

### FARMERS OF WOOD RIVER FORTUNATE

Peace and Happiness Unknown Elsewhere Dwell in Klamath Wilds.

### GOLDEN TIDE UNSTEMMED

Pelton Families and L. C. Sismore Operate Huge Tracts at Big Profit, Have Splendid Homes and Travel at Pleasure.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. For many years the farmers of the United States were held up to ridicule because their occupation was, as a rule, unsuccessful. But of late years the farmers have been coming into their own and today the forehanded farmers have the laugh on most other business men. Indeed, there are no other business men in the country who are in better condition than the successful farmers, and on good land, in good location as to market, there is no reason why every farmer who has been free from a run of untoward circumstances, should not be successful. As I have traveled back and forth throughout Oregon I have met with many farmers who are more to be envied than a Rockefeller or a Carnegie. It is true none of them have reached the high financial positions as have those financial geniuses, but they get more out of life for themselves and their families than do ninetenths of the very wealthy men of the country.

**Rancher's Lot is Envid.** And of all the farmers in Oregon I think those of the Wood River Valley, in Klamath County, are the most to be envied. Perhaps the reader will laugh at such a suggestion; will cite the altitude of that section as against the farmer; will recall the winters of severe cold and deep snows; will, in fact, decry that section when compared with some of the best sections of the Willamette, Rogue or Umpqua valleys. If they do this it will be because they are not familiar with that rather remote district. If you will take a map of Oregon and look at the Upper Klamath Lake you will see where the Wood River comes rushing down from the Cascade Mountains. Some 25 miles to the west lies Crater Lake. On the eastern-central portion of the valley is the little town of Fort Klamath. To the south another and to the north another of the valley to the west lies the Upper Klamath Lake.

The elevation is over 4700 feet. The entire valley is under irrigation from the waters of Wood River, Anna Creek, Seven-Mile Creek and Crane Creek. Practically every bit of the land is, or can be irrigated from these streams and the water rights appertain to the land, the farmers having constructed their own irrigation systems. In addition to this every farm has one or more artesian flowing wells and nearly every dwelling and stock barn is supplied with clear, pure running water. The contour of the valley is such that expensive canals and laterals are unnecessary, and all of the irrigating, practically speaking, is done by gravity flooding, while extensive drainage canals are not needed.

**Hardy Vegetables Do Well.** The seasons there are short, but all hardy vegetables, such as cabbage, onions, turnips, beets, parsnips, carrots, radishes and rutabagas thrive. Grains—oats, wheat, rye and barley—can be raised there as successfully as in any other part of the state. But the principal products are alfalfa, hay—timothy, clover and alkali—and the principal business of the farmers is in the raising of these crops into beef, wool, mutton and pork. As for alkali, there is no other portion of Oregon where there are such pure, clean fields of that succulent clover as in the Wood River Valley. I remember that two years ago the coming Autumn I went over a good part of the valley with President Kerr and Regents Walter M. Horoe and Jefferson Myers and we saw alkali fields that each said surpassed in luxuriance and yield any fields of the kind they had ever seen. One field of some 400 acres belongs to F. H. Park, of Page & Son, Portland, which was a veritable picture of beauty.

I have met at various times and in various places some of the most successful of the Wood River Valley farmers, notably John E. Pelton, James E. Pelton, his brother, and their half-

### "SHOW OF WONDERS" PROMISES TO ECLIPSE ALL ITS PREDECESSORS

Production, Featuring Long List of Noted Singers and Comedians, Will Be Attraction at Hellig Theater on Wednesday Evening, March 20.



Eugene and Willie Howard

**IN** point of magnitude and scenic effects, number of people required and splendor of appointments, the "Show of Wonders," the 20th production to be made by the New York Winter Garden, and which comes on March 20 to the Hellig, is said to eclipse all its predecessors.

The fact that this huge extravaganza amused New Yorkers for more than seven months, and Chicagoans for more than four months, and Boston and Philadelphia for long runs, is an indication of the piece's success. Heading its long list of singers and comedians will be the operatic brothers, Eugene and Willie Howard; the unique comedian, Tom Lewis; the imitable Sidney Phillips; the nimble-footed dancers, White and Clayton; Dan Quinlan, the old minstrel star, and the celebrated Russian ballet dancer, Jacques Kujawski. Flora Lea will portray the role of Eve in the "back to nature" scenes, and will also play the part of a slave girl in the brilliant Burghese ballet. Other charming personalities in the "Show of Wonders" are Virginia Smith, Adele Ardley, Patie O'Hearn, Myrtle Victorine and Irene Zolar.

From the costumer's point of view, nothing has been left undone to secure colorful effects and the sartorial equipment runs the gamut from Eve-like attire to modish Parisian models. The costumes of the "back to nature" scenes, and the water rights appertain to the land, the farmers having constructed their own irrigation systems. In addition to this every farm has one or more artesian flowing wells and nearly every dwelling and stock barn is supplied with clear, pure running water.

The contour of the valley is such that expensive canals and laterals are unnecessary, and all of the irrigating, practically speaking, is done by gravity flooding, while extensive drainage canals are not needed.

**Hardy Vegetables Do Well.** The seasons there are short, but all hardy vegetables, such as cabbage, onions, turnips, beets, parsnips, carrots, radishes and rutabagas thrive. Grains—oats, wheat, rye and barley—can be raised there as successfully as in any other part of the state. But the principal products are alfalfa, hay—timothy, clover and alkali—and the principal business of the farmers is in the raising of these crops into beef, wool, mutton and pork.

I have met at various times and in various places some of the most successful of the Wood River Valley farmers, notably John E. Pelton, James E. Pelton, his brother, and their half-



Flora Lea

**"Show of Wonders,"** where they are raised to the 20th degree. "Over the Top" is the name of the new Winter Garden sensation, and it is a stunner, for it shows a mysterious raid on the German trenches by American aeroplanes and the scene which ensues is said to rival description in its intensity.

From the costumer's point of view, nothing has been left undone to secure colorful effects and the sartorial equipment runs the gamut from Eve-like attire to modish Parisian models. The costumes of the "back to nature" scenes, and the water rights appertain to the land, the farmers having constructed their own irrigation systems. In addition to this every farm has one or more artesian flowing wells and nearly every dwelling and stock barn is supplied with clear, pure running water.

The contour of the valley is such that expensive canals and laterals are unnecessary, and all of the irrigating, practically speaking, is done by gravity flooding, while extensive drainage canals are not needed.

**Hardy Vegetables Do Well.** The seasons there are short, but all hardy vegetables, such as cabbage, onions, turnips, beets, parsnips, carrots, radishes and rutabagas thrive. Grains—oats, wheat, rye and barley—can be raised there as successfully as in any other part of the state. But the principal products are alfalfa, hay—timothy, clover and alkali—and the principal business of the farmers is in the raising of these crops into beef, wool, mutton and pork.

I have met at various times and in various places some of the most successful of the Wood River Valley farmers, notably John E. Pelton, James E. Pelton, his brother, and their half-

### DRAFTED MEN FALL

Questionnaires of 122 Registrants Not Returned.

### INFORMATION IS SOUGHT

Local Exemption Board Reminds Every Citizen of Duty to Give Present Whereabouts of All Delinquent Registrants.

A Nation-wide campaign will be conducted by the American Red Cross and the Commission for Relief in Belgium to obtain at least 5000 tons of clothes for the destitute people of Belgium and occupied parts of France.

The campaign was proposed by Herbert C. Hoover, who urged H. F. Davison, chairman of the war council of the Red Cross, to sponsor the movement. It will be held between March 15 and 25, and every citizen will be sent to the Atlantic border and assembled there for overseas.

No arrangements have yet been made here for handling the donations, but R. F. Fraai, director of the Red Cross workroom, said committees for the work would be appointed.

"We shall arrange to receive these donations," he said, "but we must ask Portlanders to withhold their donations until March 15, as we will require an organization to handle the situation."

**Serviceable Clothes Wanted.** That it will be an easy matter to collect 5000 tons of clothing in the country seems undoubted, but Red Cross officials ask all donors to remember that these clothes must see hard wear and act accordingly.

Mr. Hoover's letter to Mr. Davison follows: "Washington, Feb. 25.—My Dear Mr. Davison: The practically entire exhaustion of clothing, shoes and leather in occupied Belgium and Northern France and the shortage of those necessities in the world's markets are making it increasingly difficult for the Commission for Relief in Belgium to keep clothed and shod the unfortunate people of these occupied territories. In addition to new material, we need gifts of used and surplus clothing and shoes, blankets, flannel cloth, etc. in large quantities from the people of the United States."

As the Commission has allowed most of its local committees scattered over the United States to disband because of the financial arrangement made last year, the Red Cross, with its existing elaborate system of local organizations, would be in excellent situation to conduct this clothing campaign for us. Will you lend the machinery of this organization to collect for the commission from the people of the country the clothing and shoes which you have on hand? From your repeated cordial offers of co-operation of the American Red Cross in any of the charitable work of our commission, I have no doubt of the answer you will make to our present request. Faithfully yours,

(Signed) HERBERT C. HOOVER, "Chairman Red Cross War Council."

**Davison Approves Plan.** To which, under date of March 4, Mr. Davison replied: "My Dear Mr. Hoover: In response to your request on behalf of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, the Red Cross will be glad to undertake the collection of used and surplus clothing and other articles for the use of the Commission in its relief work in occupied territory in Belgium and France. We have set aside the week of March 15 to 25 for a special campaign for this purpose. We will send out your appeal to all chapters through our divisional organization. Where your local committee still exist, we trust this work may be done by such committees in co-operation with our local chapter, in order that the chapters may feel that they, too, have a part in the great work. Cordially yours,

(Signed) H. P. DAVISON, "Chairman Red Cross War Council."

**Widow Wins Insurance Fight.** ABERDEEN, Wash., March 9.—(Special)—Mrs. Allen Logan has won her \$5000 against the New York Life Insurance Company for insurance carried by her husband, who died in Portland two years ago. Logan was a well-known local logger. The company claimed that he was in poor health before he took out the insurance.

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## The Entire Swastika Biscuit Line "Goes Over the Top" as 'Victory Products' to Back Up Uncle Sam



From this date on and until such time as our Government feels that the enormous demand of our allies and our men "over there" for wheat flour has been met, the entire Swastika Line will contain 33 1/2 per cent or more of the coarser grain substitutes—

### a True Victory Line

Our MASTER BAKERS have again proven themselves by retaining all the goodness and marked superiority of the original Swastika line. Swastika Victory Products will at once appeal to all, for each in his turn wants and is anxious to serve our Government when and wherever possible.

Yours for Victory

## Pacific Coast Biscuit Co.

PORTLAND, OREGON

### OREGON MOSS VALUABLE

SUBSTITUTE FOR ABSORBENT COTTON IS FOUND.

Sphagnum Moss, Plentiful in State, Is Being Widely Used by Red Cross in Dressing Wounds.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 4.—(Special)—Sphagnum moss, such as most florists use in wrapping the stems of cut flowers to keep them fresh, is soon to be added to Oregon's long list of contributions to the Nation's war chest. The moss, which is found in large quantities in the salt marshes along the Oregon coast, has been found to be an excellent substitute for absorbent cotton and is being widely used by the Red Cross in the war zones.

To what extent the moss is to be found in this state is to be determined by the university through a survey conducted by Professor A. H. Sweetser, of the botany department. Professor Sweetser, who returned Sunday from Seattle, where he was in conference with Dr. H. J. Smith, head of the National survey work on sphagnum moss, and other prominent botanists of the Northwest, announced that he would commence his survey at once. No definite plans have yet been given out regarding the means that will be adopted for gathering and preparing the moss. It is probable, however, that school children will be utilized in gathering and that the moss will then be shipped to the university, where it will be prepared and made ready for shipment.

"Sphagnum moss is a comparatively new discovery as far as its utility for war purposes goes," said Professor Sweetser. "It is extremely plentiful along the coast of Oregon and Washington and has great value as a substitute for absorbent cotton and also for oakum, which requires such careful preparation before it can be used for the pads and wipes required in all surgical work in hospitals. It is even more absorbent than oakum and its decomposition is slow, which further recommends it for hospital use."

**SCHOOL PROBLEM SOLVED** Oregon Normal Provides Real Experience for Teachers.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, March 9.—(Special)—The Oregon Normal School has solved the problem of recruiting training school pupils in order that the Normal student teachers may have practical experience in teaching before they are called to actual work in Oregon schools. The independent public school, which at the first of this year was added to the Normal system, is supplying the senior class with the necessary material for grade teaching.

President Ackerman, in reviewing the training school facilities, says the pupils are getting thorough instruction and the young teachers are at ease in imparting instruction, since the schools now are not overcrowded. With the prospect for a bigger enrollment in both the Normal and Independence schools next year, no alarm is felt over the limitation of the training school situation.

### HOSTESS HOUSE IN LEAD

Camp Lewis Establishment Mentioned for Great Usefulness.

TACOMA, Wash., March 9.—(Special)—The Y. W. C. A. hostess house at Camp Lewis was the only one of its kind specifically mentioned for the work it is doing at the National Y. W. C. A. board meeting in New York. That was the report brought back by Miss Jane N. Scott, chief executive for the Northwest Y. W. C. A. work, who was in Tacoma today en route from the conference.

Miss Scott said that the number of persons fed and cared for here exceeded any of the others. As an example Miss Scott pointed out that 249 persons were fed there in a day recently at the cafeteria, as against 500 at the Camp Dodge hostess house.

### OFFICIALS MAY PAY TAX

Salary if Included in Income, Subject to Federal Taxation.

State and other public officials will be permitted to pay a war income tax on their salaries if they will include that revenue in their income tax statement without disclosing its source. This is the substance of an opinion that has just been received by Collector of In-

### DRIVE FORCES ORGANIZED

Linn County Liberty Loan Speakers Already Engaged.

ALBANY, O., March 9.—(Special)—Dan Johnston, chairman of the committee on speakers for the coming liberty loan drive in Linn County, is planning his work so that speakers will be available at all meetings where ad-

resses on the liberty loan drive are desired. Linn County speakers already selected are C. E. Fox, L. L. Swan, F. E. Van Tassel, Willard L. Marck, W. A. Eastburn, P. D. Gilbert, Rev. O. B. Pershing and A. C. Schmitt.

W. H. Hornbrook, editor of the Albany Democrat and ex-United States Minister to Siam; Samuel M. Garland, of Lebanon, State Senator from Linn County, and A. C. Schmitt, vice-president of the First National Bank of Albany, are among the local men, who have accepted invitations to make liberty loan talks in other sections of the state.

Phone your want ads to The Oregonian. Main 7078, A 6095.

## Tendency to Constipation?

### USE THIS LAXATIVE!

Dietitians advise a "careful diet," but that is troublesome to most people; physical culturists advise "certain exercises," which is good if one has both the time and the inclination. Doctors advise diet and exercise and medicine. The question is, shall it be a cathartic or purgative medicine? Or a mild, gentle laxative? Thousands have decided the question to their own satisfaction by using a combination of simple laxative herbs with that known to druggists as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A small dose gives a free, easy movement of the bowels. It is the best substitute for nature herself. In fact, since the ingredients are wholly from the vegetable kingdom it may truthfully be said it is a natural laxative.

Its positive but gentle action on the bowels makes it an ideal remedy for constipation. The dose is small, and it may be taken with perfect safety until the bowels are regulated and act again of their own accord.

The druggist will refund your money if it fails to do as promised.

**NO INCREASE** In spite of enormous increased laboratory costs due to the war the manufacturers of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin are sacrificing their profits and absorbing the war taxes, so that this family laxative may remain at the former price of 50c and \$1.00 a large bottle. So said by druggists for 30 years.

**FREE SAMPLES**—Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the largest selling liquid laxative in America. If you have never used it, send in a order for a free trial bottle to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 468 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. If you have babies in the family send for a copy of "The Care of the Baby."



### Lift Corns Off! Doesn't Hurt!

Don't let corns ache twice! Lift any corn or callus off with fingers—Here's magic!

For a few cents you can get a small bottle of the magic freeness discovered by a Cincinnati chemist. Just ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freeness. Apply a few drops upon a tender, aching corn and instantly that old bothersome corn stops hurting, then shortly you can lift it out, root and all, with the fingers.

Just think! Not one bit of pain before applying freeness or afterwards. It doesn't even irritate the surrounding skin. Hard corns, soft corns, or corns between the toes, or hardened calluses on bottom of feet shrivel up and fall off without hurting a particle. Ladies! Keep freeness handy on your dresser. Wonderful!

## Don't Suffer From Piles

Send For Free Trial Treatment. No matter how long or how bad—go to your druggist today and get a 50 cent box of Pyramid Pile Treatment.



The Pyramid Smile From a Single Trial will give relief, and a single box often cures. A trial package mailed free in plain wrapper if you send us coupon below.

**FREE SAMPLE COUPON** PYRAMID DRUG COMPANY, 282 Franklin Bldg., Marshall, Mich. Kindly send me a Free sample of Pyramid Pile Treatment, in plain wrapper. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

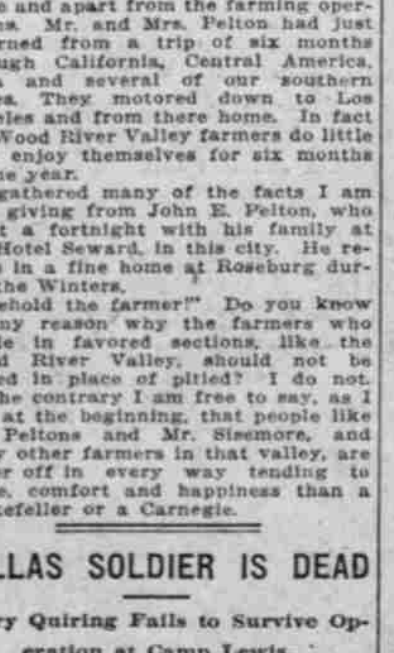
### DALLAS SOLDIER IS DEAD

Harry Quiring Fails to Survive Operation at Camp Lewis.

DALLAS, Or., March 8.—(Special)—Word was received in this city yesterday that Harry Quiring, a young man of German parentage, who enlisted in the United States Army last December, had passed away in the military hospital at Camp Lewis, following an operation for appendicitis.

### CALL OF MOVIES PROVES TOO MUCH FOR FAMOUS ATHLETES

Mike Donlin, Jack Goodman and George Walsh Compile Celluloid History in "Jack Spurlock, Prodigal." Here This Week.



Left to Right, Jack Goodman, Mike Donlin and George Walsh

**FORMER** diamond idol, a near-champion boxer and a famous college athlete are film pals nowadays. They are Mike Donlin, former Giant outfielder; Jack Goodman, who started New York a few years ago with a string of sensational victories over lightweight boxers, and George

### STUDENTS TO HELP FARMERS

CENTRALIA, Wash., March 9.—(Special)—A patriotic resolution has been passed by the Centralia School Board permitting all high school boys 15 years of age and over to quit school in April to follow agricultural pursuits and giving them credit for a full term's work, providing they are up in their studies at the time they quit school. The same rule will apply to boys of the same age who quit school in April to work in camps and mills of this vicinity.

### TRANSPORTATION IS ADEQUATE

Perhaps the reader will say these people are isolated, being 40 odd miles north of Klamath Falls. There is a branch of the Southern Pacific running east of the lake to Chiloquin, 12 miles south of Fort Klamath. Then there are boats regularly plying up the lakes to the mouth of Wood River, and then up that river to Wood Landing, four miles from Fort Klamath. And there is a good wagon road from Fort Klamath to Klamath Falls.

I think it was on my first visit to the valley that I met James E. Pelton and spent a pleasant hour with him and his charming wife in their splendid country home with every city convenience. Dozens of men were working for them but their wants were looked after in separate buildings. The Peltons occupy their fine dwelling separate and apart from the farming operations. Mr. and Mrs. Pelton had just returned from a trip of six months through California, Central America, Cuba and several of our southern states. They motored down to Los Angeles and from there home. In fact the Wood River Valley farmers do like to save enjoy themselves for six months of the year.

I gathered many of the facts I am now giving from John E. Pelton, who spent a fortnight with his family at the Hotel Seward in this city. He resides in a fine home at Roseburg during the winters. "Behold the farmer!" Do you know of any reason why the farmers who reside in favored sections, like the Wood River Valley, should not be envied in place of pliers? I do not. On the contrary I am free to say, as I said at the beginning, that people like the Peltons and Mr. Sismore, and many other farmers in that valley, are better off in every way tending to peace, comfort and happiness than a Rockefeller or a Carnegie.

### WALSH, BASEBALL, ROWING, FOOTBALL AND TRACK COLLEGE STAR, LATER MEMBER OF THE BROOKLYN NATIONALS AND NOW ONE OF THE KINGS OF FILMDOM

Walsh, baseball, rowing, football and track college star, later member of the Brooklyn Nationals and now one of the kings of filmdom. Donlin, Goodman and Walsh have been "picturing" together in the Fox adaptation of the popular George Horace Lorimer story, "Jack Spurlock, Prodigal," which is to be shown at the Strand Theatre on Wednesday.

## COLDS

To get the very best results take Dr. Humphrey's "Seventy-seven" at the first sneeze or shiver. "Seventy-seven" breaks up Colds that hang on—Grip. All Drug Stores.