 per cent on the money ever since the circuit court's decision was given on September 12, 1916.

\$44.00 costs were assessed against the appellant and \$35 against Mr. Purdy. W. F. Harris and Fred B. Madison, who acted as sureties for Mr. Underwood on his appeal were held as parties to the judgment.

## ORDNANCE CLASS TAKES HALF MILLION INSURANCE

When the war is over and Lieutenant C. C. Jeremiah returns to civil life, he may qualify as a life insurance agent.

Lieutenant Jeremiah has charge of the ordinance class in the University of Oregon school of commerce.