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OBITUARY

Ellen E. Topping
Ellen E. Powell was born at Union Grove, Whiteside county, Ill., December 23, 1840. Was married to Oscar F. Topping, January 10, 1861. There were born to them five children, three of whom survive her. A. F. Topping and Mrs. Jas. W. Turvey of Williams, and Geo. P. Topping of Bandon, Ore. Also 15 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She passed away at the family home at Williams, Ore., April 17, 1918. She came to Oregon in 1869, making the western trip on the first through trip of the Union Pacific to Redding, Cal., completing her journey by the old stage coach to Williams, Ore., where she has since lived.

"Grandma," as she was affectionately called by all who knew her, thought first of her country, her family, her friends and her community. This great unselfishness made her a strong factor in the upbuilding of all that is good and true in the neighborhood and the circle of her influence.

Two wars for freedom and democracy have found her willing to sacrifice her blood and energy in the help of her country.

With a young family she fought single handed the problems of existence and aid to her country while her young husband and three of her brothers answered the call of the immortal Lincoln. Two of the brothers never returned from the battlefield. Again, no one had keener devotion or felt more pride than she in the four grandsons who have gone to help stop the impossible Hun, that freedom, justice and democracy may continue to exist for the good of the world.

Grandma was an ardent worker for good morals and temperance, having once secured the largest number of petitions of any person in the state for the first prohibition amendment.

It can be truly said that in the training of her family and their families in education, in the social circle, she always did her duty nobly—A wonderful mother and a blessing to society. Ripened in years and fully prepared for another state of existence, she passes on now to enjoy the reward of a life well spent on earth.

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Showing Oregon and California Homestead Lands, open to filing April 20, 1918, \$1 per township.

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SOLDIER LETTERS

Harry Harper in Maryland
Colgate, Maryland,
April 9, 1918

Dear Mother,
Received your letter Saturday, but have been too busy to write. Was on guard Friday night and all day Saturday and went on guard again Sunday night. Should have been off last night, but there were orders that a transport must be loaded and so they kept the old guard on and the rest had to work loading trucks.

It started to rain last night and has been at it ever since, and the camp is a sea of mud once more. I had kept dry very nicely until this rain. I took off my wet shoes when I came in each time. I am getting pretty hard boiled since I came in to this life, yet some of the fellows who looked much stronger than I, are always on the sick list. One must look out for himself in this life. Some of the fellows here had a pretty hard time with the measles, and one of the fellows who came out the same time I did, died.

Yes, I had scrambled eggs easter morning. I was on guard that morning and had breakfast early. We are having much better eats here than we had at Washington. Must close for this time.

Loving son,

HARRY.

P. S.—My new address is:
306 Mech. Repair Shop Unit,
Camp Halabird,
Colgate, Maryland.

France, Mar. 18, 1918.

Dear Father:
I received your letter written to me at Laurel, Md., yesterday. Also the dandy big cake from mother, and the letters with the violets. The cake was certainly fine, and was far more appreciated by me than any candy you could have sent. The kit has not arrived but this is not surprising as the mail is mixed up pretty badly, and we often get letters written a month or half a month before letters coming in later.

You folks probably think I'm a poor war correspondent, but that is not my fault. I had a letter off to you with what news I considered would be of no use to the enemy but the letter came back with "rewrite" written on it. I'll try again by telling you that we are at the front; that the sound of big guns is about as common as the chirp of birds is to you and that battles in the air are so common to us as to only cause us to glance up from our work. However I'll have to stop this line of talk or I'll get this letter back too.

I saw Worth Hamilton at _____ and had a good talk with him. He is one of the engineering corps. Wallace Coutant is in Company A with me and we see each other every day. There are quite a number of Oregon boys in the company and they are all dandy fellows—mostly all college men, as are the men from the other states.

The work is just commencing to get interesting now and I find that my experience around the mines, in the mills and the steel work is helping me. There is a constant call for men who can work at these trades even moderately well. So far I have fared better than many in the company but I'll not say it in a bragging way as there may be a pick and shovel awaiting me at any time.

There is no need for you folks to worry about my safety as I am far better off than if I were in the copper mines at Butte for instance.

Also I want to say a good word for the Y. M. C. A. and the Salvation Army here, in furnishing places for the men to buy knickknacks and write etc. You can not imagine how popular these places are or what fine men and women are engaged in the work here. They certainly deserve the help they solicit in the states. I am writing in the Salvation Army camp tent and as a side light I'll say there are two pretty girls and an elderly woman serving the counter.

I'll finish this letter tomorrow, as it is late and I'll have to hit camp soon.

March 23rd—Well I didn't keep my promise of writing tomorrow. I had the tooth ache and besides have been so busy during the day that I went to bed with the chickens (haven't seen one in months.) You know we have to be careful of lights too at night, to prevent air raids.

You should have seen me the other day—it was my day off and I went down to _____ for the day. Well dinner time came and so I went over to a company mess that was in that town and got some "chow." I went outside and sat down in a sort of an alley way to eat. An elderly lady who was out in the back yard

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

H. Bartlett, of Orville, Cal., was in the city Monday.

Mrs. E. A. Fairchild goes to Medford tonight for a short stay.

Masda lamps at Rogue River Hdq. Electric supplies at Rogue River Hardware.

"Bathasweet" Sabia has it. 42

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Offins left this morning by automobile for Dorris, Cal., where they will spend the summer at the mills.

Joseph Fetner left last night for Brownsville, Minn., called there on account of the illness of Mrs. Fetner, who has been visiting in Minnesota for several weeks.

Mrs. Grant Soule, who visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Atkin, leaves tonight on the delayed No. 14, for her home near Dole.

J. S. Sieby and Nyle A. Battin arrived yesterday from Waiser, Ida., to investigate the O. & C. grant lands. Mr. Battin will leave tonight returning home, but Mr. Sieby will remain indefinitely.

U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE HOW TO GROW TOMATOES

The tomato is one of the most satisfactory of all the garden crops and one that is found in practically every vegetable garden. No matter how small the garden space available, it is always advisable to have a few tomato vines.

Tomatoes will grow in almost any good soil, but the soil should not be too high in nitrogenous matter as this will cause the plants to go to vine, rather than to fruit. The plants should be started in the window box or in the hotbed, some six weeks before time to set them in the open. For best results they should be transplanted at least once. It is possible to secure a crop much sooner by carefully growing the plants indoors in pots and transplanting to the open ground as soon as conditions permit. They should not be set in the open until about two weeks after the last killing frost. If set sooner than this, they should in all cases be protected from frost with a muslin cover, or with boxes covered with glass or by other means.

The pot-grown plants are especially desirable, as they may be brought to the blooming period by the time it is warm enough to plant them in the garden. If the plants are not be trained, but allowed to lie on the ground, they should be set about 4 feet apart each way. If trained to single stalk and tied to stakes or a trellis, they may be planted in rows 3 feet apart, and 18 inches apart in the row. If to be used for table purposes only, 25 plants under good conditions will supply the average family. If for canning, from 50 to 100 plants will be necessary. One hundred plants should supply sufficient tomatoes for present use, and enough to can at least 100 quarts.

Under favorable conditions, tomatoes will continue to grow and bear for the entire season, and it should not be necessary to set a late crop. —U. S. Department of Agriculture.

came to the fence and started a raucous fire of French at me. I went over and had a little chat with her. She told me about her sons in the war—the department they are in etc. We did it all with our arms, doing a regular "setting up" exercise, as a gymnast would say. Finally she went in the stone stable and milked the cow. When she came out she set the pail down and talked some more. A couple of dogs came along and took what they wanted and she then fed the baby with what was left. Her pretty daughter stood in the doorway but she wouldn't come out and talk.

I'm going to get my picture taken as soon as I can and I'll send you one. We had an official photographer and he is not allowed to take any surroundings that would be of value in disclosing our positions.

The boys here are all happy and cheery despite the mud and rain. At night some of them bring out their ukeleles and sing, or with roaring fires in a home-made stove, and socks drying overhead by the dozen pairs they sit around and crack jokes, smoke their pipes and cuss the kaiser.

Well it's "taps" so good night and write often.

Your son,

DANA.

All kinds of legal blanks at the Courier.

In Ordinance Class—

L. R. Steelhammer, formerly of Grants Pass, where he was manager of the Bishop store, is a member of the fifth ordinance class, which opens at the university of Oregon on May 6th.

American Defense Society—

A meeting of the American Defense society will be held at the home of Mrs. W. O. Hale Wednesday at 4 o'clock, April 24. All members of committees are expected to be there on time as important business will be transacted.

Headed for Hermitage—

A. C. Hooper left this morning on horse back and with pack horse headed for the Preston peak country, where he has extensive mining interests. Mr. Hooper has a slightly summer home high up in the mountains, which he has christened the Hermitage.

Electric Wiring—

Paul's Electric Store, Medford, Ore. Orders may be placed through power company office.

Train Service Resumed—

Passenger train No. 14, north bound, due here at 9:10 a. m., was annulled early in the day on account of the freight wreck, but it was sent out of Ashland and arrived here shortly before 5 p. m. No. 12, due here at 9:08 a. m., south bound, is marked up for 8 p. m.

Clean-up Day Soon—

City clean-up days will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 24th and 25th. Burn all rubbish possible. Place cans and other refuse in alleys or other accessible place, sacked if possible.

Your attention is also called to Ordinance No. 286 requiring that all shade trees along sidewalks be trimmed to a height of seven feet. We ask that you kindly comply with same.

C. H. DEMARAY, Mayor.

BARTLETT LEAVES SEEKING LOCATION

R. L. Bartlett leaves tonight for Portland and will later go to the Sound country seeking a new location. Mr. Bartlett has been a resident of Grants Pass for 20 years, was county clerk for two terms and conducted an exclusive shoe business in this city for 12 years. He has a host of friends here by whom he will be greatly missed. It is safe to say that Mr. Bartlett will miss the fine fishing in Rogue river, as that is the one sport he most enjoys.

Mrs. Bartlett and daughter will remain in Grants Pass until the close of school.

If you have anything to sell try a classified ad.

NEW TODAY

CLASSIFIED AD RATES—25 words, two issues, 75c; six issues, \$1.00; one month, \$1.50, when paid in advance. When not paid in advance, 5c per line per issue.

TOMATO PLANTS—Early and late varieties, 10c per dozen. J. T. Chausse. 43

LOST—Cream-colored baby robe between Oxford hotel and Murphy. Finder call Phone 231-R, or leave at Pastime Cigar Store. 42

FOR SALE—55 yards new linoleum, roll-top desk, reading lamp, 2 rockers, chairs, high chair, child's chair swing, feather pillows, kitchen utensils. Phone 379-L. 42if

WHITE LINE TAXI—City and country. Popular prices. Call the Spa Confectionery, phone 262-R. Residence phone 320-R. W. G. White, proprietor. 47

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JOY Theatre To Night

GOLDWYN presents JANE COWL

"Spreading Dawn"

By Basin King



Jane Cowl in "Spreading Dawn" Goldwyn Pictures.

Mrs. Herman Hanning saw this feature in Portland, where it was shown at the Majestic. She has this to say:—"Spreading Dawn is a lovely picture, and beautiful Jane Cowl is a lovable leading lady. This feature is sure to please."

If the wreck permits we will have with us tonight Alice Howett, the female Clapnet Chaplin, in the newest comedy

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