

HIGHWAY TRIP IS TREAT TO BUYERS

Most Successful Week of Kind Is Brought to Close Happily For All.

GUESTS GIVE HIGH PRAISE

Promoters of Gathering of Northwestern Merchants Here Are Immensely Pleased With Results in Business Way.

Buyers' week, one of the biggest business and social successes known in Portland, came to a close yesterday afternoon with the return from the Columbia River Highway of 650 out-of-the-city guests of the Chamber of Commerce.

The highway trip concluded the long string of specially arranged entertainment features, all of which were handled by a committee consisting of O. W. Mielke, E. J. DeHart and E. N. Weinbaum.

Enough automobiles were volunteered to care for all who wished to take the highway trip yesterday, with the exception of 14 cars engaged by the Chamber of Commerce.

So large was the crowd of men, women and children who wished to take this beautiful scenic trip that it was necessary to have the streets at Fifth and Oak, around the Oregon building, roped off. Chief of Police Johnson detailed patrolmen to handle the crowds and to assist in starting the people off in the cars. It took from 1 to 2 o'clock to send them all on their way.

They went out the Base Line and up the highway to Multnomah Falls and made the return trip by way of the Sandy road. There were no accidents and all of the visitors were loud in compliment of not only this feature of the week, but much praise was heard on all sides over the manner in which the people of Portland treated them throughout the entire six days they were here.

Week Is Most Successful.

"This was by far the most successful as well as the largest buyers' week ever held," said E. N. Weinbaum, secretary-in-charge. "We have already received many letters, complimenting the city upon the way the events were handled. There has been special praise by women visitors who registered at hotels over the fact that a committee of women here sent each one a big bouquet of flowers and showed them other attention, making their stay pleasurable. From a business standpoint, as well as socially, it was a success. Large orders were placed and buying of a general character was heavy. I think we shall have to care for possibly 1500 next year, instead of 1150."

North Bend's Resources Great.

Cecil Brown, of North Bend, Or., was awarded second prize in the big essay contest at the luncheon given last Wednesday at the Portland Hotel by the Ad Club. His booster article was as follows:

It is with pleasure that I am permitted to bring to you the growth, prosperity and future that the city of North Bend, Coos County, Or., enjoys.

As you know, North Bend is located 12 miles from the mouth of Coos Bay, and being 32 feet of water over Coos Bay bar at low tide and a 300-foot channel, 25 feet deep, from the entrance to a distance of five miles of available waterfront.

Adjacent to Coos Bay there is now standing the largest belt of available timber of any port in the world, estimated at 50,000,000,000 feet. Coos County alone has standing merchantable timber equal to what the lumbering state of Michigan had in early days.

Also let me mention that Coos County has 400 square miles underlaid with high quality sub-bituminous coal, coal uncovered from the mines to cars or steamers. I call your attention to these because both lumber and coal are handled or pass through North Bend waterfront.

Industries of the city include a shipyard, three sawmills, a shingle mill, box and veneer plant, iron foundry and a milk condensing establishment.

At present there is being landed daily at the North Bend wharves more than 20,000 pounds of milk to the War Armour Packing Company controls this plant, the daily output of which averages 200 cases of condensed milk.

The North Bend shipyard has contracts for six Government vessels and will enlarge its capacity from three to six ways, and will employ 500 men.

North Bend's payroll at present is \$74,000 per month, 814 men being employed and the minimum average wage being \$3.18 a day.

The United States bar dredge Michie was built and is maintained for Coos Bay service.

Pine Valley's Advantages Told.

Third prize went to Mrs. N. D. Brown, of Halfway, Or., her boost story being as follows:

I believe that in a booster talk the talker should be able to "deliver the goods," and I hope to do that and stick to facts.

I come from Pine Valley, Baker County, Or., of which Halfway is the metropolis. We have a little empire of our own, off the railroad, and a little out of the world, but let me say that our isolation has many advantages.

If this terrible war should cut off our communication with the rest of the world we would not suffer materially. We have plenty of beef, pork, mutton and poultry for meat; all kinds of vegetables, fruits, eggs, milk, butter and cheese for our tables; wool and hides for clothing and shoes; timber for lumber, wood, posts and poles; gold, silver and copper for a medium of exchange.

A stock country is always a country with money. The most independent rancher on earth today is the sheep rancher, and we have lots of them. Our mines last year produced \$750,000 worth of ore.

We raise bluegrass, alfalfa, clover, timothy, wheat, oats and barley. These grow every year, rain or no rain. Our apples can't be beaten anywhere for color and flavor, and spraying is scarcely known.

As diversified as our products are, the business man is always sure to find a market for a crop and money to pay the bills.

We have three churches, a new eight-room grade school, and the first union high school in Baker County.

Pine Valley is one of the beauty spots of the earth. Our rugged mountains, beautiful waterfalls, rolling brooks and pretty farm scenes are unequalled. It is a place to live—cool summers, cool nights all the time, and no dust storms. Mountain breezes woo us to sleep at night and song birds wake us up in the morning.

All of us have cars now and distance is only a challenge. Our nerves are not racked by the noise of the city or the worries of excessive competition. The I. W. W. houses, vagrants and similar wanderers don't disturb us.

It would be hard to show proofs of all I have said, but if any of you care to see a view of Pine Valley I can show you one. The best proof, however, is that I have stuck to facts would be a visit to our valley. I invite you to come and see for yourselves the garden spot of the Northwest.

RAIDERS OF I. W. W. FREE

Oakland Not to Prosecute Soldiers and Sailors.

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 11.—There will be no prosecution of the 200 or more soldiers and sailors who wrecked the Industrial Workers of the World headquarters here last night, unless the military authorities take action, according to the statement today of Acting Chief of Police Lynch, who said that the police have no official knowledge of the affair, as no complaints have been made, adding that the I. W. W. leaders have declared they will not make any complaint.

The damage to the building and the contents was in the neighborhood of \$1000.

NATION RAISES WAGES

Labor Troubles Anticipated by Settling Rises 3 Months Ahead.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Recognizing that labor difficulties at shipyards and arsenals just now might interfere seriously with the Government's war plans, the War and Navy departments have taken steps to set forward three



Elmo Stevens, of Tacoma, Who Was on Convoy Guarding Transport That Carried First American Soldiers to Europe.

months the annual wage adjustments. Instead of the revised schedules going into effect in December, it is expected they will be ready in September.

Decision is being made by a joint board of the Navy, War and Labor departments.

BIG MERGER IS ARRANGED

Nitrogen Extracting Equipment to Be Turned Over to Government.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Negotiations virtually have been completed for the merger of the National Carbon, the Union Carbide and the Air Reduction companies, it became known here today, in a combination to be capitalized at about \$200,000,000.

The combination it was announced, will place at the disposal of the United States and its allies the process and equipment for extracting liquid nitrogen as the basic product for explosives.

LABOR IS STATE PROBLEM

Guardsmen Remain Until New State Militia Is Organized.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 11.—The Attorney-General has notified Senator Pinckney that representatives of his office in consultation with state authorities had agreed that the handling of the labor situation in the state of Washington should be left to the state government.

The War Department has decided to leave on duty those National Guardsmen who are doing police duty until the new state militia can be organized and equipped to take over this task.

Red Cross Wants Stenographer.

Any ambitious stenographer with a little spare time can perform a patriotic service by working for the Red Cross. The headquarters of the Portland chapter is in need of assistance in the following lines: Stenography and typing, pen work, errand boy and general helpfulness. They are also in need of old table linen and soft muslin, which may be left at 204 Corbett building, or at any one of the working centers of the Red Cross.

TEARFUL GOODBYES GIVEN AS SECOND BATTALION DEPARTS

Soldiers of Third Oregon Hear Stirring Address by Mayor Baker—Men Leave in Fit Condition and Money in Their Pockets.

BY WILL G. MACRAE.
WITH THE THIRD (BEAVER) REGIMENT, OREGON INFANTRY, Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Gone—the Second Battalion, Third Oregon Infantry.

Mayor Baker, of Portland, just before the entraining time, delivered a farewell address to the soldiers. After outlining the great object to be obtained and the sacrifice expected of the American soldier, the Mayor, like all good orators, saved the best for the last. He said:

"Give them hell—God bless you and goodby."

There was the usual gathering of mothers, fathers and the rest of the dear folk, to bid the soldiers Godspeed. Early in the morning, Colonel John L. May broke the closed camp rule, and gave the visiting relatives privilege of the camp. The reservation was soon a brilliant picture, made so by the brown khaki of the soldiers blending into the thirt-brown earth, with the varied colors of the garments worn by the women.

Best of all, it was a day of the return of the Spartan mother, sister and sweetheart. Only one mother broke under the stress of the goodbye. She melted into tears, and became so nervous that she left camp several hours before train time.

It was 1 o'clock before the first two companies, accompanied by the band, marched to the depot and entrained. Fifteen minutes later the other companies entrained, and the railroad journey to the Southland began. Major Eugene Mosherberger is in command. All

TAR KEEPS SECRET

Tacoma Fears Only That He May Talk When Asleep.

TRIP MADE WITH TROOPS

Elmo Stevens Knows All About Sailing of First American Expedition to France—Destroyer on Guard Constantly.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—Elmo Stevens, United States Navy, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stevens here, is not afraid of submarines or the whole German navy, but he is afraid of just one thing, and that is talking in his sleep.

If Elmo Stevens should, through an overdose of Welsh rabbit or mince pie, begin an interesting little monologue with a couple of loyal Germans for an audience, the biggest secrets of the United States War Office would be ignominiously wrecked.

Elmo knows this and will not tell; he knows when and how the first expedition of American soldiers left for France; he knows from what port they sailed and at what port they landed. By day and by night a little destroyer he was kept circling a big transport, with 4000 American troops, on the look out for German submarines.

For 14 days the destroyer kept watch over the transport, making 12 knots and hour by day and traveling much more slowly at night. For 14 days the little crew braved every peril of the seas and finally left its charge a mile distant from its destined port. Several times just at twilight and before dawn the destroyer sighted evidence of submarines, unquestionably of German faith, and she kept them at bay so that the ship might reach France with America's "finest."

"We were never told what the transport was or the nature of her cargo," said Stevens. "We did our duty as we saw it."

Mr. Stevens' enlistment expired when the destroyer returned to an American port. On August 28 he will re-enlist through the Tacoma office as chief electrician.

SOLDIERS FIGHT FIRE

SUBURBAN HOMES THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION.

Women, Armed With Wet Sacks and Shovels, Aid Volunteers in Efforts to Control Brush Blaze.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—A brush fire which started on the property of R. S. Ramsey, near Kellogg Creek, Thursday afternoon, this afternoon assumed such proportions that the combined efforts of a detachment of the Third Oregon Machine Gun Company, a group of volunteers from Oregon City and all the residents of the district in danger were required to keep it within bounds.

Late this afternoon the fire was checked by a backfire started near the corner of Courtney avenue and Oakfield road, and extending along a slough to the east. At one time about 20 houses were threatened by the fire.

The combination it was announced, will place at the disposal of the United States and its allies the process and equipment for extracting liquid nitrogen as the basic product for explosives.

Women, armed with wet sacks and shovels, fought desperately until late last night, and took up the fight again this morning at an early hour, only to see their efforts wasted about noon, when a change of wind turned the blaze to the east and south into new brush.

Mrs. C. S. Lillard, who lives on some property owned by T. B. Miller, was among those who fought fire from daybreak this morning until late this evening. About 30 men of the Third Oregon Machine Gun Company, with First Lieutenant L. H. Compton in command, rendered valuable assistance.

Private Leeburg, of the machine gun company, was temporarily overcome by the heat and smoke, but recovered after a few moments and returned to the fight.

According to Mrs. D. C. Bates, whose home is on the Oakfield road south of Courtney avenue, the fire was apparently under control early this morning, and most of the men and women who had been watching it left. About 11 o'clock the wind changed and the fire swept up a ravine parallel to Courtney avenue, covering an area of about 35 acres before it was controlled this afternoon.

Autoist Is Sued.

Jack Starvagis is plaintiff in a \$1500 personal injury suit started yesterday against W. U. Sanderson as the result of injuries sustained when an automobile owned by Sanderson crashed into him as he was riding a bicycle near East Twenty-first and Division streets. His injuries, he alleges, are serious in their nature.

"On Trial" was the first photoplay bought by the First National Exhibitor's Circuit made up of the leading picture theaters of America and passed unanimously by its board of directors before it was bought



ON TRIAL

—YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT—

As a stage production "On Trial" was the most dramatic as well as the most successful of all Cohan & Harris attractions. Its adaptation to the screen as a super-feature illustrates vividly the superiority of the screen over the stage. As a photodrama it is unrivaled in dynamic force, gripping, intense suspense and high voltage dramatic climax. Conceive in your mind a loving husband and father—at the bar of justice—accused of murder—hearing his wife confess to her relations with the murdered man. Suspicion rests on the wife, too. He takes the stand and faces electrocution. The drama terminates in a most unexpected and unforeseen denouement.

SEVEN REELS—
STARTS TODAY

15c—Children 5c

Liberty Corner—Broadway at Stark

LIBERTY

Curran L. McFadden for Second Lieutenant, Infantry.
John V. Greer for Second Lieutenant, Infantry.
Francis N. Banta for Second Lieutenant, Infantry.
J. Waldo Finn for Second Lieutenant, Infantry.
Adolphus A. Schwarz for Second Lieutenant, Infantry.
By command of Major-General Liggott: H. H. WHITNEY, Colonel, Adjutant-General, Department.

Before the examination of the officers named in this list, that of the Captains was held. They also passed through the ordeal successfully. This is proved by the fact that they were notified to accept their commissions by telegram, which was done Sunday. Had they failed, the War Department

would have notified them to drop out, as was done in the case of the 19 officers of the California National Guard.

Major Edwards, the paymaster, visited camp this morning and paid off the men of the Second Battalion. He will make another ever-welcome visit in the morning and bring happiness to the rest of the regiment.

If it happen that the Portland dealers in garden truck should say to the good wife or hired help, "Cabbage, there isn't a head of cabbage to be bought from the truck farmers," know that William J. Reidt (father of the Third Oregon) has been on the job again.

Early this morning, 4 o'clock to be

exact, Bill was abroad with his automobile, and with the general's further use of sideboards, he brought to camp 2180 pounds of freshly cut cabbage. Inquiry from a farmer developed the information that cabbage bought at the farm brings 2 1/2 cents a pound. Certainly Bill Reidt is helping Uncle Sam feed one of his armies. He is the one man in the state that believes in the direct application.

First-Class Private Percy C. Heffernon, Company F, one of the best buglers in the Beaver regiment, has been appointed a corporal.

When the special order book has an order that reads something like this, "Corporal Kent L. Moody, Company G,

has been reduced to the grade of private at his own request," frequently further down the printed page one is apt to run into this, "Private Kent L. Moody, Company G, is hereby transferred to Headquarters Company and appointed Sergeant. He will report to the company commander at once."

September First