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**65th Given Welcome  
by Philadelphians**

Philadelphia gave a royal welcome to the Sixty-fifth coast artillery regiment, the first troops to land in that city from overseas service, when the troopship Haverford docked in that city January 20 at 11:30 a. m. The boys from Oregon, Washington and California, who constituted 75 per cent of the heroes who returned on the transport were made to recognize that they were at "home," even tho they were 3000 miles from their own native west.

The Delaware river was lined with cheering people as the transport steamed up to the Washington avenue pier, where the western boys were amazed to find welfare workers and committees waiting for them with hands to serenade them and long tables set to feast them. But what impressed the returning soldiers even more was the packed mass of people on the shore front and in the streets shouting and cheering for them as if they were natives of the east. It dawned on the western boys then that as far as the soldiers are concerned, the war wiped out sectional feelings, not only abroad, but at home, too.

It was Philadelphia's welcome—not to the Sixty-fifth coast artillery alone, but to the whole victorious American army, homeward bound, according to the Philadelphia North American. It made no difference that the boys on the Haverford were from the opposite side of the continent; that their homes were scattered thru some twenty-seven different states of the Union; that they were strangers in a strange city; all these things made no difference to the welcome.

The mothers in the thousands who waited six tedious hours along the river front to cheer the artillerymen were welcoming their own sons by proxy. The flags from the windows and housetops were waving a greeting to the whole American expeditionary force.

An intensely interesting story is told of the arrival of the Haverford from the time of the first faint whistle sounded until fifteen minutes later she was seen dimly thru a haze rounding a bend in the river, emerging gradually until the boat's old friends could identify her masts and rigging, and finally catch sight of its halyards, alive with flags, and its rigging alive with soldiers.

A soldier hanging over the liner's rail waved his cap, a greeting instantly echoed by a hundred voices on the pier. Nearer and nearer the ship crept toward the dock until individuals could be distinguished from the masses of khaki, and voices could be heard above the blare of the bands.

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**BOY SCOUTS OBSERVE 5TH  
ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY**

The local unit of Boy Scouts of America gave their first public demonstration on the streets Saturday afternoon which marked the eighth anniversary of the organization. An attractive exhibition of semaphore work, first aid work, stretcher making, picking up and carrying wounded comrades and wall scaling was given. The boys under the leadership of C. A. King, manual training teacher in the high school, gave a most creditable performance, and show marked skill in all their work. About 35 boys have enlisted in the local Boy Scouts, and efforts are being made to enlist more. In the evening the city gave a dinner to the boys at the Hotel Ashland.

Accompanying them to this festivity were the members of the Boy Scout Council, composed of Rev. C. A. Edwards, Mayor C. B. Lamkin and O. F. Carson. These men together with Scout Leader King, gave addresses at the banquet, and related incidents of interest to the Scout members.

Prof. Geo. Enoch, a missionary in India for many years, will give a stereopticon lecture on India, its people, customs and habits and its connection with the war, with conditions in Asia, at the Seventh Day Adventist church, corner 4th and C. Friday evening, February 14th, 1919, at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

All kinds of Tea now at less than wholesale at Ashland Trading Co.

**RETURNED HEROES MAY  
NOT COME THRU ASHLAND**

From present indications the 65th regiment will not come thru Ashland on their way from Camp Dix, N. J., to their demobilizing cantonment at Camp Lewis. The latest news from the east states that the regiment will start the first of this week and will be routed over the Union Pacific directly to Portland, and will arrive in that city probably February 16 or 17. Los Angeles and San Francisco have been trying to get the regiment routed thru their cities in order to have a parade and celebration, and in that case the southern Oregon cities would have a chance to see their returned heroes, as they passed thru. This will evidently not come to pass and parents and friends of Ashland soldiers will have to possess their souls with patience until the boys are discharged and return home.

While plans were being formulated to welcome the boys at the trains if they passed thru here on their way to Camp Lewis, no further demonstration will be made to celebrate their return until Victory Week, when by that time all the soldiers and sailors will probably be mustered out and will have returned. Then the city will turn loose in one of the greatest welcomes ever accorded Ashland citizens. This will include all the men in military, naval and aerial service wherever they have been stationed, who have been returning home ever since the cessation of hostilities.

**PORTLAND IS PREPARING  
TO WELCOME 60TH HOME**

The Portland Auxiliary of the 69th Coast Artillery, C. A. C., desires to extend every courtesy possible to the boys of this regiment on their return to Oregon and is working out a program for their reception and entertainment.

They especially wish at this time to get in communication with the relatives of those men and secure their suggestions and co-operation. If the Portland committee is notified of the arrival of the relatives of any of these men there will be some one at the depot to meet them and extend them every courtesy. Reception committees can be identified at depot by red badge marked "69th Art." Photos or data to be used in Portland papers prior to arrival may be sent to Geo. C. Howard, 314 Chamber of Commerce. All other communications to Mrs. R. S. McKibbin, 501 E. 28th St., Portland, Ore. Several Ashland boys belong to this regiment.

**"ITALY'S FLAMING FRONT,"  
ATTRACTION AT VIXING**

You've heard of the "Blue Devils" of France, but if you want to see the fearless and unconquerable "White Devils" of Italy in action, don't miss the stupendous official war film that is coming to the Vixing theatre, on Wednesday and Thursday, "Italy's Flaming Front." The "White Devils" of the Italian army are the white-clad fighting men of the mountains, who have enlisted the secrets of nature in their struggle against the enemy. Their fighting-ground is amid the eternal snows of the highest mountains of southern Europe, and their surprising tactics have on many an occasion struck terror into the hearts of their opponents.

Coming Friday and Saturday is Harold Lockwood in "Pals First." Both 100 per cent programs.

**ASHLAND MILLS HAVE  
PRODUCTS ON DISPLAY**

Following the suggestion recently made by Prof. Irving E. Vining at a meeting of the Commercial Club that empty store room windows be utilized to display Ashland products and business enterprises, Messrs. Humphreys and Gasaway of the Ashland Flouring mills have a fine display of flours in the window of the room on the corner of Oak and Main street. The mill is doing a record business at the present time. It is running at full capacity and disposing of its products as fast as they are turned out. In another year the capacity of this mill will be doubled and already it is placed among the flourishing business establishments of the valley. The Ashland mills put out a fine grade of flour and other products which afford a satisfactory means for farmers to dispose of their produce right at home.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Webster left Sunday evening for a few days' rest and recreation in Portland. On their return they will be located at 425 East Main street.

**Legislature Work  
Looms Up for Week**

The real work of the legislative session looms for the coming week according to members who are on the job at Salem. Up to the last of the week the members had been sparring for openings and it remained for the last hour of the week to open the first real big fight of the session and dispose with finality of one of the big legislative features when the House put the rollers under the consolidation program.

Friday also saw the entrance of the \$10,000,000 road bond issue on the scene, after weeks of wrangling in committee and out, and Monday noon the various paving bills appeared from committee with a divided report. The printer has been instructed to print 2000 copies of the road bond bill, so there will be enough of them to meet the demand. These are to be ready this week, and it is expected that the House will run across that measure on third reading early in the week, possibly by today (Tuesday.)

The road question has overshadowed other issues of the session. Each of the big issues has but a share of the attention of members, but the road question has been one that would "bring a rise" out of any member of either house at any time it was touched upon, and it has been the one all-absorbing topic.

From indications, the road question will consume a good share of the time of this week in both houses. As far as the floor of the House and Senate has been concerned, the question has only popped up spasmodically in an effort of a few individuals to gain political attention and publicity from it. But this week will see it develop in earnest, and it is barely possible that it may not see its finish by that time, but may continue the storm center to the end.

All sorts of appropriation bills are due from the ways and means committee, but they probably will not appear until the latter part of this week and possibly the week after.

Actual reconstruction legislation is virtually given up for the session, and plans for a special session, with the creation of a reconstruction commission, and possibly a special election, will go before the Legislature as a final means of determining the reconstruction question as far as this body is concerned.

**INCOME TAXPAYERS WARNED  
AGAINST BOGUS EXPERTS**

In a statement received by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper, taxpayers are cautioned against allowing themselves to be imposed upon by strangers who claim to be "Income Tax Experts." They should determine carefully between really helpful, authoritative advice in tax matters, and irresponsible advice. Mr. Roper states further that the bureau is arranging to furnish for the benefit of income tax payers in every city and town in the country, a free advisory service by trained collectors, agents, inspectors and deputies.

**EXPERIMENT STATION  
ACQUIRES MORE LAND**

T. F. Smith, owner of the Long Oak ranch on the Pacific Highway north of Talent, has sold his dwelling and eight acres of land to Jackson county. This will be added to the Southern Oregon Experimental Station adjoining Mr. Smith's property. The latter has purchased the residence and two and one-quarter acres belonging to Clyde Sharp on Grant street, and will assume possession of the latter part of the month. Mr. Sharp intends to go to Oakland, Cal., to engage in the stock business.

**WHISKEY RUNNERS ADD  
SUM TO CITY EXCHEQUER**

Harry Brown, colored, and Soha Singh, a Turk, were taken off train No. 16 Sunday night by Night Policeman Lowe on a charge of carrying liquor into a prohibition state. They were lodged in the city bastille over night and Monday given a hearing before Mayor Lamkin. Brown pleaded guilty to the charge of carrying eighteen pints of liquor with him to Eugene for mercantile purposes, while Singh claimed he was on his way to Portland from the Imperial Valley where he had been employed, and the six quarts of whiskey found in his possession were for his personal use. The men were fined \$35 apiece, which they paid.

**Victory Meeting  
Was Great Success**

That was an enthusiastic Victory Week mass meeting at the city hall Friday night. Three of the returned soldier boys were present and registered their decided interest in the coming big event. It was the first opportunity our people have had to bear directly from the returned soldiers. Mr. Victor Mills gave some interesting experiences and stated that the returning soldiers would greatly appreciate such a splendid effort as Ashland was contemplating to gather together and entertain the boys in a tremendous reunion. H. O. Butterfield said he was glad to get back and witness such splendid interest manifested by the city toward the boys who had offered themselves in the service of their country. Arthur Graham expressed enthusiastic interest in the proposed event. Each talk from the returned boys was greeted with enthusiasm and those present felt more enthusiastic than ever for the greatest occasion that has ever been staged in this section of the country.

Mr. Carter explained the development of the Victory Week thought and told of the interest evinced by the government in instructing western war department to cooperate with the Ashland committee in the matter of tents, camp equipment and aeroplane flights. He said more than five thousand dollars had already been subscribed to the fund and that every citizen would no doubt be anxious, as all who had subscribed were, to contribute their mite to the success of the enterprise. Twenty-seven committees were named to solicit the residence section of the city to give every citizen an opportunity to subscribe. The city will be subdivided into small sections and one committee will solicit each section. The executive committees will be at work in a few days.

Mr. Carter explained the necessity of having the subscriptions made at once so the executive committee will know what funds it has to depend upon. Subscriptions will be made payable in monthly installments, the last installment being payable in June, thus making it easy to contribute to the fund.

**LINCOLN CLUB BANQUET AT  
MEDFORD HOTEL TOMORROW**

Invitations for the fifth annual banquet of the Jackson county Lincoln club have been issued, to be held in the Medford Hotel, Medford, Wednesday, February 12. A program of unusual excellence is being prepared, and special effort will be made toward providing one of the best banquets ever set before this body. The following speakers have signified their intentions of accepting an invitation to address the club: Mr. Justice Wallace McCamant of Portland, Ore., a noted lawyer and jurist, and former member of the supreme court of Oregon, will deliver the address upon "Abraham Lincoln." Justice McCamant has been a lifelong student and admirer of Lincoln and has a fund of information to draw from.

Among other speakers, Col. H. H. Sergeant, until recently a member of the War College located at Washington, D. C., will deliver a memorial on "Theodore Roosevelt."

Dick Posey of Ashland will give some of his original poems, and an address will be made by Rev. Chas. A. Edwards of Ashland.

Mrs. Lee Davenport of Portland, chairman of the Women's Advisory Committee of the Oregon Republican State Central committee, has accepted an invitation and will be one of the speakers.

The usual excellent musical selections will be rendered during the banquet.

The 69th regiment, C. A. C., complete, made up of Oregon troops and the 54th ammunition train complete, comprised partially of Californians, sailed from France February 4 for New York, the war department announced Friday.

Earl Blackable, who had been stationed in Porto Rico with the ordnance department, has returned to Ashland where his wife had been lying during her husband's enlistment with the army. They expect to return shortly to their home in Ontario, Ore.

For real estate bargains call on or address Stella J. Leavitt, 440 Chestnut street. 6-11

**GAS CO. TO CLOSE PLANT  
IF RAISE IS REFUSED**

The hearing of the application of the Oregon Gas & Electric Company for permission to increase its rates was held before the state public service commission in Medford Thursday. A hearing was also held in Grants Pass Friday and at Roseburg Saturday, after which a decision will be given at an early date.

Mr. Kathrine, secretary for the Oregon Gas & Electric Company, stated that at a recent director's meeting it was decided that owing to the company's continued losses in operating its properties they figured that it must have a raise of 50 cents per thousand feet or shut down the Medford-Ashland plant. He gave figures to show that the company was manufacturing gas at a loss.

Mayor Gates pointed out that at the previous hearing of the company's application to raise its rates, which was granted, the company laid stress on the fact that the price of oil determined largely the cost of manufacturing gas. He declared that the cost of oil now is about the same as then. In response to Mayor Gates' query of whether the company would guarantee that if the raise now asked for was granted it would continue to operate the plant, Secretary Kathrine said it would not.

**AGED WOMAN BROUGHT  
HERE FOR INTERMENT**

Mrs. J. C. Durkey, aged 89 years, a former well known resident of Ashland, died at her home in Lorain Valley, Lane county, last Friday from a complication of diseases due to old age. The deceased was one of the early settlers of Jackson county and had spent many years of her life here, residing on what was known as the Durkey ranch across Bear creek, now the Louis Werth ranch. Her husband died here over twenty years ago, and later Mrs. Durkey went to make her home with her son, Howard Durkey, of Lorain Valley.

The body was brought here for burial Sunday evening, and funeral services were held from Stock's undertaking parlors Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by the Daughters of Rebekah Lodge of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made by the side of her husband in the Ashland cemetery. Surviving Mrs. Durkey are four children: Mrs. Ella Myer of San Jose, Cal.; Howard Durkey of Lorain Valley; Mrs. Agnes Gearhart of Portland and George Durkey of Klamath county. Mrs. Myer and two sons accompanied the body here for burial.

**ASHLAND SOLDIER GETS  
MILITARY HONORS ABROAD**

Ray Murphy, one of the Ashland boys who has been in service in France, writes home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Murphy, recently from Pont-la-Ville, France, stating that he was one of six men chosen from his company of 250 to go to a nearby town to participate in an exhibition drill before a number of officers. Out of 800 men assembled for that particular drill Ray was one of four to put on a special drill before the officers.

**ALASKA VISITORS RENEW  
FORMER ACQUAINTANCES**

Mrs. Charles Reynolds and daughter Florence of Ketchikan, Alaska, former residents of Ashland, are spending a few days here visiting friends. Mrs. Reynolds and daughter are returning from a seven months' visit with the former's son, Lloyd, in Dunsmuir, and owing to the unsettled condition in Seattle will remain here until quiet is restored. Cyril Reynolds, who accompanied his mother and sister to Dunsmuir, will remain there.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

Vicar the Rev. P. K. Hammond, Holy Communion at 7:30, Sunday School at 9:45. Morning service and sermon as a memorial to Clem. M. Summers at 11 o'clock. Evening service and sermon at 7:30. Strangers and visitors cordially welcomed.

Boraxo bath powder 20c a can at Ashland Trading Co.

The basket ball game scheduled to be played with the local high school team and that of Glendale has been changed from Friday, February 21, as announced on page seven of this issue of the Tidings, to Friday evening, February 28.

Special grocery sale. Big reduction in price. See the adv. on another page. Ashland Trading Co.

**Farm Bureaus Are  
Formed in Valley**

A 100 per cent membership was secured at the organization of a Farm Bureau in the Ashland-Belleview-Neil Creek district which took place in the Neil Creek school house last Tuesday afternoon. A progressive program of work was adopted and a membership drive inaugurated. Enthusiasm waxed to the highest pitch in the voluntary appointment of a committee for this purpose, led by Harvey Howard and two others.

In the evening the residents of these three districts met at the Belleview school house. The Farm Bureau plan was presented in its various phases by Mr. Gilbertson, the federal director of county agents for the Pacific northwest, Miss McCormick, home demonstration agent for Jackson county, County Superintendent Ager, School Supervisor Morris, County Agent C. C. Cate, and A. C. Joy, president of the Jackson County Farm Bureau. With the inspiration of the splendid start made at Neil Creek during the afternoon, the Belleview-Ashland people tackled the problems in real earnest and while the records for volunteers and membership did not come up to those of Neil Creek, an excellent showing was made.

F. C. Homes presided at this meeting, and its success was largely due to his enthusiasm and energetic measures with which he carried the business of the evening along. Mr. Homes is an active member of the county executive committee, and devotes much thought and time to conditions in keeping with the farm bureau project.

The meeting at Talent on the evening of February 5th, was attended by 45 of the progressive farmers of the district. A hearty interest was shown in the Farm Bureau plan and a heavy percentage of those present became members. A membership committee of five volunteered to canvass the community.

On the afternoon of February 6th a well attended meeting was held at the Valley View school house. With the energy, characteristic of the community, they adopted the Farm Bureau plan and outlined a progressive program of work for the coming year. It goes without saying that practically every farmer in Valley View will join the bureau and be a booster. Surely this end of the valley has made a splendid showing both in enthusiasm and in memberships. Federal Agent Gilbertson states that, in no county, the country over, has he seen such satisfactory results.

**SOCIAL WELFARE SPEAKER  
TO ADDRESS ASHLAND WOMEN**

H. M. Grant of Portland, representing the Oregon Social Hygiene Society, was in Ashland Friday arranging for a series of lectures on social hygiene to be given in this city by Dr. Janet Reid, who is sent out by the commission of training camp activities of the war department with a message to the women and girls. Dr. Reid is touring the state and will be here Wednesday and Thursday, February 19 and 20. During her stay she will address the girls of the Junior and Senior high schools both days, the Juniors at 11 a. m., and the Seniors at 1 p. m. A meeting for the mothers will also be held in Auxiliary Hall Wednesday afternoon, February 19, at 3 o'clock. Dr. Reid is a physician of 23 years' experience and has been spending the past two months in Oregon, speaking in all of the large towns from Portland down.

**FORMER ROSEBURG MAN  
DIED AT HOME IN ASHLAND**

Plinn Cooper, an aged man of near Roseburg, who had been spending the past two months in Ashland, died Monday at the residence on Iowa street where he had been stopping, together with his wife and daughter. The deceased was 82 years old and death was due to old age. Two sons residing at Roseburg came here on the death of their father and accompanied the body back to their former home for burial.

Mr. Cooper represented Douglas county in the state legislature in 1893, and was the father of the wagon road bill. He was also instrumental in establishing in Douglas county the first rural free delivery mail route. He is survived by his wife and seven children.