

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Last week Mrs. Benton Bowers purchased from Lee Hall the beautiful Ford sedan recently brought in. This is the first sedan sold in Ashland and is a beautiful car. It is upholstered in gray and is so constructed that by lowering the windows it can be made a cool summer car, but when they are closed it is an absolutely rainproof enclosure against the worst storm.

Mrs. A. H. Conner and daughter, Miss Helen Conner, and grandson, Master Allen Collins, left Saturday morning for San Francisco, Cal., where Miss Conner will enter the Southern Pacific School of Telegraphy and Master Collins will return to his parents at Fort Mason. His father, C. G. Collins, who with his family formerly resided in Ashland and who is now captain of the Field Artillery, expects to leave soon for France.

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with a new one.

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HEATERS AND RANGES
Provost Brothers

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, who have been residing on Granite street during the past few months, expect to leave some time this week for Oakland, Cal., where they will make their future home.

Mrs. E. Rowley, who has been with her sons, Alva and Ivan Rowley, on the Crescent City road and Grants Pass for several months, returned to Ashland last week to look after business interests here for a short time, and is at present located on Iowa street. Mrs. Rowley came back to Ashland singing the city's praises, and says this is the finest city she has ever seen. Her two sons are employed for the present at Jacksonville.

J. S. MacMurray, teacher of singing. Address Hotel Austin. 45-46

Leon Speck of 7th company, O. C. A., a well-known Medford boy, was aboard a train passing through this section Friday on his way to Fort Winfield Scott, where he has been sent to have three months' special training. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Speck, met him at the train at Medford and the three motored to Ashland, where the soldier rejoined the train and continued his journey south.

A single engine going north through here and pulling 78 empties is evidence that the federal government is rounding up its freight cars. The large number of cars from eastern roads are being rounded up and sent to points where they are most needed.

Stevenson Studio for portraits.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Fraley, who have been in Ashland spending the holidays with relatives, left Friday evening for their home in Taft, Cal., where Mr. Fraley is connected with the public schools.

Mrs. W. J. Moore and daughter, Mrs. Hillary, and son have gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where they will spend the coming two months.

Stevenson Studio for portraits.

Miss June Earhart, a Medford nurse, is suffering from injuries received from a fall while in a drug store Thursday evening. She was

standing on a chair reaching to a high shelf, when the chair broke, throwing Miss Earhart to the floor. She received a cut on the forehead which necessitated twelve stitches.

Henry Provost left Saturday for Portland, where he was called because of the serious illness of his sister, Miss Helen Provost.

Miss Evalyn, formerly a nurse at the Granite City hospital, passed through Ashland Saturday from Shasta valley on her way to her home at Rogue River to visit her parents. She will return to San Francisco soon to finish her training preparatory to becoming a Red Cross nurse.

Mrs. H. O. Anderson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Farlow, returned to her home at Coquille Saturday.

For plumbing or general repair work call George Carey, 462 Allison street, Phone 314-J. 65-1mo.

Mrs. Clyde Costello, who has been spending a short time in San Francisco, returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Mary E. Judd and Miss Della Stout of McMinnville arrived in Ashland Saturday and will visit with Mrs. T. M. Lynch and Mrs. Phoebe Wright of this city for several days.

Miss Jessie Rose and Miss Evalyn Merrill, teachers of Klamath Falls, returned Saturday to resume their duties after spending the holidays in this city.

Miss Fern Murphy, who is a student at the University of Oregon, returned to Eugene Sunday after spending the holiday vacation with her family in Ashland.

Leith Abbott left Sunday morning for Eugene to resume his course at the University of Oregon after spending the vacation with his parents here. He was accompanied by John Finerman, who will also enter the university as a student.

Owing to Miss McCormick being called to Corvallis, the household economics class which was to be held Thursday afternoon has been postponed until the last Thursday in January.

Longer nights—more lights—hotter fires, at home and at the neighbors' increase your fire hazard! Let the Billings Agency tell you how little it will cost to be insured. Fire, life, accident. No German companies! Billings Agency. 66-3t

A large contingent of soldiers from Camp Lewis passed through Ashland Sunday evening on their way to San Diego, Cal., where they will encamp at Camp Kearney. The first train, containing over 500 soldiers, arrived in Ashland about 4:30 o'clock and were held up in the railroad yards for the regular passenger trains to clear the tracks. The boys, who were not allowed to disembark en route, were a fine, hearty looking bunch and were apparently glad to be removed to a dryer climate than the Washington camp afforded.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeCarlow, who have been visiting in Portland during the holidays, spent several days with friends in Ashland last week. They left Saturday for their home at Pinehurst.

Edmund Barrett, who has been spending a short furlough in Ashland at the home of his parents, left Sunday evening for Fort Stevens to join his company of the Coast Artillery stationed there.

Miss Mildred Million returned Saturday to Pinehurst, where she is teaching school this winter, after having spent a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Million, of Oak street.

Darrell Minkler left Sunday evening for Mare Island, where he is taking an electrical course in the training school there. Darrell was in Ashland and Medford for the past ten days visiting relatives and friends.

A fine modern house, centrally located in Ashland, plus money, to trade for a good ranch. Billings Agency. 66-2t

Mrs. I. L. Wise of Tacoma, Wash., was in Ashland several days the latter part of the week visiting Miss Cordia Smith. Mrs. Wise stopped off in Ashland on her way home from Auburn, Placer county, Cal., where she was called by the death of a brother. She was a former resident of this city, where she owned the Sulphur Springs House, and this is her first visit for twelve years. Mrs. Wise finds many changes and improvements during her absence.

Chif Payne makes cupboards.

Mrs. Robert Godwin of Pullman, Wash., is in Ashland spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Dora J. Elliott, of 645 Liberty street. Mrs. Godwin is one of the most successful potato raisers of eastern Washington, and in the Pelouse country is known as the "Potato Queen." She makes a specialty of raising seed potatoes which are grown without irrigation from hand-selected seed. Only two varieties are planted, an early and late, but from these Mrs. Godwin

supplies a large section of country. Mrs. Godwin has 40 acres in potatoes which she superintends herself, running the planter and seeder and overlooking all the work about the farm.

Camp Lewis Man Is Held as Spy

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Jan. 5.—Held as a cog in the German espionage machine, Thomas Helmuth Ritter, who until November 12, the date of his arrest, was regimental sergeant-major in charge of the distribution of mail and papers in the division adjutant's office, Camp Lewis, today awaits the message from Washington, D. C., that will tell his fate.

Death before a firing squad as an enemy spy, imprisonment or internment for the period of the war at least as an alien enemy, are possibilities, following conviction in such cases.

Soon after Ritter came to Camp Lewis, it is said by the military authorities, papers began mysteriously to disappear, and information of a confidential nature began to leak out. As a result, difficulties of a grave nature were encountered by army officials. The officers made an exhaustive investigation of several cases, and the trail in each case ran back and stopped at the door of the office in which Ritter was employed. Finally, the military officers say, to such a narrow point that they are convinced beyond any possible doubt that Ritter was the person responsible.

In one case but three persons knew of the information, and these three have been absolved from complicity in any leak or plot. Ritter, however, was known to have been at the desk of one of these three men. No others were involved. Officers of long service were tested and found faithful, but on November 12, 1917, so certain were the military authorities that Ritter was arrested.

HOSPITALS FULLY EQUIPPED IN FRANCE

A base hospital, several of which are already in operation overseas, consists of the people and material necessary to establish and operate a hospital without asking outside assistance except the provision of shelter. This usually means a deserted hotel, an empty village, a group of huts or a number of large and small tents.

The personnel of one hospital which is fully organized and waiting to be sent to France includes 24 physicians and surgeons, nearly all of whom are now on active duty at cantonments or hospitals in preparation for their future work. The nurses number 65, all having passed rigid examinations. There are six women stenographers and bookkeepers. Of the 153 enlisted men, 65 are orderlies or male nurses, and the remaining 88 are clerks, bookkeepers, mechanics and skilled laborers. The base hospital is a little world in itself and must have cooks, butchers, bakers, carpenters, engineers, etc.

The equipment for this one unit cost \$140,000.

HIGH WATER HINDERS MOVING LIVE STOCK

Market operations at the North Portland yards have carried a comparatively small volume of business for the week's opening markets, but general quality of the offerings is improved over the previous week in most departments. The Monday cattle shipment was medium with several loads of high-class steers. The hog shipment was rather heavy with two or three loads of extra well finished hogs, and the receipts in the sheep houses were very light and mostly ordinary offerings. High water conditions are offering a serious handicap to live stock movements and adding considerable to the grief of the railroad operators and to the congestion of freight movements in general.

SMALL IN STATURE BUT BIG IN ABILITY

Major W. A. Bishop is only 23 years old and five feet five inches tall, but—

He has been in 110 air battles in France, shot down 47 Hun aeroplanes, battled single-handed with four enemy airplanes simultaneously, wrecking three of them, and has been wounded only once.

For which accomplishments he now wears the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, and the British Military Cross. He was in action only five months.

Now he is at the United States aviation school in Ohio, teaching aerial gunnery to American air cadets.

Isn't it too bad Mark Twain is not with us to do the Kaiser justice?

Exemptions Claimed In the Revolution

Echoes of the American struggle for liberty in 1776 have been found by War Department officials in their search of the records of Harford county, Maryland, in connection with perfecting title to the new army proving ground.

A detached document in the clerk's files dated 1776 sets forth the names of fifteen citizens of the region who refused to sign a declaration of independence, said to have been among the first moves in that direction by the American colonists. The reasons given in refusing to sign present a vivid picture of the perturbed state of mind of the colonists. The document reads:

"Benj. Herbert, Jr., refuses to sign through religious principles.

"Richard T. Hargrove refuses to sign through religious principles.

"William Wilson, son of John, refuses to sign through religious principles.

"Benjamin Harbord refuses to sign through religious principles.

"Michael Boser don't sign by reason he signed before.

"Thomas Gilbert don't sign by reason he don't choose.

"Thomas West don't sign by reason on it is a mystery to him.

"Phillip Cummins don't sign by reason he don't understand the matter.

"John Ward don't sign by reason the congress don't sign and by reason he thinks that if the English gain the day then the congress and the great people will turn the scale and say the commonality of people forced

them to stand in opposition to the English.

"John Clark don't sign by no reason he can give.

"Ephraim Arnold don't sign for fear it would fetch him into a scrape.

"Isaac Penrose don't sign for reason he don't choose to fight for liberty and never will.

"Benjamin Fleetwood refuses to sign. He says he will go in a vessel, will not fight by land.

"Samuel Gallion says if he should sign he may fetch on himself that he cannot go through.

"Richard Spencer says he cannot write nor read and shall not sign any paper."

The German soldiers on the Verdun front know now the crown prince did not blunder in trying to break the French line. His father told them so.

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