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NEWS FROM THE FRENCH WAR FRONT

Local Man Gets Letters From Brother In the Canadian Ranks

In view of the probability of many of our young men being sent to the front during the coming months, the following letters relative to life in the trenches will perhaps be of interest to our readers. They were received during the last month by R. O. Bayley, manager of the creamery here, from his brother who is "Somewhere in France."

France, April 6, 1917.

My dear Ralph:—No doubt you will be wondering what has happened to me since you have not had a letter for such a long time. Well, I am still whole and in good health. Somehow letter writing seems out of the question here, as a fellow has so little time to himself and then he wants to rest. It is a hard life. Since last I wrote we have gone through some rough times. Old Fritz has tried to show us how much ammunition he has and has kept up a constant shower of shells for day and days. It is wonderful how a fellow can live through such times. It is nothing but luck. Some fellows escape while their comrades fall beside him. A fellow never knows when his time is coming, but he never worries.

I have now taken part in two raids and have gone over the top twice to the German trenches. This is exciting but a risky job, but I have come out without a scratch. Last week about 300 hundred of us went over to get prisoners. We climbed the hill to the front trenches when the order was sent up to get ready. All of a sudden there was a big roar and we knew that our barrage was on. After a few minutes we climbed the trenches and rushed for the German lines. We scrambled through our wire and across no man's land up to our knees in mud. It was hard work but we made his third line and were successful in getting some prisoners but our barrage is so strong that there is very little left but dead Germans. Coming home is the worst part as Fritz has now got his guns playing on our lines, and we have the wounded men to bring with us. A night attack is a wonderful sight—a prettier sight I don't think I ever saw. You see signals of every color and shape and the shells sailing through the air and bursting. It is light as day. I can't describe it.

We are now out on our rest period but I expect we will be going in again in a few days. The last few days rumors have reached us that America has declared war but we do not know for sure.

Your affectionate brother,
Ewart.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

Many Methods Suggested for Food Conservation.

Fruits, vegetables and milk are the foods supplying in best form the mineral needed by the body to build bones and teeth and make blood and body cells. Drying the fruits and vegetables when plentiful will afford a cheap and pleasing supply of the food elements later in the year when they are either scarce and high-priced or altogether lacking in the markets.

Meat, milk, eggs, cheese, nuts, beans, peas and other legumes are staple muscle-making foods that supply materials for body growth and repair. Although these materials are indispensable in some form it is not necessary to supply them in the highest-priced form. A pound of cottage cheese supplies as much muscle material as a pound and a half of common cuts of meat—and costs less. When eggs and milk are used generously the other foods of the group are used only sparingly.

Rice, potatoes and cereals are the chief source of heat and energy of the body, and they are relatively inexpensive. Bread is cheap at any price. Breakfast cereals are used by most well-managed households. The package form is more expensive than the bulk. Rice has five times the food value of potatoes, but never costs five times as much, and should be served oftener. Sweets serve much the same purpose as the starches, and honey may be substituted for sugar with economy in many instances.

The fats of meat cuts and of fowls are trimmed off by careful housekeepers and tried out to be used as flavor-

France, April 16, 1917.

My dear Ralph:—After what we have gone through during the last week I feel a lucky beggar to be writing this letter to you. No doubt you have read in the papers of the grand victories gained by the Canadian troops, and they were too. We have been given special credit. For five days and nights we were kept going the whole time with hardly a wink of sleep. And on several occasions, with scarcely a half hour's notice, we were ordered over the top and we took our objective at the point of the bayonet. My word, I shall never forget what we went through and the sights we saw. We lost lots of men, but the poor old Germans! Our guns had them lying in heaps. I could write pages and pages about this week but I will have to keep it until I see you. On our last day "in" we drove the Germans back for miles and it was a tired but happy bunch of soldiers that were relieved by fresh troops that night and we were brought back some miles for a rest. I say I feel lucky to be able to write this. Well, when I think of the escapes I had, I do. The closest shave I had was to have my ear cut by shrapnel, but not badly—just a scratch. My overcoat sleeve was torn for inches. On one advance I had this writing pad in the pack on my back and you can see for yourself the close shave! The corner of this paper was torn by shrapnel. How a fellow could go through the week is a marvel to me, but luck was with me and my chances are still as good as ever.

Talking about luck! One afternoon our company was withdrawn from the advanced position to dig a trench some hundreds of yards behind. We dug like blazes there for hours, with the shells bursting all around us and not a single fellow was hit. At last it got so hot that we had to take shelter but no one was hurt. I wish I were with you to tell you all about our doings but perhaps that won't be long now. Anyway they will keep.

And so America is in the war at last. I wonder if that will affect the end of it. I wish the end would soon come now. I have had four and a half months of this life and that is enough for me, but apart from feeling tired and weary I was never in better health in my life.

Your affectionate brother,
Ewart.

ings. When served on the meat there is frequently great waste.

Fruits and vegetables likewise serve the admirable purpose of supplying bulk and preventing constipation. Some of the greens and salad plants are especially acceptable for this purpose.

In the present food crisis American housewives are making a more careful study of food values and the best means of supplying them than ever before, to do their part toward feeding the nation wisely and without waste. More consideration of food values is requisite to success, and proper training in food habits is one of the earliest and most important forms of education. Valuable suggestions may be had by writing to the U. S. Department of Agriculture for Farmers Bulletin No. 808.—A. Grace Johnson, Johnson, Assistant Professor Domestic Science, O. A. C.

Marriage Licenses.

June 6—Claud A. Randleman and Lottie L. Rickman.

June 6—Hartley Heard Balch and June Hesse, of Bandon.

June 6—Lee Jolley and Esther McCormack, of Marshfield.

June 7—Cavour Z. DeMeules and Leona Hoffman, of Marshfield.

June 9—Chas. Dooley, of Lakeside, and Ruth J. Deyer, of North Bend.

June 11—Harry L. Davis and Edith A. Pendergrass, of Marshfield.

June 11—Ralph Thompson Moore and Hattie Florence Boak, of Bandon.

June 11—Fred Biescke and Ray Post, of Marshfield.

June 11—Miles Milton Bravis, of Myrtle Point, and Ella Lillian Doney, of Powers.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER.

Register Now if You Couldn't Do so Before.

The following statement from Adjutant General White may be of interest here:

Men between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, who for some good reason were unable to register on War Census day, are to have one more chance.

If they will present themselves immediately to the Registration Board in their respective counties, their registration will be accepted and the necessary card made out, provided a valid excuse is made for failure to appear June 5.

The County Board of Registration in each county is made up of the sheriff, county clerk and county physician, and the board sits at the county seat.

Haste is essential, though, for the negligent ones who failed to register as this last period of grace may be ended any hour by the Government. If they desire to escape prosecution, with the penalty of imprisonment up to one year in jail, after which they will be registered and probably drafted, anyway, they should lose no time in going before the Registration Board.

This last chance will be open for a few more days. Men who show their good faith by immediately presenting themselves will probably have their excuses accepted for not having registered at the proper time. But any further delay will be unwise, to say the least.

Non-residents who have not yet registered should apply immediately to the Board. They will be registered under the procedure for registration of absentees.

A Liberty Bond means food for our boys at the front.

VOLUNTEER NOW.

You Get Your Choice of Service if You Enlist Now.

L. C. Greenup, U. S. Army recruiting officer stationed at Marshfield, spent several days in this city last week securing acquisitions to Uncle Sam's forces.

He says there is a general misunderstanding about enlistments since the registration and would like to have it explained that those who are registered can enlist at any time until they are drafted. After they have once been notified that they have been selected by draft they can no longer enlist voluntarily. The advantage of enlisting voluntarily is that the recruit may choose the department of service he prefers. Those drafted will be placed wherever the government sees fit to put them.

Mr. Greenup also stated that the enlistments will be counted by the Federal government in the total quota required of Oregon in proportion to its population. This means that for every voluntary enlistment made, one less will be drafted from this state.

Circuit Court Notes.

At the session of the circuit court this week four divorce cases were disposed of to the full satisfaction of dissatisfied wives of this county.

Emily Wells was granted a divorce from Clem B. Wells, Sylvia Christensen's marriage bonds to Hans C. were effectually disposed of and she was given a judgment of \$500 in addition, Lucina Goble was legally separated from Emery Goble and Dena Boyle was granted a divorce from James Boyle.

Two new citizens were created in the persons of Carl John Johnson and C. B. Kelley.

The grand jury is now in session and is expected to hand in its report some time today.

NEW TEACHER AT BUSINESS COLLEGE

Andersons' Practical Business College this week was fortunate in securing the services of one of the best teachers in the stenography and typewriting branch that has come to the state in many years. The new teacher is Miss Mary E. Lucas and the lady comes direct here from one of the best of the eastern business colleges. She has had many years experience in the teaching of these branches and comes with the highest recommendations from such instructors as W. R. Hayward, head of the commercial department of the Banks Business College of Philadelphia; J. W. Scholl, head of department of languages and mathematics of the Chattanooga, Tenn., college; C. C. Dorney, president of the Allentown, Pa., business college; F. M. Davis, principal of the Racine, Wis., College of Commerce; and many others.

F. B. Anderson, speaking of the addition to the teaching force of the local college, said: "We were particularly fortunate in securing the services of Miss Lucas and it will now be our special effort to make the school sufficiently attractive so her interest in the progress of her pupils will more than counteract the losses she will

sustain in having come from a city to a small town to make her home. Miss Lucas' former work has been in cities of many times the population of Coquille and, of course, she will miss the many things to which she has been accustomed and, but for her love of the work to which she has devoted her life, we could not hope to keep her here for a very long period of time. However, as I said before, our every effort will be put forth to make her class such that her love of teaching will keep her here permanently.

"The school is coming on amazing well, and the students are progressing nicely in their work. We are enrolling new students all the time in both the commercial as well as the stenographic departments and another month will see what we can term a full class in both departments. During the past week several changes were made necessary by the rapidly growing classes. The typewriting room has been enlarged to twice its former size and we may be compelled to make a further enlargement before the end of the month if the class continues to grow. The tables and desks in the commercial room are now full and others must be put in this week if more students enroll."

COUNTY COURT AWARDS CONTRACTS

The county court held a busy session last week at which many contracts for road and bridge work were awarded and other items of importance to the taxpayers were given attention. Among other items the court visited the county farm and made an inspection of equipment, buildings, etc., owing to the fact that Allan McLeod has handed in his resignation to take effect as soon as his successor has been named. His successor has been decided on by the court and the tender of the position made to him but no answer has as yet been given. The man decided on by the court is Novia Landreth, at present in charge of the county jail and court house, and the choice is one which will meet with the approval of all who are familiar with his work and personality. Mr. Landreth has given practically perfect service in the capacity of janitor and general caretaker of the county capitol which in itself is the best recommendation he could possibly give as to his qualification for the position now offered him.

The bids for the five bridges advertised for during the past three weeks were as follows:

Gravel Ford Bridge

For the bridge complete, including the approaches, one of which is 1200 feet long:

John D. Bennett, of Gravel Ford, \$6,328.80.

Curtis Gardner, of Portland, \$6,098.

Portland Bridge Co., \$19,000.

Michal William Payne, 18,747.

For a steel bridge the only bidder was the Portland Bridge company at \$25,990, and the contract was awarded to it at that figure. The Southern Pacific will pay about \$1000 of this amount.

Bridges North of Coos Bay.

These are to be drawbridges over Haynes, Larsen and North Sloughs and the bids were all for wooden bridges as follows:

Curtis Gardner, of Portland, \$5,338.

M. W. Payne, \$5,988.

Ladd & Harris, \$5089.

The contract was awarded to Ladd & Harris, the same firm who built the court house annex here last year.

No bids were received for the grading of the Glasgow north road, north of Coos Bay nor for the Coquille-Myrtle Point road. Although no further action has yet been taken in regard to these projects it is expected that the court will have them done on force account. One of the construction companies at Portland may get

MEETING TONIGHT TO RAISE FUNDS

Red Cross Fund of \$2,500 allotted to Coquille and Vicinity

Coquille's allotment of the \$400,000 Red Cross fund which is to be raised outside of Portland in Oregon is \$2,500 and the start of this good work will take place in this city tonight when speakers from the state headquarters of the society will be with us and give brief outlines of the work of the society. This allotment is based solely upon population and represents an assessment of one dollar per capita. It only remains for each and every citizen of this community to give to this great work one dollar and this fund will be assured. Come out to the meeting tonight and hear what these speakers have to say and then try and be the first to make your part of the subscription. Following is a brief summary of the plans of the society for the saving of the lives of our own boys on the battlefield:

100,000,000 Dollars—Why?

Oregon, outside Portland, must subscribe \$400,000 of the \$100,000,000 emergency Red Cross war service fund during the week of June 18-25 in order to meet the expectations of President Wilson who has appealed to the nation for this fund.

Prompting the President's appeal are the thousands of Red Cross ambulances on the firing line that must be maintained. Other thousands of ambulances must be built and sent to the front. Forty-five base hospitals already have been established and their work must be supplemented with that of many more hospitals in order to treat the wounds and save the lives of thousands of soldiers, including our own home boys.

The force of Red Cross physicians and nurses must be greatly increased and kept on duty.

British, French and Belgian soldiers can be sent home when, under hospital care, they have commenced to recover from wounds or sickness, but for Uncle Sam's soldier boys convalescent hospitals must be built by the Red Cross.

Mothers and wives who have given up sons and husbands and who have no other support must be cared for by the Red Cross organization.

Vocational schools for soldiers incapacitated by wounds for ordinary work must be organized and financed.

From the front line trenches to the mothers left at home the Universal Service of Mercy must maintain a vast organization and spend tremendous sums in order to meet an almost

these jobs at cost and 10 per cent for use of material and superintendence.

The only road projects yet to be advertised for are the Coos City road, the Coquille-Bandon road and the overhead railroad crossing at Summit, and the overhead crossing two miles below Myrtle Point at the W. Lee Ray hill.

On Saturday several matters pertaining to widows' pensions and indigent allowances were taken up. Mrs. Irene Reese, of Bandon, applied for a widow's pension but her papers were improperly prepared, and Mrs. Stella Shields also made a similar application. Both were placed on the indigent list, the former temporarily and the latter permanently as she does not come under the requirements of the law. There were three discontinuances on the indigent list for cause.

During this month the court will make a careful and systematic investigation of the widows' pension and indigent cases in the county with the idea of ascertaining actual facts relating to same and if necessary will hold meetings at the various towns in the county where evidence will be taken.

The court adjourned Saturday night to meet again Friday and take under consideration ways and means and methods of procedure in the matters of the road work on the various projects which have not been let by contract.

The work on the Cunningham unit will be begun this week. The pile driver is on the ground and will be assembled today and the work of driving the piles for the bridge at the Watson dairy barn will be pushed as rapidly as possible. Judge Watson stated yesterday that the work of grading and graveling the road would be carried on as nearly simultaneously as possible to the end that none of the road would remain impassable

overwhelming emergency growing out of United States participation in the World War. Nor can the work be delayed one day. Bullets will not wait on tardy dollars. The man who offers his life on the battlefield for the defense of his country must not be left to bear the burden alone.

Why does the government not finance this relief work? The question is often asked. The American Red Cross is ranked as a neutral, as long as it is maintained by private subscriptions. The administration of the Red Cross cannot be carried on as are the national and military operations. Relief work, also, must cut red tape, must be promptly ready for every emergency, must be governed by humanitarian principles and quick decisions and must not be hampered by the restrictions of governmental machinery. At the same time the Red Cross is the only relief agency formally authorized by the government. Its head is the President of the United States. Its accounts are audited by the war department. It is chartered by Congress. President Wilson declares:

"A large, well-organized and efficient Red Cross is essential.

It is both a patriotic and a humane service that is rendered by every citizen who becomes a member of the American Red Cross."

Red Cross subscriptions need not be paid all at one time. One-fourth will be due July 1; one-fourth August 4; one-fourth September 1; and the balance October 1.

A task as great as getting the subscriptions is to inform every man, woman and child of the purposes and emergency character of the campaign before Red Cross Week, as proclaimed by the President, which begins June 18. Community committees are urged to have a forceful speaker present at every gathering whether small or large. Newspapers are called on for liberal space. Ministers are asked to present the subject to their congregations. Let every patriotic citizen speak of the campaign to every other person he or she meets.

In this world war some must give their lives, others their money. No patriot at home could bear to think that a patriot bled to death on the battlefield because he or she failed to contribute his dollar to the Red Cross. You have no right to say you are patriotic unless you give your utmost in service no matter what it may involve in personal sacrifice.

Progressive Local Firm

As a progressive business man and one who keeps up with the general movement M. J. Hartson stands well at the head as was proven last week when he went out and captured two nice furnishing contracts in this city. The first and largest was that of furnishing all general equipment for the hall of records. This contract will call for chairs, tables, typewriter stands and stools, waste baskets, cuspidors and several other smaller articles to a considerable number. This material has all been ordered and Mr. Hartson stated yesterday that it will all be ready for installation by the 15th of the present month, barring unavoidable delays.

The second contract which Mr. Hartson secured during the week was that of furnishing the new Hamilton hospital throughout. This contract includes all floor coverings and furniture, not only for the general rooms but for the private rooms and wards. It also includes that for the living rooms which Dr. Hamilton will occupy on the ground floor. Everything in the establishment will be new and of the best standard quality and he is straining every point to make it a demonstration of the furnishing facilities of his store.

And that is no mean item, as this store will compare favorably with those in the larger cities. Comparatively speaking the Coquille Furniture Company's store, of which, by the way, Mr. Hartson is the sole owner, is one of the best if not the best, both as to stock and general arrangement, in Coos county.

should the funds run short before the entire project is completed. The long fill will not be made if the funds run short but the bridge will be made to serve for another year.