

BENSON SCHOOL IS OFFERED TO TROOPS

Plan to Use Institution as Reconstruction Hospital for Wounded Indorsed.

FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE

Proposal to Provide Occupational Training for War Victims Made by Dr. E. A. Sommer—Public Co-operation Is Sought.

If the great war shall shatter some portion of the young manhood that the Pacific Northwest is sending to Europe to fight the battles of humanity, where would a wounded soldier from Oregon, or Washington, or Montana, or Idaho, desire most to be?

In answer to this, and in recognition of the probable need for "reconstruction hospitals," such as are now operated with great success in France and England, Dr. E. A. Sommer, member of the Portland School Board, supported by his fellow directors, has proposed that the unused facilities of the Benson Polytechnic School be devoted to the rehabilitation and occupational training of wounded soldiers.

At a recent meeting of the School Board, where the plan was first offered by Dr. Sommer, the proposal was unanimously indorsed and Dr. Sommer named as chairman of a committee to further the important project.

Trade School Is Complete. At present the plant of the Benson Polytechnic has facilities for 800 pupils, with administrative provisions for 2000. The enrollment of school pupils is 250. At a comparatively moderate expense the entire unit could be increased to a capacity of 2000 pupils. Admittedly no other city on the Pacific Coast has a trade school so finely appointed and admirably located as is the Benson Polytechnic. Its facilities for occupational training have been chosen and installed with scrupulous care, until it stands for all that a thoroughly modern trade school should be.

As for "reconstruction hospitals," the great war has been in progress but a short time when the allies understood the need for institutions of such character. Homes from the battle line came tens of thousands of wounded soldiers, crippled and incapacitated. In many instances the nature of their wounds forbade a return to occupations at which they had been employed prior to the war. They were faced with the terrible snarl of enforced idleness, accentuated by melancholia induced by brooding upon their unfortunate state.

Both England and France responded with hospitals for occupational training, called "reconstruction hospitals." The purpose of these hospitals was two-fold, and was furthered by wonderful success from the outset, so much so that the work raced far ahead of the original designs and became the most important means of restoring capable and efficient, self-supporting sons to the allied nations. The student-patients, with respect to their disabilities, were taught trades that insured their future competence equal to, or in excess of, those of pre-war days. The black spell of brooding idleness was lifted and recovery to health were rapid.

Facilities Held Excellent.

"With the excellent facilities of the Benson Polytechnic School," said Dr. Sommer yesterday, "capable for almost unlimited extension, and with the superior new medical school of the University of Oregon, now under process of construction, for which Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie has worked so unremittingly, this city has both the facilities and the personnel to carry on the reconstruction work."

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junction in the reconstruction work with the Benson Polytechnic, would afford an unequalled basis for the establishment of the reconstruction hospital, a basis that no other Pacific Coast city can equal.

"If this war continues, as we have every reason to believe, the time is almost at hand when the Pacific Northwest will have need for such a hospital. We must profit by the experience of England, which was forced to establish them. The time to take up preliminary work for such an establishment is now, and to interest the Government in Portland's offer."

Portland Ideal Location.

"Where would a wounded boy from any of the Pacific Coast States wish to be taken? Back to his home, or as near as possible, that is certain. There he might see his relatives and friends in congenial surroundings and with interesting employment his recovery would be greatly facilitated.

VETERAN DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCEPTS POST AS DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY.

Richard Delch. After five years of legal battling as a deputy in the office of District Attorney Evans, during which time he secured a formidable total of convictions, Richard Delch has accepted the position of Deputy City Attorney, stationed at the Municipal Court.

The change was effected November 1. Mr. Delch, who served with distinction as a member of the Second Oregon throughout the Philippine campaign, bears the reputation of being an uncompromising antagonist in legal battle and his prosecutions of liquor violators while serving as Deputy District Attorney are credited with having gone far toward making the illicit business both unprofitable and unpopular.

Upon the campus of the Benson Polytechnic the Government could construct the temporary hospital buildings proper, according to Dr. Sommer's plan, adding additional ground from the Buckman tract. Larger acreage is needed. For the occupational training of wounded soldiers the splendid plant of the Benson Polytechnic, perfectly heated, lighted and equipped, would be at the disposal of the Government. The courses of the commercial high school also would be offered by the Portland School District to the student wounded.

Purpose of Hospital Explained.

The purpose of the reconstruction hospital, as conceived in England, is stated in a recent article appearing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, as follows: "The British War Office and the Royal Army Medical Corps early realized that the responsibility of the government to the wounded soldier did not end when he was discharged from hospital with his primary wounds healed, but with his usefulness more or less impaired. They appreciated that to give a man, with a shattered limb, contracted trench foot, or a paralyzed arm, a pension sufficient to keep him alive and enable him to shift for himself was economically unsound. They therefore undertook the study and perfection of methods to restore each man as nearly as possible to a state of activity and earning power which should approximate or excel that man's state before he went into the war."

Against discouragement and apathy, Sir Robert Jones, the great orthopedic surgeon of Liverpool, struggled for the establishment of reconstruction hospitals where the men might be restored to health and usefulness. Provisions in the British Isles are now for approximately 11,000 such patients, with a future minimum fixed at 30,000. The work has been successful beyond the highest hopes of its founders.

Patients Learn Trades.

As an adjunct to the hospitals proper are large workshops where woodworking, forgeworking, splintmaking, repairing and artificial limb manufacturing are taught. The patients are kept busy and physical and economic recovery is hastened. Both in France and England it is the object of the reconstruction hospitals to fit each patient so that he may enter civilian life again with little if any handicap.

In tentative plans recently announced by the Government it was indicated that three such hospitals were to be located on the Pacific Coast, one at Los Angeles, one at San Francisco and one at Seattle. Neither of the latter can offer to the Government the ideal location and facilities which Portland is prepared to present, declares Dr. Sommer.

From the standpoint of occupational training, the Benson Polytechnic is unexcelled and available. The construction of the perfectly appointed Medical School of the University of Oregon adds an inducement in the creation of a medical center in Portland, to serve in conjunction with the school facilities offered by the Portland School District.

No Extra Expense Entailed.

The establishment of the reconstruction hospital would be of no expense to the taxpayers, as the Government would erect the additional hospital buildings necessary and provide equipment. It is conceived that Portland is the logical point for the establishment of a reconstruction hospital, Dr. Sommer, through the authority given him by the School Board, and actuated by his keen interest in the welfare of the soldier-sons of the Pacific Coast, is asking for public co-operation in the project, which will in due time be brought to the attention of the Government.

Philomath Has Small Fire.

PHILOMATH, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in the warehouse adjoining D. Rosenbaum's general merchandise store this morning about 3 o'clock. The building was partially destroyed, as were groceries and canned goods stored there, but the main store was little damaged and the stock in the store suffered no injury. The stock was insured but the buildings, which belonged to J. E. Henkle, were not. Evidence points to incendiarism.

VETERAN TO AID "Y"

E. G. Hannah, Wounded by Shrapnel at Ypres, Here.

HUTS OFFER COMFORTS

Work of Organization at Front Described—Campaign for \$35,000.—Der 11 to 19.

Direct from the trenches in Flanders and still suffering from the effects of 12 Boche wounds, E. G. Hannah, one of the veterans of the third battle of Ypres, arrived in Portland yesterday morning under special orders from the Canadian military authorities to assist the state war work council of the Y. M. C. A. in the forthcoming campaign to be waged to raise Oregon's quota of the \$35,000,000 fund with which to carry on the work of the association in the National Army cantonments and overseas.

Although still exceedingly young in years, Hannah is a veteran in experience, having served nearly a year in the first-line trenches in Belgium and France. As the result of a dozen shrapnel wounds about the legs, he will be permanently incapacitated from perfect locomotion.

Hannah Praised Y. M. C. A.

Of the work of the Y. M. C. A. at the western battle front, Hannah speaks in the highest terms of praise. "In the very trenches, within the shadow of the redoubts of the Hun, the Y. M. C. A. has erected tents, from which coffee and sandwiches are served at regular intervals to the men on duty," he said in detailing the character of the work undertaken by the association.

The Y. M. C. A. huts are from one to five miles beyond the trenches. Here the boys find so many comforts that they forget their trials and hardships of the day to the extent that they get together and dance around the hut.

"I have been in the trenches for nine or 10 days, standing almost up to my shoulders in water and slush, and my first thought when leaving the trenches was of the 'Y,' where a warm fire was awaiting me and hot coffee and sandwiches. There I dried my clothes, placed by there, and at times was furnished with warm, dry clothing by the Y. M. C. A."

"The huts are used for church services of all denominations at different hours."

Nine of 13 Killed.

In describing the circumstances surrounding the manner in which he came to be eliminated as a factor in the world war, Hannah said that after coming out of the trenches at Hill 60, near Ypres, where he was with the Third Battalion of the Third Regiment, First Division of the Canadian army, heavy shelling of the road occurred in the darkness and upon turning a horse-shoe bend in the highway a large force of Hunns was encountered. Of the 13 Canadians in the party nine were killed and four, including Hannah, were wounded.

"I received 12 shrapnel bullets in my legs and feet," said the young soldier. "I was taken to a dressing station and then to the Y. M. C. A. hut, where I was given coffee, and then to a hospital."

Hannah says he found Y. M. C. A. workers on the hospital ship which brought him home.

Hannah to Speak.

He is a guest at the local "Y" building and will be sent to various cities in the state during the campaign for funds so that prospective subscribers may hear at first hand the excellent work being accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. on the battle fields of Europe. Plans for the great drive for Oregon's quota to the National fund of \$35,000,000 to be raised by the Y. M. C. A. have been completed and the county organizations are ready for the signal to start work. The drive for November 11 to 19 has been fixed for the campaign.

ENTRY TO CAMP IS SOUGHT

University of Oregon Trying to Get on Approved List.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—To obtain entrance to the Third Officers' Reserve training camps for graduates of the school is one of the problems now occupying the attention of the university authorities.

When it was announced that appointments to the third series of camps would be made to graduates of military colleges of repute and of a few universities which had recently installed military training, application was made to have Oregon designated as one of the number. The application was based upon the showing made by Oregon graduates at the first series of camps, where more than 50 per cent of the candidates from the university obtained commissions.

Gresham Farmer Loses Home.

GRESHAM, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—The residence of James Burns, a farmer living a few miles east of Gresham, was burned to the ground yesterday, when a can of grease being heated on the range in the kitchen exploded, throwing burning grease all over the room. The flames spread so rapidly that nothing could be saved. The entire contents of the house, including a large stock of winter food, were destroyed. Insurance of \$400 was carried on the house.

Polk's Birthday to Be Observed.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—The local Daughters of the American

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Revolution will commemorate the birthday of former President James K. Polk, for whom this county was named in an open meeting at the Dallas Library Monday evening. A special programme has been prepared for the occasion. The local chapter was named Sarah Childress Polk, after President Polk's wife.

MANY GRADUATES ENLIST

Eighteen Per Cent of O. A. C Alumni Membership in Service.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Oregon Agricultural alumni has 18 per cent of its membership in National service. Statistics compiled in the office of the president of the college show that, not including 1917 graduates, 119 men are in the service. Of 849 of last year's graduates who replied to questions sent out, 169 have gone into military service.

POLK TO GET \$51,000 TAX

Back Levies on O. & C. Lands to Pay Bridge Debt.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—After a delay of several years Polk County will receive the back taxes from the O. & C. grant lands that are located in the western part of the county. Oswald West, a Portland attorney, was in the city this week checking up the records in the Sheriff's office on the O. & C. lands and stated to Sheriff John Orr that the amount due this county was something over \$51,000. Polk was one of the few counties to get a large share of the back taxes.

Toledo Boys Assigned to Ships.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Gail Steinberger and Robert Lambert, two Toledo boys in the Navy who have been stationed at Bremerton, have been assigned to sea duty and have left for parts unknown. The boys had expected to remain together, but in assigning them to ships they were

separated. August Forth, of Winlock, was home this week, his ship being on drydock.

Army Officials After Mohair.

DALLAS, Or., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—U. S. Grant, of this city, president of

the National Mohair Growers' Association, this week received inquiries from officials of the United States Army equipment department, with specifications for saddle blankets composed of 50 per cent mohair. Mr. Grant will have such an article made immediately and will forward it to the department.

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