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ALEXANDERS

Pendleton—QUALITY—SERVICE—Oregon

Excellent Suits

\$22.50 and \$35.00

Garments which are attracting no end of attention, because—

The new styles were most carefully selected and therefore correct to the minute; also because of the very reasonable prices.

Many of the Suits are fur-trimmed, others are plain. Some of the suits are finished with silk braid. They come in practically all the most popular autumn and winter material, and in all sizes for women and misses.

A Special Purchase of Dresses

\$22.50

New models in Satin, Serge, Georgette, Foulard and Taffeta—

The new braided effects, so much desired; the fringe trimming with panel and tunic skirts are shown in varied styles.

Every dress in the assortment is worthy of honorable mention, for the values, as the heading indicates are not ordinary.

Heavy Georgette Waists

\$5.75

Exquisite companions to Fall Suits—The new Fall Blobs in all its beauty, featuring rounded, square and high collars, frills, plaited fronts, slip over side buttoned effects. LUXURIOUS NEW COATS, \$29.50—Exhibiting large, new "Snuggle in" collars, distinctive idea in pockets, smart belts. Rich Meltons, Velours, Kersey, Broadcloth.

SHOES

Shoes for the whole family at prices within reach of all. We are showing many new Shoes in Grey, Chocolate Brown, Toney Red and Black. For the little folks we have Blacks white or grey tops. We have received our new stock of overshoes and rubbers.

Men's Brown Vici English	\$8.50
Men's Brown Calf English	7.90
Men's Gunmetal English	6.90
Men's Black Button	2.98 to 5.50
Men's Gunmetal Lace	2.98 to 5.50
Men's Army Shoe, soft cap	5.50
Men's Work Shoes	2.98 to 5.90
Men's Hightop Shoes	5.90 to 8.50
Boys' black and brown Eng.	3.98 to 4.98
Boys' Calf, button or lace	1.69 to 3.98
Boys' Hightop Shoes	2.98 to 4.50

Ladies' gray Kid Louis heel	8.90 to 10.50
Ladies' gray Kid Military heel	8.50
Ladies' brown " Louis heel	6.90 to 7.50
Ladies' brown English Cloth top	5.50
Ladies' brown English all Leather	4.50
Ladies' black Kid Louis Heel	7.50
" " Military heel	6.50 to 7.50
" Gunmetal button & lace	2.98 to 4.50
Misses' black & tan English	2.98 to 4.50
Misses' Calf or Vici button	1.49 to 2.98
Child's Kid & Patent Shoes	98c to 1.98

Step in and be fit, while we have your size.

J. C. Penney Co.
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197 BUSY STORES

LETTERS FROM OUR LADS "OVER THERE"

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Payne have received the following from their son, Joe:

"Dear folks at home: I am well and having a good time and I hope this finds you feeling as good as I do, and not worrying about me, for I am all right now. Never felt any better in my life than I do right now.

"We are having some rain; it rains about three days out of every week. This is sure some country here. I like it fine. It is the same kind of ground that we have there, black soil, and the crops look good what there is of them; but the farms are so small there is only about ten acres to each farm. The people sure treat us fine.

"Well, I haven't any more to write about so will close, hoping to hear from you soon.

"Pvt. Joseph A. Payne
Co. A 804 Engrs., Am. E. F. France."

On German Soil by Winter.

Frank Nelson hands us the following interesting letter from a Canadian friend:

"With the British Expeditionary Force Somewhere in France, Sep 19.

"Got your letter and parcel and want to thank you for the parcel which I got when I was up in the line and in the thick of it, and didn't have any chance of getting smokes up there and most of the other boys were out of them; so you can see what a God's blessing it was to us. And the chewing, I was glad you sent me that. You know there are times that we can not smoke. You will never know what a smoke means to a man until you get out here, which I hope you never have to do. I may be able to repay you when we get Fritz back to Berlin, and we get back to Canada, which I hope will not be long, if we keep on going like we have for the last month or so. We have been giving him a good shaking up, and he will get it worse yet if he don't get back in a hurry, and if the weather stays good. But it looks bad just now, it has been raining four days steady, so we can't do much just now, and we are getting a little rest at the same time, which we all need after being in H— for so long; but great sport at the same time.

"I will bet, if the weather stays good from now on, that we will be fighting on German ground before winter sets in. He puts his best men against us Canadians. We took men from '0 different divisions from him in one day, just my Div. alone, and his best troops, too. Do you know what one of their officers said to us, after he was taken prisoner in the last battle? He said: 'You fellows can't fool us. We know you are not Canadians—you Americans dressed up in Canadian kits, to fool us! The Canadians are down on — front.'

"So, you can see how everything moves fast here nowadays. We were fighting them one day on down south—the next day we were miles away from there, and after them harder than ever. So everything is going like clockwork. Your old pal,

"A. Mortenson."

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WILSON URGES FOR FULL LOAN QUOTAS

President Wilson's second warning to the American people to get behind the government in whole-hearted support of the fourth Liberty loan, and foretelling the incalculable damage to the allied cause which would result from the slightest under-subscription was issued from the White House Monday night as follows:

"The White House Oct. 14.—The reply of the German government to my note of inquiry dated on October 8, gives occasion for me to say to my fellow-countrymen that neither that reply nor any other recent events have in any way diminished the vital importance of the Liberty Loan. Relaxation now, hesitation now, would mean years of war instead of peace upon our terms.

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A GENERAL RED CROSS ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

The Athena branch of the Umatilla Red Cross has received letters advising of the decision of the executive board of the Chapter in providing that each branch shall hold a meeting of its members next Tuesday, October 22, 1918, to elect its branch officers and members of the chapter board of directors. The chairman elected by each branch is to act as ex-officio member of the board.

Election of the Athena auxiliary was erroneously announced for this week, through a misunderstanding; but all members are urgently requested to be present at the Red Cross rooms on Main street next Tuesday afternoon.

On Wednesday, the 23rd, at 11 a. m. the members of the board of directors will meet in Pendleton, and a nomination committee will be selected from their number to make nominations for chairman, vice chairman, treasurer and executive committee of the Umatilla County Chapter. These nominations will be submitted to a meeting of the board at 7:30 p. m. of the same day. The system is one recommended by the headquarters at Seattle.

Smut Spores Drift Far.

In the Blue Mountain region near Pendleton, smut spores were recently discovered which, according to George I. Zundel, Federal plant pathologist, must have floated in from parts of California, Northern Utah or Southern Oregon. Counts have just been made from spore traps in both Eastern and Western Washington. The western trap, placed at Puyallup, showed that in that region from 12,000 to 49,000 smut spores settled on a square foot of soil in the harvest. In Columbia county the smut shower per square foot went as high as 288,999; Astoria, 334,000; Garfield, 100,000 Klieckit, 912,000; Lincoln, 20,000; Walla Walla 285,000; Whitman, 225,000.

BABIES MUST HAVE MILK

"You get more calories to the penny from milk than from any other food even at the present price," said Dr. E. J. Labbe, specialist, who returned recently from Europe and who spoke at the State Fair and at other patriotic gatherings. Dr. Labbe told of the children he treated in the Red Cross children's hospital in Evian, on Lake Geneva, in France. The little French and Belgian refugees were wan and weak and almost lifeless. A milk diet soon brought good results and the babes thrived. "But," said Dr. Labbe, "they will never entirely shake off the marks made by the months in which they were starved for milk. Children must have milk if the race is to go on. It is every man's and every woman's duty to do all in his power to keep the herds of Oregon alive. Feed men, mill men, dairymen, householders, dealers, everyone must co-operate. The babies of the world must be saved."

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Payne last week returned home from a visit in Spokane.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

In the state bar examinations that were held at Salem under the direction of the supreme court only 11 applicants for certificates made their appearance.

Two draft calls for 436 class 1 men to be sent to Fort Stevens, Or., and Fort McArthur, Cal., have been issued. Entrainments under both calls are to be effected in the five-day period starting October 21.

Apples have begun to roll from Hood River to eastern points in large quantities. Average shipments now are 14 cars per day. The total crop will approach 1200 carloads. To date 160 cars have been sent out.

Not since the Umatilla project was established ten years ago has the interest in alfalfa lands been so great as at the present time. During the last 30 days cash sales have been numerous and prices have been good.

To place plainly before the housewives of Oregon once more the what and why of present food conservation regulations, the state food administration is preparing to conduct a big pledge drive October 28 to November 2.

Clay Ulam, owner of a 40-acre prune orchard near Canyonville, has harvested the record crop of fruit from his place this year. He secured 95 tons of dried prunes and sold the output at 9 cents a pound, securing \$17,100 for his crop.

Oregon's banks deserve the credit for putting the state first in the purchase of treasury certificates. Every bank in the state took some of the certificates of the issue of October 1, and this record was not duplicated in any other commonwealth.

A total of 599 industrial accidents, of which three were fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission during the past week. The fatal accidents were: Walter Harvey and O. L. Waters, Portland, shipbuilding; John Confer, St. Helens, lumbering.

In response to an inquiry from Klamath Falls as to whether persons signing petitions for independent nominations must be electors who are registered without party affiliation, Assistant Attorney-General Van Winkle has advised that this is not required by law.

The salmon fishing season on the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers and on Coos bay is now at its height and many carloads of the fish are shipped from these sections over the Coos bay branch of the Southern Pacific to outside points, most of them being billed to New York.

Carl Crosland, representing the department of commerce, is in Salem to gather state financial statistics which are to be sent to Washington for compilation. Mr. Crosland expects to be there about two weeks, working most of the time in the office of Secretary of State Olcott.

Thomas C. Taylor, a past grand commander of the Knights Templar, dropped dead in the Masonic temple at Bend just prior to the opening of a session of the grand commandery of the state. Mr. Taylor was one of eastern Oregon's best-known men, having lived at Pendleton a number of years.

Twenty-four hundred common laborers are needed immediately by shipyards in and about Portland if mechanics are to be allowed to go ahead and the production of ships in this district is not to be seriously crippled, according to an announcement made by the United States employment bureau.

As a forerunner of extensive developments on the Klamath Indian reservation, the United States government Indian irrigation service has applied to State Engineer Lewis for a permit to appropriate sufficient water from Williamson river and its tributaries to irrigate 73,636 acres on the Klamath swamp.

Notwithstanding the embargo on the movement of grain to congested terminals in the northwest market centers, there is a considerable total of demurrage paid to the railroads daily for cars held beyond the allotted time for unloading. At Astoria there are about 200 cars on track waiting to be unloaded.

Public Service Commissioner H. H. Corey has returned from eastern Oregon where he effected an agreement between the East Oregon Logging com-

GEORGE N. PECK



It is the job of George N. Peck, one of the foremost of the industrial experts who are giving their services to the government for the duration of the war, to convert industrial plants to war production.

pany and farmers of Willows county by which the ranchers will be allowed to transport their wheat to market over the logging road of the former. The cost will be about 9 cents a hundred pounds. Heretofore, it has been necessary for the farmers to haul their grain by team for distances of from 20 to 40 miles, the cost in many cases amounting to more than 30 cents a hundred. The road extends from Enterprise to Flora. There is in the neighborhood of 150,000 bushels of wheat to be taken to market.

Prune growers of the Forest Grove locality have practically finished picking the crop. The season has been unusually favorable for work and the crop exceeds former records.

The cruising and appraising of privately-owned land in the Bull Run watershed district by the government foresters is under way. It is expected that the owners will exchange their rights in this district for timber not in a government reserve section. The Bull Run watershed is the source of Portland's water supply.

At a meeting of the Portland boiler-makers' union it was voted that the 44-hour working week shall be put in effect by members working in shipyards by the taking of Saturday half-holidays. The union voted two weeks ago to work 48 hours weekly, after having taken Saturday half-holidays for two successive weeks.

An educational campaign is being launched by the Tillamook Creamery association to make their products better known. The output of Tillamook cheese this year will, it is expected, exceed \$1,500,000. In 1917 the 24 factories handled 44,901,303 pounds of milk, and from it manufactured 4,974,328 pounds of Tillamook cheese, valued at \$1,188,845.

A shipment of 40 gallons of brandy and 65 gallons of whiskey that was masquerading as "cylinder oil, medium," and arrived on the steamer Rose City from San Francisco, was seized at Astoria by the police and federal authorities. The liquor was in kegs packed in boxes and was consigned to the "Wendling Vaughn Logging company, Grays River, Wash."

Frantic telegrams have been received by Senator Chamberlain from representatives of prune growers in the vicinity of Salem saying that notwithstanding the announcements that the food administration has given orders for the purchase of 38,000,000 pounds of Oregon prunes, the orders have not been received by Oregon packers and the packing houses are still idle.

The new circular road around the rim of Crater Lake has been completed. The road later probably will be hard-surfaced, but the dirt grade circling the lake at an average height of about 7000 feet is entirely finished. It is 38 miles long and completes 75 miles of road work now in Crater Lake national park. The road around the rim has been under construction for three years.

Oregon draftees are being rejected at army camps and cantonments in excess of the national average, reports just given out from Washington indicate. In recent months, under new standards, the average percentage of rejections of inducted men has jumped from 4.83 per cent to 7.6 per cent, for the nation at large. Oregon's percentage of unfit is 8 as against Washington state's record of 5 per cent.

Roland Andrus has returned from Corvallis.