

BREVITIES

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Culley have returned to the Culley farm from Walla Walla.

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M. A. Baker has gone to the Adams neighborhood to do some interior work at the farm residence of Carl McConnell.

Miss Florence Simmons gave an enjoyable party at her apartments Saturday evening in farewell to Miss Lora Gaylord.

J. F. Slover of Freewater and son, Lieutenant Clark Slover, who served in the aviation branch of the United States army.

Miss Lora Gaylord, niece of Dr. and Mrs. F. D. Watts, is leaving tomorrow on her return home to Williamston, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mortamer, formerly of Weston, are here from Echo for a visit with Mr. Bassett, the father of Mrs. Mortamer.

Clyde Staggs of Milton and George Phillips of Freewater were in the city Sunday attending the funeral of the late Charles McLain.

By order of the city council all water rent must be paid by the 10th of each month or the supply will be cut off at the main. F. G. DuPuis, superintendent.

Following closely upon the heels of Rulon Smith, Virgil Lundell has gone to Pendleton to accept employment. Damon and Pythias were as total strangers compared to these two popular young men.

Clarond Rhea is sick with influenza at Endicott, Wash., where he was lately engaged in trapping. His neighbors on the uplands carried out a little wood-cutting bee for the benefit of his family.

Private Ray Taylor, a soldier from Richland, Oregon, who was reported as missing in the casualty list, has been heard from and is alive and well. Private Taylor is a brother of Mrs. R. Morrison of this city.

Fred J. Johnson of Astoria, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for Oregon, visited the local lodge Wednesday evening and inspired its members with an address along the lines of fraternity and progress. The local lodge is confidently expected to grow as the result of his visit.

George Trede has sold his Dry creek holdings, 114 acres, to L. Bussell of Milton for \$7250. Some cattle, horses, hogs, hay and farm machinery were included. Twenty acres of the place is in alfalfa, ten acres in garden and the remainder is pasture land. Mr. Bussell and family will take immediate possession.

Charles McLain, a pioneer resident of this part of the county, died Friday evening of asthma at his home in Athena. Mr. McLain was 66 years old and is survived by his widow and three sons, Sidney James and William McLain. The remains were brought to Weston Sunday for burial in the I. O. O. F. cemetery here.

Floyd Fox and Clarond Rhea, the mountain trappers, received a total of \$395.90 for 32 coyote hides. This sum included the bounty of \$4 each for 15 females and \$3 each for 17 male coyotes, the balance coming from a Chicago fur house. For two weeks of their trapping they earned at the rate of \$8 per day apiece.

Athena Press: "Dutch" McPherrin has returned from Seattle, where he was forced to give up his job in the ship building yards on account of the strike. He says he was in a position to lay by \$50 per month, which he considers a fair margin of profit for his labor, when the strike shut him out. Consequently, "Dutch" does not feel very kindly toward strikes.

A farewell party was given Sunday evening to Tom Eagleton, sailor boy, by his cousin, Miss Maxine Scrimsher, at the J. E. Scrimsher residence. A delightful evening of music and games, concluding with refreshments, was passed by the young folk present. The guests were: Misses Lola Key, Gertrude Van Winkle, Helen Keller, Patricia Eagleton, Averill Simpson, Eileen Eagleton; Messrs. Jimmie Simpson, Lewis and William Van Winkle, Gus Burgy, Bud Beamer, Tom Eagleton.

Flu, Gas and Pneumonia

Private Earl Rose is here on a furlough from Camp Lewis to visit his parents and friends, after a year of service overseas with Battery D, 148th Field Artillery. Earl is listed as a casual, and will have to pass another physical examination before being discharged from the army. He had the influenza while serving on the western front, and after going back to duty was gassed by mustard gas. Pneumonia followed, and his lungs are left in a raw and weakened condition. Earl saw a lot of fighting from Chateau-Thierry on before going to the hospital. His battery consisted of six-inch French guns shooting eleven miles, but was often close to the front. In Death Valley it was under fire from heavy guns, machine guns and aircraft at one and the same time, and Earl lost no time in ducking for a funk hole. It was in this battle that two of his battery mates from Pendleton were blown to bits. Earl praises the Salvation Army and the Red Cross and criticises the Y. M. C. A. He always has an interested crowd around him when he comes up town from the O'Harra residence.

Getting Their Feet Warm

Three youths from Milton who were here with a party of joy-riders amused themselves late Wednesday night by tearing posters off the walls of the Weston postoffice and burning them on the front walk. It seems they were pretty well inebriated, and it occurred to them that this would be a good way to warm their feet while waiting for the return of their car from Athena. While some of the posters advertised the war drives and had served their purpose, others had been freshly put up and Uncle Sam may not consider using them for fuel as very much of a joke. Postmaster Van Winkle promptly reported the incident to the nearest inspector.

Says Pact Was Violated

Philadelphia.—Charles Piez, director-general of the Emergency Fleet corporation, authorized a statement in regard to the strike of shipyard workers on the Pacific coast, in which he said in part:

"The strike is a direct violation of a solemn contract entered into by the American Federation of Labor, representing the shipyard workers, the United States navy and the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet corporation. The men involved in the strike should realize that the emergency of war is past and that the need of ships is not as great as while the war was in progress.

"The increasing cost of shipbuilding in America, influenced largely by the constantly increasing labor cost, threatens the very future of the industry in this country unless the output is brought proportionally up to the elevated wage scale.

"It is inconceivable that American workmen would deliberately jeopardize their own interests, the interests of their communities and the interests of the nation by breaking an agreement. I cannot believe they understand the situation.

"The Emergency Fleet corporation, as trustee of the money of the people of the United States, cannot compromise a vital moral principle. It is bound by an agreement with the shipyard workers throughout the country which is irrevocable, except through modification by mutual consent."

ALBERS IS CONVICTED

Found Guilty of Violation of the Espionage Act.

Portland, Or.—J. Henry Albers, resigned president of Albers Brothers' Milling company, and reputed millionaire, was found guilty of sedition in the federal court on two of seven counts in the indictment returned against him for violation of the espionage act.

His guilt was based on counts three and four. Count three charges him with "using and uttering language intended to incite, provoke and encourage resistance to the United States and promote the cause of the enemy." Count four asserts that he "did support and favor the cause of a country (Germany) with which the United States was at war and did oppose the cause of the United States."

The maximum punishment provided by law is 20 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 on each count, or 40 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$20,000, all told. If the presiding judge sees fit he may both sentence and fine Albers the maximum stipulated.

3,703,273 Men in Army at War's End.

Washington.—The total strength of the United States army on November 11 when the armistice was signed was 3,703,273 officers and men, including the marine corps on duty with the army in Europe. A statistical table made public here by the war department gives this figure.

ORVAL WALDEN SMELLS HIS SHARE OF POWDER

One of the youngest of Weston soldiers overseas is Orval Walden, the nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Walden. A sturdy farmer boy who had seldom strayed from the parental roof tree when he entered the service, he has gained a fund of experience that was only made possible by the greatest of wars. Orval is a member of Company G, Fourth Ammunition Train. He writes as follows to his parents under date of Germany, January 3, 1919:

"I received your letters and a couple of copies of the Leader the other day. I am in good health now but have been in the hospital for a month on account of dysentery. I am in the army of occupation, as you know, and am seeing a good deal of Germany and its people. I do not know when I will get back to the States, but hope it will be soon.

"I have never told you about my experiences in France, so I will tell you now. I was on three different drives—Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel and the Argonne. I was never wounded but have had some awfully close shaves. Our hardest and longest battling was in the Argonne. The German artillery was very active there and it was a wonder I was never hit. I guess I was just lucky. I was on the front from the last of July until the armistice was signed.

"We are having good weather here yet but it is a little rainy."

Saturday Afternoon Club

After several weeks' interruption on account of influenza conditions, the Saturday Afternoon Club met in regular session February 1 at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. Herman Goodwin entertained the club at her home on Normal Heights. Mrs. Robert Proudfit and Mrs. F. C. Fitzpatrick were the assisting hostesses.

At the conclusion of the business hour the following program was presented:

Sonnet, "February," Shakespeare

—Mrs. J. H. Williams.

Reading, "Dream Children,"

Lamb—Mrs. E. C. Rogers.

Instrumental Duet—Misses Maxine Culley and Genevieve Rogers.

Interesting letters from Dr. C. H. Smith were read by Mrs. Smith, and were greatly enjoyed.

Fifteen club members were present and five guests—Mrs. Mary C. McNeel, Misses Maxine Culley, Genevieve Rogers, Mrs. Proudfit and Master Kenneth Rogers. Master Dean Arnold Snider made his initial bow to the club at this meeting.

The closing hour was filled with delightful social chat while delicious refreshments were served by Mesdames Proudfit and Fitzpatrick.

All the members present enjoyed the privilege of meeting together again for a profitable and pleasant afternoon.

Weston Singer Praised

The music department of last Sunday's Oregonian contained the following note:

"Mrs. Lela G. Saling, dramatic soprano, of Weston, Oregon, gave a short informal recital last Wednesday morning under direction of George Tyler Taglieri, with whom she has been studying for about two seasons, and sang in excellent, admired style and interpretation several operatic arias. Her singing is broadening in performance, scope and selections. She is studying for a professional vocal career. Her voice is a splendid one, ranging up to high E flat in alt."

Mrs. Saling returned home Sunday evening from Portland.

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