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CITY STRAINED BY POPULATION BOOM

MORE HOUSES ARE NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE INFLUX OF INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES

NEW SCENIC ROAD PROPOSED

Boosters Present Plan to Commercial Club at Tuesday Luncheon; Committee to Act

The Live Wires met Tuesday in the Commercial club parlors for their weekly luncheon, and the main subject taken under discussion was the housing conditions for Oregon City. It was brought out at the meeting that the Oregon City Woolen mills are at the present time facing a serious shortage of labor, due to the fact that there are not enough houses for rent in this city for the workers. The company intimated that if something was not done immediately, they would consider moving the largest branch of the concern to Portland, in order to get accommodations for their workers. After discussing the subject thoroughly, a committee was appointed from the organization to look into the matter and report at the next meeting. The committee is composed of A. R. Jacobs, chairman, A. C. Howland, John R. Humphreys, A. A. Price, Willard Hawley, Jr., and Lloyd Richer. Later the Oregon City woolen mills have been carrying on a national advertising campaign for their products. Several pages of this publicity in the Saturday Evening Post have appeared lately. The Live Wires promise that everything will be done to insure the future of the company in this city, as it is a great asset to this community. Over 200 men and women are now employed by the mills, and the national advertising campaign has brought such an influx of business that they intend to enlarge the plant and increase the number of workers to almost double that at present. This will necessitate more houses for the workers and better living conditions in this city.

A new water level scenic road running through Clackamas county and nearby towns was proposed by E. W. Bartlett and J. W. Reed, Estacada citizens, at the luncheon. The new road would tap the Mount Hood loop near Firwood, pass through Bissel and George, then down Eagle Creek and the Clackamas river, connecting with the Pacific highway at Oregon City. It was declared that the people of eastern Clackamas would donate much of the labor needed for grading. A meeting was arranged by the Live Wires for next Tuesday evening, which members of the county court, state highway commission and Mount Hood loop committee will be asked to attend.

The suggested road would pass through remarkable scenic areas. Support of the movement was expressed by several business men, who believe such a road will prove an attraction to automobile tourists, besides bettering facilities for local farm transportation.

CHILD AVERTS DEATH NARROWLY IN MISHAP

A fatal accident was barely averted Monday evening when the little daughter of E. E. Davis stepped off the curb in the path of an oncoming automobile in front of the Burmeister & Andersen store on Main street. The machine was going at a slow rate of speed, and just as it neared the corner of the intersection of Seventh and Main streets, the little girl ran in front of the machine, the right front fender striking her in the face and throwing her to the pavement. The driver immediately applied the emergency brakes and stopped the auto in its own length. The child was taken to the offices of Dr. Strickland, where her injuries were pronounced of a minor nature, aside from a bad cut on the forehead.

JOSEPH ANDREE HURT IN ACCIDENT AT NEW ERA

Joseph Andree, an employe of the Doernbecker mill near New Era, sustained serious lacerations of the right arm and three fractures of that member when a broken belt attached to power-driven machinery caught him up and dragged him into works of the mill Friday afternoon. He was taken to the Oregon City hospital, where it was at first believed that amputation of the arm would be necessary. He was attended by Drs. H. S. and Guy Mount, who now hope to save the injured limb.

KIMMEL BACK AFTER LONG SERVICE IN BATTLE ZONES

After 15 months of service overseas, Carl Kimmel, son of R. B. Kimmel, well known in Clackamas county, has returned to his home in Estacada. He was a member of company B, 127th regiment, and had been stationed in sectors of Alsace, Chateau Thierry, Soissons and the Argonne.

HENRY SCHWOCK GAVE LIFE ON HONOR FIELD

OREGON CITY SOLDIER REPORT-ED DEAD, BUT RELATIVES ENTERTAIN HOPE

Henry G. Schwock, a well known Oregon City boy, gave his life on the field of honor October 5, 1918, according to an official telegram from the government to the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwock, which was received Saturday. The date and cause of death have not been determined, the telegram sets forth. For this reason relatives here hope he may be still living, a prisoner or suffering from shock that caused him to lose his memory. Every effort is being made to learn the detailed facts.

The young man wrote to his parents just before he entered the battle of the Argonne forest late in September. No other communication has been received from him. A letter mailed by local relatives in August was returned in December marked "Deceased." Telegraphic inquiry elicited a statement from the war department that the soldier had been reported missing in action October 5. Further inquiries have been made from time to time, and the report of his death was the final reply.

Henry Schwock, 29 years old, entered the service June 29, 1918 and trained two weeks at Camp Lewis, three weeks at Camp Mills and one week in an English rest camp. He arrived in France September 19 with the 40th division and was later transferred to the 77th division, with which he went into battle about September 26.

He had operated a large wheat ranch in eastern Oregon for six years before donning the uniform, but had always called Oregon City his home town since his parents moved here 11 years ago.

Local relatives say they still hope to learn the lad is alive. It is said that death reports are often given out when the normal mind of a soldier is taken from him on the battlefield, and that when he again becomes normal notice of his survival is given relatives. By this method anxious suspense on the part of relatives is broken off however sadly. His near relatives are his parents, two brothers, W. T. Schwock, of Oregon City, and Emil Schwock of Portland, and a sister, Miss Gertrude Schwock of Oregon City.

SEIVERS RESIGNS; STIPP IS APPOINTED

FOE OF BOOTLEGGERS STEPS DOWN TO TAKE UP LAW PRACTICE HERE



Livy Stipp, Newly Appointed Justice of the Peace for 4th District

John N. Seivers, for the last seven years justice of the peace for this district, resigned early this week. He has the distinction of fining more bootleggers and adding more money to the county coffers than any other justice of the peace in Oregon. He was appointed to the office of justice of the peace for the fourth district to fill the unexpired term of W. H. Sampson in 1913, and was reelected twice since then. Mr. Seivers will resume his law practice in Oregon City, and will move his headquarters to the Masonic building. He made many friends in this county during his long term as justice for this district, and bootleggers and others whom he has fined in the past, all ways departed satisfied that they received a "square deal."

Livy Stipp, well known attorney here, has been appointed by the county court to fill the office. Mr. Stipp was justice of the peace for this district once before—From 1902 to 1908—and was succeeded at that time by Mr. Sampson. Mr. Stipp was also deputy district attorney for Clackamas county under Bert Tongue, and for several years was city recorder. He is well fitted for the job, and understands the duties of the office fully. He will take up the work in the same building where Mr. Seivers held forth and in the same offices.

Suit Dropped
The divorce suit of Elizabeth Albright against J. F. Albright was dismissed in circuit court Monday on motion of attorney for the plaintiff.

WOULD INCREASE TAX OF FARMERS

McFADDEN'S IDEA THREATENS FARM LOAN BOARD AND RAISES INTEREST

QUICK SEES IT AS UNFAIR

Levy on Bank Bonds a Discrimination That Aids Sharks, According to Noted Writer

The proposal of Representative Louis T. McFadden, republican of Pennsylvania, member of the house banking and currency committee, to tax farm loan bank bonds means either that the federal farm loan board will have to go out of business or raise its interest rate on loans to farmers, says Herbert Quick, member of the farm loan board and noted writer. And if the rates are raised, of course the farmer will have to pay the difference, not only in higher rates on loans made with farm land banks, but it means that everybody else lending money to them will raise their rates, and the very purpose for which the farm land bank system was organized will be defeated.

Mr. Quick declares the proposal to tax these bonds is largely inspired by the old farm-mortgage bankers, who had a free hand prior to the establishment of the land banks and charged the farmers exorbitant rates on short-term loans. Through these banks, the farmers have been able to negotiate loans at almost their own terms. City dwellers enjoy the benefits of bond issues for municipal improvements of various kinds that are exempt from taxation, and Mr. Quick thinks it is unfair discrimination to tax the farmers. If Mr. McFadden's proposal is adopted, the farmer will be taxed twice—on his property and on his debts.

Up to this time the federal land banks have loaned the farmers of the country over \$180,000,000. This has saved the farmers tens of millions of dollars, for not only have these loans been made at a low rate of interest, but the rates of interest charged by other banks and private money lenders have been forced down. The federal land banks lend money to farmers at 5 1/2 per cent for periods of five to forty years; prior to their establishment, farmers had to pay anywhere from 8 to 15 per cent for money borrowed on their farm property, and for short terms.

Mr. Quick declares that the federal land bank system was the salvation of the farmer during the war, for had they not been established there is no telling where money prices would have soared to. And he believes they will continue to be the greatest boon the farmer struggling to pay for his farm will ever have known, if the Pennsylvania republican congressman's proposal to remove the exemption on these bonds is defeated.

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF SPRINGWATER DIES

David Clossner, well known resident of Springwater, prominent retired farmer, died Friday at his home. He was 87 years old. Mr. Clossner had been ill but a short time. He had lived in Springwater 28 years. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Springwater, the Rev. Weld officiating. A large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes attested to the high esteem in which Mr. Clossner was held by a large circle of friends. Interment was made in Springwater cemetery beside the grave of his wife, who died some weeks ago.

Eight sons and daughters, 39 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren survive him.

COUNTY C. E. OFFICERS MEET IN THIS CITY

A cabinet meeting of the county Christian Endeavor officers was held at the Presbyterian church in this city last Thursday evening. Rev. Weller, of Springwater, conducted the opening services, later turning over the business meeting to Miss Elva Shibley, county president, also of Springwater. Plans for the big C. E. convention in this city May 9, 10 and 11, were discussed and perfected. The convention is to be held in the Congregational church. A very good program is planned and a large number of Christian Endeavorers from over the county will be in attendance at the big rally.

Eastern Star Meets
The Eastern Star met Tuesday night in the Masonic temple here and gave a banquet in honor of Major Hempstead and Lieutenant Swafford, returned soldiers. A large attendance, with guests from Portland, Canby and other towns, were present. It was also the occasion for initiation of new members in the organization, three taking the degree—Mr. and Mrs. G. Nordling and Mr. Orth—all of this city. Other business of the order was taken care of before the banquet.

CRACKSMEN LOOT ESTACADA OFFICE

SAFE BLOWN WHILE LIGHT IS BURNING AND WINDOWS ARE UNCERTAINT

The boldest robbery in the history of Clackamas county was staged in Estacada early Tuesday morning, when burglars looted the safe of the Portland Railway Light and Power company offices, blowing it open with two charges of nitro-glycerin while a bright electric light burned in the room on one of the principal streets of the town and shone through uncurtained windows. About \$550 in currency, Liberty bonds and traveler's checks was taken.

That the burglars were experienced cracksmen is apparent in the thoroughness of the robbery and the removal of all clues. Not a trace of their identity was left. Sheriff Wilson, who was notified when the office was opened for the day, went to Estacada immediately. Although he found no definite clue, he believes there remains a possibility of apprehending the burglars through a further investigation.

The robbers, it is believed, came to Estacada by automobile and approached the railway offices through an adjacent park. No suspicious characters had been seen on the streets. It was evident, however, that the men knew the layout of the town.

No blanket or other muffling device was used when the safe was blown. Attempts had evidently been made to lessen the combination bolt and, failing in this the cracksmen had snapped off the handle of the lock control and poured the explosive into the hole left in the door of the safe. But one man in Estacada reported anything that might be connected with the thefts. He said he thought he heard two shots at about 3:30 a. m. The station clock near the office had been stopped at 3:40 o'clock and it is believed that this was the moment of the second and heaviest explosion.

OLD DANCES MIXED WITH MODERN HOPS

VICTORY BALL TO BE GIVEN FOR EX-SOLDIERS BY WOMEN OF OREGON CITY

Melodies of former happy days, bitter-sweet in reminiscence, will bring back to soldiers who have returned to Clackamas county a new appreciation of Terpsichorean joys in the Victory ball to be given the evening of May 3 in Oregon City by local young women for the ex-soldiers. An alluring combination of old dances to old melodies that bring back to mind the romance of former wars, and new dances to jazz, the present day's vivid rhythm, fill the program. McElroy's orchestra will dictate lilted moods and tenses through dreamy waltzes, dainty two steps and the Schottische, lively fox trots, sketchy one steps and flippant tangos.

Design? Well, the lads are a likely looking lot and some have been gone for a long, long time. But the ladies aren't admitting anything. They say, however, that it's merely the best kind of a program for a real happy time.

RYALL IS FREED FROM PRISON OF BOLSHEVIKI

Bryant R. Ryall, Gladstone man who was taken prisoner by the Bolshevik forces in Russia last week and held in Moscow, has been released and is proceeding to Copenhagen, according to telegraphic dispatches from Secretary Penningroth of the Y. M. C. A. at Terejeki, Finland. The secretary reported that he had seen Ryall in prison at Moscow.

No apprehension was felt locally when news of Ryall's capture came, for he is a Y. M. C. A. worker in Russia, and is not involved in the political turmoil of the country. The reasons for his arrest, if there were any, have not been made known.

Ryall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ryall of Gladstone. He was state Y. M. C. A. secretary for Ohio before going overseas. He was married to Miss Catherine Childs, official home-maker of the Y. M. C. A. in Russia" about a year ago.

SUES TO SETTLE CLAIM ENTAILED BY MORTGAGE

To collect a promissory note for \$1,933.33 Eva Allen Bean has filed suit in the circuit court against Hester and William Rainford, Richard and Stella Mason, J. F. Draper, H. B. and May Spalding and U. S. Yorex, asking that her mortgage be declared a prior lien over a second mortgage. She sets forth that the Rainfords gave a mortgage on property in Clackamas county to secure the note and Yorex has taken a second mortgage. The note is dated June 5, 1910, to run 5 years at 6 per cent. Mrs. Bean seeks liquidation of her claim through sale of the property.

Courier and Farmer, both for \$1.15.

VICTORY LOAN ON WAY TO TRIUMPH

CROWNED WITH SUCCESS IN MOST BANKING DISTRICTS OF THIS COUNTY

LEADERS EXPRESS CONFIDENCE

Professional Financiers Eager to Take Federal Securities; Many Small Subscribers

Nearly every town and hamlet in Clackamas county has pledged its allotment in the Victory loan. Confidence that the county's quota will be subscribed within a day or two was expressed today by leaders of the drive. Canby, Sandy and Milwaukie districts were reported safely "over" early in the week. Estacada and Molalla are reported missing, but it is predicted they will be found among the live ones.

Picture shows and theaters throughout the county are running special films urging subscriptions. Scores of speakers have been active. Popular interest has been stimulated in a hundred ways, although this loan is distinguished from other loans by the avidity of banks to subscribe to the limit. The high rate of interest and favorable provisions attendant to investments of this character are attracting attention of professional financiers.

It is announced that three Pershing helmets will be given to the three largest subscribers in the county. All the helmets have "seen service."

Individual subscriptions have been encouragingly numerous in Clackamas, however. A large number of bonds have been issued to working people, employes of the woolen and pulp mills.

County Director Latourette is satisfied with progress up to date. He declares that Clackamas will lead most of the counties of the state, probably all of them. He gives two facts to support his assertion, first, that the people of the county are nearly all Americans because the county has been settled many years; second, those who were not born or naturalized Americans are Americans in spirit.

Activities, especially in clubs and civic organizations, are boosting the subscription figures by leaps and bounds, according to Mrs. H. B. Cartledge, county chairman of the Woman's Victory Loan committee. Although Oregon City's quota and that of other districts has been subscribed by banks, individual subscriptions are the only true proof of the county's loyalty and the only real protection of its honor, leaders of the drive held.

The number of individual subscriptions has not assumed large proportions. There is still a large margin

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HERSLICH FIRST ARREST UNDER NEW ORDINANCE

Oregon City's new traffic ordinance became apparent in one arrest and street signs this week. A junk dealer named Herslich attempted to pass a street car while it was taking on and discharging passengers and was taken into custody by Traffic Officer Joynes. No automobile is now permitted to pass street cars that are standing.

Herslich was fined \$10 by Police Judge Loder Monday morning. He was arrested Sunday night.

Markings twenty feet from each corner indicate the limit of parking space. Cars are forbidden to turn around between intersections of streets, or at the corner of Seventh and Main streets. A sign has been painted on the old fountain at the latter corner to convey the warning. A thousand copies of the ordinance are being printed for general distribution in pamphlet form.

OREGON CITY BESTED BY ESTACADA HERE

Oregon City high school went down to dismal defeat before Estacada high in a diamond battle Wednesday afternoon. The county seal aggregation's score card was blank when the game closed, while Estacada exhibited a tally of 8.

Lack of training as a team-unit and the fact that this was the season opener were given as the reasons for the unqualified rout of the locals. Their defensive work was fair, but weak in spots. Sound hits were beyond them.

Califf held the slab for the locals. His work was clever, though not watertight. Coach Tatro is not downhearted. He declares that a little practice is all the locals need.

Oregon City will play Molalla Friday on the latter's grounds, and a return game at Estacada next Wednesday. Molalla put it over Canby and Canby bested Oregon City. The locals, however, are preparing to put forth a uniform effort that will redeem their escutcheon.

OREGON CITY LADS FACING HOMEWARD

EIGHTEENTH ENGINEERS ARE ABOARD BATTLESHIP RETURNING TO U. S.

Facing west—not the "west" of the trenches, but the land that means to them home and peace—many boys of Oregon City are coming back on the battleship Texas in the eighteenth engineers railway company. This information was contained in a cablegram received by James T. Twoby of Twoby Brothers, contractors, Seattle, which was transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bigger of Oregon City Monday. Hundreds of local friends and relatives of soldiers who are members of the unit have been awaiting this news for months. The Texas left France April 16 and is due in New York City about May 1.

Some of the Oregon City youths aboard the returning ship are, Alfred Bigger, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bigger; Albert and Edwin Meade; William Folger, formerly of the Jones Drug company; Earl Hutchinson, son of Mrs. Ida Hutchinson; Roy Stafford, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stafford of Mount Pleasant; Wallace McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCord; L. H. Rubican; Elbert Charman, and Blake Bowland, son of Prof. and Mrs. John Bowland.

Elbert Charman, son of Leonard Charman, left with the eighteenth engineers, but was transferred to the Stars and Stripes and it is possible that he will not return with his original company.

The overseas lads will pass through Portland about May 3, probably, to be discharged at Camp Lewis. Relatives and friends here are planning to greet them in the Rose city. If they do not reach home before the victory ball to be given by local young women for returned soldiers, another ball will be given at a later date.

KENT WILSON EXPECTED HOME SOON; ARRIVES IN U. S.



Sergeant Kent Wilson, Who Has Returned from Overseas Duty

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Sheriff W. J. Wilson that their son, Kent, who has been in France during the war, but lately transferred to Germany with the U. S. Forces of occupation, had arrived safely in New York and expects to be home soon. The telegram to the parents of Sergeant Wilson states that he arrived in New York last Sunday evening. He has been in France over 16 months and in Germany four months. He expects to be sent to a western camp soon and mustered out of the service.

FLOYD DAVIS RETURNS FROM LAND OF BATTLE

Floyd J. Davis of Estacada, has returned from service in France. He brought home an assortment of souvenirs and observations on army life. Silk embroidered ketchies of three countries and coolie strings are the principal articles of interest, with his assertion that canned Willie is not considered a delicacy for very long after its acquaintance has been made. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis, long residents of Estacada. He trained in Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens, then, about nine months ago, was transferred to overseas duty, where he saw actual fighting. He was employed in a sawmill at Estacada before entering the service.

Wins Verdict

Mary Van Donge won a verdict of \$2,900.25 against A. B. Baker and wife, W. E. Joberg, John Kayler, Alice M. Kayler, Audrey Baker and Edwin Baker in circuit court last week. She based her suit on the grounds that a note secured by a mortgage given to Martin Van Donge, now deceased, had forced her to pay taxes on the security when its legal owners failed to do so. The court ordered the property sold to satisfy the claim.

INVISIBLE PLANES MYSTERY CLEARED

ETHERIDGE'S ANNOUNCEMENT PROVES UNHAPPY FARCE; FLYERS FAIL TO COME

'EXPLANATION' NOT A BALM

Thousands Find Liniment Best for Strained Neck Muscles After Vainly Gazing Skyward

Announcement of John L. Etheridge, state director of organization of the Victory loan campaign, through Raymond P. Caulfield, chairman for Oregon City, that the flying circus slated to appear in Portland Monday would make a flight to Oregon City caused the sky to have a large local audience that sunshiny afternoon—and all to no avail. The planes didn't come.

Mr. Caulfield received a telegram Monday morning, too late to save the hundreds of necks destined to assume more or less permanent curves, that Major Spotts, in charge of the flyers, had definite instructions from Washington which prohibited variation of a schedule excluding Oregon City. The telegram was from Mr. Etheridge.

THE COURIER phones were kept busy all afternoon by inquiries regarding the planes that never hove in sight, never put in an appearance, never loomed above the horizon, failed dimly to enter the perspective of many strained and tearful eyes. The sun glared down mockingly into the optics of the city's populace and made noses look like bootleggers and blind pigs had been unusually active.

Several hundred people went to Portland and witnessed the stunts of the aeronauts. Hundreds more would have gone but they expected to see the planes here.

One might have thought the Germans were about to raid the Clackamas metropolis from the air from the number of upturned faces and anxious looks bestowed upon the blue dome of heaven Monday. Old was the song that was sung, old as the hills, when it was learned that Mr. Etheridge's original announcement was the pure and simple bunk. Real genuine tears of the truly unhappy variety could not be suppressed after the hardships and anxieties of hours stretching neck muscles into knots and straining eyes at the bright light of day. Local drug stores did a record business in liniments and cold cream when the faux pas became generally known. And those who were so fortunate, so miraculously favored by Providence that they had not learned of Mr. Etheridge's original announcement bowed their heads and folded their hands reverently when friends told of the Etheridge contradictions.

CLACKAMAS ANSWERS CRY OF ARMENIA FOR CLOTHES

When the sun shone on Armenia and the land was glad no appeal for aid went out to the rest of the world, although the Armenians have long paid tribute, in poverty, suffering and death, to the Turks, because they are Christians. Armenia's prostrate people, rescued in rags from serfdom of the star and crescent, now have cried out in need of clothing and food. Clackamas county answers with the rest of the world.

Clothing of myriad sizes, shapes, styles and cut is being piled high in the receiving headquarters of Oregon City. Already 1,650 pounds have been shipped to Portland from where it will be sent directly to Europe. "Old clothes! Old clothes!" is not the appeal, nor do the residents of this section reply to it as such. From farmhouse and mansion, cottage and flat, good serviceable apparel is being contributed.

The ladies of the Baptist church have been active in the work during the last week. Mrs. F. W. Gardiner, secretary of the local Red Cross, is receiving and looking after sorting of the garments.

HAYHURST HEADS PHONE LINES OF OREGON CITY

T. B. Hayhurst, several years local manager for the Home Telephone company, has been appointed manager for the Pacific company at this point. The Home company being combined with the Pacific, the headquarters for that company will still be continued here for an indefinite period in the Andersen building. Mr. Hayhurst took up his duties a few days ago. While manager for the Home company, he made many friends for that line, and took care of the rural districts connected with the company lines here.

Good Friday was observed by nearly every church in Oregon City in day and evening services. Masses were said in the Catholic churches. A large congregation was present at a three-hour devotional during the day at St. Paul's, conducted by the Rev. C. H. L. Chandler.