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NEED OF CO. FUND IS EXPLAINED BY CAPTAIN

PLENTY OF PLAIN FOOD FURNISHED BUT LUXURIES ARE APPRECIATED

Football and Baseball Outfits Not Yet Paid for, and Company Is Badly in Need of Another Typewriting Machine.

Quarters, at Fort Stevens, Ore., Nov. 28.—(Special to The Sentinel).—Your correspondent at Fort Stevens was just too busy to send the "weekly" letter last week, and as the inspector general has been here for two days, and will be here for two more, we are too busy to take the time now, but will burn the midnight oil and steal enough time to thank all our friends for their kindnesses to us which we cannot overlook or forget.

T. W. DeLong, Grant Bales, J. I. Jones, John Hull and H. H. Olcott sent us a barrel of the finest apples I have seen in many moons. The freight was paid by "Uncle" Joe Garoutte, Mrs. Randall, Mrs. Latsch, "Uncle" Alex Cooley and Fred Brown, and the cartage was done by the old "war horse" John Spray.

The ladies' sewing circle of Leona held a dance and box supper for our company fund benefit and as a consequence sent us a check for \$126.90. Mrs. Tom Sears is president and wrote us a very nice letter of greeting and assurance of their faith in Sixth company, and we appreciate that as well as the money, which we needed. We went behind over \$200 last month and will do nearly as bad this month.

While I am on the subject of needing money I want to make a statement regarding our needs. We are not suffering for the necessities of life. We have plenty of the plainest substantial food, most of which we have to purchase from the commissary here at the post. We have fresh meat three meals every two days, and plenty of bacon at all times, so we have gravy (made from the bacon drippings) in plenty, if we do go without butter occasionally. We have an allowance of a fraction over 40 cents with which to purchase three meals a day for each man, so at the present prices of food stuff we do not live like hostile aldermen, though we have plenty of severely plain food.

As soon as I had read the letter from Mrs. Tom Sears and the boys had gotten through yelling "Who's all right!" (we were at dinner at the time and had no butter), one of the boys yelled "We want butter and bananas." We had them at dinner today, you bet.

I notice we have less men going to the hospital and less answering sick call each morning since we are living plainer, from force of necessity, than when we were living like "real folks." The men do not grumble though, I am proud to say. I have cautioned them to not write unpleasant things home to distress the home folks—not to write about things which cannot be helped, I mean. "We are in the army now" and must learn to take things as they come. We are living right now a darned sight better than we will when we "go across." The need for money is not altogether for mess, however. A company has lots of calls for money. For instance, we are not allowed to have a football team, or practice on the field without being equipped with complete uniforms for the men's protection. We had a good bunch of material in the company and developed a team which holds the highest average in the post at the present time. We have played four scheduled games and have won two and the other two were both draws, both being scoreless games. We ordered the suits and still owe for them. They don't cost anything but money but the boys are not able to pay for them themselves, as the Liberty bonds, insurance, allotments, etc., take most of their salaries and we have no company fund with which to meet such expenditures. The uniforms are for the benefit of the whole company and are changed around until practically every man who cares to practice gets a chance to do so.

Another thing we need badly is a typewriter for the use of the company, not only in the office, but very often the men have official letters to write such as requesting permission to be sent to various schools to be held at different places for different courses, and for other things. Nearly all the companies have two machines, and have use for them.

Since the allotment for families and insurance propositions have been sprung I have been using my machine until eleven o'clock every night, and most of the day. Either the company, first sergeant or someone else is at it all the time and we frequently are in one another's way, as someone will be writing an order or making out a payroll or muster roll, and an answer to a memorandum from headquarters must be made and sent in at once. Out comes

WHITE CARROT GREATLY RESEMBLES DEVILFISH

A vegetable that resembles almost perfectly a devilfish and has 14 tentacles, was left at The Sentinel office Saturday by T. W. DeLong and has attracted considerable attention as it hangs in the window. No one has yet guessed the correct name of the vegetable. The part that was above the ground is a kind of reddish purple, and that below the ground, white. Guesses as to the breed of the monstrosity have included the mangel, turnip, radish, sugar beet and several others. The vegetable is a white carrot.

CITY TAX LEVY FOR YEAR 1917 IS \$14,000

The tax levy for the city for 1918 was set at \$14,000 at the meeting of the council Monday evening. This is divided as follows: General, \$7800; street, \$4300; sewer, \$1500; library, \$400.

Under a law passed by the recent legislature, all assessments must be made in dollars instead of mills. The tax for 1918 is equivalent to 18 mills. That for 1917 was 19 mills.

MINNESOTA MAN IS GIVEN COAT OF TAR AND FEATHERS

Oskia, Minn., Nov. 22.—Because of disloyal remarks, E. H. Strateneyer, a naturalized American of German extraction, was given a coat of tar and feathers last night. Strateneyer was taken by a number of men as he was returning to his home shortly after nightfall and thrown into an automobile. Driving several miles into the country the machine was stopped at a lonely spot, and the tar and feathers were applied.

Miss Danforth Addresses High School

Miss Danforth, state president of the Girls' Honor Guard, addressed the girls of the high school last Thursday at one o'clock on "How the Girls Can Help in the War." She said that there is a great work for the girls to do and the time is coming when the government will call and enlist every girl for work. If she does not respond she also will be called a slacker.

The work being done by No. 1 and No. 2 puts in his work and No. 1 stands around and hates himself and loses his time and patience while waiting.

This occurs very frequently. Last week Lieutenant Spencer, of First company, O. C. A., wrote the circumstances to the mayor of Ashland and the mayor took the matter up with the commercial club and city council. They went about among the business men and in three days sent the company a brand new Royal No. 10 with all the modern improvements. This is not intended for a hint, but merely to show that such things are necessary and being done.

Nearly all the companies, excepting Ashland's company, came down here with large funds, some of them getting as high as \$435 a month sent to them regularly from their home people. Some companies can, and do, have what they need to make them efficient and worth while. The companies who have to put up with less to work with cannot accomplish as much, or make as good a showing, as the more fortunate ones. If you want to tickle the boys, send us a typewriter for a Christmas present—but send it now—and let it be understood that it is for the use of the whole company.

We have a fine bunch of lads and they are entitled to the best chance when it comes to advancement in the service. Cottage Grove "front and center."

If one or two lodges want to get up a dance to pay for the boys' uniforms the boys will be grateful I know.

We played four scheduled games of baseball and won three of them. We are rustlers, the boys are ambitious and want to excel and the approval of home folks in the way of helping to purchase equipment is welcome. It cost us considerable for baseball goods also.

We do not want you to think we are beggars, but as I have been asked for a statement as to our needs I have made it plain. We need the money for a great many things the government does not furnish to its soldiers and which we do not have the money to purchase. The regular companies (three of which are stationed here) have an accumulation of over \$6000 to their credit from profits in the post exchange. When companies have money they are all right, just as civilians are. The soldier's wage is so small that by the time he pays his expenses he does not have much extra, and is usually broke a very few days after pay day, which is a good thing, as it keeps him home more.

There are about 75 men working on the entrenchments which are going up very fast. Carpenters are paid 70 cents an hour and common labor \$3.50 a day. There is a dearth of fire wood at the post and we're now burning wet shabs, which is very poor wood. The quartermaster told me he would pay \$11 a cord for four-foot wood and sign a contract to take 500 cords a month. How about it, someone at the Grove? Can't it be done and money made?

CAPT. LEE ROY WOODS.

MUST ENLIST BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 15

If you want to be a volunteer, now is the time to enlist. After December 15, when the new draft regulations become effective, men of draft age will not be permitted to enlist voluntarily in the army, navy or marine corps.

Under the new classification system through which the draft will be conducted after questionnaires, to be sent every registered man in the next few weeks, have been answered and returned to local boards, these men will be held for service under the draft.

Heretofore any man of draft age who had not been called up before his local board for physical examination, could enlist voluntarily if he so desired. This will continue to be the case until December 15, but on that date the new rule goes into effect.

There are only two exceptions to this rule. Here is the exact language of the regulations in regard to the first exception:

"Upon presentation to a recruiting officer of a certificate by his local board to the effect that his class and order number are so low that he is not within the current quota of his local board, any registrant may enlist voluntarily in the navy or in the marine corps."

But no provision is made for voluntary enlistment of men of draft age in the army.

The other exception has to do with medical students, hospital internes, dental students, veterinarians or veterinary students, who will be permitted under regulations to be drawn up by the surgeon-general of the army, to enlist in the enlisted reserve corps of the medical department.

The new rule does not affect voluntary enlistments by men not of draft age.

The Sentinel Has Moved.

The Sentinel is now quartered in its new location on Main street between the Arcade theater and Allison's barber shop, where it has a much more modern, more pleasant and more comfortable location.

The moving stunt has been a strenuous one and the force has been kept busy trying to find things and put them in place that it has been necessary to in some measure neglect the paper this week.

Brownsville Plays Here Today.

What promises to be one of the most spectacular and hardest fought Thanksgiving day football games will be played here this afternoon, when Brownsville will meet the local team. Neither team has been defeated and the championship of the Willamette valley will depend in large measure upon the outcome of this game.

Former Pastor on Way to France.

Rev. E. O. Ballis, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, writes that he is on his way to France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary with the American expeditionary forces. He says he has never forgotten the kind people of Cottage Grove, and if any wish to write him his address will be 31 Avenue Montaigne, Paris, France. Rev. Ballis was just about to accept the pastorate at Enamelaw, Wash., when he received the call to go to France.

Send Fruit and Cake to Soldiers.

A shipment of 213 quarts of canned fruit left here Monday for the boys at Fort Stevens. The fruit was contributed by the Cottage Grove Red Cross and auxiliaries. Saginaw contributed 20 quarts, Divide 12 quarts, and Dorena 20 quarts and a barrel of apples.

Lectures on Mammoth Cave.

Rev. E. C. Pollard, of Boston, gave his illustrated lecture on "The Wonders of Mammoth Cave" at the Methodist church last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Elkaysee club.

Rev. Pollard was greeted by a splendid audience and his lecture, which was highly instructive as well as entertaining, greatly pleased all present. He has personally conducted tourist parties through the cave and his paintings of the interior scenes added much to the interest of the entertainment. Rev. Pollard may return to the west next summer and if he does the boys of the Elkaysee will hope to have him return to Cottage Grove and give his lecture on "The Wonders of Yellowstone Park."

Barrett Files His Answer.

Henry M. Barrett, who was sued a short time ago by his wife, Lizzie J., for a divorce, has filed his answer in circuit court. He denies in his answer that he "forced her into a marriage" by representing that he had a fine home and declares that she spent a week in Cottage Grove, where he lives, before the marriage, and they fitted up the house together. He alleges that she called him a miser and abused him two days after their marriage because he would not buy her an automobile.

All Lodges Cooperate.

The Odd Fellows lodge has added its name to the list of those who will cooperate with the food administration. All lodges and societies which have had meetings at which to take action have volunteered to eliminate all unnecessary refreshments, or those which do not take the place of a regular meal.

LUNCHES TO BE SERVED TO SCHOOL CHILDREN

School Board Approves Plan to Sell Pupils Hot Soup.

Mrs. Benson and Superintendent Glass met with the school board Friday evening and presented plans for serving hot lunches every day to all students desiring them. The lunches are in such demand that the domestic science department is crowded to serve the number during the noon hour. A good lunch is served at cost (five cents) consisting of a large bowl of soup and one other article. Since the lunch pays for itself and there are so many good results from serving hot lunches, Superintendent Glass and Mrs. Benson asked the board for permission to use the end of the upper hall for a dining room and to provide a woman to help one hour washing dishes and cleaning up after the lunch, as the girls in the department do not have the time before the afternoon session takes up. The board approved heartily of the plan and instructed the department to try it for a month. Mrs. Benson plans to have tables in the warm hall where children can bring their lunches and eat them and can purchase a bowl of hot soup and a dish of fruit for five cents.

Superintendent Glass presented the following advantages in serving hot lunches:

"First—Few adults can eat a cold lunch and not have a headache afterwards, yet growing children are expected to do good mental work on a cold lunch, a thing that has been found impossible and very detrimental. The confinement of the child in the schoolroom means a loss of bodily weight in the mature adult of 25 pounds. This is largely due to the poor cold lunches. There is a striking relation between good food and good brains.

"Second—When children take their lunches to a dining room and eat at a table they do not throw away half of their lunch like almost every child does when he eats a cold lunch. He will eat all of it when augmented by a bowl of hot soup. Did you ever cross the school ground and see scraps, not always small, scattered over it? And this is the day of the 'clean plate' and food conservation.

"Third—Beside the splendid results in better health and better students there is a strong argument for the hot lunch from the educational standpoint by the assembling of students around a common board. Children are more manly and polite to their companions under such conditions and especially so when the teachers lunch with them in accordance with the plan presented. There will grow up a spirit and manner and friendship which is not now present."

Mrs. Benson will be pleased to have parents deposit the amount of a week or month's lunch and in this way save the children the annoyance of carrying the money each day and run the risk of losing it.

Commencing Monday, December 3, lunches will be served every day from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. Any pupil in the school can get the lunch although the department prefers to know every morning how many wish to be served. Heretofore many children who wished to buy the lunch were crowded out by the rush and were obliged to go without. Larger pupils have often given their places to younger pupils when there was not enough to feed all.

First New Sub. in New Building.

Mrs. T. B. McGuire has the honor of having been the first to pay a subscription in The Sentinel's new building, and she is also the first new subscriber in the new building. While the machinery was being transferred into the new building she handed her money to the editor who was then so covered with dirt and grease that he had to handle the lucre pretty gently.

Booth Kelly Title Cancelled.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 26.—Title to 160 acres of land held by the Booth-Kelly Lumber company in Lane county was cancelled today by a decision rendered by Judge C. E. Wolverton in the federal court, who held that the transaction whereby P. S. Brumbaugh, a ranchman, transferred the land to the company in 1904, was fraudulent, in that Brumbaugh had acted as a dummy entryman for the Booth-Kelly concern.

Boy Cigarette Smokers Fined.

Eugene Register: Aaron Hansen and Arthur Olsen, aged over 18 years and under 21, were arrested Saturday on the charge of having cigarettes in their possession and each was fined \$5 in the justice court. One of the boys was picked up by Sheriff J. C. Parker and the other by J. C. Maey, police officer.

District Attorney Ray said that all boys under age heretofore caught smoking cigarettes will be arrested. He said that the dealers seem to be obeying the law in regard to selling cigarettes to minors but the boys evidently get their older friends to buy them for them.

Sending Fruit to Children's Home.

The children of the schools are making up a shipment of canned fruit to go to the boys' and girls' home at Portland. The shipment is being made up at Umphrey & Mackin's store.

Legal blanks of every kind for sale at The Sentinel office.

THIS HORSE PREFERRED TO LIVE AT COTTAGE GROVE

C. M. Parker went half way to Dexter yesterday with a horse belonging to his son Basil, who traveled half the distance from the other end and met his father. The horse was one which originally lived here. It got loose and started in this direction. Son Parker telephoned to Father Parker to watch for the animal, as he had probably started for his old home. A few minutes after Parker, Sr., went out to look for the horse the animal arrived, and the time made indicated that he had had no trouble in finding the way.

COTTAGE GROVE LAD IS WOUNDED IN ACTION

The serious injury in action of Private Harry C. Watkins, attached to the thirty-fifth battery, field artillery, which arrived in France in September, brings the war home to Cottage Grove. Private Watkins was raised in Cottage Grove and served three years in the Cottage Grove company. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Watkins, now living at North Bend.

He enlisted in the expeditionary army last April. In a letter which reached his parents the day before the dispatches announced his injury, he said that up to November 3 he had not been in action.

WAS INTIMATE OF PRESIDENTS

Dr. Pollard, of Boston, Speaks on Frosh Class Program.

Dr. Pollard, of Boston, for many years an educator, addressed the students of the high school at 2:30 Thursday afternoon on "How School Boys and Girls Become Great."

Dr. Pollard knew President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife Lucy as school children. He told of their advancements until they finally arrived at the White House in Washington.

Mrs. Hayes disliked the custom of serving wine. The president told her that she had always been the "boss" in her own household and should be so in the White House. She eliminated all liquors during their administration.

Mr. Pollard told of sitting in the private office of President McKinley, and of his friendship with "Fighting Bob" Evans.

Dr. Pollard's address was given as a part of the regular bi-weekly program and was in charge of the freshman class.

Beulah Hanna gave a splendid reading, Myrtle Potts a patriotic solo, Enid Veatch gave "Your Flag and My Flag," Clyde Burcham gave Riley's poem "When the Frost Is on the Punkin and the Fodder's in the Shock," and Mrs. Glass sang "The Flag Without a Stain."

Lorane People Ask Road Fund.

Eugene Register: A delegation of about 20 citizens of Lorane valley appeared before the county court Saturday to urge upon the court to provide in the coming budget for a sufficient fund for the improvement of the road from Eugene to that valley.

The movement was started some time ago when about 60 Eugene citizens motored to Lorane over the old road, and were shown places where it is desired to improve it and rebuild it so that it will be a passable road with a good grade all the year round.

Arguments in favor of this improvement were presented by a number of the Lorane people before the court and the matter was taken under advisement.

School Children Give Program.

The first four grades of the east side gave a Thanksgiving program Friday afternoon in the assembly room. The program opened by singing America and the recitation in unison of "Your Flag and My Flag." The classes then gave the flag pledge and salute. Several songs and recitations followed, all bearing on the thought of the day and its joys. The program was closed with a dramatization and tableau of the old colonial days and the first Thanksgiving. The big school auditorium was packed with pupils and patrons of the school. The women of the city turned out en masse to hear the children. The teachers, Miss Schilling, Mrs. Godard, Miss Stephens and Miss VanDenburg, spared neither time nor labor to make the program a success.

Y. M. C. A. List Not Ready for Publication.

Owing to the fact that a number of the solicitors have not yet turned in their receipt books, the auditing committee of the Y. M. C. A. war fund has not yet been able to make a complete list of contributors. The list will be published in The Sentinel as soon as completed, which probably will be next week. The lists will show the contributions of the different communities and different schools.

Honor Guard, Attention!

An important business meeting will be held Monday, December 3, at 7:30 p. m. at the high school auditorium. Each member must attend. No excuses accepted. A quorum is imperative.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

QUAINT 'BOHEMIA' SHARP PASSES BEYOND

KNEW GRANT, McCLELLAN, LESSEPS AND OTHER FAMOUS MEN

Was First Postmaster of Both Eugene and Cottage Grove, and Built the Sharp's Creek Road into Bohemia District.

"Bohemia" Sharp is dead. Scion of a wealthy family, associated in his younger years with General Geo. B. McClellan, General Ulysses S. Grant, Lesseps, builder of the Panama canal, and J. Wilkes Booth, the latter years of his life were passed as a county and state charge and he died at the Salem hospital. All of his old cronies had preceded him to the beyond and neither relative nor friend were with him at time of death.

"Bohemia" came to Oregon in 1862 and was the first postmaster of both Eugene and Cottage Grove. At that time he was known as J. H. Sharp. He



THE LATE "BOHEMIA" SHARP

resigned his position as postmaster here when gold was found in the Bohemia district, and followed the stampedee. The name "Bohemia" became so attached to him that none but himself remembered his initials.

For years "Bohemia" was one of Cottage Grove's quaintest characters, and he was the builder of the Sharp's creek road into the Bohemia district, the creek taking its name from him for that reason. He always claimed that he had an agreement with the county court to pay him for the work of constructing the road but that Judge Fisk died a few days before the convening of the court that would have allowed his claim and that payment was thereafter successively put off for one reason and another until he could no longer prove his right to payment and never was paid.

"Bohemia" was born at Nashville, Tenn., and was 81 years of age. He graduated from Knox college, Illinois, as a civil engineer and was associated in business with Geo. B. McClellan, afterwards organizer and commander of the army of the Potomac. His family was wealthy before the war, and an uncle was the inventor of the Sharp's rifle. Mr. Sharp told of his uncle's dying just before the war, the widow going to England and selling the patent there, the rifles being manufactured there and sold to the confederacy, this resulting in a charge against President Buchanan that he had smuggled rifles to the enemy. Mr. Sharp secured one of these rifles after the war and prized it very highly.

At the time of the promotion of the Nicaragua canal by Messrs. Miller, Murray and Davis, Mr. Sharp, being interested in the work because of his training as a civil engineer, went to the isthmus and inspected both proposed routes, meeting Lesseps, builder of the Suez canal, who had charge of the Nicaraguan job. Mr. Sharp always criticized this route, and especially the method used in acquiring the canal. He contended that the route would sooner or later prove a failure because of the quicksand mountains.

J. C. Johnson Is Now Captain.

Eugene Register: J. C. Johnson, a former Cottage Grove attorney and for the past two or three years practicing at Gold Beach, Curry county, is one of the successful applicants for army commissions at the last Presidio training camp. He has been commissioned as captain in the national army.

Captain Johnson is a veteran of the Spanish war and was for years after the war an officer in the Oregon National Guard, rising to the position of major, which he later resigned.

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