

SALEM BOY WRITES FROM OLD MEXICO

Work of Fighting Boll Weevil for Uncle Sam Takes Him Below Line

(Emery Dieffenbach is a Salem boy. The family home is at 2285 North Fourth street. He graduated from the high school at Creswell, Oregon, where the family lived at that time. He was for six years in Salem, during which time he graduated from the Oregon Agricultural college, and he was one of the four members of his class picked to go to Schneckady for training and employment with the General Electric company. But he took the civil service examination and was given a place on the government pay rolls and was assigned to Texas, where he has been working to abate the boll weevil scourge in the cotton fields. In this service he has recently spent some time in Mexico, as his letter below shows. He was a foreman in the Salem paper mill while he was in Salem. He entered the government service two days after his graduation from the Oregon Agricultural college. The following is a letter just received by his mother, Mrs. M. E. Dieffenbach:)

Dear Folks at Home— If you will excuse such a poorly written letter which I am attempting to write while the train is in motion, I will tell you a little about Mexico.

I received permission from Mr. Puckett to remain in Mexico until yesterday, although about three weeks, but with the usual Mexican speed they were not able to have the conveyor screw until Friday, the day before I left. You see they had to send to the States for them.

I should like to have tested the machine before leaving; that, however, would have been only preliminary, as the true test of a machine of this kind (cotton seed heater for protection against boll weevil) would be a season's ginning. I'm positive it is all right, though. In fact I can honestly say that it is one of the best of its kind.

I have a different idea of the Mexican people now that their country is more tolerant. I have seen a great many poor people, and their struggle for existence, and their tenacity to life is interesting. You know lots of their carrying is done on the backs of burros—in fact nearly every poor family has one or more that literally lives with them. Among distressing sights I saw a man with only one leg and on crutches driving a herd of burros loaded with kindling wood. Another time a man with no legs at all on a wheel chair, sweeping the station platform.

One sees many humorous sights, though. The street cars would probably interest you. The track runs from one side of the street to the other. I have not been able to figure out why it doesn't stay on one side. Oh, yes, I must tell you about the bath towel, because it is the size of a bed sheet, with a fringe at the ends. All you have to do to dry yourself is to wrap up and then unwrap. The food here is not bad, and as I grow in experience on what to order at their hotels my meals improve. They try to feed you enough and more here. If you order a steak they bring you enough for a family of five. So you see that if I got sick here it would be from over eating and not starvation. I can't stand their Spanish dishes at all. I have tried several, but they are either

King's Sister Ill



Princess Victoria, sister of King George V. of England, is seriously ill in London, with pneumonia.

too hot or have such an unsavory odor that I become suspicious as to their origin and hardly touch them. You should see the beautiful serape I bought the other day. Perhaps you have seen them, but in case you haven't I will try to describe one to you. They are made on a hand loom, of mohair and cotton. The colors and designs are very vivid and striking—even more so than our Indian robes. They are much thinner but of a stiffer weave. They come in all sizes and cost about the same as the Indian robes. The young men throw them over their shoulders on festival occasions.

I made the trip to Tlahualla, where the English syndicate owns thousands of acres of beautiful land. Everything was modern. I found hot and cold water and bath in my room, electric lights from their own system and even their own ice plant. In the evening we played bridge, and the assistant manager even wore a tux.

Many of the Mexicans and Spaniards here speak some English. One young fellow who is going to be in charge of the sterilizers here is especially friendly. In the evenings we walk about the plaza, this being the chief evening pastime for the young folks. The boys walk one way on the inside and the girls the other. They have two walks and the inner one is for peons, while the outer is for the rest. You can tell the difference all right. Those on the outside walks are dressed in garments much like ours (about a year ago), while those on the inside are more simply dressed, many of the men wearing the large straw hats.

How did O. A. C. come out in basketball? I haven't heard yet. I am enclosing a few postcards for your album. Got mother's and Esther's letters of the twenty-second. I will open the "little roll." Your loving son and brother.

EMERY DIEFFENBACH, Torreon, Coah., Mexico, en route to El Paso, Texas.

OLD FIDDLERS WIN LARGE AUDIENCE

More Than 1,000 Persons Attend First Contest Staged in Silvertown

More than 1,000 persons attended the first old fiddlers contest sponsored by the Modern Woodmen, Beavers camp number 1110, Silvertown on Saturday night.

More than 20 fiddlers were entered. Prizes were awarded on the basis of applause, winners of the 40 to 50 year old class being Chris Leichty, of Howell Prairie; Ed Herigstad, of Scotts Mills, second; and Theodore Fisher, of Victor Point, third. In the group past 50 years, W. F. Speer, of Brooks took first; Mr. Matthes, of Brooks, second, and Lon Jennings, of Silvertown, third.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The Northwest Distributors, with headquarters in Portland and capital stock of \$10,000, has been incorporated by Edwin E. Stark, A. W. Witherspoon and Leona C. Stark. Other corporations for which articles were filed Monday follow: Cedar Creek company, Oregon City, \$4000; William O. Vaughn, Nathan M. Moody, C. D. Lataur-ette, et al. Fulton Meat company, Portland, \$10,000; E. K. Appenheimer, H. B. Beckett and R. W. Wilber. Lovelace-Gorman company, Rezaenda, \$10,000; J. F. Lovelace, R. F. Lovelace and Vivian Gorman. Western Seagram Embroidery company, Portland; notice of dissolution.

CLEAR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

Discovery and Demonstration of the Principles and Practices Are Told

(Following is a report of a lecture entitled "Christian Science: Its Discovery and Demonstration," by W. Stuart Booth, S. S. B., of Denver, Colo., a member of the board of lecturership of the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Science, in Boston, Mass., delivered last evening in the Christian Science church, Salem:)

In approaching a consideration of this great subject of Christian Science, let us briefly trace the footsteps of its Discoverer and Founder, Mary Baker Eddy. A consideration of Mrs. Eddy's experiences, deductions, and demonstrations will assist us in gaining an apprehension and appreciation of her wonderful spiritual discovery.

The availability of God's law to heal and save had long been lost sight of; the way of right thinking and living trod by our Master, Christ Jesus, and designated by Him as the one and only way to find God, good,—this way had for centuries been hidden by the entangling growth of creeds, dogmas, human theories, and limiting material to be discovered, cleared of the confusing, ensnaring undergrowth, and made plain so that all might discern this Christ way, walk therein, and share its blessings.

The Discovery In the year 1866 Mrs. Eddy, suffering a severe accident, which it seemed might prove fatal. Calling for her precious Bible Mrs. Eddy asked to be left alone, and then opened to the ninth chapter of Matthew, and read the second verse. What she spiritually discerned therein so uplifted her thought that she was instantly healed, and to the utter astonishment of waiting friends walked forth and told them that God had healed her. Mrs. Eddy speaks of this experience as the falling apple that led her to the discovery of how to be well herself, and how to make others so. (Retrospection and Introspection, p. 24.) We do not know, of course, just what impressed Mrs. Eddy so powerfully in this Bible verse, but we may well pause a moment to see what it has for us of spiritual and practical import in connection with our consideration of Christian Science.

First, we note that Jesus observed the mental state of patients instead of the physical: He saw their faith. Then the Master said to the sick of the palsy, "Son, be of good cheer." What a wonderful antidote for and rebuke to the fear, discouragement, and condemnation under which this man was laboring! And let us remember that the Christ is ever voicing that same liberating, healing message to all who are burdened by fear and bowed down with condemnation, for the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews speaks of Christ as "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Therefore this word of cheer has not been silenced nor has the power of God which vitalized and enforced the message diminished in the least.

When Jesus next said to the sick man, "thy sins be forgiven thee," he definitely indicated the relationship between sickness and sin, and he also plainly showed that they are both healed or destroyed by the same spiritual means and method. In other words, to Christ Jesus sickness was as clearly a state of thought objectified on the material body as was sin; and both sickness and sin were overcome, nullified by the spiritual mindedness which characterized Christ Jesus.

The Text-book It was not until 1875 that Mrs. Eddy issued the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." During the nine years following her healing she had proved the propositions stated in "Science and Health" by healing all manner of sickness, raising the dying, and reforming the sinner, all in accord with and in verification of Jesus' promise, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." Just as a person who prepares a book on arithmetic must prove every problem and rule stated therein in order that his book may rightly be termed a scientific textbook, so Mrs. Eddy earned for her book the title of the textbook for Christianly Scientific practice, because of her demonstrations which served to verify and authenticate its teachings. This book is, as its title indicates, the "key to the Scriptures." By means of this key the Bible storehouse of spiritual truths has been opened so that all may enter and avail themselves of the bounteous blessings of health, happiness, and harmony, which are prepared by God for all His children.

Through the study of "Science and Health" great numbers of people have been healed of physical infirmities, while many others have gained freedom from and dominion over sin and its degrading tendencies and demoralizing attacks. Without doubt the advent of

Christian Science is the second coming of the Christ, foretold by Jesus, not as a person, but as "the spirit of truth." Referring to the promised comforter, Jesus said, "he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:16, 17, 26.) This promise and prophecy have been and are being literally fulfilled in and by Christian Science.

Present Salvation

Whereas men have had preached to them a post-mortem and problematical salvation, Christian Science comes, bringing to our remembrance and joyfully proclaiming the words of the Master, "the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." When Christ Jesus enjoined his followers to preach the gospel, He, in the same breath, gave command to heal the sick. The unity of that injunction was apparently forgotten, but Christian Science has brought that also to the remembrance of men, and has shown them how it is to be observed and obeyed. It is noteworthy that Christ Jesus did not indicate that the test of Christian discipleship was whether a man accepted and avowed belief in certain creeds and dogmas or observed any form of ritual or so-called religious rites. The test of Christian discipleship stated by Jesus was, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and He definitely stated that the fruits he expected of his followers were the same healing works as were wrought by him. Mrs. Eddy early recognized the legitimacy of this Christian demand that healing by spiritual means and power should accompany and verify the preaching of the gospel, and she earnestly desired to know how such healings might be wrought. With the discovery of Christian Science her earnest desire or prayer was answered; and it is now possible for any and every sincere, honest child, woman, and man to become so well acquainted with God through Christian Science as to echo the glad song of David: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

CHAMPIONS OF RUM HEARD BY SENATE

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the hearing room they found it turned temporarily into a moving picture studio with Klieg lights flanking the long committee table and a group of camera men waiting to take closeups of the committee and witnesses before the hearing got under way.

After sitting through two hours of wet oratory, Assistant Secretary Andrew took the oath and submitted to questioning by Mr. Codman. The prohibition field marshal made clear his policy to dry up the sources of supply but conceded that he would have to have a largely increased force to do it.

The federal forces are not concerning themselves much with distributors, Mr. Andrews said, leaving that task to the local police. He said it was useless to arrest a bootlegger because "His brother or his uncle" would take up the traffic where the arrested man left off.

Disclosing a plan for patrol of 1500 to 1600 men on the Canadian and Mexican borders, General Andrews said he believed this force would break up any organized smuggling traffic.

"Smuggling from Canada and Mexico does not furnish the supply," he explained. "Alcohol diversion, moonshining and smuggling from the sea, furnish the real sources." Increased forces to handle all of these problems are being sought and the assistant secretary expressed hope that with additional men he could reduce to a minimum the illegal diversion of alcohol from industrial channels. Explaining that he did not want to crowd court dockets with minor cases, he said his agents and the district attorneys picked out big cases in each district for trial.

"In other words you don't arrest all who are guilty," interrupted Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri. "You just arrest those of the guilty you select?" "We do not begin to arrest all guilty of small offenses," returned the witness. "We want to leave that to the local enforcement officers."

Senator Bruce opened the presentation for the wet with an argument for modification in the course of which he brought more than a score of indictments against the Volstead act, the operation of which he declared to be farcical. He also assailed the treasury proposal that the government be allowed to search homes where liquor is being distilled for commercial uses.

Senator Bruce suggested as a remedy an amendment of the prohibition amendment so as to permit government manufacture and sale of intoxicants in territories that were wet when national prohibition became operative or that might vote wet hereafter.

Amendment of the Volstead act so as to permit the manufacture and sale of beer and wine, "non-intoxicating in fact" was urged by Senator Edge and Mr. Codman. They argued that this would give the working classes beer and thus remove the discrimination in the law which permits farmers to ferment fruit juices "non-intoxicating in fact."

CORKING CROOK FILM NOW AT THE OREGON

Bebe Daniels Is Starred in "The Splendid Crime," Now Playing Here

William de Mille, whose latest production, "The Splendid Crime" which opens today at the Oregon theatre has every reason to feel pleased with his newest effort. It is a human and humorous little picture that stirs the emotions pleasantly. Mr. de Mille really deserves a double-barreled salvo of applause for he not only directed the photoplay but wrote the story as well.

Bebe Daniels is the bright, shining star of this snappy, fun-filled comedy-drama, which deals with the experience of a lovable little girl first before and after she reforms. Having naively decided that "housebreakin' ain't no work for a lady," Bebe considers the idea of going straight, but is persuaded by her two crook companions to pull off just one more job.

This last job proves the turning point of her career, for she is caught by the youthful millionaire owner of the house she attempts to rob. In stead of handing her over to the police, he induces her to reform and let her go. From that point the action is crowded with surprising developments that take an unexpected turn when Bebe commits "the splendid crime" to save the man she loves from turning crooked. Bebe's admirers are sure to enjoy her performance as the ragged little Raffles. It is a part that suits her to the proverbial "T," and she plays it with intelligence and refreshing sincerity. Neil Hamilton is the gay society youth, who becomes Bebe's romantic ideal and for whom she makes the final sacrifice. Anne Cornwall and Anthony Jowitt are the other two principal players who do good work.

Grants Pass—Josephine hotel is to be rebuilt to six full stories.

DISABLED SHIP RESTING SEA SUBSIDING, AID BEING RUSHED TO VESSEL

CORDOVA, Alaska, April 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The disabled steel freighter Wheatland Montana which broke away from the steamship West Niger in a 60-mile gale in the north Pacific ocean 1200 miles southwest of here last night reported by radio today that she was resting easily in a rapidly subsiding sea. The West Niger stated that she expected to again take the Montana in tow soon.

The Wheatland Montana lost her propeller Thursday while en route from China to Puget Sound. At noon today the position of the two ships was reported as 1200 miles west of Cape Flattery. Both vessels belong to the United States Shipping Board.

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FINE CAST USED IN "HAVOC" AT HEILIG

Madge Bellamy, Margaret Livingston and George O'Brien Head List

William Fox has selected an excellent cast for the screen version of "Havoc," the Rowland V. Lee production, which is now playing at the Heilig theater. The play deals largely with the social side of the war and in casting the military characters Mr. Fox has selected some of the most athletic men in the motion picture world.

George O'Brien, the youthful Fox star, plays the lead of Dick Chapel. His work in "The Iron Horse," "The Roughneck," "The Dancers," and other big pictures last season has proven the fitness that call for physical prowess and dramatic ability.

Madge Bellamy and Margaret Livingston are cast in the two chief feminine roles of "Tessie Dunton" and "Violet Deering," respectively. Miss Bellamy's beauty and artistry are well known and both are called into use in her role in "Havoc." Miss Livingston's role is that of a selfish, cold soci-

ety girl and in this type of part she has done some remarkable fine work in the past.

Walter McGrail, probably the most popular of the younger type of screen villains, plays "Roddy Dunton," a highly dramatic and important role. McGrail's work in "The Dancers" and "Gerald Cranston's Lady," two other Fox successes, was among the best of his career and in "Havoc" he has even better dramatic opportunities.

"Havoc," a tremendous stage success in England and America, was adapted to the screen by Edmund Goulding.

FOUR COMING TO PRISON

GROUP TO BE SENT TO SALEM FROM ASTORIA COURTS

ASTORIA, April 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Bob Adams who entered a plea of guilty to a statutory charge in the circuit court here today was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary. Adams with Olyver Clevenger, Harold Smith and Ernest Cannon will be taken to the state penitentiary by Sheriff Schlusser tomorrow. Clevenger and Cannon will serve for booze violations and Smith for possession of narcotics. The group is the largest sent from this county to the state prison at one time during the past seven years.

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