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WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1918.

OREGON WEATHER

Fair, moderate, northwesterly winds.

STREET CARNIVALS

There is a petition being circulated which will be presented to the council Thursday evening asking that action be taken to prohibit any carnival from being operated here this year. The idea is a good one. Carnivals generally present a cheap sort of amusement that is not elevating in the least and in addition they take large sums of money from the city and leave practically nothing in return. One of the worst features of street fairs is that they appeal to the frivolous in people and cause a certain element to spend larger sums on gambling games and idiotic amusements that they can afford.

The idea is not to do away with amusements just because we are at war. The reverse is the case. We need healthy, wholesome recreation of various forms and the more the better. But there is so much against a carnival at this time and so little to gain from it that the council would be justified in placing the license fee so high that it could not be reached.

GERMAN POTATOES

It was thought that every restaurant in this country had long since abandoned German names for dishes from their bill-of-fares. But there is still one in this city which keeps up the practice. The mere fact of serving "German friend potatoes" is nothing. The potatoes would be the same if called by some other name. But that is not the idea. The use of any device which tends to laud the enemy at this time is a dangerous practice. It spreads credence among a certain class of people. It is not thought that there was any disloyal intent upon the part of the local restaurateurs, but he would do well to avoid the use of anything German during the progress of the war.

The Germans have been brought to a stand. They have gained the last inch possible in their present attempt to reach the channel ports. Interest is now centered upon what Ludendorff will suggest, the Kaiser approve and Hindenburg attempt next.

General von Arnim may lose his job for having run into a stone wall before Ypres, just as von Falkenhayen did on a previous occasion.

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SOLDIER LETTERS

Sauer in Paris
March 11, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I received a nice long letter from Amelia the other day so I suppose I will be soon getting one from home. I suppose by the time you get this letter you will be having some warm weather. Yesterday was an ideal day and everyone took advantage of it. All the parks were crowded.

A bunch of us marines and sailors went out to the largest park and played a little game of ball. You can't imagine how foreign baseball is to the French people. We had thousands of spectators crowding around us. The people were surprised to find that the baseball was hard. They cannot understand why it doesn't break our hands when we catch a hot one. We have some professional players here and will soon show the Frenchies what a real game of ball is like. We are going in strong for athletics this spring. After such a long stretch of inactivity we are glad to get hardened up again.

I hope we will have a good place to swim this summer. I imagine the Seine will be rather dirty. I miss the clear water and the all year swimming of the tropics. "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home."

Enclosed you will find a clipping from the European edition of the New York Herald concerning our celebration of Washington's birthday. This took place right in front of the headquarters building so it was handy for us and we played an important part in the ceremony. But the papers didn't give us any credit for it. They didn't even mention the marines. We are not bucking for publicity but we do hate to have the dough-boys get the credit for what we do. Later I will send you a weekly publication which I am sure you will enjoy. It is edited and published by men in the service.

March 15, 1918

Dear Mother:

At last I have received a letter from home. I also received a letter from Aunt Helen. I am glad to hear you got the money, but can't understand why you haven't received the policy. Is Lewis stationed permanently in Portland. Perhaps he will never get to see France. He will certainly miss something if he doesn't. I won't be satisfied until I see Berlin.

There isn't any such thing as a dull moment in Paris. There's something doing all the time. March 8 we had an air raid and the result was 13 killed and 43 wounded. March 11, we had the worst raid of all. There were 100 killed and 79 wounded. Just an hour ago there was a big explosion that shook the whole city. A big cloud of white smoke went up into the air. It sure was pretty but I imagine rather costly. As soon as we get to dropping bombs on Berlin they will quit dropping them on Paris. It's a long road that has no turning.

It will soon be time to spade the garden. I suppose Leo is my successor. I hope he is still going to school and realizes by now how necessary it is to have an education. I believe it would be advisable for him to take up French as this country will have a great awakening after the war and the reconstruction will be carried on under American ideals. These people may excel us in art, but when it comes to commerce and industry we outshine them. It's strange how little the people of France and America know of each other. I soon will celebrate my 21st anniversary. I won't partake of any intoxicating liquors because that costs money and I am as free from money as a frog is from hair. I may be able to borrow a few francs but I have my doubts.

That new court house was a much needed improvement. It seems to be of the same architecture as the city hall. I want you to send me a picture of yourself and write often.

March 23, 1918

Dear Mother:

I am sending you the Stars and Stripes, which I promised you sometime ago. On the third page you will notice an article by Seth Bailey whom I think used to live in Grants Pass. I have asked for information leading to his present address, so I expect to be in touch with him soon. He may be able to put me wise to other Grants Pass boys over here. I would certainly like to meet someone from the metropolis of southern Oregon. I suppose most of the boys are still in camps.

I will try and send you the Stars and Stripes each week. They cost 50 centimes, that is 10 cents in American money. We have the European edition of the Chicago Tribune and the New York Herald. They are printed daily here in Paris. We also have the Daily Mail, so you see we are not suffering for the lack of news. At the club we have all the most important American papers but they are rather stale by the time they get here. I received my first letter from Elnora the other day. Was dated December 6th, and I received one from you dated December 4th. Better late than never. I suppose you are having snow and rain while we are enjoying summer over here. Send some pictures and write a nice long letter to

Your loving son,
FLORINE.

Smith Writes His Brother

Somewhere in France,

April 4, 1918.

Dear Brother Sherman:

I received your welcome letter and also Miss _____ letter all in one. I was somewhat surprised to here from her but appreciated it very much. I am having a tolerable good time. You know me—if there is a chance for a good time I will have it. I believe this is the first letter I have written to you since I have been here and I am not sure whether it will get through or not. I hope it will for I know you are anxious to hear from me, although I can't tell you anything when I do write. I haven't heard a word from brother Floyd since I left Washington, D. C. I suppose you have heard from him since then. I hope so.

I like the foreign countries very well, but there is nothing like Oregon for Willie.

I suppose you will think it is funny that I don't write more, but you know there are only certain things we can send from this side of the globe.

When I get back to Oregon I am going to stay on Briggs creek the balance of my days. Say, Sherman there are lots of little French girls over here who look good to me, and if you want one I can send a little one over to you very cheap. Just send me the size and color you want.

Well, it is about time for mess, so I will bring this to a close. I bought a new fountain pen and it surely is a daisy—if it only had a master.

Good bye.

LESTER L. SMITH,
Co. D, 6th Bat.,
20th Eng. A. E. F.

TAKILMA

Mr. Wimer is the proud owner of a new Ford.

Mrs. L. D. Corbett is visiting in Grants Pass.

A surprise party was given at the home of Harry Messenger in honor of Mr. Messenger, who left the next morning for Smith River, Cal. It was largely attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and Mrs. Messenger made a hurried trip to Grants Pass to meet Mr. Smith's mother, who came to visit them for a short time.

Ed Bayse is able to go to work again.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark were Grants Pass visitors last week.

Alvin Morey was severely injured by splitting his foot with an ax.

There will be a big dance given at the Takilma hall Saturday, May 11, in honor of the soldiers. Come one and all and help do your "bit."

CHICAGO WELCOMES
PASSING TROOP TRAINS

Chicago, Apr. 30.—Tired and travel worn, dust-be-grimed from long, tedious hours spent in packed coaches, soldiers of the United States travelling through this city are being cheered most effectively by the "canteen service" of the Chicago chapter of the American Red Cross.

Steaming coffee, sandwiches prepared by mothers many of whose sons are in France, chocolate, homemade cookies, magazines, books, and tobacco—all these are given to the travelling troops.

For several months the service has been conducted under secret orders, the Red Cross being notified an hour in advance of the arrival of all trains carrying boys in khaki. Members of the unit are the only persons in Chicago, informed in this manner of the movement of the soldiers.

Women of social note have been most active in this volunteer work. The success of the service is attested by the erection, now under way, of the "Triple A" building, which will become the headquarters of the unit.

Distribution of food delicacies, tobacco and reading matter, however, is not the entire scope of the unit. Service is the watchword. Postcards are supplied the men that they may write home. Messages are taken and promptly attended to by members of the unit. Many soldiers give the workers telephone numbers to call just for a friendly "Hello" to acquaintances and relatives.

When word is received of the imminent arrival of a troop train, automobiles, the use of which is given for this work, are sent with well filled baskets to the depot. The workers pass the baskets through the coaches and gain reward for their efforts from the unqualified delight that shines from every bronzed face.

AUSTRIA IS OFFERING
PEACE TO ITALIANS

Stockholm, Apr. 30.—The Catholic International press agency announces that Emperor Charles of Austria is making a new peace offer, appealing to Italy to consider it in her own interests.

London, Apr. 30.—A report on punishments inflicted on refractory conscientious objectors in Great Britain shows that 5,236 such cases have been dealt with during the period of the war, including 4,680 cases of court-martial for refusal to obey orders. Seventy-two objectors have served sentences of two years' hard labor.

Look
in the Glass

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WOMEN MANAGE KITCHENS

Amsterdam, Apr. 30.—All Germany's public kitchens are managed and staffed entirely by women. They buy and regulate all supplies, including fuel, and handle all the work of supervision, and accounting. The only male attendants are men appointed by the trade unions to

keep order. No woman is employed who is not prepared to give all her time to the work. Many are voluntary workers, but others are paid as much as \$30 to \$35 a month.

Most of the kitchens are self-supporting, but a few require help from the local government. The larger kitchens have a staff of over 100 workers.

RALPH E. WILLIAMS

Republican

Candidate for National

Committeeman

Ralph E. Williams, of Portland, native son of Oregon and present Republican National Committeeman, is a candidate for renomination and election. All Oregon knows that Mr. Williams was the chief factor in bringing about the reunion of the Republican and Progressive parties in the state in 1916, resulting in Oregon being the only state in the West to cast its electoral vote for Hughes. That Mr. Williams' splendid work in harmonizing the various elements of the Republican and Progressive parties is also recognized nationally, is attested by strong letters of endorsement, written by William R. Wilcox, retiring chairman of the Republican National Committee, George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee of the Progressive party, and Will H. Hays, recently elected chairman of the Republican National Committee. These letters refer not only to the state and national campaign of 1916, but also to the recent meeting of the Republican National Committee at St. Louis, where Mr. Williams' activities materially aided in establishing the spirit of cooperation and harmony which now prevails in the party throughout the United States.

A descendant of Oregon pioneer stock, his parents having crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845, Ralph Williams' Americanism has found abundant expression since the outbreak of the war by participation in all patriotic war activities.

As is generally known, seniority in service gives prestige and influence on the Republican National Committee in the same measure as on Congressional committees. At the present time he is ranked as to seniority on the National Committee by two members only. This puts Mr. Williams in a position of power and distinction such as no new member of the committee could hope to attain.

His reelection will insure to the State of Oregon all the added benefits which will naturally accrue from his increased standing.

THOS. H. TONGUE, JR.
CLYDE G. HUNTLEY
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WALTER L. TOOZE, JR.
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Members of Hughes Campaign Committee (Republican-Progressive).

(This information furnished by Thos. H. Tongue, Jr., Clyde G. Huntley, and others)

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