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WASHINGTON BOY HOME FROM NEAR EAST



ALFRED MERRITT

Alfred Merritt, who has just returned to his home in Tacoma after three years service for the Near East Relief in Russian Armenia.

"Unless you have been over there and have seen thousands upon thousands of children gradually developing from practical savagery, to which they had been reduced, into happy useful self-supporting members of humanity you can never know what that country owes to America. The work is not finished yet but after this year should begin to diminish. With thousands of children still hungry in refugee camps this is no time to think of reductions or withdrawals."

"Ted Gannaway, a boy from Medford and Seattle, is busy distributing clothing in Greece. He pays the refugee women, many of them expert needlewomen, a few cents a day for making over the clothing. Then if a man is able to pay any price whatever he is expected to pay all that he can afford, although often only a few cents for the clothing. We are determined not to pauperize those people, who, until a few years ago, were prosperous and self-respecting. So carefully does Ted Gannaway handle this clothing that he actually turns back a profit each month, a profit which is used for the purchase of food for the children of whom there are thousands and thousands hungry in Greece today."

"The same sort of miracles are wrought with old clothing across the Black Sea in the Russian Caucasus where about half of the expense of the work is met through contributions of old clothing from America. The Russian government pays a stated sum for these tons of clothing, and they are furnished to workers who make them over and put them in shape for sale to the bazaars or shops. Again the people are not pauperized for those who can pay, pay a small amount, and only the cases of the most desperate need receive free gifts."

At present, Mr. Merritt says, the state of the Armenians is most unhappy. They are being forced out of Greece, and, as they are not allowed in Turkey or Russia, they have nowhere to go, but are gathered in refugee stations along the shores of the Mediterranean sea, waiting for the League of Nations to decide what is to be done with them. "Why the allies allowed the Turks to get off so easy is more than any of us can understand," he said, discussing the situation in the Levant. "That was certainly a most terrible mistake, and we have not begun yet to know how terrible it was."

RETURNING TOURISTS TELL SAME STORY

"One of the greatest encouragements in the eight years I have served as Director of the Near East Relief report brought back by returning tourists this year," states J. J. Handaker, Regional Director for Near East Relief for Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska.

"It is a very significant thing that these tourists all come back with the same story. Some saw one part of the work and some another. But all unite in saying that the Armenians engaged in the work are of unusually high type; that the work is economically and efficiently done, and if America only knew the need and how far the need is being met with the money available, there would be no lack of funds."

"Among those recently visiting the Near East and whose reports have been uniformly enthusiastic, are Mrs. C. S. Jackson and her secretary, Miss Julia Hobday, of the Oregon Journal; Miss Cornelia Marvin, State Librarian; Mrs. Louise Kelloms, of the Eugene Bible University; Prof. W. J. Sly, Linfield College; Miss Della Smith of the Portland Public Schools; and Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Cox of Portland, philanthropists; Dr. J. B. Washburn, former President Portland Chamber of Commerce.

"Acting on the advice of the National Information Bureau, the Community Chests of Portland, Tacoma and Seattle include the Near East Relief for generous appropriations. The purpose of this bureau is to investigate the workings of relief agencies, both at home and abroad, and no Community Chest will give a penny to an organization not approved by this bureau. Investigators have found that the money goes there if we give it."

The Near East Relief offices are at 613 Stock Exchange, Portland and 329 Burke Bldg., Seattle.

OBITUARY

John Hulet, Jr., was born near midnight on May 14, 1839. It was characteristic of the time and conditions in which he was born that he never knew whether he was born on the 14th or 15th of May, for there were no timepieces in the house and the sole means of knowing time was a rude sun dial in the front yard. He was the eldest son of Lucy and John Hulet, who at that time lived near DePuy, in St. Lawrence County, New York. The second son was born and in a short time the mother passed away, a victim of what was then known as consumption, but now widely spoken of as the Great White Plague.

On the death of his mother, John went to live with his Grandfather Bonner, whom he always called Granther Bonner. During the time that he lived with his grandfather the little chap attended country school for a short time but when he was about seven years old his father married again and John went to live with his stepmother. She was a woman with considerable experience, quick intellect, quick of temper, easy to anger, but never bearing a grudge and quickly recovering from her ill temper. John remembered many of the sayings his stepmother used to repeat to him. One of them: "You cannot make a silk purse from a sow's ear" and another "A weed that grows on the manure pile will flourish."

When John was about nineteen he left home to make his way in the world and it was the winter after he was nineteen that he attended school for 3 months, which he often spoke of as the only "schooling" he ever had which amounted to anything. It was during these three months that he learned all that he ever knew of arithmetic.

It is rather a sad commentary on modern education to say that his children who finished arithmetic after seven or eight years of school study in the subject never brought home any work that he couldn't readily solve.

In June, 1862, he was married to Miss Lutina Hill. Shortly after his marriage he enlisted as tender in the Union service and spent some months under the Union general who had command of the forces west of the Mississippi. During the time he was in the service he learned what it meant to hear the bullets sing, to buck up a mule, to play Black Jack and a few other things. He knew what it was to tear down a rail fence so that he might sleep on the pile of rails, which would keep him out of the mud, to forage for food to feed a half-starving regiment, to use a lousy slick and the jack line, to ride a whacker and to break a lead mule.

After some months in the service he applied for a discharge, which was immediately granted, as it was evident to the medical officer that though he never was in the hospital he could stand but very little more of the life. He went into the service weighing 198 pounds. When he left he weighed 132 and he never quite reached again the weight he carried when he joined Uncle Sam's forces.

After returning to his wife the young couple left for the West and came to DeKalb Co., Illinois, where their oldest child Sylvia, was born. Not being accustomed to the prairies and with a kindly feeling for the woods, the couple returned to New York, where in about 1865 a second child, Lucy Estella, was born. In 1866 John left again for the West, this time leaving his young wife and family and seeking a location in the tree rubber. He went to southwestern Michigan and later in 1868 filed on the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 35 North, Range 12 West, Langston Meridian, which he owned from that time until his death, December 9, 1924. He was accompanied into the woods by Frank Taylor, who had married Lucy Estella, John's aunt, who, with him, lived as a settler. They filed on a quarter section 25, Township 35 North, Range 12 West. The two men walked twenty miles through solid forest.

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Interesting Little Notes from the Surrounding Country as Told by Our Active Special Correspondents Weekly.

CAPITOL HILL NEWS

The next meeting of the Capitol Hill Improvement Club will be held January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and family are moving to Milwaukie, to make their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Patton celebrated Christmas at the H. Hillwell home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Brown former residents, are now living in Galva Ferry, Connecticut.

The Improvement Club card party which was held at the home of Mrs. R. N. Keyser was a success, netting \$25.

HILLSBORO NEWS

Alumni and undergraduates of O. A. C. held a banquet Monday night to organize an O. A. C. Alumni Association in this County.

Hillsboro Chapter No. 51 of the Royal Arch Masons installed their officers Monday. J. R. Kamberger of Beaverton is master of the third veil.

Albert E. Theissen was apprehended here Saturday on a charge of passing bad checks in Tillamook. He was turned over to Tillamook Co. authorities.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday for Archie McVicar, who died at Washington County hospital last Thursday. He had been a resident of Oregon for fifty years.

Increases in salaries of the county judge and commissioners were voted at the county budget meeting. The judge's salary was raised from \$1200 to \$2400 a year. The commissioners each got a raise from \$3 to \$5. The change, if ratified by the legislature, will not take effect till 1926. The budget of \$403,862 was passed. Of that amount \$378,862 is to be raised by 1925 taxes.

That there may be a uniform understanding among all peace officers it is requested that the use of the 1924 license plates be permitted until such time as the 1925 licenses are received by the car owner from the Secretary of State, but only in those cases where the owners of such motor vehicles shall produce satisfactory evidence of having submitted applications for 1925 licenses. Motor car owners who are found operating their cars after January 1, 1925, and who have not made application for 1925 licenses are doing so in open violation of the motor vehicle law in the state and subject themselves to the penalties imposed thereunder for violations of such law.

Owners of motor vehicles licensed under the laws of other states and countries and heretofore granted Oregon visitors permits which expire by limitation or otherwise December 31, 1924, should be required to secure 1925 Oregon licenses for such motor vehicles in all cases where it is evident that the motor car owner, during the life of such visitors' permit, has taken up residence in Oregon by the acceptance of gainful employment and the removal of his family into the state.

STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEETS

Many University of Oregon faculty men and women are participating in this week in the 23rd annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, held in Portland this week, Monday to Friday. Four of this number will preside over department meetings of the association and the others will read papers in their special fields.

The University of Oregon delegation will not be limited, however, to those who are scheduled for formal participation in the program. Others will be present at the sessions, expecting to take part in the informal discussions and to be present at the general meetings.

Dean Colin V. Dymont of the College of Literature, Science and the Arts is scheduled to preside over the department of higher education which meets Tuesday and Wednesday.

1925 LICENSE PLATES

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YES, YES

Lover—She is as pure as snow.
Cynic—And like snow, she is liable to drift.

NOT THAT KIND

First Deb—Have you ever been painted in oil?
Second Deb—Mercy no—how do you get it off?

JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HELD

Saturday, December 27th, on the Festival of St. John, Beaverton Lodge No. 100 A. F. and A. M. and Beaver Chapter No. 106 Order of Eastern Star, held a joint installation of officers in the Masonic Hall.

An excellent dinner was served at six o'clock to all members and friends, after which the following officers were installed by installing Officer Dora E. Stipe, Past Worth Matron; Frances S. Hudson, Worthington; Gilbert Goshorn, Worthington; Martha Wood, Associate Matron; Verna Hulien, Conductress; Barbara Gorham, Associate Conductress; Jessie Pharis, Secretary; Mae Blasser, Treasurer; Carrie Summers, Warden; W. O. Roberts, Sentinel; Althea Kamberger, Ada; Marie Goshorn, Ruth; Luana Borin, Esther; Margaret Denny, Martha; Rebecca Eggman, Electa; Helen Davis, Marshall; Mahel Jacobs, Organist; Lillian Filly, Chaplain; Guy Carr, Color Bearer.

Mrs. Stipe performed her part of the work in a very efficient manner befitting the occasion, as did the officers installed. Mrs. L. G. Schellenberger, Past Worthington Matron of Pocatello, Idaho, acted as Marshall and Past Matron Betty Shepherd of Beaverton Chapter as Installing Chaplain.

Beautiful bouquets were presented to each officer installed and to all members participating. A beautiful Past Matron's Jewel was presented to the retiring Worthington Matron, Iva Summers by the members, and a suitable gift by the retiring officers. Past Worthington Matron V. A. Wood presented the retiring Worthington Matron with a gift of appreciation for her efficient services in the past, very successful year.

Past Patron R. R. Summers presented the new Worthington Matron, Frances Hudson, with a beautiful bouquet from Mrs. Hudson, accompanied by an appropriate speech.

Entertainment was furnished through the regular features by a piano solo by Miss Elia Goshorn, vocal solo by Miss Rhoda Schellenberger and readings by Miss Nona Brown and Master Engela.

LONE BURGLAR TRIES HIS HAND

Wednesday night of last week J. C. Bridges went back into the store after having closed it for the evening. He fixed the fire, returned to his livingrooms which are just off the store building.

Before he sat down he happened to think that he had left something on his desk which he thought he might need and returned to the store. As he stepped up beside the desk the light shining in the windows plainly revealed the figure of a man with a sack in his hand, standing by the stove. Bridges called to his wife to bring his gun. The man dropped the sack, bolted for the door, which was fastened with only a bar, and escaped before the gun got into action.

Mr. Bridges believes that he knows who the man was and probably a warrant for his arrest will be issued in the near future.

This is the first attempt at anything resembling burglary since the establishment of the Review in Beaverton.

Mr. Bridges believes that the man gained entrance into the store earlier in the evening and hid behind the counter, as the doors had been securely fastened but a very short time before.

RELIEF WORK HEROINE BACK FROM NEAR EAST



MRS. W. E. RAMBO

Mrs. W. E. Rambo, a former resident of Chehalis, Klamath Falls and Baker, recently returned from the Near East.

She and her husband were singled out by the Queen of Greece for special thanks in connection with the rescue of fifty thousand Greeks in Batrarn, following the World War. With her husband, she walked literally in the steps of the Apostle Paul as they took hundreds of children from a Turkish besieged village through Tarzus to safety on the Isle of Cyprus under the direction of the Near East Relief.

"We are familiar with suffering and even starvation," states Mrs. Rambo. "Before we went to the Near East, for we spent our honeymoon in India in the midst of a great famine where hundreds of children were left at our very doors. With relief money sent from America we gave employment to hundreds of men who were thus able to support their families, and the buildings are in use today as orphanages."

"Our oldest son, Victor, returned a few weeks ago as medical missionary to the very spot where he was born, and he finds that the leaders in the community are the children whom we saved from death twenty-five years ago. With this experience back of us we naturally look for great results from Americans taking care of a hundred thousand children in the Near East."

ARMENIAN CHILDREN WANT AMERICAN FLAGS

Jerusalem.—Armenian children in the Near East Relief orphanages in Palestine and Syria have petitioned the American consul here to secure American flags for all their orphanage buildings. In a letter to the consul, they state: "It is the only flag we have, and the only one that means a homeland to us. America has been our father and mother, and we want the Stars and Stripes always with us as a constant reminder of what we owe to your country." The consul has invited contributions of flags, 5 feet by 5 feet, or larger.

AMERICAN IDEALS

GIFT TO NEAR EAST

"I have always been interested in Near East Relief," stated a prominent social worker of Portland a few days ago, "but, until the last few months the whole thing seemed so hopeless it seemed to be just one dreary round of massacre and sorrow over and over again."

"I am sending a larger check this year for now that the children are out of Turkey and there is no more danger of massacre it seems to me we have the big chance for which we have been looking for these many years. It seems too good to be true that the massacres are ended but such is the case."

"Another thing that encourages me is the great constructive program which the relief agency is carrying out and where methods of education, hygiene and industry have replaced relief methods. This I understand is true of the larger part of the Near East program although much relief work is still necessary in the pitiful camps in Greece and Syria where thousands of children are still homeless and many will die this winter, unless help is given."

"The going to the Near East of men like Dr. Paul Monroe of the Teachers College of New York and a nationally known authority on education, and Dr. R. R. Redler, equally well known who with Dr. James L. Vaneas formerly mediator of the Presbyterian Church and the carrying out of their suggestions for the training of these children may mean much for the future welfare of that stricken country."

"I give money now to the Near East Relief just as I give it to a college or any other charitable forming organization in this country expecting my reward in knowing that my gift is being put to use for successful lives and that my contribution has helped to save some children's lives."

"The Near East Relief is an American ideal in and culture will be one of the greatest contributions that any people could possibly make to a war-stricken land."

DRIVER KILLED

AS TRUCK SKIDS

As a result of failing to heed the warning of his employer to put chains on his truck, Erman F. Horstman, twenty-two years old, was killed Sunday when the machine skidded on icy pavement on the Canyon road, and crashed into a telephone pole.

Horstman, who lived in Hillsboro, was employed as driver for the Reedville Dairy. Before starting to Portland, he was warned by Mr. Trachsel, his employer, that he should put chains on the tires. He evidently ignored the warning.

According to a witness, Mr. Horstman was traveling down the hill so fast that he could not make the turn where the accident happened. The truck skidded for about 25 feet, went into the ditch, and in the ditch skidded about 25 feet, until the wheels snapped off and threw the machine over on its side. Even then it slid for 30 feet, when it hit the pole and came to a stop.

The body was caught, between the back of the seat and the steering wheel, which was pushed back by the pole. The body could not be removed for several hours.

JUST A DOG

A dog is man's most faithful friend.

He loves his master, be he rich or poor, For him he will all things endure. And when at last the race is run The master is through and his work is done And his body the grave does receive, But the dog will lie on his grave and grieve. True bonds of friendship unbroken till the end, Why should not man like his dog when he's his friend? Lucky is the man on this earthly log Who has the love of a faithful dog.

RAIN

By Anna S. Herzog

And just see here, the snow's disappeared, The cold and the ice we tear-ed. And underneath all the snow we had seen The grass is still green. Perhaps the snow just came out our way To make it easy for Santa Claus' sleigh. Perhaps the snow and the sleigh with its bells ajingle Would make it more real for old Kris Kringle. The snow, like Santa, is now gone, you bet And it's raining and again we are wet. The weather is lovely, every thing's fine. I guess the winter will be here again. The old folks "know what we'll get from 'Januaree."

A Bright and Happy New Year

