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BOYS OVER HERE—OVER THERE

Interesting Facts About Oregon City Boys In The U. S. Service

Letters from boys "over there" are desired by the Enterprise. All are interested in the boys in the service, and these will be greatly appreciated by the public. A letter appears each day besides those used in the Thursday Morning Enterprise and also in the weekly edition. Many of these papers go to the boys, and they are anxious also to know just where their friends of Clackamas county are located and what they are doing. All letters are given the best of care, and returned to the parties receiving them. The column of "Boys Here and Over There" appears in the Morning Enterprise of Thursday of each week and also in the Weekly Enterprise.

Wesley Milliken was in Oregon City Saturday and Sunday visiting his wife, formerly Miss Bernice Buckles. Sergeant Milliken also visited his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Milliken. He was one of the football players at a celebration held at Fort Stevens, two weeks ago. The sergeant was one of the star players while a student of the Oregon City High school. He returned to his duties Sunday evening. He is to make a similar visit during Thanksgiving week.

Irwin Betzel, a former Oregon City boy, who is stationed at Camp Funston, Kansas has been promoted to first lieutenant. He is with the Thirtieth Machine Gun Company, and was anxious to go overseas before the war ended. Lieutenant Betzel is well known in Oregon City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Betzel, now of Portland, and received his promotion in October. Dorian Betzel, his brother, has made several trips to France, being on a transport. He is on the Herbert L. Pratt, and is filling a position as fireman.

In a letter from France to his mother, Mrs. Vertie Todd, of West Linn, Private Albert Todd, says he has a souvenir of the battlefield that he prizes more than any of his collection. This is a piece of shell extracted by one of the surgeons in the hospital that he was struck with. This hit his back and he is to have it made into a watch chain. He says when the shell struck him it did not hurt very much, and that he was rapidly recovering from his wounds.

R. P. Finnegan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Finnegan, of Canemah, was one of the boys from here enlisting at the country's first call for men in the service, and is in Pennsylvania. His address is care of the U. S. S. Quail, Chester S. B. Company, Chester, Pa. He was formerly a machinist at the Crown Willamette Paper Company and is enjoying the life he has chosen. Although but only twenty-three years of age, he has progressed rapidly with this line of service.

Graydon Pace, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pace, of this city, who has been stationed in California, but now is at Camp Mills, New York, says that he has started several times to go overseas, but each time his company has been ordered back to camp. He is now with Field Hospital Corps No. 11, Eighth Division of Sanitary Train.

Harry Draper received word this week of the safe arrival of Walter Leisman in France. Before leaving for France he was in charge of the Huntley Drug Company at Canby. He is the son of Mrs. Leisman, of Willamette.

In a letter from John (Jack) Lewis to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, of this city, a few days ago, he tells of an exciting experience he had while on board of the U. S. S. Koonland. While in rough water he accidentally fell overboard and was later picked up by a submarine destroyer. After being rescued Lewis was unconscious for several hours, due to his cold bath and exposure. He is now in the best of health. John has made a number of trips to France, and was among the boys in the transport service that was recently remembered with a box of smokes and some delicacies from the committee having charge of the savings banks placed in the stores. The people of Oregon City were given the credit for sending this and other boxes that were made up from the savings. Jack was a former employe of the Enterprise, and his photo is among those appearing in the group of their employes recently installed in the Enterprise office. The group hangs in a conspicuous place.

Private Tom Barker writes from France October 20, to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, of this city, and from all indications he is improving from his wounds received in action. He says: "Well it is Sunday morning again, and raining a little. I told you that I expected that they would move us from the evacuation hospital to a base hospital. Well, they shipped us out last week, and we are in another large town. I haven't been out of the hospital yet, but expect to get out this

week and look around the town some. That is, I will go out as soon as I am issued some more clothing. You know at the evacuation hospital they take all of your clothes away and send them to the 'delouser' and they generally need it too, and then issue them again new.

"My arm is getting along fine. The doctor dressed it day before yesterday, and said that it wouldn't need dressing again until tomorrow, so it must be healing good. Of course it is tender yet, and the wrist is weak because the bullet went through the edge of the large bone and splintered it up some, so it was necessary to operate and remove the splinters, but I consider that I am lucky at that, as some of the boys have the hands or arms all broken up, and some with their arms clear off."

Alec Gray, well known young man of Sandy, who is in France, and has been reported as missing since October 6th, is all right and now with his company.

Edward Hoffman, a Clackamas county young man, and whose home is at Sandy, reported missing since July 21st, has been a prisoner of war at Metz. He is suffering from wounds, and now in a hospital in France.

The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Story in the service are intending to be home for Christmas. They are George, Matt and Mitchell. George is at Bremerton; Matt is in New York, and for the present at Camp Mills, but will soon be on his return trip to the Presidio, San Francisco; Mitchell is in the navy, and stationed at San Pedro, Cal. Matt recently started across the seas to France, but his company was ordered to disembark and return to Camp Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Badger, known to many soldiers as "Dad and Mother" Badger, whose home is at Beaver Creek, are in receipt of a letter from John H. House, of Fort Gibbon, Alaska, and who is with the Quartermaster department. Private House tells of some of the experience in the far north. His home is North Dakota.

In his letter he says in part as follows: "We are seeing our second snow here. The river is not yet frozen over, but soon will be I think. The boats have stopped running for the season, and slush and ice in various parts not far from here.

"This letter will leave over the trail for Fairbanks in the next 48 hours. It goes only at night for about 13 weeks, as it is frozen up then. I mean the trails are. It will be about two weeks until they start driving dogs, and then get out of the road, for here comes a dog team. Say, talk about 'going.' They have a horse beaten for a city block for going. The mail man that hauls the mail from St. Nicholas to this place, when arriving at what is called Bull Island, has a time in driving his dogs, especially when they start for home.

"How is Dad getting along with his blooded cows and pigs. They are trying to be in the pig business up here, and with corn at \$8 and \$10 a hundred. Some people have more money than sense, don't you think? But it takes all kinds of people to make the world go round.

"Where do we go from here, boys," is the next question. No orders have yet come for us to change location. Fishing has been good here, and have secured a large number of photos as remembrance of days spent in far off Alaska. Among these are fishing scenes, but I wish I was in France where my brother is.

"Is Lester Boylan in the army?" "We have the Germans running all right. I haven't heard from you folks yet, haven't you written, or have you moved away?"

"I have just finished eating lots of nuts. Everybody feels happy today, and from the indications I hope I will be back in the States soon.

"I am going to send you some souvenirs from France, and let me know if you get them or not. These will be handkerchiefs and postcards.

"Is it raining out in Oregon? It has not rained much here to speak of.

"Mother, when I get home, be sure and have a coconut cake baked for me, and also a coconut cream pie, will you please? I am getting nice and fat, and am feeling fine.

"It seems that I have been away from home for a year.

"My partner and myself captured two Germans one night and took them prisoners.

"Is supper ready, Mother? I might drop in and eat a bit with you soon.

"I will try and write more the next time. Hoping to hear from you soon. Goodbye, and best love to all and God bless you,

Your loving son,
"ALBERT."

Antent Zielskowsky was appointed executor of the estate of Kiltorna Zielskowsky, deceased, without bonds, in the probate court Saturday.

EXECUTOR APPOINTED

RAISE ON LINES OF P. R. L. & P. GRANTED

SALEM, Or., Nov. 22.—(Special to the Enterprise.)—Increases in fares are granted to the Portland Railway Light & Power Company on its interurban lines, including the Oregon City and Casadero lines, and the company also is directed to reduce its service, in an order of the Public Service Commission issued today to become effective December 1, 1918. The fare from Portland to Oregon City and conversely is placed at 25 cents. The other lines affected are the Troutdale, Bull Run and Montavilla lines.

No particular rules are laid down as to the reduction in the service, and the commission, in ordering such reduction states that "it must be remembered that the reduction of service should not be such as will drive traffic away but a reasonable elimination of too frequent trains. Such reduction will, however, add but little revenue and some further relief must be afforded."

In granting an increase the commission states that if the interurban lines had been owned by a separate corporation the carrier would have been unable to meet fixed charges after paying operating expenses. It states that the practice of the commission to restrict the earnings of public utilities corporations to a fair return on the capital invested has prevented the accumulation of such surplus as would enable the petitioner to meet the long continued depression previous to the war and the extraordinary advance in prices since.

The commission, however, refuses to grant an increase which will net the company a return of 6 per cent on the investment and rates have been prescribed, the order states, which it is believed will produce sufficient revenue to meet the increased cost of labor and material used in the operation of the interurban lines with the costs of two years ago, the 6 per cent return, it being held, would demand rates so high as to be an undue burden on patrons of the company.

An entire new list of fares is imposed for the various interurban lines, following being a number selected as being of the most interest to Oregon City and Clackamas county patrons on the Oregon City and Casadero lines:

On the Oregon City line the following fares in cents are established:

From Oregon City to Park Place, Gladstone, Fern Ridge, Glen Echo, Meldrum, Hull Avenue, 6 cents; Jennings Lodge, Ashville, Rothe, Vineyard, Concord, Naef 10 cts.; Risle, Rupert, Oak Grove, St. Theresa, Courtney, Silver Spring, Evergreen, Lakewood, Island, 15 cents; Milwaukie, Hendee, Knight, Overlinks, Ardour, Golf Junction, 20 cents; Portland, 25 cents. From Canemah Park to Oregon City the fare is also 6 cents, or within Oregon City points.

The fare from Canemah to all points will be the same as from Oregon City, with the exception that the fare from Canemah to Fern Ridge, Glen Echo and Meldrum will be 10 cents, instead of 6 cents.

The fares from Portland to points along the line are as follows: Golf Junction, 6; Ardour, Overlinks, Knight, Hendee, Milwaukie, 7 cents; Island, 10 cents; Lakewood, Evergreen, Silver Spring, Courtney, St. Theresa, Oak Grove, Rupert, Risle, 15 cents; Concord, Vineyard, Naef, Rothe, Ashville, Jennings Lodge, Hull Avenue, Meldrum, Glen Echo, Fern Ridge, Gladstone, 20 cents; Park Place, Oregon City, Canemah Park, 25 cents.

Intermediate fares will be from Oak Grove to Milwaukie, 10 cents; Jennings Lodge to Milwaukie, 15 cents; Gladstone to Milwaukie, 15 cents; Gladstone to Jennings Lodge, 6 cents; Gladstone to all towns from Fern Ridge to Jennings Lodge, 6 cents. These are given to illustrate a sample of the new fares, it being impossible to set out all of the combinations.

The new schedule of interurban school rates will provide for individual books of 54 rides, with a rate of 19 cents per ticket or \$9.72 a book between Canemah Park and Portland; 17 cents a ticket, or \$9.18 for a book between Oregon City and Portland; 14 1/2 cents a ticket or \$7.83 a book from Park Place to Portland; 14 cents a ticket or \$7.56 a book from Gladstone to Portland; 13 cents a ticket, or \$7.02 a book from Fern Ridge to Portland; 12 1/2 cents a ticket or \$6.75 a book from Glen Echo to Portland; the same from Meldrum to Portland form Glen Echo; 12 cents a ticket or \$6.48 a book from Hull Avenue and Jennings Lodge to Portland; 11 1/2 cents a ticket or \$6.21 a book from Ashville and Rothe to Portland; 11 cents a ticket or \$5.94 a book from Naef and Vineyard to Portland; 10 cents a ticket or \$5.40 a book from Concord and Risle to Portland; 9 cents a ticket or \$4.86 a book from Oak Grove and St. Theresa to Portland.

Family 60 ride tickets in books will be as follows from the places designated to Portland: Canemah Park, \$14.40; Oregon City, \$13.20; Park Place, \$12.00; Hull Avenue, \$10.80; Jennings Lodge, \$9.60; Ashville, \$8.40; Rothe, \$7.20; Vineyard, \$6.00; Concord, \$4.80; Risle, \$3.60; Naef, \$2.40.

Individual 52 communication ticket fares will be as follows from the places designated to Portland: Canemah Park, \$10.14; Oregon City, \$9.36; Park Place, \$8.58; Gladstone, \$7.80; Fern Ridge, \$7.02; Glen Echo, \$6.24; Hull Avenue, \$5.46; Jennings Lodge, \$4.68; Ashville, \$3.90; Rothe, \$3.12; Vineyard and Concord, \$2.34; Naef, \$1.56; Oak Grove, \$1.38.

On the Casadero Line the fare from Portland to Casadero will be 90 cents; to Estacada, 85 cents; to Farraday, 80 cents; to River Mill and Morrow, Curranville, 75 cents; Miller's Spur, Ais-

paugh and Cedarbrook, 70 cents; Eagles Creek and Glover, 65 cents; River-brook, 60 cents; Deep Creek, Barton, Chandler Spur and Norris Spur, 55 cents; Pages Spur, 50 cents; Siefert and Boring, 45 cents.

In its order after commenting generally upon the situation on the interurban lines states that it is possible to make an approximate estimate of the proper division of operating revenues operating expenses and fixed charges on any line, and that this has been done, and the results of such investigation, are before the commission in respect to the Oregon City line.

Continuing in reference to the Oregon City line the commission says in its order:

"The net result of the calculations is to show that in the twelve months ended June 30, 1918, there was left from the revenues of the Oregon City line after deducting operating expense, taxes and depreciation an amount equivalent to a return of somewhat less than 4 per cent on the value of the Oregon City line. To meet interest charges there is required nearly 6 per cent on the value of the property. In the face of these facts there can be no successful contention that the Oregon City line helps to pay the operating expenses and fixed charges of the balance of the interurban lines of the carrier.

WEEKLY SOLDIER LETTER

Mrs. G. J. Howell, of this city, has received the following letter from her brother, Joseph Alldredge, of the Flying Cadet Detachment, of Eberhs Field, of Lonoke, Arkansas:
November 7, 1918.

"Dear Sister and All:
"Received your most welcome letter, and certainly glad to get it.
"On! This is a grand experience that I am having. It is the life for me. The only thing that worries me is that the war may be over before I am called to take an active part, although I would not stop the progress of peace one second, if it my power to do so. This 'air-fighting game' though is certainly exciting. It is a chance from start to finish, and that is what makes it attractive. No place for one with a 'yellow streak.' Take it from me, when you are called into the air to fight another machine you want to know how to handle your plane and the guns at your command. You have about a dozen things to look after at once. Did not know there was so much for a 'war pilot' to learn before entering this service.
"From early morning until late in the evening you can see and hear the planes swinging, diving and stunting overhead. The swish, swish of the many propellers is music for our eardrums, though that we take little more notice of them than we would of an automobile.
"We have a splendid field. It is a mile, one way, and a mile-and-half the other. This gives us plenty of room for the many planes to take off and make landings. It is a comparatively new field and it is therefore in good shape.
"In my next letter I will write more about flying."
"JOSEPH."

POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN SALEM VERY LIVELY

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