

JOY To Night Mae Marsh "All Woman"

JAMES FERREN WRITES POETRY

In a letter just received from Pvt. James Albert Ferren, who is well known here, he includes a parody on the familiar old song, "When You and I were Young, Maggie," which tells the tale of the kaiser's downfall. Private Ferren was born near Grants Pass and has engaged in fishing here for the past three years. He went to Camp Lewis July 20, 1918, and is at present a member of headquarters company, 38th Field Artillery, in the capacity of cook. He has been in the hospital the past three weeks suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but is recovering rapidly, and says in his letter: "I sure like old Curry fine and will be glad when we get the kaiser licked and I can get back."

EXPERT SAYS COUNTY'S BOOKS IN FINE SHAPE

J. H. Wilson, expert accountant from the O. A. C., has finished auditing the books at the various offices in Josephine county's court house and gives a very flattering recommendation to the officials in charge of the county's business. The work of checking up the accounts was ordered by the county court and Mr. Wilson finished his work January 1. In speaking of the conditions of the county's books, Mr. Wilson says: "The assessor made assessments on personal property and collected \$5,681.62. Last year, for instance, the assessor collected from one source over \$10,000 on such an assessment, without the law to permit it, and which the county would otherwise have lost. "The county clerk has kept everything in splendid shape and his books show accurateness, neatness and uniformity. I don't know where you would go to find a better conducted county clerk's office. "In the sheriff's office we again find a perfect machine, and closely as I might search I could find no figures out of way in the sheriff's books and that office has a perfect record for 1918. "I also found the books in the treasurer's office in splendid condition. "In conclusion, I wish to say that each and every one of Josephine county's offices at the courthouse are in perfect condition. It is not often that an audit is brought down to the minute like this one this year, with no cent out of position, but that is what your officers have done and it can't be beat. So far as the handling of Josephine county's finances are concerned, it is a model county in all respects and I am proud to make so satisfactory a report."

TRUTH FINALLY SOAKS THROUGH HUN SKULL

London, Jan. 4.—The Vossische Zeitung of Berlin, pointing out that it is useless for the Germans to complain of the "harsh" terms of the armistice and to plead for food for their former enemies until they establish a stable government in Berlin says: "All that sort of thing is only calculated to confuse the real issues and to miss the only way that leads out of disaster. It is a matter that concerns all the allies, not France alone, and the allies know very well what they ought to know. They have decided to help Germany when their conditions are fulfilled. Their demand is the restoration of order in Germany. The allies demand visible guarantees that Germany shall not fall out of one despotism into another and they demand that the internal conditions of Germany shall be placed in a position which shall forbid anarchy. "The fulfillment of these demands does not depend on the number of conflicting officials, least of all, on the armistice commission. It is the affair of a united and determined government. "The remedy, according to the newspaper is to hurry forward the assembling of the national convention. It does not consider it possible that the allies will break their word. "Germany must look to her own fate," the newspaper concludes. "It is no use making appeals. There is still time for the German people to win back all that they have lost in the war and what they cannot do without unity—the respect of the world and their daily bread. But the last moment has come and energetic action is demanded."

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Dies at Oakland— Mrs. L. K. Henton died at Oakland, Cal., on Thursday, January 2, of influenza. Mrs. Henton was formerly Miss Anna Barrett and resided at Grants Pass for a number of years. The remains will be brought to this city for burial in the Pleasant Valley cemetery. Electric work—Paul's Electric store, phone 90 Medford. 62 No Meeting Tonight— Owing to the fact that Hon. A. C. Ross who arrived here today from Crescent City could not remain over until tomorrow, the meeting called at the Chamber of Commerce rooms for tonight has been postponed. Mr. Ross left today for San Francisco. Tanlac, Sabin has it. 61 Hedlund Returning— Mrs. L. J. Hedlund received a message from her husband, dated at New York, stating that he had arrived at Staten Island, safe and feeling fine, having been taken from the stranded transport Northern Pacific yesterday. He was wounded October 1 in the left hip and arm. He was in the great drive on September 26 and 27. Hemstitching and piecing at 10 cents a yard—All work guaranteed The Vanity Shop, Medford, Ore. 27tf

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and neighbors, who so kindly helped and sympathized with us in our recent sickness and bereavement by the death of our son and brother. MR. AND MRS. W. J. SMITH and FAMILY, 403 J Street.

SOLDIER LETTERS

Frank Price Sees No "Subs" France, Nov. 19, 1918. Dear Ella and Family: The trip across was quite uneventful. We saw no subs, nor passed through any storms or rough seas. It grew tiresome, but it was all experience and that is what we all need. When we landed we were sent for a week to a "rest" camp. The way they spell "rest" at that camp is "w-o-r-k!" We were glad to get away from it, I tell you. Then we had quite an extended ride in a box car and finally arrived at this place. The country surely is not much like America. I can't describe it in letter, but will tell you about it when I come home. We are billeted in a small village at present. The quarters are quite comfortable but cold. The buildings are all stone with cement floor, and so far we have had only fuel enough to cook with. It has been frosting the last few nights and it sure wakes a fellow up when he rolls out for reveille at 6 a. m. But we console ourselves by thinking how much worse it is in the trenches. I am afraid I'll never see the trenches. If the papers tell the truth we may go back home again before long. Today's paper says the men in the American cantonments will be mustered out soon. I suppose that means that Teller will be home soon. That will be fine. I should not worry at all if he were home. I had one letter from mother dated October 9, in which she says that they are all prepared for the winter. I hate for them to be there alone nevertheless. I shall be there to eat grapes with you next year. We get a few grapes here, but we have to pay for them I tell you. It is rather late for them. I never saw so many grape vines until I got to France. We very seldom see an auto of any kind, except the American trucks and we never see a team of horses. The heavy traffic is all carried on by ox teams and the carriages (carts), are drawn principally by burros. They look very funny drawing a big cart and braying as they jog along. Most of the women ride bicycles. On the whole it is a great contrast from our country. I hope the flu don't get into your little flock. I have escaped it so far and don't expect to get it at all. I must close now. Please give my good wishes to all my friends in Grants Pass. Your loving brother, PVT. FRANK E. PRICE, Headquarter Co., 46th Reg., C.A.C. American Ex. Forces, France.

Something Good for your Appetite THE ROCHDALE THE STORE OF GUARANTEED GOODS C. R. FIFIELD, Manager

C. D. THOMPSON WILL BE THE 'WEATHER MAN'

Those who failed to attend the Chamber of Commerce luncheon today noon missed a fine dinner and otherwise very enjoyable social time. In the absence of a regular speaker, subjects of general local interest were discussed. An interesting letter from Neil R. Allen, describing the landing of President Wilson in France as witnessed from a point of vantage by himself, was read by E. S. Van Dyke. The securing of a "weather man" to take the position so ably filled for many years by Mr. Paddock, was brought up and our county agent, C. D. Thompson, promptly accepted the responsibility of keeping the people of Grants Pass and the world at large informed officially of our delightful, all the year round climate.

COURT ADJOURNED

Circuit court convened here this morning with Judge Frank M. Calkins on the bench. But little business came up, and court was adjourned this afternoon. Judge Calkins made an order to the effect that the present grand jury shall hold over until April 2. Another indictment was returned against Geo. E. Sanders by the grand jury. The judge will convene court here again next Monday.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 11, Saturday—Civil service examination for postmaster, vacancy at Leland.

NEW TODAY

FOR SALE—1916 Ford car at a bargain. Inquire 608 South 5th Street. 58 FOR RENT—Partly furnished modern cottage at 724 North Sixth street. Key 718 North Sixth. Price, \$8 per month. 57tf Our classified ads bring results

Grants Pass & Crescent City Stage Co. Big, Easy Riding Pierce Arrow Cars Office—Old Observer Bldg. Corner Seventh and G streets—Phone 26 Telephone—228-J and 163

BARGAIN 1917 Ford \$390 C. L. HOBART CO.

STANDARD TEAS Liptons Blend, at 1/4 lb. tin 40c Liptons Blend, a 1 lb. tin 80c Edwards Dependable, (Japan) 25c size 20c Edwards Dependable, (Japan) 50c size 40c BULK TEAS Japans 20c, 40c and 50c Gun Powders 40c and 50c English Breakfast, per lb. 50c BASKET GROCERY CO.

9,000 OVERSEAS HEROES ARRIVE HOME SUNDAY

New York, Jan. 6.—Five transports and the battleship North Carolina steamed into New York harbor Sunday, bringing a total of nearly 9,000 officers and men of the army and navy from France. The North Carolina, which is the first battleship to arrive here with troops from overseas, had among her 1,389 passengers, a detachment of marines who had seen service at Chateau Thierry, Belleau Wood and the Argonne Forest, and 19 officers and 994 men of the 113th ammunition train.

BOLSHEVIKS ARE DRIVEN BACK BY YANKEE FIRE

With the Allied Army on the Dvina, Jan. 4.—American troops fighting desperately near Kadish have driven back Bolshevist troops which made an advance there. The Bolshevists also launched attacks on the Omega sector and bombarded the allied front. The Americans came into battle along the Petrograd road and in the frozen swamps that border it. The battle was fought in snow from two to four feet in depth. American forces captured Kadish last Monday, after a display of gallantry that evoked the admiration of the allied commanders. Special care has been taken of the American wounded, and the body of an American officer was taken back 100 miles by sled and then shipped to Archangel for burial. There were some casualties on Monday, but they were small in comparison to those inflicted upon the enemy.

BORN

BALSIGER—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Balsiger, of Grants Pass, January 6, a son.

Wanted to Know Photographer. Arthur, aged five, was a Sunday school pupil and listened attentively to his teacher telling the class about Christ. Next day he went visiting with his mother and on the mantel was a picture of Christ, to which his mother called his attention, explaining that Christ was the subject of his lesson the previous day. After surveying the picture thoughtfully for a moment he suddenly exclaimed: "But who took it?"—Chicago Examiner.

Special Clothes for Motorists. It was in 1900 that a well-known tailor in Chicago introduced specially designed clothing for motorists. His announcement read in part as follows: "We can furnish a leather chauffeur's suit, jacket, trousers, cap and goggles complete in any color found in kid gloves at \$50 the outfit."