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SILETZ

The Armenian drive held at the public school auditorium on the 6th was a great success. The house was crowded. A short but interesting program was prepared by the teachers and school children. Walter Hall, manager of the drive, acted as chairman of the meeting and Miss Farnham had charge of the program. The exercises commenced with the song, America. Song Over There by the school. Recitation, Mary Gibson; song, Goodbye Broadway, Hello France, by the school; recitation, Original poem, My Mother by Sergeant Wiswell; song, Keep the Home Fires Burning, by the school; a talk on the Armenian situation by Walter Hall; recitation, Making the Sparks Fly, by Lieutenant Porter. This was a humerous piece and received a round of applause. The lieutenant was encored. A Belgian love song by a Belgian soldier, DeLara. This was an interesting number though no one could understand it except another Belgian soldier present. Singing of The Star Spangled Banner closed this part of the program. Then came the selling of the baskets—thirty in number. Ralph Hamer was the auctioneer. The baskets were filled with good eats. Anyone paying $1.50 or upwards was entitled to two cups of cocoa or coffee and to eat with the pretty ladies who had prepared the basket. The highest price paid for a basket and the lowest $1.25. The sale of the baskets brought $51.75 and the balance to square our quota for Siletz Valley $.75.00 was collected by Mr. Hall. This money goes to feed the starving Armenian children said to be 400,000 of them whose parents have been murdered by the unspeakable Turk and this is part of the German High Kultur for they are right in with the Turks. When you kill a Hun he is dead but when you kill a Yank he is up again in a few days and in the trenches ready to fight.

Joe Cook an Indian well known on the Siletz died Monday morning aged about 90 years. He belongs to the Toutoutany tribe one of the largest tribes brought on the Reservation by General Palmer in 1857 after the close of the Rogue River War. He is one of the few old warriors who is left that was brought to the reservation more than sixty years ago. He was wounded in the fight known as the Battle of Hungry Hill by a gun shot which made him a cripple the balance of his days. In limping along he would often say I have a good many ups and downs in this world. When he surrendered and gave up his country he submitted to the white man's laws and his civilization. He heard the story of the white man's Bible more than forty years ago from Prof. T. F. Royal who was then principal and teacher in the Government school. Joe gave up his wild Indian ways and superstitions, joined the M. E. Church and tried from that time on to live a Christian life. Those who attended church at that time will remember how earnest he was in his prayers that his people might leave off their old ways and become Christians. He always used the jargon in his supplications to the Great Spirit. He was always opposed to the use of whiskey by his people and said the use of it on the reservation had caused most of their troubles, crimes and degradation. He had seen the young boys and girls educated in the schools ruined by the use of whiskey. The ten or twelve murders committed on the reservation was caused by the use of whiskey given to them by other parties. Joe Cook stood against this kind of work. The funeral was held Wednesday at the Methodist Church conducted by Rev. Walter Ross, pastor.

John Thissel of Tidewater, candidate on the Republican ticket for County Commissioner is now visiting the people of Siletz in the interests of his candidacy. Mr. Thissel says he is making no promises but if nominated and elected he will to the best of his ability work for the good of the whole county. He also said there were two good men running for the same office, Jay W. Dunn and Chas. H. Pierce and if either one of them was elected the county would have a good commissioner.

UPPER BEAVER

H. G. Rhoades, A. W. Weber, C. S. Bunnell, L. L. Parks, G. E. Lewis, Mrs. A. Peterson and daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bowers and Mrs. E. Walling were Yaquina and Newport visitors Thursday.

Mrs. E. Walling departed for her home in Portland Friday morning after a six-week visit with her sister Mrs. J. M. Bowers.

Misses Della Trapp, Leola Hewitt and Jessie Vancil called at the Peterson ranch Friday evening.

H. G. Rhoades and family and Miss Della Trapp made a trip to Toledo Saturday.

Miss Alice Huntsucker of Oyster City is working at the Martin ranch at this writing.

Mrs. H. G. Rhoades, Mrs. J. M. Bowers and Mrs. W. C. Lewis called on Mrs. P. Vancil Tuesday afternoon.

H. G. Rhoades has been assisting G. E. Lewis in building an addition to his house this week.

LITTLE ELK

Don Miller left for Valley points where he will work this summer.

Goat shearing is on in full blast.

Nearly all the spring planting is done in this valley.

S. T. Loudon was out Wednesday gathering Liberty Bonds. He says this precinct has gone over the top already.

Mr. Thissell the candidate for commissioner from the south part of the county was calling on voters here last week.

Mrs. Jessie Martin who has been working at W. H. Wakefield's left Monday for a two weeks' visit with relatives at Independence.

A good number from here attended the show at Eddyville Saturday night and report it as fine.

Miss Francis Cline was a passenger to Corvallis Wednesday morning where she will visit a few days.

H. O. Boynton the dentist has had several callers lately.

G. A. Moss who has traded his place here for Portland property left Saturday morning for that place. Mr. Cooley has rented the place. Mr. Moss like many others has worked hard to build a home in the hills and we hope he made a good trade.

CHITWOOD

Mrs. Jessie Martin of Eddyville visited friends a few days before going to Independence.

Mrs. Bertha Moll returned from Portland Monday where she has been having some dental work done.

Mrs. Landess returned from Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. A. Campbell of Winant visited her brother at the Goodrich home last week end.

Miss Margurite Landess left for Portland Thursday.

Mrs. A. W. Hanson returned from Portland Monday.

Mrs. J. Sturkin visited Mrs. E. Steinmetz last Saturday.

H. Stout was a Toledo visitor the first of the week.

Charlie Aplet attended the play at Eddyville Saturday night.

Geo. T. Smith and family were Sunday visitors at the Stout home.

Chas. Newman was an Elk City visitor Saturday.

Ellis Scoville of Pioneer left for Portland Saturday where he is to receive treatment for his eyes.

BAYVIEW

J. C. Barns went to Grants Pass last week. Mrs. Barns expects to leave in a few days for the same place.

E. S. Oakland was a caller at the Walker home last Sunday.

Miss Sena Jensen visited at the McWillis home last Sunday.

Mr. Oakland is doing some spring work for Mr. Hanson this week.

Mrs. Oakland and Mrs. Hendrickson were visitors at the Hanson home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Strake was called to the death bed of her father, Mr. Reynolds last Tuesday at Toledo.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens were visitors at the S. R. McWillis home last Sunday.

FIEGLES CREEK

Bunny Kessi got a "buffday" the 23d, a cake with candles on it.

Mrs. Frank Mulvany is confined to the house with rheumatism again, a dread malady.

Mr. Kessi accompanied his daughter Elizabeth to Summit Sunday, she having spent the Easter holiday at home.

Frank Mulvany has been helping Geo. Tubbs fell timber.

Will Kessi and a college friend, Mr. Andersen, returned to U. of O. Saturday after the holiday. They spoke very enthusiastically of their military training of which they are receiving instruction.

Chas. Lindley is looking after the Stetlin ranch in their absence.

Gale Shane who went to a logging camp to work was compelled to return home because of an attack of rheumatism.

M. E. Walker was called to attend Willis Grant's sick horse last week.

Frank Mulvany went to Sweet Home yesterday.

Blanche and Percy Mulvany attended an Easter Egg party at Mrs. I. R. Payne's.

Mrs. Payne is endeavoring to do a good work for the children of our general community where they are welcome at Sunday School at Payne's Hall.

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Mrs. L. M. Commons who has been with her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Commons of Oysterville for the last week returning to her home Wednesday.

Wm. Parthamer who has rented the Denny place is moving in his household goods preparatory to moving in.

J. R. Coovert made a trip to Yaquina Wednesday.

L. M. Commons made a trip to Newport Tuesday to have some dental work done.

Clifford Phelps and Delno Shermer rode out to Oysterville Sunday.

H. J. Wood and brother-in-law, C. Root, made a business trip to Toledo Tuesday.

Mrs. E. H. Tarter and family who have been visiting with the formers parents returned to her home in Woodland, Washington Friday.

C. S. Bunnell, L. L. Parks and A. W. Weber went to Newport last Thursday.

L. M. Commons of Oysterville was in Ona Tuesday.

ORTON

John Potwora made a business trip to Wm. Porters Sunday.

Mrs. Ned Evans and her daughter Augusta made a call at the McGuire home last Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Evans made a call at the Isaacson home last Tuesday.

George Baker returned home last Friday night from Hoskins camp for a visit.

Miss Augusta Smith of Siletz was up to call on Miss Maude Porter Tuesday returning home Wednesday.

Miss Ruth and Augusta Evans spent Sunday afternoon at Wm. Porters.

Mrs. Agnes Isaacson made a call on Mrs. J. M. McGuire one day last week.

TAFT

The light rain that we are having now is a blessing to the farmers as it is helping the grain crops wonderfully.

Mr. Pyke the store clerk of Mr. French's is departing for Vancouver, Washington where he will join his wife —Mrs. Pyke has been under the doctors care ever since she left Taft.

Alex Hespack was a Taft caller today.

Julius Mercier of Grand Ronde, Oregon was a visitor at Mercier's for a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Agnes Curl was doing some shopping in town today.

Mr. Saari of Devils Lake was in Taft today buying grain to seed his ground.

Peter Knight and Fritzie Stemple were in Taft a few days ago buying fifty pounds of rolled oats. What do you suppose they are going to do with so much "mush"?

The "jockeys", Abe Logan and Edward Felix made their appearance in town today as usual. We all hope that they enjoy their "horse-killing" rides. (Also night whistling.)

Charles Blacketer, a resident of Taft who has been on the sick list for a while is feeling a great deal better now.

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ROCK CREEK

E. T. Raddant left for Portland Monday.

Walter Hall of Siletz was in Orton one day last week.

Frank Gunn of Mill Creek made a business trip to Nortons last Wednesday.

Agnes and Lura Crawford visited in the Cresent Ridge country Sunday.

G. H. Horsfall has been busy this week assessing.

John Potwora made a trip to Nortons Monday.

Jim and George Easley have quit working in the logging camp, the work being too heavy.

Mrs. Fraizer visited Mrs. Tinner Thursday.

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WARREN SPRUCE CO. GETTING SHAPED UP

The Warren Spruce Co. is fast getting things shaped up to do business on a wholesale scale. They now have about 300 men employed here and in the timber. Large quantities of equipment is on the ground with more arriving daily. During the past week they have received five cars of rails, a locomotive, six logging trucks, a car of draft horses, car of hay, car of feed, besides large quantities of tools merchandise, etc.

They now have assembled here 11 cars of rails, three donkey engines, which are now being fitted with sleds, the locomotive and log trucks, two pile driving outfits, besides several cars of merchandise, tools, feed, etc.

MILL WILL PUT ON TWO SHIFTS IMMEDIATELY

Manager Patterson informed us Tuesday that he expected to begin operating the big Thorson-Hendricksen mill on a two shift schedule just as soon as he can get another crew together. The time of starting in the morning will be advanced one hour, when this schedule is started, the men going to work at seven and quitting at four, then the second crew will go on and will work another eight hour shift. The mill is paying good wages and when they get to running two shifts it will make a big payroll for Toledo.

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BUYS FARM TRACTOR

C. J. Smith who lives near Tidewater is getting an Avery Farm Tractor. The machine is rated as a 5-10 horsepower capacity, and Mr. Smith expects to use it for all work where he formerly used horses, thus doing away with the latter. We believe this is the first tractor to be used for farm purposes in Lincoln county, and it's coming will be awaited with interest.

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PROGRAM AND DANCE

A program and dance will be given at Mrs. Brown's residence on Pools Slough on Saturday evening April the 20th. The program will begin at 8 o'clock and dancing after. A small fee will be charged, the proceeds going for the benefit of the school.

Don't forget the date, time and place —Laugh until your sides ache.

FLAG RAISING AT MILL YESTERDAY

Flag raising exercises were held immediately after the noon hour at the Thorsen-Hendricksen Co. mill, in this city yesterday. Whistles shrieked, and people clapped their hands and cheered as "Old Glory" was unfurled to the breeze at the top of the new flagpole erected in the center of the mill yard. About 200 persons were present, the mill having shut down and the schools dismissed for the occassion. Patriotic songs were sung. Hobart Dickson, was introduced by Chairman Miller, and told of his experiences in France and aboard a submarine chaser. E. P. Currey delivered a stirring talk, after which three cheers were given by the assembled crowd, and altogether much patriotic enthusiasm was manifest.

GOVERNMENT WILL CONTRACT FOR SPRUCE LOGS

Portland, April 6th.—Announcement has been made by Colonel Brice P. Disque, commanding the Spruce Production of the Signal Corps, that the Government will contract for all No. 1 and No. 2 spruce logs and 10 per cent of No. 3 spruce logs at present prices, provided delivery is completed on or before November 1, 1919.

The Government, he says, is also desirous of encouraging and aiding loggers not only in undertaking new operations but also in increasing present operations. These offers are made as a further effort to speed up production it was announced.

Loggers who are interested in such contracts are urged to communicate with headquarters of the Spruce Production Division at once.

BOOTH NAMED HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

R. A. Booth, wealthy timberman of Eugene, has accepted appointment by Governor Withycombe as a member of the state highway commission to succeed E. J. Adams, whose term expired last Sunday.

WILL BE HERE AGAIN AFTER BLACKBERRIES

Manager J. L. Van Dorn of the Baker Fruit Preserving Co., Salem, called us up Wednesday afternoon and informed us that they would be in the market here this Fall for the purchase of evergreen blackberries, paying the best market price for same, and would meet any price offered for these berries by other buyers.

Harry E. White will be in charge of the packing here. Mr. White, it will be remembered, was here last year, and made a good impression on the people by his uniform courtesy and obliging ways.

These berries are processed into jam, for the use of our soldier boys at the front. During blackberry harvest everyone is given a chance to help "Can the Kaiser."

ONE HUNDRED MORE SOLDIERS ARRIVE

Fifty more soldiers arrived Monday evening and are now stationed at the Romtvedt place, where a few were already camped, and are engaged cutting piling for the new railroad construction. Tuesday evening another fifty arrived and these latter boys are quartered in the fair building here. They will remain here about a month and assist in the railroad construction unloading machinery, etc.

MILL CUTTING RAILROAD LUMBER

The Thorsen-Hendricksen Lumber Co., is now busy cutting stringers, ties, caps and guard rails for use in the building of the new railroad out into the spruce belt. This order will keep the mill busy for many days, comprising in the neighborhood of 700,000 feet.

This company shipped a car of box spruce to Joliet, Ill., this week.

NEWPORT ON DRY DOCK

The Steamer Newport is on the ways here this week undergoing its annual spring cleaning and overhauling. The boat will be cleaned and painted and everything made shipshape for the Summer Excursion travel. The steamer Truant is taking care of the travel between Yaquina and Newport while the Newport is being overhauled.

McGEE-McCORMICK

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends was the announcement of the marriage of W. P. McGee of this city and Miss Mary G. McCormick of Lebanon. The happy event taking place Tuesday morning, April 9th at the St. James Catholic Church, McMinnville, followed by a nuptial mass, Father Falin officiating. The bride, who is the eldest daughter of M. J. McCormick, and is well known in Toledo, wore a gown of cream white princess cloth trimmed in white satin, with picture hat to match. A friend of the bride, Miss Bessie Bunker of McMinnville, was bridesmade and wore a gown of pale pink embroidered voile. The groom wore the conventional black and his cousin Terrance Gaither of O. A. C. acted as best man.

After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the Elberton Hotel where a wedding breakfast was served.

The happy couple departed immediately for Portland for a short wedding trip. They arrived in Toledo last evening amid the best wishes of their many friends. They were "at home" and received from 8:30 to 10.30 at Robert McFarland's confectionery.

The groom is a prosperous and enterprising merchant in this city.

The Leader joins with their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

PROF. PORTS RESIGNS

Prof. S. B. Ports tendered his resignation to the School Board last evening, same to take effect at once. Mr. Ports gave no reason for his action, but did state that it the board would increase his salary to $125 per month, he would remain and teach the term out. While the board could have held Mr. Ports to his contract, they felt that for the best interests of the school it would be better to accept the resignation, which was done.

NEW INDUSTRY AT TIDEWATER

Marsters & Jinks of Tangent, have established a dryer at Tidewater for the purpose of drying the Fox Glove leaves. The building is 18 by 48 feet in size and 18 feet in height, having three drying floors, the building is covered with canvas, thus letting in the sun, which furnishes most of the heat used in drying, although stoves are also used.

People can make from three to four dollars per day gathering these leaves. The Fox Glove leaf is valued for its medicinal properties, being a powerful heart stimulant, and is much in demand during the war.

Messrs. Marsters and Jinks operated a dryer in Tillamook county last Summer which proved very successful.

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BREWER MILL OPERATING FULL TIME

Frank Parker, chief engineer at the Brewer mill at West Yaquina, was in the city Sunday. Frank says that they now have the mill just about completed and it is cutting full time every day. The mill is sawing timbers for use in the jetty work at present, and is making rapid headway on the contract. The capacity of the plant is about thirty-five thousand feet per day.

MRS. BACHMAN PASSES

We are in receipt of a letter this week from V. E. Bachman of St. John, Washington, informing us of the recent death of his wife, who died very suddenly on the 2d of this month. Mrs. Bachman made many friends during their short sojourn in West Toledo, who will be sorry to learn of her sudden death.

BUILDING RAILROAD TO LOWER SILETZ

Actual construction work on a railroad from Toledo to Lower Siletz has begun, and what has long been a dream in the minds of local residents will soon be a reality.

Three pile driver crews are now getting ready to drive piling on the mile and a half stretch of road needed to connect the Miller Logging Railroad with the S. P. tracks here. One crew is working in West Toledo near Dan Grady's place, another crew is working out about a mile and the third crew began on the other end and is working this way.

About sixty men are camped at the Romtvedt farm, and are getting out piling to be used in the trestle construction.

This railroad will miss the Siletz Agency by some five or six miles, we are informed. It will leave the present logging railroad at the Kyniston place going up the valley past Fred Wessel's then out through the heavy spruce belt and coming out to the Siletz river near Mowery's. The line will be about twenty miles in length.

HOBART DICKSON RETURNS FROM FRANCE

Hobart Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Dickson, of this city, returned Monday evening from France. Hobart has just received his honorable discharge after serving a four year enlistment in the navy, the last year of which was spent in the war zone. Hobart saw some land duty in France, and also spent several months aboard a submarine chaser. Hobart has certainly saw some exciting times during the past year, and has looked death in the face more than once. His vessel the Preston, is credited with the honor of having sunk three submarines, and Hobart thinks they got several more that they have no proof of. Hobart is now thinking quite seriously of enlisting in the infantry.

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RECEIVES HONOR FLAG

Chairman R. R. Miller of the local Liberty Loan Committee received the honor flag that was awarded Toledo for being one of the first to "go over the top", Wednesday evening. This is a fine flag as well as being quite an honor to the town.

RED CROSS NOTES

Chitwood Auxiliary shipped the following list of supplies this week:

44 handkerchiefs, 8 ambulance pillows, 2 pair knit socks, 10 table napkins, 8 pair bed socks.

Bayview made the following shipment: 14 pair bed socks, 5 suits pajamas, 1 extra pair pants.

Toledo shipped 9 pair knit socks.