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Fire Destroyed Two Business Blocks

A defective flue is supposed to have been the cause of a disastrous fire that practically ruined two buildings on Fourth street between A and B streets at midnight Wednesday night. The clothing store of H. T. Baughman and the mission room occupying one building, were utterly ruined, while the stock of the Bon Ton bakery in the other building was destroyed by smoke and fire. In the latter building while the fire was raging an explosion occurred, due, it is thought to the heat, which shattered all the glass in the building and knocked the brick casing from the north side of the building.

When discovered the entire interior of the mission room was ablaze. As this room had not been occupied for some time, it is thought the fire must have caught from the flue used conjointly by this room and the clothing store. The fire department made a prompt response to the call and succeeded in stopping the spread of the flames before communicating to adjacent buildings.

The building occupied by Mr. Baughman and the mission was owned by G. C. McAllister, while that of the bakery was the property of P. Provost. The loss to the former's stock is total, while that of the bakery is practically so. William Muller, the proprietor of the bakery, was in the building trying to secure some valuable papers when the explosion occurred, and was knocked off his feet, but was not seriously hurt. The salvage of the clothing store and the bakery has been removed to the vacant brick building further up on Fourth street, but that portion of the stock saved is so badly damaged that it is practically worthless. Mr. Baughman carried some insurance on his stock and the bakery building was partially insured.

PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS WILL NOT BE PRESENTED

Owing to the fear that the segregation of children might increase the influenza epidemic which seems greatly subsided at the present, the Christmas entertainments that have always been a happy feature in Ashland are going to be dispensed with this year. While this will no doubt be a great disappointment to the kiddies, the wiser counsels of the official heads prevail, and the union Sunday school entertainment planned to take place in the armory for the evening of December 23, and the Elks' treat to children in the Vining theatre on Christmas eve have been declared off.

Plans for both these entertainments were completed and promised to be one of the most elaborate functions of the kind ever produced here. The Elks had their arrangements for their annual treat to the children all perfected, while the union Sunday school entertainment was planned to be of unusual interest. But the fear of a recurrence of the dread epidemic which happily seems at present to be subsiding is the reason for postponing these large gatherings of children for this season.

Beautiful, fancy Christmas pipes at Albutie Cigar Store, next to Vining Theatre. 50-2t

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- Mazola Oil, 1/2-gal. \$4.45
 - Mazola Oil, quarts.75
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 - Karo Syrup, blue label, 1/2-gal. .50
 - Red Crown Chili Con Carne Beans, per can.10
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- California Walnuts, per lb.29
 - English Walnuts, No. 1, per lb. .40
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 - Hefitz India Relish.35
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 - Sperry Flour. 3.20
 - Best Eastern Corn Meal, 10-lb. sack.75
- Compare the above prices. Come here and save money.

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SOLDIERS GETTING INTERESTED IN VICTORY WEEK

From far away Philadelphia already soldiers are hearing what Ashland proposes as entertainment and a monument for our soldiers and sailors, and are anxious to get their names in the gallery of honor and fame. The following is from a former Ashland boy written to Chairman Carter of the executive committee and indicates the value he attaches to what Ashland proposes to do this summer:

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12, '18. Mr. E. V. Carter, Ashland, Oregon.

Dear Sir: In looking over an Ashland paper a few days ago, I see you are going to erect a monument for the Ashland boys. I have always claimed Ashland as my home, in fact our home is located there today. Would I be asking too much to consider me one of the boys? At present I am stationed at Philadelphia attending a Naval School of Pharmacy of which we will be mustered out before long.

Yours respectfully,
SIDNEY C. SANDERSON,
145 10th Street.

In this connection Mr. Carter asked the Tidings to correct an erroneous impression extant as to the original thought of the monument. All credit is due Mayor Lamkin for the first suggestion of the fine monument for our soldier boys. Up to that hour Mr. Carter had been thinking entirely along lines of what would be a suitable reception for the returning soldiers and sailors. Everybody is in favor of the monument and are anxious to contribute their share toward it, as indicated by the manner in which citizens are calling at the banks and making voluntary subscriptions to the entertainment and monument fund.

WALTER PHILLIPS' NAME APPEARS AMONG MISSING

In the casualty list published last week appeared the name of Lieut. Walter A. Phillips of the aero service reported to be among those killed in battle. This is the nearest to having the report of this casualty verified that has been obtained by the anxious relatives of this well known Ashland young man, as their exhaustive inquiries have failed to throw any more light on the subject. Some time ago Lieutenant Phillips' wife received a letter from a comrade of her husband in France telling that the latter's plane was seen attacked by four German planes, and that the American aircraft had crashed to earth within the enemy lines. The date of this casualty was October 1, and nothing had been learned of the whereabouts of the officer since. Owing to the fact that many men have been reported missing, then later recovered his relatives have not given up hope that this may be the case.

ELLISON-WHITE COMPANY SECURES REV. MELLINGER

Rev. W. L. Mellinger, pastor of the Christian church, last week signed a contract with the Ellison-White Chautauqua circuit for next year's season. He will travel with what is called the "Pacific Coast Seven," and is reported to be the largest and best aggregation of seven day entertainers on the circuit. He expects to begin work April 10th for a period of seventeen weeks, and his itinerary will cover the western coast states, including Ashland in its circuit. It had been Mr. Mellinger's intention to enter Y. M. C. A. work for overseas and he had already offered his services in this capacity. Owing to the signing of the armistice, however, different arrangements were made. Prior to this engagement Mr. Mellinger has been connected with the Mutual Chautauqua association.

SOLDIERS MAY RETAIN UNIFORM AND OVERCOAT

Secretary Baker has informed Chairman Dent, of the house military committee, that the war department has decided that all discharged soldiers may permanently retain the uniform and overcoat they wear when mustered out. Mr. Dent prepared a bill embodying the necessary authority. Previously the department had planned to have the clothing returned three months after a soldier's discharge.

A fine perfect snappy carat diamond at a low price at Whitel's closing out jewelry sale. Will accept Liberty Bonds in part payment.

A fine complete line of new flatware. We are quoting the prices of 3 years ago. New patterns.—O. H. Johnson, Jeweler. —adv.

Blue Jackets Follow "Sea" at U. of O.

Leith Abbott, a well known local boy and former city editor of the Ashland Tidings who enlisted in the navy October 1st, and has since been in training at the Navy Officers' Training school at the University of Oregon Naval branch of the S. A. T. C., arrived in Ashland Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Abbott, who reside at 105 Alida street. The naval unit with which he was associated was demobilized with the signing of the armistice and the men were given a release from active duty and put on the naval reserve force.

Training for naval officers at a place which is many miles distant from salt water and which is only occasionally visited by even a sea breeze, has its difficulties, according to Mr. Abbott, and many unique and in some cases amusing plans were worked out by the officers in charge of the unit to give the men as "salty" a life as possible. For instance, the house in which the men were quartered ceased to be a house as soon as they were quartered there. Instead, it became a "ship." The boys playfully dubbed it the good U. S. S. Penmanship. No more were the floors called such—they became decks—first, second and third decks, and woe be to the man who was ever heard to remark anything about "floors." The porch assumed the dignified title of bridge; steps, gang plank; windows, port holes; stairs, companionways or ladders; kitchen, galley; cellar, engine room, and the other parts of the "ship" receiving corresponding titles. The hours of the day were tolled off on a "ship" bell which in pre-bellum days had served as a summoner to worship in some good church and which had been resurrected by some gob in his desire to make their life a "hard-boiled" one.

Not only were the men coached in the different parts of the ship but they rapidly acquired the vernacular of the seagoing jockey and took delight in talking to each other in terms of "shove off," "pipe down," "turn too," "hit the deck," and countless other words coined from the works of Davy Jones.

It is even rumored that on a certain night a number of sophomore petty officers required a detail of unfortunate freshmen to stand outside the house and throw pails of water against the walls of their room all night long so that the sophs could get a taste of sleeping in a compartment with waves washing against the outside. It is also said that a gang of over-zealous sophs placed a long line of barrels from their ship to the campus recitation rooms, so that by continuously walking to class on these barrels they obtained a rolling walk which would make the most seasoned of veterans green with envy. This last story is not verified, however.

ELECTRIC PROBLEMS TAKEN UP BY CITY COUNCIL

Practically little business was transacted at the regular meeting of council Tuesday evening, most of the time being taken up with discussing the electric problems before the city. City Engineer Walker requested an estimate of the probable cost of extending the city pipe line farther up the canyon with a view to increasing the capacity of the electric plant. This estimate will be made and presented at the next meeting of council if weather conditions permit.

F. E. Russell, superintendent of the electric plant, was granted a ten day vacation, and an ordinance was passed instructing the city recorder to forward a list of delinquent liens for the year to the proper county authorities, who will collect them in the manner prescribed.

SOLDIER REPORTED AMONG MISSING IS IN HOSPITAL

In the casualty list appearing in the papers recently was the name of Barney Wolfe of Ashland, who was reported to be missing in action. This young man made his home with the family of E. A. Hunter, formerly of this city, who had befriended him as a little boy and who still take an interest in his welfare. A later telegram from government officials, however, notified Mr. and Mrs. Hunter that the young soldier was in a hospital instead of among the missing. It is not known whether he is sick or wounded.

Our store will be open evenings until Dec. 25—7:00 to 8:30 p. m.—O. H. Johnson, Jeweler. —adv.

R C Membership Drive Completed

Prominently hung in all business places in the city are small placards bearing a red cross and accompanied with the significant word, "Join." This is to remind every person that the red cross campaign for membership has been in progress, and while a soliciting drive is not in vogue at this time, no one can appear anywhere on the streets without being reminded of this important fact. Booths for registering membership are located in public places, and if anyone appears without the small Red Cross button bearing the date, 1919, that person is not allowed to get by without at least an opportunity of signing the membership roll.

Up to Monday noon approximately 1000 subscribers to this important organization have been received, with some districts yet to be heard from. Subscriptions will be received up until this (Tuesday) evening. So far as known the Red Cross will make no further drives for war funds. A large membership is desired to enable it to continue operating.

WOULD DEVISE MEANS OF MAKING UP LOST TIME

Teachers throughout the county are anxious to do everything possible in order to make up time lost during the recent enforced vacation, especially since budgets may not permit boards to lengthen the school term.

In response to many requests County Superintendent Ager gives as a practical suggestion to stress the essentials more and the non-essentials less. Superintendent Ager states that some teachers in the county have volunteered to pay for at least one week at the close of their contracts in the spring, and will not dismiss for any except December 25 and January 1 during the usual holiday period. The county superintendent expresses himself as doubting the wisdom of teaching on Saturdays, at least any length of time, and does not believe it advisable to recommend the lengthening of the school day unless it can be accomplished by shortening the noon hour or other recess period. He states there is great danger in overloading the students and in over-estimating their capacities.

HOLIDAY TRADE IS GOOD IN ASHLAND THIS YEAR

Despite the influenza that has been quite prevalent in Ashland and vicinity during the past month, the merchants in the city are authority for the statement that seldom has their business been any better or even as good as it has this year. It had been feared at the beginning of the season that the holiday trade would not amount to much this year on account of existing conditions. Then the "flu" scare coming on at this time had a tendency to put a crimp on merry-making and gift-giving. But during the past two weeks Ashland stores have done a fine business along all lines, while during the past week the stores have been thronged with shoppers from the city and surrounding community, and the holiday trade this year has been remarkably good among the stores and shops.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS ELECT AND INSTALL OFFICERS

Malta Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, elected and installed officers at their meeting Wednesday evening. The following were inducted into office: Eminent Commander, O. F. Carson; generalissimo, Geo. T. Collins; captain general, W. H. McNair; prelate, W. E. Newcombe; senior warden, P. K. Hammond; junior warden, H. C. Sparr; treasurer, E. V. Carter; recorder, W. H. Day; standard bearer, G. A. Knight; sword bearer, M. F. Cyster; warde, W. H. Johnson; sentinel, C. C. Weisenberger.

ASHLAND BEHIND IN WAR SAVING STAMPS QUOTA

Altho the required quota of the War Saving Stamps had been pledged for Ashland at the drive during the summer, the city is falling behind in its payments. Some individuals have failed to come thru, and there remains but one more week of this year in which to make the payments for 1918. If all subscribers pay Ashland can easily reach its quota, and it is to be earnestly hoped that she will not fall down at the end of the year after her splendid record of the past months.

Eastman Kodaks for Xmas gifts.—The Camera Exchange.

HISTORICAL CITY SCENE OF RECONSTRUCTION WORK

Miss Josephine Saunders, who is engaged in government reconstruction aid work in the army hospitals in France, writes interesting letters to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Saunders of North Main street, of her experience. She was at last reports located at Blois, a famous old historical city. The United States government has leased one of the school houses there which has been turned into a hospital.

Miss Saunders writes of seeing many old buildings in this city around which cling tales of events in past history. At one time she took dinner in an ancient tavern which is reported to be the place frequented by the "Three Musketeers," the heroes which Dumas made famous. Another famous historical building in Blois is the Castle of Blois, built by the Duc de Guise and in which he was murdered. This has been at various times the homes of Louis XII and Louis XIII and Catherine de Medici, while the Chateau Chaumont, said to be one of the most beautiful chateaus in France, is also located there, and is a familiar landmark.

The day the armistice was signed Miss Saunders said the entire population of the city turned out on the streets, the men, women and children literally drunk with joy. She also stated that they were planning a Thanksgiving reunion of Reed college people, of which a number are in the army service in France.

JUNIOR RED CROSS WELL ORGANIZED IN COUNTY

Over 98 per cent of all school children in Jackson county now belong to the Junior Red Cross. There are ninety Junior School Auxiliaries in the county with a total membership of 3762. Only six schools are without Junior societies, and these, representing only 68 boys and girls, are expected to be enlisted in the present drive. The schools that are now organized are not expected to collect dues from juniors at this time, as they are already paid up members to February 22. Every Junior society has been asked, however, to enroll as "Associate members" any children under 15 years of age who reside in their districts but who are not in school. These associate members, for the most part children under six years of age, will be given bangle pins, the badge now worn by all Juniors, and the 25 cents for such membership will go into the Junior fund of their respective districts.

HIT LIQUOR DEALER HEARD FOR CONSPIRACY

Victor E. Warrens, a liquor dealer in Hilt, Cal., who was indicted by the federal grand jury at Portland on the charge of conspiracy to ship liquor into a prohibition state, was given a hearing last week before the United States commissioner in San Francisco. Among the witnesses against Warrens are the three men who had their automobile full of booze wrecked at the foot of the Siskiyou and were arrested by Chief of Police Hatcher and served a jail sentence in Jacksonville. It is claimed these men turned against Warrens after being convicted in this county.

FRED SCHUERMAN INJURED BY SHRAPNEL IN FRANCE

Mrs. A. Schuerman received a letter from her son, Fred Schuerman, who is with the 65th artillery in France, in which the latter stated that he had been an inmate of three different hospitals lately, being treated for wounds inflicted by shrapnel. Fred and another man were moving projectiles when a shrapnel shell exploded near them, wounding Fred in the face and seriously injuring his comrade. Doctors have told him that he will carry a scar of his injury on his face.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS APPARENTLY WANING

Within the past week a decided improvement is noticed in the influenza epidemic, and it is hoped that the disease is among the other horrors that are past. Only a few cases were reported early in the week and these have been of a milder form than at first. Other nearby towns also report a lessening of the epidemic, and on nearly all the cities in this section the ban has been raised.

Probably the swellest line of ladies' leather purses—just in today—that have ever been shown in Ashland appeals to the lady who wants something exclusive stylish and lasting.—Johnson's Jewelry Store, adv. High grade tailoring for men and women at Ores tailor shop.

Silence is Heard When Battle Ceases

Letters are beginning to arrive from the boys overseas which have been written since the armistice was signed November 11. These letters are a source of much relief to the anxious parents and friends when they get word of the safety of their boys who were known to be in the war zone. Among these letters is one to A. L. Lamb which he received last week, written by his son, Private Armine L. Lamb, who is with Company B, 313th Infantry. This letter was written from the front and dated November 16, and contained the comforting news that he had come thru without a scratch. In relating his experience at the time hostilities ceased Private Lamb says:

"On the eleventh month, eleventh day and eleventh hour firing ceased and we rolled over on our packs, which had seemed to have grown to us, and breathed a sigh of relief and a prayer of thanks to God for giving us a respite at least, for as yet we were not certain that it was peace. But we were glad for the time to listen to the most wonderful silence, and the only silence I have ever heard. It was actually so silent one could hear it.

"We had been advancing for several days, and for over two weeks we had been under heavy artillery fire, until, unless we could hear our own guns booming, which was music, or the whine and explosion of the enemy's high explosive shrapnel or gas shells, we felt as though something was wrong without the noise. And now for six days we have lived in peace.

"When word came over the wire to cease firing we were within 100 yards of the Boche lines. There had been a heavy fog all that morning and we had crept up that close. There were a surprised bunch of Germans when the fog lifted, and they saw us so close, but the Yanks fired the last shot from the big guns.

"The fog lifted about thirty minutes after the war ceased, and old Sol came out for the first time in over a week as if to celebrate. The Germans started coming down the road to shake hands with us. Can you beat it? And we had just got thru peppering each other with machine guns, automatics, one pounders, heavy artillery and everything. Most of them were mere boys, and happy—say, happy is no name for the smiles on their faces. They said, 'To h—l with the Kaiser. Let him do his own fighting. We start for home tonight in trucks, and I guess they did, some of them. Those who stayed to hold the line gave us fireworks that night—star shells, flares, rockets and every signal they had. We had driven them back rapidly the last few days, and the dead Boches we passed in our advance showed how."

The young soldier stated further in his letter that he could not tell what front they are on, but he is certain they will soon be "Home-ward bound." He had not been on the front a month, but he has had his curiosity satisfied, and for the sake of humanity he hopes there will never be another war.

"It is getting cold, here," he said in conclusion, "and been so for some time. We are comfortable, tho, living in huts and houses built by the Germans who have been here about four years. They had things fixed up comfortably, all right, electric lights, stoves and water piped in close. They did not foresee the time when the Yanks would rout them out."

UNIFORMED MEN TO BE REMEMBERED CHRISTMAS

Christmas is to be a red letter day to all soldiers and sailors passing thru Ashland from the various camps in this section of the country.

In order to gladden their hearts and make this Christmas one long to be remembered by the boys in khaki and navy blue, orders from the canteen headquarters to the local station have been issued to the effect that all men in uniform passing thru Ashland on Christmas day are to receive a Christmas package as a token of welcome and to speed them on their way. These are being manufactured by various clubs and societies, and a large number will be provided for the occasion.

SALE!

Beginning Saturday, December 14, at Mrs. Simon's, in all lines of millinery, 1/4 off. New hats and trimmings received last week. 49-4t