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BOYS OVER HERE—OVER THERE



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"Dear Father, Brothers and All: I will drop you a few lines and let you know I am on my way home..."

"We sure had a storm on the ocean while enroute. Some times the waves were so high that they dashed over the decks, but this did not worry us..."

"I sure have seen a little of war life, and which I would not take any amount of money to have missed..."

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"There is not long until Christmas. The weather here is almost like Western Oregon. It is raining today, and has been raining some for quite awhile each day..."

"I could tell you a lot of news, but as it is getting late and I want to get to sleep, so will close now. Your loving son, DAN FINNUCANE"

"I received my first letter from you since I left Camp Mills, today. I certainly was glad to hear from you. So, Fred, old kid, did not have the chance to go over the top. Well, I suppose it was all for the best..."

"I like Germany a whole lot better than I did France. The climate and weather conditions here are about the same as in Oregon. This morning when I got up the ground was white with frost, but it has disappeared now, so if it doesn't get any worse, will be satisfied."

"I went to the hospital December 4, and they wouldn't let me out until January 10. I certainly had it good while I was there. All I had was bron-

ter formerly of this city but now of Portland, wrote his parents a few days ago of some of his experiences he is having at Guam. The young man is a member of the Marine band, but when off duty has made a number of interesting trips. Among these recently was when he went out shark hunting. He assisted in killing one of these giants of the deep, and from the backbone he has had made a handsome cane. This he is to bring to his father as a souvenir of his life in the marine service.

Mrs. J. K. Worthington of Oswego, has received word from her son, Mikie, telling of his safe arrival in New York from overseas service. The young man is with the Third Oregon.

Among the young men of Clackamas county receiving their honorable discharge from the service is Ed Grundeland of Willamette.

Albert Berg of Barlow, who was recently given his honorable discharge from the service, has taken up his work on the farm. Other young men in Barlow now out of service are Norman Crowley, who has secured employment in Portland, Oscar Julub, who is with his parents, and Herbert Krebaugh of this place.

Albert Auvie of Barlow, has been enjoying a furlough at his home.

Hjalmer Erickson, one of the young heroes of Clackamas county, whose home is at Barlow, is recovering from the effects of being gassed while in France. He was gassed in October, and is now employed in Portland, having accepted a position there a few weeks ago.

Henry Woodbeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodbeck of this city, has written the following letter, which was received Tuesday of this week:

"My dear Mother: This is a fine place, and am having the best kind of a time. We are located at the hotel and our room overlooks the Mediterranean sea. The climate is balmy, and one can pick oranges off the trees. The scenery is fine, and I can see why they call France, Sunny France, the land of sunshine and flowers. There was a long time while in the Toul front that there was no sunshine, and when we went to the Argonne things got worse."

"The second day I was here six of us hired a seven-passenger car and made a trip to Nice, going through part of the Italian Alps. En route we passed through the village of Sospel. This place was destroyed by an earthquake in the year of 650 A. D. It is a fine trip. The road is just one switchback after another. One can see the same scenery dozens of times or more. We had dinner at Nice, and then spent about two hours looking over the town. We came home by way of Monte Carlo—over a piece of road that was built by Napoleon."

"We are going out to visit the Italian border this afternoon, and tomorrow we expect to visit Monte Carlo. They allow the soldiers to visit this place between 8:30 and 9:30 A. M. but they are not allowed to enter the place while the games are on."

"On our way down here we stopped in Paris for nine hours and remained in Marseilles for sixteen hours. Apples are here also, and we are sure having a fine time."

"I will write you a long letter and tell you all about my trip. Your loving son, HENRY."

Henry Woodbeck, Co. E, 21st Eng. Locomotive Railroad, Menton, France.

Miss Bunny Ownbey received a card from her brother, Ivan (Jack) this week saying that he was well and safe, although he has had many exciting experiences since entering the service. He is on a submarine chaser, and the card said he was on his way to Seattle, and expected soon to be out of service. The card was dated at Norfolk, Virginia, and he said to thank the young ladies, who had charge of sending some boxes to the boys from Oregon City who were on transports or sub-chasers, and that he had received his box O. K. These boxes contained smokes, chocolate and gum, purchased from money secured in the little banks loaned by the First National Bank of this city. Mrs. S. J. Ownbey, mother of the young seaman, has also received a letter from her son, this being written in Florida. Jack is well known in Oregon City, and has a host of friends here.

DAN FINNUCANE TO COME HOME AT EARLY DATE

Dan Finnucane, who has been in France with the 162d Infantry, and who has been both wounded and gassed while at the front, is now at Camp Lewis, where he is to be mustered out of service within a short time. Dan is one of Oregon City's heroes, and his many friends here are to give him a cordial welcome upon his return to his native city. He was one of the first boys of this city to answer the call for young men to go to the Mexican border, and was one of the first again to respond when the United States became involved in the great war. Dan recently arrived from overseas, at Camp Merritt, but was not there long before being sent West to Camp Lewis. He is anxious to get home now, since he has arrived in the West, and says he has many thrilling tales to relate of his experiences on the battle field. He is the son of P. S. Finnucane of this city.

Waldemar Blom, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Blom of Mount Pleasant, who has been stationed at Seattle since September 1, has been transferred to the sub-chaser, U. S. S. Helori, and is one of the engineers. He has gained rapidly in his studies since entering the service, and is delighted with the work he has just been given. Blom is making the trip between Seattle and Bremerton.

Earl Hall, who has been in the service for over a year, and has been stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, has received his honorable discharge from the service, and has returned to his home in Oregon City. He was ready to sail for overseas duty when the armistice was signed. He is the son of Mrs. Nettie Hall of this city. The young man has a host of friends here who have welcomed him home. His mother, Ray Hall, is in the navy, and is on the U. S. S. Finland. He has made many trips to France, and although he has enjoyed these, he is anxiously awaiting his orders to return to his home.

Harold Munden, youngest son of

WEEKLY SOLDIER LETTER

The following is a letter received by Mrs. Van Ness from her son, Harold Van Ness, who is in France. France, Jan. 23, 1918.

"Dear Mother: I suppose you have had some pretty cold weather over there. We have a cold day every now and then but it is mostly rainy all the time. It is just three months since we sailed from Camp Merritt, N. J. We left Camp Humphrey the 14th of October and Camp Merritt the 20th of October. We sighted one submarine when a few days out, but it never attacked any of the ships. Gee! But I was sick most of the way over."

"The ship I sailed on was the Magentic; it took us eleven days. We arrived in Liverpool the 31st of October and we were in six different camps before we landed here. The camp we were in before we came here was the last camp before we left for the front. We were there a couple of days before the armistice was signed, then they took our guns, helmets and bayonets, and gave us working clothes and sent us here. I have good chums and we enjoy ourselves very much. When you write let me know if any of the boys are home. I met Blake Dowland one morning when I was going to work. Now say, I was glad to see him and he to see me. He is in the Eighteenth Engineers. He says he has been over here a good while, but is going home soon. He knows Harold—used to play basket ball with him. He showed me his tent but I have not been to see him yet. He will probably be gone soon."

"I must close now, and hope this finds you well. Goodbye. With much love."

"EDWARD M. VAN NESS," St. Myier, France, Jan. 20, 1918.

"Dear Mother: Just a few lines to let you know all is well as could be expected. We are in the 162d Infantry, and have just received some letters from you. That is the only place we get our mail and money."

"Ireland is a nice place. You can get anything you want and they do not rob you, with enormous prices for everything. The people think the sun rises and sets in the Yanks, as they call us. It is pretty nearly two years since I have been home. Does it seem that long to you? I have two years and three months yet to serve. Sounds like a prison term, doesn't it? Don't forget to tell me all about yourself and Ed, where he is and where he has been and all about the rest of the boys in our home town."

"Well, I must close, hoping to hear from you and Evelyn very soon. I remain with love. Your son, HAROLD VAN NESS, U. S. Naval Forces, Europe."

Mrs. Clara Blunk of this city, is in receipt of the following letter from her son, First Sergeant Elmer Blunk of Company M, 162d Infantry. December 22, 1918.

"Dear Mother and All: I will write you a few lines. This leaves me feeling well, and I am back to the old company. I have had some good since I left, and will tell you all about it when I return home, if I ever do. I do not know how long I will be with this organization—probably a few days or probably until it goes home, but it seems good to get back to a place where everyone is expected to soldier."

"It is not long until Christmas. The weather here is almost like Western Oregon. It is raining today, and has been raining some for quite awhile each day. I suppose it will appear as a happy Christmas in the United States, but I can't see it."

"There is, of course, a great crisis past, and Liberty is in control, but the coat has been tremendous. Many are the hearts that are bleeding—that nothing but time can heal. Many are the bodies that had a future that now are distorted to such degree that their dreams can never be carried out. Great is the destruction that has been done in the field to cities, industries and people. Some can never be replaced or paid for. Some will take time. Though tremendous, miraculous has been the victory, and its weight, yet we, who live can not be merry, can only rejoice and thank God for men that sacrificed all to gain what has been gained."

"We talk about the heathens of Japan worshipping their dead heroes. Is there anything we can do that will give our dead and mutilated soldiers more than they deserve? Worship is not near good enough. Can we sanctify their deeds and tombs? No! Our work upon the task just finished, so we must be done. They died theirs. Their task ended, as they perished in body, and any one else has not right to live unless he is furthering and building new watch ourselves that we are seriously carrying to fulfillment that we will not be using their gain to merry-making instead of continuous work."

"With love, ELMER."

Mr. and Mrs. Roaume of Clackamas, have received the following letter from their son, Private Edward Roaume of Company K, 6th Infantry, from Aix-les-Bains, France, January 14, 1919:

"I am out on a furlough now, and am having a grand time while it lasts. This is the best summer resort in France. I have seven days to stay here. The government pays our traveling expenses board and room."

"I am sending you some views of Chateau du Moailin. It is not far from here, only about six miles. A bunch of us visited there a few days ago. It was built in 1492, but has been kept in good repair. Of course, it is surrounded by a moat with drawbridge and battlements. There were two buildings, each four stories in height, former an 'L'. We were conducted

through the main building, which we entered directly from the drawbridge and went from room to room by way of a winding stair. The first room was a library, then the owner's bedroom and on through others, all of which were furnished with fine, old splendor. Beautiful tapestries, fine, odd-looking carved furniture, all very nice to look at, but what interested us greatly was up on the look-out tower, which was of stone, spherically shaped with slots about two feet long with a large space in center to look through. There was a fine collection of spears, cross-bows, etc., and it would fill pages to tell you all of interest, so will wait and tell the rest when I come home."

"We are not so homesick if we keep busy. At odd times we have made a lot of things, I sent today two paper knives, one button hook, a cigar lighter, an ash tray made from the wreck of an airplane that was shot full of holes. I made a picture frame from a broken propeller and will send this as soon as it is finished."

"We are in a part of the Alps mountains. It is about a three-days' trip down here, and we are right close to Italy and Switzerland. You will have to get a map to follow me up, for I certainly have traveled some since I left Oregon."

"The Y. M. C. A. has the best building in this town. It is as good a building as I ever saw. There is something doing all the time—music, dancing, moving pictures, vaudeville and hikes to the gorges and different amusements and you can spend as many francs as you like."

"We have a nice clean hotel to stay in and also have a fine bed."

"This is the first time I have gotten rid of the 'cooties' since I have been in France. We certainly were a lousy bunch when we came out of the dugouts after the armistice. They are certainly hard to get rid of."

"There are all kinds of money in circulation here—French, Belgium, German, Luxemburg and some of our money that the soldiers had with them. It keeps a fellow on the lookout to get the right kind of change."

"It will soon be six months for me in the army, and three months in France. I think we will be home in a month or two, if we don't have to whip some other country, but I do not think that will be necessary. From what we learn Germany is through fighting. I hope they get the peace terms fixed up so there will never be any more war. I have seen enough in this war to do any common person as to warfare."

"EDWARD." "CARL." "P. S.—You can't write too often."

ED LAVIER ELECTED FIRE CHIEF MONDAY BY GOOD MAJORITY

One of the largest fire election votes in this city for several years was polled here Monday when Ed Lavier of Cataract Hose company, was elected chief over Fred McCausland of Hose company No. 3, and Harry Williamson, Fountain Hose company.

There were 85 votes cast and Lavier was given 36, McCausland 24, and Williamson 25. All three candidates were on the job nearly all day and until the final count the outcome was in doubt.

William Knoop, Greenpoint Hose company, was the only candidate for the position of assistant chief. For fire commissioners William Cannon and P. T. McGahey were the only candidates on the ticket and as there were three to elect several names were written in and William Estes was elected as the third.

The new chief is an experienced man for the place and held the office year before last and the fire company prospered under his leadership. The boys are all taking great interest in the fire department and the organization is in a condition to do good work and the city has a volunteer fire department that they may well be proud of.

SALEM, March 4.—Ben W. Olcott, secretary of state, is now acting governor of Oregon, by virtue of the constitutional provision which passes the duties of the governorship upon the secretary in event of the death or disability of the governor. He will as soon as he takes the oath of office following the funeral of Governor Withycombe, become the governor of the state, Mr. Olcott having announced that he would not take the oath until after the funeral has been held.

Oregon's constitutional provisions relating to succession to the governorship in case of the death of the incumbent are peculiar in that, in such a contingency, the secretary of state ipso facto becomes governor, holding both offices until a successor to the governorship has been elected and qualified at the next succeeding general election.

In the present instance Mr. Olcott will serve as governor until January, 1921, when his successor, elected at the general election of 1920, is inaugurated at the beginning of the legislative session of 1921. During this period he will also serve as secretary of state, his term in this office expiring on the first Monday in January, 1921.

SALEM, March 4.—The funeral of James Withycombe, late governor of Oregon, will be held in this city Thursday, beginning at 2 P. M. The burial also will be in Salem.

Hens Bring Good Price in Portland

MUCH GOOD WORK DONE BY SOLONS AT SESSION

SALEM, Feb. 27.—(Special)—With the passing of the Oregon Legislature into history it may be said without reserve that some of the most constructive legislation ever attempted by any Legislature in the state has been written into the statute books, and unquestionably, when the courts have put some of the other legislation in the scales of justice some exceedingly bad legislation will also be found there.

But from a constructive standpoint members of this Legislature, may on the face of it, look at some big things accomplished along ambitious lines such as never have been worked out before. The outstanding concrete accomplishments seems to be a wonderful road program. A \$10,000,000 bond issue, signed, sealed and ready for delivery heads the list. This is backed up by a new scale of auto license fees designed not only to cover the pay- Secretary of Interior Lane and providing equipped small farms for soldiers, sailors, marines and citizens in private life. Also the mighty \$5,000,000 reconstruction bond plan is included in the program for reference to the people.

This incorporates a building program involving the expenditure of over \$2,500,000 on state buildings at Salem, Eugene, Pendleton, Portland, Corvallis and Monmouth, and armories in various cities of the state including \$87,500 for an armory at Bend.

On top of this \$755,000 will be included for reclamation purposes to be used by the land settlement commission and all of this money for land settlement to be used in conjunction with federal money which will provide for large land development plans, not only in irrigation for Eastern and Southern Oregon, but for drainage plans in the Willamette Valley.

structure around which much of the time of the Legislature revolved and it was only the night before the day of final adjournment that this program was decided on. This includes a land ment of the interest and maintenance charges, but to retire the bonds. This new scale of auto license fees is as follows:

All steam, gasoline and hydrocarbon operated vehicles (except motor trucks having a rated maximum load-carrying capacity of one ton and over) up to and including 23 h. p. \$15; in excess of 23 h. p. and inclusive of 26 h. p. \$22; in excess of 26 h. p. and inclusive of 30 h. p. \$28; in excess of 30 h. p. and inclusive of 36 h. p. \$36; in excess of 36 h. p. and inclusive of 40 h. p. \$48; in excess of 40 h. p. \$56; It is estimated that this rating will bring about \$400,000 more annually into the automobile license fund than the bill as it originally passed the house and will make a wonderful showing in handling the bond issue, and also in making up a fund for meeting the government road money to be matched. In addition to this the Legislature passed a bill providing for a tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline and half a cent on distillate. Rules of the road were also provided for and safety legislation hedging in the letting of road contracts.

In equal rank, and perhaps ahead of the road program in constructive importance stands the program of recent emergency bill with an appropriation of \$50,000 for the purpose of working along the lines suggested by settlement commission now created by Labor won a decided victory at the session just closed when it secured passage of the Home bill which places on the statute books a law which is nearly a replica of the Clayton amendment to the Sherman anti-trust act. This legalizes labor unions and at the same time prevents injunctions against peaceable strikes and peaceable gatherings of labor union men.

Agriculture was well recognized by the Legislature by substantial appropriations for its various activities, by livestock legislation which will materially assist in developing the standard of beef cattle according to the livestock men, by dairy legislation of various kinds, with the oleomargarine tax bill being the outstanding measure for the dairying interests, and by the highway program and reconstruction program, which are all fundamentally in the interests of the agricultural welfare of the state.

Architects secured passage of a board to regulate and provide for certified architects; labor and capital both scored another hit with amendments to the workmen's compensation act which greatly broadens the field of workmen's compensation, and at the same time the Legislature experimented some by providing for a board of conciliation and arbitration. This board cannot have powers inherently to enforce its decision in labor disputes, but it may enforce investigations and it may accomplish something along mediation lines by the use of publicity.

In many big ways the Legislature actually accomplished something for the welfare of the various activities in the state. In many ways it may have done some damage, or it may not. The bad features of the work of Legislatures generally crop out after the members have gone home, and it remains for time to tell yet to what extent the Legislature did damage to the state by bad legislation.

PROBATE COURT

F. McColl filed for guardianship of his three minor brothers and sisters, children of the late James McColl. The children are Floyd, Avril, Lester and Harriet and the estate consists of personal property and insurance valued at \$2,100. He also filed for letters of administration.

James Beattie filed Wednesday for letters of administration of the estate of the late Louis Beattie. The estate consists of personal property valued at \$60 and the petitioner is the only heir.