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CHEERS AND TEARS ARE SOLDIERS' FAREWELL

Departure for Fort and Possibly for Foreign Strands Is a Most Solemn Affair

Entire City Gathers at Station to Honor Those Who May Go to Europe to Battle for Humanity and the Liberty of the World.

Our boys have gone.

Some may be men with families but they have the spirit of boys.

They have gone—perhaps to fight our battles on foreign shores.

And the last few moments of their stay with us was a scene to remain vivid for a lifetime in the picture gallery of memory.

Here tear-stained eyes told of the inward struggle of some mother parting, perhaps, with her only boys—boys she didn't raise to be soldiers, but whom she proudly gave in her country's service.

There a father with brave face and forced smile drew a wife into his arms and imprinted a fond—perhaps a last—farewell upon loving lips.

Here a sister struggled to keep back tears that would not stay.

There a mother bidding farewell to husband and two sons, smiling through it all—and God pity the Kaiser if all the soldier boys are as brave as she.

Here a father took his son by the hand and gave a parent's final counsel and admonished frequent letters to mother.

There a father kissed a cooing babe who could not understand why papa was going away and why mama cried—who did not know that father was going out to fight for the future of the babes of today.

Here a grizzled veteran of the Cival war bade a son or grandson a brave farewell and thought of the days of '63 and how he went away to war with a boyish, carefree heart and offered life itself for the glory of his country.

Among the boys, too, were many leaving home and friends for, perhaps, the first time, and it was hard for them to keep back the tears as they thought that perhaps for the last time they had felt a mother's or sister's caress and a father's handclasp.

The captain imprinted a kiss upon the forehead of his gray-haired veteran father, the signal sounded, the steam exhistled through the cylinders of the engine, the train gained momentum, and hats and handkerchiefs waved farewell.

"Good-bye! Good luck!"

And they were gone—while many in the crowd could hardly bear being left behind.

Cheering, laughing, shouting, apparently care-free and happy, the khaki-clad boys were on their way—and of such is the fighting soldier made.

Unwillingly, yet willingly, we bade them God-speed and inwardly hoped and prayed we might welcome all home again.

Never was there such a demonstration in Cottage Grove as that attending the departure Sunday afternoon of the members of Sixth company. Literally speaking the whole city was at the station. But a few minutes before union church services in their honor had been held at the park. The exercises were necessarily brief, consisting of music by a male quartet, prayer by Rev. Callison and Rev. MacLeod and a short sermon by Rev. MacLeod.

Some time during the night the company arrived at Fort Stevens, where they took up quarters for a stay of several months before being sent to the battle front of France.

On the same train were the companies from Ashland, Medford and Roseburg—and such a bunch of huskies. When they and several hundred thousand others like them arrive on the field of battle, the Kaiser will no longer say the United States is a negligible quantity in this war.

PREDICTS 35 PER CENT SHORTAGE IN VALLEY

Indications are that there will be a crop shortage of 35 per cent in the Willamette valley, according to W. P. Powers, traveling freight agent for the Oregon Electric railway. Hay, oats and all spring crops are badly damaged by the drought, although fall crops will probably be fairly good. However, the increased acreage sowed this year will go a long ways towards offsetting the shortage, it is thought by Mr. Powers.

Appraising O. P. & E. Railway.

The special car containing representatives of the interstate commerce commission arrived here Monday and was set out on the tracks of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway. The commission has been engaged for some three years in appraising the railways of the country and Cottage Grove's turn has just arrived.

Forest Fires Under Control.

S. C. Bartrum was up from Roseburg Monday visiting the forest reserve at Rujada. Forest Ranger Holderman came out with him. They reported that the fires in that section are under control and that unless something unexpected happens there will be no further damage.

Bing Cherries Are Beauties.

The finest bunch of Bing cherries to be brought to The Sentinel office this year were grown by M. A. Burcham. On a limb about 15 inches in length there were more than 100 of the cherries, all completely ripened and a temptation to any palate.

OMFORT KITS TAKE HOURS OF HARD WORK

A Few of the Faithful Do a Work of Love for Soldiers.

The comfort kits upon which members of the Red Cross had been working for several weeks, and which represented an outlay of nearly $100, were presented to the members of Sixth company at the farewell reception Friday evening.

The greater part of the work of making the kits fell upon a few of the faithful members of the society, sometimes only four or five being present, and represented many days of hard and patient work which will, no doubt, be appreciated greatly by the men and boys during their life in camp and, perhaps, in the trenches.

Each kit contained needles, pins, safety pins, linen thread, darning cotton, thimble, mirror, drinking cup, scissors and buttons. A copy of the new testament was to have been enclosed but did not arrive in time and will be forwarded to the fort.

ELEVEN PAIRS OF BROTHERS IN SIXTH CO.

In Addition to These, One Family Contributes Five Perfect Specimens of Manhood

When Sixth company, coast artillery, left here for Fort Stevens there were 11 pairs of brothers among its members and five brothers from one family.

The five brothers are Adois T., Grover T., John C., Reesom and Marimos R. Devine, sons of Thomas Devine, a well-known rancher of the Elkhead country. These brothers are all fine specimens of hardy manhood, average five feet, nine inches in height and 165 pounds in weight. The day they enlisted they hiked across the country to London, hired a car there to bring them into the city, took their examinations and hiked home again in time for the evening meal and were not in the least fatigued. The boys have spent much of their lives in the wilds, are mighty handy with a rifle and have a 20-15 or 20-10 eyesight, while the average is 20-20. Another brother in the family would have enlisted but for the fact that he is too young.

The 11 pairs of brothers are Sergeants Daniel and Lee Roy Woods, sons of Captain Woods; Sergeant Lee C. Tennis and Private Harry G. Tennis; Corporals Virgil A. Powell and Robin T. Powell; Corporal Walter M. Pohll and Private Oliver L. Pohll; Privates Arnold C. Brown and Hosea Brown; Privates Floyd T. Hartzell and Harold R. Hartzell; Musician Vinal Randall and Private Marvel R. Randall; Privates Daniel Rentle and James A. Rentle; Privates Hollis H. Slagle and Lawson W. Slagle; Privates William A. Vaughn and Albert Vaughn, and Privates Leslie Groat and Everett C. Groat. Several of these sets of brothers are all the boys of the family.

Band Boys Not Slighted.

It is understood that several of the members of the band were inclined to feel that they were slighted in not being invited to eat with the militia boys Friday, after the band had furnished music during the entire afternoon. As far as the committee having the affair in charge was concerned, the circumstance was unavoidable. They had been instructed to furnish supper for the militia boys, others who had enlisted in other arms of the service, and for the old soldiers. Neither Spanish war veterans nor relatives of the soldier boys were invited. The reason was that the money used for the supper meant just that much less for the mess fund.

STORY OF POISONED PLASTER IS CONFIRMED

Washington, July 28.—Courtplaster said to have been distributed by German sympathizers, has been found after chemical analysis by the department of justice to contain tetanus germs. Attorney-General Gregory today warned the public to use only courtplaster from reliable sources.

The department of justice today authorized the following statement relative to its investigation of sales of poisoned courtplaster in various sections of the United States:

"The department of justice, without sharing in any sensational view as to the manner in which sticking plasters or courtplaster became infected, states that some of the samples submitted and analyzed have been thereby shown to contain tetanus germs. The public is consequently cautioned against purchasing this remedy except from approved sources.

"The warning is particularly directed against purchases in small packages from street peddlers and vendors."

Road Grader Arrives.

The county's new road grader, to be used in repairing the road east of here, has arrived and will see its first service here. The caterpillar tractor, which will be used to operate the grader, was taken to Eugene for a tryout and will be brought back here. The machine is said to do an immense amount of work and greatly cut down the expense of road building.

According to a telegram received in Eugene from Congressman W. C. Hawley, Willamette loganberry jam is to be incorporated in the rations of the United States army. As the Eugene cannery expects to make some of the product, our boys may be able to eat Eugene made jam in France

Fathers of Only Sons About to Leave for War See Them Raised in Masonry

Scenes Attending Conferring of Master Mason Degree on Major Metcalf and Private Chambers Impressive

An unusually impressive meeting of Cottage Grove lodge, A. F. & A. M., was held when H. K. Metcalf and Victor Chambers were raised to the sublime degree of master Mason. Mr. Metcalf is major in the coast artillery and Mr. Chambers is a private in the same organization, and both were about to depart for the training camp, expecting to later see service on European soil. In addition, both are only children of fathers who were present at the ceremony. Mr. Metcalf is a son of John Metcalf and Mr. Chambers is a son of J. H. Chambers, both fathers having been Masons since early manhood.

Following the ceremonies of initiation a banquet was held and the talks made by the newly-raised members and their fathers were most touching. These four, together with Lieutenant Cruson, heretofore the only soldier member of the lodge, and Private Hawkins, of Eugene, sat at the head of the table, the members of the army being in uniform.

Other speakers at the banquet were C. H. Sedgwick, of Creswell; William Auld, of Lorane; Wm. F. Stilz, of Portland; B. L. Elliott, of Pittsburgh; J. L. Beatty, George O. Knowles, Worth Harvey, Lieutenant Cruson and Elbert Bede, of Cottage Grove. G. M. Scott, worshipful master, presided.

The lodge has remitted the dues of its soldier members during their term of service.

TWO MILITIA BOYS ARE HEROS IN RESCUE OF DROWNING GIRL

Young Woman and One of Boys Would Have Gone Down But for the Arrival of Others.

Word has reached here from Saginaw of an incident in which Ed. and Tom Queener, members of Sixth company, risked their lives and saved the life of Miss Bertha Neat.

While swimming in the river Miss Neat became exhausted and sank. The cries of her companion attracted Ed. Queener, who was nearby preparing to go into the water himself, and he went to the young woman's rescue. The two would have drowned but for the timely arrival of Tom Queener and Howard Keene. Miss Neat was unconscious when the boys got her out of the water onto a boat which the girls had been using and which had capsized and only the rendering of immediate first aid saved her life.

The Queener boys are now at Fort Stevens with their company.

Patronize those who advertise in The Sentinel.

ROW RIVER MILL IS ABOUT READY TO START OPERATIONS-

J. S. Magladry arrived Tuesday from Eugene, having been packing up his household goods preparatory to moving to Row River, where he will manage the business of the Bohemia Lumber company. He reports that they will commence logging within ten days and will commence sawing within two weeks. Some 50 men will be employed in the mill and woods. This mill, which is one of the large ones of this vicinity, has been idle for two years.

ROY SMITH'S LAMBERTS FINEST OF CHERRIES

The finest exhibition of cherries that has been brought to The Sentinel this year was the whole top of a tree from the Roy Smith family orchard. The fruit was of the Lambert variety, was large and luscious and grew on the tree as thick as it could possibly stick. Some of the largest cherries measured more than three inches in circumference. Mr. Smith could not reach the top of the tree to pick the fruit, so he cut the top off. The Lamberts have much the appearance of Bings, but seem more luscious and grow larger in size. Mr. Smith says his cherries this year are a third smaller than usual, but at that they would startle the denizens of the effete east.

SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING IS CALLED FOR AUGUST 27

Question of Tax for Next Year Comes Up for a Vote.

A notice is published in this issue calling a special meeting of the voters of this school district for the purpose of voting the annual school levy. The meeting will be held at 2 o'clock upon the afternoon of Monday, August 27.

The notice contains an itemized statement of the amount of money to be raised, the total being $17,812, exclusive of money derived from other sources than the special tax.

The tax this year will be voted in dollars, instead of mills. There was a shortage of funds the past year due to the fact that the tax was voted in mills and the assessment valuation of the district lowered afterwards.

TAKES FINE PICTURES OF DEPARTING MILITIA

A. J. Armstrong took some fine pictures of the soldier boys the morning of the day of their departure for Fort Stevens. The panorama of the entire company is a fine piece of work and is finding a ready sale. He also took a number of post card pictures, individual pictures of each member and group pictures of the officers and of the men. The panoramic pictures are being sold at a dollar each.

ARTILLERY BOYS LEAVE; BAND MUST DISBAND

The Cottage Grove band has found it necessary to disband because of the fact that so many of its members were also members of Sixth company, which is now at Fort Stevens.

The band has proved an appreciated adjunct to the civic activities of the city and had developed to such an extent that it is said to have been one of the six best bands in the state outside of Portland.

French Is Under Age.

Kenneth S. French, of this city, was freed of the charge of being a slacker before Unitd States Commissioner W. B. Dillard last week. He had stated in Portland, when applying for work, that he was over 21. He was proved to be a minor and was discharged.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE AND THREATENS TOWN OF DORENA

Fire Starts From Flue in Van Valin Home; Flying Shingles Set Underbrush Afire.

Fire which is thought to have started from the kitchen flue completely destroyed the fine home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Van Valin, of Dorena, at noon Tuesday. Although the family were at the noon meal when the fire broke out they were able to save but a few articles of furniture from the front part of the house. Burning shingles blown through the air set fire to the grass and underbrush on the hill east of the town, threatening the entire settlement, and it was several hours before the flames were under control.

The Van Valin home was partly covered by insurance.

FIRST OF MILITIA PAY CHECKS RECEIVED HERE

What might be termed an echo of the campaign made some months ago to keep the militia company from disbanding, reached here last week in the form of the first pay check for members of the militia under the pay bill which went into effect last year. At the time of the campaign Major Metcalf spoke of the amount of money the militia company here would bring to the city. Last week Major Metcalf received his first six months' pay. Members of the militia company received no pay because of not having a great enough percentage at drills, and it was the fact that there were not enough members to get a high enough percentage of attendance at drills that the campaign for new members was started. Preparations for war followed soon after this campaign was started and the original campaign was lost sight of. The reason that Major Metcalf received his check for the first six months, while others did not, was due to his being a member of the field staff.

TWO MEN CHARGED WITH OFFENSE AGAINST GIRL

One 61, the Other 41; Both Put Under Bonds and Bound Over.

George Thompson, aged 41 years, of Cottage Grove, and W. H. Shane, aged 60 years, of Star, are charged with a statutory offense, being accused by Hazel Cole, a 14-year-old girl of Star.

They were arrested Saturday afternoon and taken to Eugene by Deputy Sheriff Green B. Pitcher. They appeared in Justice Jesse G. Wells' court and were bound over, Thompson's bail being fixed at $2500 and Shane's at $1500.

It is alleged that Thompson's offense was committed June 6, and that Shane's was committed May 10. Thompson's bail was fixed at a greater sum than Shane's for the reason that it is alleged that his offense was more serious than Shane's. Thompson is a single man and Shane is said to be a widower with a number of grown children.

Treats Soldier Boys to Cigars.

Colonel Blair, a veteran of the Civil war, treated the members of Sixth company to cigars Saturday evening before their departure for Fort Stevens.

MAY GIVE FAREWELL TO OTHER BRAVE BOYS

Although the public farewell reception given at the park Friday was in honor of those who have joined any arm of the service, those outside of Sixth company, which was in a body, probably felt rather crowded out, although none have said so, and there is talk of giving some kind of a function in honor of those who are yet to leave in the service of their country.

PROFITS FROM PATRIOTIC SONG GO TO MESS FUND

If "Dear Old Stars and Stripes," written by Cal Barnett, dedicated to the Oregon national guard and given to Sixth company, C. A. C., of Cottage Grove, should prove a popular song and its sales should run into a few million copies, the mess fund of the company might reach huge proportions. All the rights to the song have been given to the mess fund by the composer. The amount the fund may receive depends only upon the sales of the song. Sometimes a song gains immediate popularity, sometimes popularity comes after years, and sometimes not at all. The fate of this particular song is yet to be decided.

Three prominent traveling men will be appointed a committee to take possession of the copyright and should there be a demand for the song, all receipts above the cost of printing will be turned over to the treasurer of the mess fund.

MANY IN SERVICE OF U.S. OUTSIDE OF ARTILLERY

Cottage Grove Has Ten in Navy, Four in Ambulance Corps, Three in Flying Corps

Cottage Grove's contribution to the war is not entirely represented in the some 75 boys who left Sunday with Sixth company, and whose names were published last week.

There are four members of the ambulance corps: Joe T. Smith, George Matthews, Warren Edwards and Ernest Wyatt.

There are seven members of the navy: Leonard Morgan, Herman Edwards, Arthur Elledge, Elhs Harding, Irl Groves, Harold Sams and W. B. Patten. In addition to these seven, George Knox, now of Albany, Rayner Ellers and Charles Beals, former residents, are in the same service.

Victor Kem, whose parents are returning here from Indiana, is a member of the coast artillery regulars.

Elwyn McCargar, Ray Kerr and Ceil Woolley are members of the aviation corps.

Dan Parker is a member of Company F, Eighteenth regiment, regular railway engineers, Robert Atkinson is in the quartermaster department, and Albert Woodard is a member of the Red Cross, enlisting from Canada.

The name of William Edwards, who is in the reserve, and who accompanied Sixth company, although not a member, was not published in the list last week.

If there are others whose names have not been published, The Sentinel would be pleased to be informed of the fact.

Change in Want Ad. Rates.

Hereafter the charge for want ads, where replies are to be addressed to The Sentinel office, will be 2 cents the word, with three insertions for the price of two when paid in advance. The rate on ads, where the advertiser uses his own address will be the same as heretofore, 1 cent the word, with three insertions for the price of two when paid in advance.

PENNY TAKES MAGAZINE TO SOLDIERS IN FRANCE

After you read your magazines, send them to the Sammies in France. Postmistress Veatch has received instructions for the handling of "second-hand" periodicals to be sent to soldiers across the water. No wrapping or address is necessary. Simply attach a one-cent stamp to the cover of the magazine and hand it in at the window or drop it in the "papers" hole. All such periodicals will be assembled by the postoffices and shipped in quantities to the expeditionary forces in France, where you bet they will be gratefully devoured.

No attempt can be made to deliver this class of mail to any particular address and the placing of an address on the magazine would be useless, as well as confusing.

The following notice must appear on the cover of the magazine:

"Notice to Reader—When you finish reading this magazine, place a 1-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employe and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers or sailors at the front. No wrapper—no address.—A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General."

If this notice is not printed there by the publishers of the magazine, it must be written there by the person mailing the magazine.

12-year-old Girl Is Accuser.

Charles Earl was arrested here Monday for an alleged offense against a 12-year-old girl. He was taken to Eugene Tuesday by Deputy Sheriff Pitcher and has been bound over to the next term of court. On account of the delicate condition of a relative of the girl, the name of the complainant has been withheld from publication.

Fires President's Salute.

F. L. Evans, a Civil war veteran, was determined that the soldier boys should not leave without all due honors being shown them, so he took it upon himself to fire the president's salute of 21 guns, using anvils provided by Hamloth & Rohde and being assisted by them. The salute was fired at sundown Saturday evening.

Raise Flag at Latham.

Employes of the tie plant at Latham, determined to show their loyalty to Uncle Sam, raised a 60-foot flagpole last week and have a 12-foot flag floating therefrom. A collection was taken up among the employes for the purchase of the flag and pole.

BE CLEAN IS ADVICE GIVEN BOYS OF ARMY

Hundreds Gather in Farewell Given to Those About to Leave for Military Service

We Have Been Taking War Too Lightly and We Must Now Get Down to Business, Says the Chaplain of the Regiment.

That the people of Cottage Grove are deeply interested in Sixth company, Oregon Coast Artillery, and members of other arms of the service, was demonstrated by the large audience attending the farewell function given at city park Friday afternoon, which was followed by a supper for the boys of all arms of the service.

The principal address was given by Captain W. A. Elkins, chaplain of the coast artillery regiment and former pastor of the Christian church of this city. He said in part:

"We of America have been taking this war too lightly. Now that Russia has crumpled and France is bled white, we have got to get down to business. All of us must make sacrifices. It is not right that business should profit upon the blood of brave young men. Selfishness and patriotism are not to be spoken in the same breath. Each of us must be ready to help the other fellow and to sacrifice our own interests to the welfare of the whole."

To the men and boys about to leave for the front he made an appeal for purity, strength and worth of character, saying in part:

"Our future and the happiness of succeeding generations are at stake, and you owe it to yourselves, to your country and to youg flag, as well as to those you leave at home, to keep yourselves physically fit, so that you may give the last full measure of service. No man morally weak, no man physically weakened by booze can make a good soldier. You are now the flower of our manhood. May you come back, to wives, mothers and sisters as physically and morally fit as you are in leaving them. There comes a time when a man must stand alone before his God. Take a copy of the testament with you and let it guide you through the perils you are about to encounter."

An appeal was also made to the people of the community to stand behind their boys and to see that words of cheer from home are never forgotten.

"Nothing is too good for a soldier of America," the speaker declared.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. D. A. MacLeod and closed with prayer by Captain Elkins.

A short but feeling address of welcome was given by Mayor T. C. Wheeler, who was also chairman of the committee having the farewell reception in charge. "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner" were played by the band, as well as several other patriotic airs. Miss Mae Armstrong sang "Dear Old Stars and Stripes," written by Cal Barnett and dedicated to the Oregon National Guard, and George Matthews also gave a vocal number, being heartily encored. Miss Brand accompanied Miss Armstrong and Miss Armstrong accompanied Mr. Matthews.

After the supper short toasts were given by Dr. D. L. Woods, representing the G. A. R.; Miss Carolyn Woods, representing the Honor Guard, Captain Woods and several members of the company.

After the program Mr. Umphrey, president of the Red Cross, presented the comfort kits to the members of the company.

The stores of the city closed at 3:30 and the band and soldier boys marched to the park.

LANE POTATO CROP IS SECOND IN THE STATE

That Lane county's potato crop is second in condition only to that of Multnomah county is the statement of Professor J. E. Larsen, of the Oregon Agricultural college, who is making a seed certification inspecting trip. Lane county is also second only to Multnomah county in the acreage of certified seed potatoes planted.

Some damage is being done by a disease known as rhizetomia, which prevails in the roots of clover and affects potatoes when planted on land which was in clover the previous year. He recommends that corn be planted one year on clover land before it is planted to potatoes.

Professor Larsen found the farmers, as a rule, taking hold of the seed certificate proposition willingly and he hopes for excellent results in this county.

District Attorney Is Poisoned.

District Attorney Ray, while in the city Monday, was taken down with an attack of ptomaine poisoning and it was some time before he was out of danger. He was able to leave Tuesday for his home at Eugene.

Mr. Ray ate some raspberries and cream for his breakfast that morning. He says the cream was slightly tainted and that probably resulted in the poisoning.

Has Many Relatives in Service.

V. O. Huff has received word from a nephew, Herman F. Krueger, that he has become proficient in the aviation corps and expects orders any moment to leave for the front, where he expects to be commissioned a lieutenant.

Mr. Krueger's father was a native of Germany. Mr. Huff has four nephews and two grandsons who are now in the service of Uncle Sam.