

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

FEED THE BABIES

PLANNING TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS

... piano for rent and square piano for sale, cheap for cash.—Box 246 Burns, Oregon.

Jack Craddock and family were down from their Silvies Valley home yesterday.

For sale—Two hundred tons of hay at Narrows. Inquire of Ethel Haines, Harney, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bennett were down from their home in Silvies Valley during the week.

A young man's best bet, a college education. Mt. Angel College, St. Benedict, Ore.

There is only one good thing that can be said of the Kaiser. What ever he may be, he is never a nonentity.

To trade—a Winchester pump gun, 12 gauge, for a twenty gauge Winchester, Martin or Stevens.

W. M. Sutton.

Mrs. J. W. Buchanan was here for a few days this week with her son, Joe, who had returned from Portland to dispose of his household goods and prepare to take up his residence for an indefinite time in the city where he shall be employed in war work.

Miss Blom who has been visiting with friends in the southern part of the county, came up Thursday in company with E. B. Hill and wife and took her departure yesterday morning by way of Bend for Portland, San Francisco and finally New York, her home.

Uncle Sam has built several thousand miles of railroads and miles of wharves in France for the uses of his army. In one city he has established a bakery that turns out a million loaves of bread a day; in another the largest refrigerating plant in the world. There is nothing too good for Uncle Sam's boys.

Joe Buchanan came in from Portland the other day and disposed of his household goods. He went down some time ago with his family and since he has war work there did not want to keep two establishments up so came up to arrange to give up possession of the house here. He left for Portland, again yesterday morning.

Harry Riggs, a son of Mrs. Eliza Riggs, of this city, is here from his home in Lake county on a short visit with relatives and friends. He informs us that W. H. Shirk, president of the First National Bank of Lakeview, dropped dead the other day from heart trouble. It seems he was assisting in fighting a fire either in the forest or on some hay lands when he was overcome. Mr. Shirk formerly resided in this county and was known to many old time people. He was a progressive and enterprising man that will be missed in the business channels of his community.

The Oregon Committee for relief of children in France and Belgium has already started its campaign throughout the state, and the local committee has just begun its work, which it anticipates will meet with hearty support from the loyal citizens of Harney County.

The County chairman, appointed by the state officers, is Mrs. James L. Gault, who has appointed Mrs. Eugene Rembold, Mrs. C. H. Leonard, and Mrs. J. O. Foley to serve with her in this commendable undertaking.

Since this branch of war relief is comparatively new it will be briefly outlined here. The work of the Oregon Committee is for the relief of children in occupied and unoccupied portions of Belgium and France. Since the Red Cross cannot work behind the lines in the occupied portions of Belgium the children suffer intensely from lack of food—daily sustenance being only a half-pint (one cup) of soup made from beets which before the war were used only for cattle. We are already familiar with the awful suffering among these starving children, thirty per cent of whom have become tubercular from lack of nourishing food, so that we must certainly be moved to help relieve these helpless little victims of the war.

The general plan for raising money for this fund—of which this county's quota is but \$350.00 is to place sealed milk bottles in prominent places, for the collection of coins. Other methods of raising funds will be advanced later by the local committee, but for the present you will note the empty milk bottles in various places about town and remember the starving children "over there" by contributing your small change to their relief—pennies, nickels and dimes spent by our children daily for candy and gum, can profitably be dropped in the milk bottles for children who have neither homes, clothing, or food. Get the habit of watching for the bottles and helping to fill them up.

All money raised in Oregon is sent to the state treasurer, Mrs. Kelley Rees, Portland, who sends it direct to Baron Coutier, Belgian Minister in Washington, D. C.

The local fund has already received a generous donation through the courtesy of Miss Jocelyn Burke and those who assisted her, in a recent recital in Burns. Any donations to the fund may be made to any member of the committee, who will report same in the monthly reports to State Treasurer Mrs. Rees.

Watch for the milk bottles! Save your pennies and small change! Save the French and Belgian babies from starving!

The Times-Herald has received some enclosures together with a letter from Secretary of Interior Lane regarding the plan for creating homes for returning soldiers. This matter was started in this state in connection with the reclamation of arid lands. It has gained such proportions now, that it covers a big question and a great area. It is not to be confined to the reclamation of arid lands but also to swamps, logged-off lands.

The information sent us in part reads:

Secretary Lane presented to the President and to Congress recently a comprehensive plan for a preliminary study of the unused lands of the country, with particular reference to the irrigation of some 15,000,000 acres of arid land, the drainage of between 70,000,000 and 80,000,000 acres of swamp land and the clearing of approximately 200,000,000 acres of cut-over or logged-off land, with the purpose in view of reclaiming these lands through governmental agency and providing homes for returned soldiers.

My Dear Mr. Sherley:

I wish to express my appreciation of the action of your committee in appropriating \$200,000 for the preliminary study of the unused lands of the country with the purpose in view of providing homes for returned soldiers. Since your action the President has approved a recommendation for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to be used in the same work. I am proceeding to organize this work in the hope that the larger amount will be available soon after the new session of Congress opens. In this connection I submit a brief outline of the efforts made in other countries along somewhat similar lines.

This outline of the plans of other nations for their returning soldiers indicates that much thought and work has been given in these countries toward the solution of this problem. Of course I realize that these conditions and conduct of each particular policy are made to fit the condition, whether it be nation or state. And I do not mean to imply that we can model our plans or policies along those lines. But I do believe that this knowledge points out one lesson that has much good in it. That is, that the preparation of plans for providing opportunity for our returning soldiers can not be left to the day when the war is over.

Cordially yours,
Franklin K. Lauf.

Hon. Swagar Sherley,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriation,
House of Representatives.

Included with his letter are a number of comments from the several countries now at war, showing steps taken to make homes for returning soldiers. Among them are:

CANADA—With reference to the Dominion lands, the reserved areas (known as Crown lands) are placed in the hands of a Settlement Board, which consists of three members. A free grant of one hundred and sixty acres is made to the returning soldier, and the Board is empowered to grant a loan of not exceeding \$2,000 to each man, to be spent in erecting a house, purchasing implements and stock, and generally in preparing the land. This loan will be a first mortgage on the homestead. It will be advanced at a low rate of interest (five per cent), and will have to be repaid in fifteen years. Applicants for land or loans must have had previous farming experience. Intending settlers among returning soldiers without previous farming experience can go upon demonstration farms for training. If they elect, however, they may go upon farms of selected and approved either case employment at current wages will be paid. "The classes entitled to participate," says the Report of Lord Tennyson's Committee, "include honorably discharged ex-service men from the forces of Canada, the United Kingdom, and any of the self-governing British Dominions, and to the widows of soldiers and sailors from other parts of the Empire whose husbands died while on active service.

United Kingdom—Legislation has been enacted by Parliament (6 and 7 Geo. V. c 33), enabling the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries to acquire land for a small number of experimental holdings for returning men in England and Wales. The measure provides for small farms not exceeding fifty acres, to be of three different types, mixed farming, dairying and market-gardening. Men without previous farming experience are to be given preliminary training on a demonstration farm, under the supervision of a director, receiving a fair living wage. When they are considered capable of taking up a holding for themselves it will be al-

lotted. Under this small holding scheme I understand that land has been acquired in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. The Board is likewise working out a large program, to be later recommended to the Ministry. In Scotland the Board of Agriculture under the Act above mentioned has also taken up land.

President Poicore signed a law providing for the acquisition of small rural properties by soldier and civilian victims of the war. It provides in part for "individual mortgage loans to facilitate acquisition, parceling out, transformation and reconstruction of small rural properties of which the value does not exceed 10,000 francs." The loans are to be made from the agricultural lending societies at a rate of 1 percent, with a term of twenty-five years. Advances for improvements are provided for and a special commission is appointed to administer the law.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—A real estate Government for the returning soldiers. Settlement on one hundred and sixty acres, subject only to survey fees, is provided, and the repayment of these fees together with charges against preliminary improvements, with the repayments of capital values, extend over thirty years. Loans can be secured from the State Agricultural Bank. On each settlement a central farm, where soldiers can obtain practical training in agriculture, will be established under State supervision.

GREEN TOMATOES—A FALL VEGETABLE

When the first hard frost leaves you with a large supply of green tomatoes on hand you will make some of them into pickle—but do you know how good they are to use as a vegetable?

They are very good sliced and fried. Slice in one-half inch slices, sprinkle with salt and fry until tender in a little fat. If you wish them browned, dip the slices in flour or bread crumbs or first dip in egg and then in crumbs before frying.

If you are fond of fried apple and onions, you will also like the following. Slice onions and green tomatoes

and fry together. Serve at dinner or as a relish for supper.

They are very good, too, stewed much as you stew the ripe ones.

Othel Goff, Frank Smith and Ed Goodman left yesterday morning in company with Nollie Reed en route to Corvallis where they will take up school work for the coming year. They had planned this work some time ago but now all of them will be in the new registration for army duty and therefore will take up such work as may be assigned in the line of war work pending their call. The boys will accompany Nollie as far as The Dalles and from there will take the train for their destination.

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