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SOLDIER MEMORIAL PLAN IS SUBMITTED

Mr. B. B. Richards, who has been mentioned some time ago as being interested in securing a fitting memorial to Athena soldiers, marines and navy men who entered the service of their country during the World War, presented the matter to members of the local Red Cross and Library Board, at an informal meeting held in the library room Tuesday afternoon.

As stated, Mr. Richards' conception of a suitable testimonial of Athena's appreciation of her soldier sons, was based on the construction of a building which would give a permanent home to the Red Cross, the Library, and to the soldier a lobby or rest room, in which war relics brought home by him could be kept on display.

Mr. Richards said he came to the Red Cross and the Library Board to seek their active co-operation, for the reason that nearly every one in the community is a Red Cross member and that the ladies of the Library Board have the enviable reputation of being eminently successful in their civic endeavors. Further, he stated that by virtue of organization, they represent the only logical source from which united effort can be secured and depend upon to inaugurate and bring to successful termination the project in question.

Mr. Richards informed the meeting that Mayor Watts had offered, in case a building is decided upon as being a suitable memorial, to donate the site and also the logs, should a log bungalow plan be selected for the building—this in tribute to the memory of his departed wife, who was an active member of the Library Board from its inception and a worker in the Red Cross. However, Mr. Watts' offer of the site did not restrict the building to be one of logs; other material could be used according to the desires of the community.

Further action will be taken later when an expression from the community has developed sufficiently by discussion of the project in mass meeting and otherwise. It is realized that success depends wholly upon the united support of the citizens of Athena and neighborhood and with a Red Cross membership of over 500, it is confidently expected that this support will be given.

RELATIVES GIVE RECEPTION TO RETURNED SOLDIER BOY

On Sunday, the 9th inst., a happy reunion of the McIntyre family of Adams took place in that city, in honor of Peter R. McIntyre, one of Uncle Sam's stalwarts, who had just returned safe and sound from France, after having served since the 19th of September, 1917, as private in Battery A, 46th Field Artillery, of the 91st Division.

In addition to his father, mother, all his sisters and brothers, friends and relatives from different points gathered to greet him and offer congratulations on his safe return to the good old U. S. A. and his former friends and associates. Among those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. McIntyre, his parents; Mrs. Isabel McIntyre, his grandmother; Mr. and Mrs. Peter McIntyre of Calgary, Alberta; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Potts and son Edmund; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McIntyre and family; Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McIntyre and family; Mr. and Mrs. Al Boylen and son of Pilot Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gemmell and family of Heppner, and Lyle, Dan, Lawrence, Wendell and Gwendolyn McIntyre.

The Centenary Movement.

At the Methodist church Monday night, Rev. H. F. Pemberton, District Supt., preached and helped to organize the local drive in the gigantic Centenary program, in commemoration of the centenary of their Missionary society, which was founded in 1819. The plan is to quicken the denomination along all lines; to stimulate the local churches; to preach the stewardship of time, of talent, of substance, and to incidentally raise the vast sum of \$25,000,000 for their world wide work. The Methodists were the first of the great churches to put on such a program, according to the statement of Mr. Pratt, the local minister, and since it is launched, all the chief denominations have also launched similar movements, to raise sums of money to help reconstruct the world following the great war.

Change in Store Room.

The store room of C. A. Barrett & Co. is being altered this week in order to give more space for the display of shelf goods carried in connection with their agricultural implement line. The office will be moved to the rear of the building and additional shelving will be put in.

RESUME OF WORK OF OREGON LEGISLATURE

Road Legislation to Occupy Both Houses Most of This Week.

No Consolidation Likely—Reconstruction Commission Suggested—220 Senate and 427 House Bills Appear—35 Measures Become Law—Minimum Sentence Clause Removed—Red Flag Bill Passes—Budget Pruned \$1,385,650.72.

Salem.—Both houses resumed work Monday after the usual week-end adjournment with two weeks in which to accomplish most of the real work. While the various committees have been busy whipping proposed legislation into shape and many measures of minor importance have received attention in either house, none of the big bills have passed.

Road legislation, which overshadows all other issues, will occupy most of the time of both houses this week. The \$10,000,000 road bond bill has appeared after weeks of contention in the committee, and numerous paving bills are ready for the legislative grind. There is apparently little opposition to the bonding bill, but some of the other road bills are likely to cause some vocal fireworks.

Sending Bill Fellows Closely 1917 Bill.

In its present form, the result of nearly two weeks of consideration and compromise the bond bill follows closely the lines of the \$6,000,000 bond bill passed by the 1917 session and referred to and approved by the people in the special election in June, 1917. Efforts to instruct the state highway commission as to which roads should first be completed have been overruled, inasmuch as members of the commission have said they can and will have work proceeding simultaneously on all the primary trunk roads. The main effort at first was to insist that the commission complete the Pacific highway before any other trunk line was touched. Those advocating this demand have been convinced that they can depend on the commission dealing fairly by the Pacific highway and that there are other roads of importance in Oregon waiting for speedy completion.

No Consolidation Legislation.

Early in the session there was some prospect of consolidation legislation, but it is now freely predicted that all proposals for consolidation of the management of state institutions will fall at this session. The department of agriculture bill, chief of all the measures proposed by the joint consolidation committee, was defeated in the house after a stormy debate, and it is understood that other consolidation bills will be quietly consigned to the legislative scrap pile.

Reconstruction Legislation Unlikely.

Apparently there will be no practical reconstruction legislation at this session. Early in the session it was roughly outlined what could be done in reconstruction, such as road work, irrigation, drainage and logged-off lands and land settlement, but no one attempted to combine these ideas into a workable programme. It has been suggested that a reconstruction commission be created to formulate legislation to be presented at a special session of the legislature.

Fewer Bills Introduced.

A record is being made by the Oregon legislature in curtailing the number of bills introduced. Up to the present time 220 measures have been introduced in the senate, against 305 for the corresponding period of the 1917 session, while in the house 427 bills have been introduced, against 529 two years ago. At the conclusion of the first four weeks of the session, but 35 bills have been signed by the governor, 22 house bills and 12 from the senate. Many more bills, however, have been sent up to the executive for consideration. Most of the bills passed so far are of minor importance.

Minimum Sentence Law is Repealed.

Provision is made for doing away with the minimum sentence law in sending prisoners to the state penitentiary in a bill by Representative Sheldon, which passed the house. The measure removes the minimum sentence clause from all criminal laws, and provides that, when a convict has served one-fourth of his term he may be paroled, if his record shows him to be deserving. Another of Sheldon's penitentiary



ARMENIA AND SYRIA. ANOTHER JOB FOR THEIR UNCLE SAM

series also passed the house. It makes it a felony to escape or to aid in the escape of any person from a penal institution. Curiously enough, no such law has heretofore been written on the Oregon statutes.

Red Flag Bill to Become Law.

Representative Gordon's "red flag" bill was passed by the senate without debate and without a dissenting vote. All the fireworks over the bill were shot off in the house and the senate passed the bill without oratory or fuss. Briefly it provides that it shall be unlawful for any person in Oregon to display a red flag or any other emblem indicating disloyalty to the United States government, or belief in anarchy or other political doctrines the objects of which are the disruption of organized government or defiance of the laws of the state or of the nation.

\$75 Minimum Pay For Teachers.

A minimum salary of \$75 a month for Oregon school teachers is provided by a bill passed by the house. The measure, which was introduced by Representative Mrs. Thompson, makes it unlawful for a board of directors of a school district in the state to pay a teacher less than \$75 a month, making the members of any board signing a contract in violation of the provisions of the measure personally liable for the amount specified in the contract and withholds all aid from the county school fund.

Bill Provides Education For Soldiers.

Free tuition, board, lodging and clothes for honorably discharged soldiers who wish to attend any educational institution in the state, which is supported wholly or in part by public funds, are provided for in a bill introduced in the senate by Senators I. S. Smith and Walter Pierce. The bill applies to soldiers who have served in the army or navy within the last two years and who were residents of Oregon prior to entering military service.

Budget Cuts Total More Than Million.

Out of total budget estimated requirements of \$6,344,768, so far acted upon by the joint ways and means committee, that committee has tentatively allowed to date \$5,449,137.28 and has made total reductions aggregating \$1,385,650.72, a total of reductions which many legislators fondly warned the committee early in the session could not be reached.

It is believed the outside appropriation bills are pretty well in now and efforts will be made to pass the money around as far as it will go. But the committee and the legislature is committed to the policy of keeping within the 6 per cent basis and intends to

Many Development Plans for State.

Legislation intended to promote the development of Oregon has not been overlooked this session, and if the various measures with this purpose in view are approved, the legislature will be able to point to something accomplished other than a stream of salary-raising bills. And as to the latter, there are about 50 salary-holding bills. Most of the development bills require funds in large quantities. As a rule, they call for bond issues. They are aimed to open up Oregon's resources of land and water power; to bring into being steamer lines to stimulate commerce and navigation, and to provide roads for all sections of the state. These are the main measures, which are supplemented by several minor ones.

Primarily, the farmer is benefited, and industry advanced. Potentially, these measures are creators of labor, for to carry out almost any one of them will require the services of an army of skilled and common laborers.

County Initiative Bill Introduced.

Counties would be given the same initiative and referendum rights as are now enjoyed by the state, under the terms of a bill introduced by Senator Nickelsen. The bill provides that the people in any county may hold initiative or referendum elections on all matters. The state law governing these two rights is followed in every detail in the Nickelsen measure.

Legislative Briefives.

By unanimous vote the senate passed a bill which provides for recognition of Washington's birthday by the public schools of the state.

The state superintendent of public instruction will be given a salary increase of \$500 a year under the provisions of a bill passed by the house. The house passed bills increasing the salaries of supreme justices, insurance commissioner and dairy and food commissioner.

The bill by Representative Gallagher allowing counties to vote on the question of jack-rabbit bounties under the initiative passed the house.

Dehorning of cattle and docking of horses and sheep, which has long been practiced in Oregon, would be legalized under the provisions of a bill by Representative Woodson which passed the house.

A memorial to congress urging national legislation which will establish a Pacific coast merchant marine on a basis which will enable it to cope with the merchant marine of other nations, was passed by the senate.

Inconsiderate winter loaded with both feet in the lap of smiling autumn.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL IS ADDRESSED BY PEMBERTON

Rev. H. F. Pemberton, of The Dalles was the speaker at the Roosevelt Memorial services at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening. He addressed a large congregation, the meeting being a joint one of the churches of the city.

The speaker gave an eloquent discourse on "Good Citizenship," which had for its fundamental basis Christian citizenship, as one must be a follower of earth's greatest citizen, in order to be called a good citizen. It being the consensus of opinion, he said, that Roosevelt followed that idea, made him in many respects a character worthy of the emulation of growing American manhood.

Rev. Pemberton is superintendent of The Dalles District, Columbia River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Monday evening preached a sermon at the local church.

Athena School Notes

The work for the first semester closes this week and credits are based upon the work passed over and the results of the examinations which were held in the High School Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. To secure a half year's credit in any subject, the pupil must cover the full amount of work required by the State Course of Study. All of the pupils who were faithful in the home study work have fully covered the required work and in this respect have done what few of the other high schools of the state have been able to do.

The following is a record of the highest grades for the past month in High School subjects, and the pupils securing them:

Physics, 93; Ancient History, 91; Plane Geometry, 92; English Literature, 98—Attn Littlejohn. Teachers' Training, 94; Latin, 91—Frances Williams. Freshman Algebra, 93—Kohler Betts.

Freshman English, 95—Kohler Betts and Lucinda Dell. Beginning French, 85—Ernest DuCanon.

Sophomore English, 94; Physiology, 93—Edna Pinkerton. Typewriting, 91—Faye Zerba. Advanced Algebra, 92; Advanced French, 90—B then Reed. Stenography, Lawson Booher.

The monthly tests were given by Mr. Gribble in the 7th and 8th grades last Friday. The following are those who received the highest grades in each subject:

Seventh grade.—Arithmetic, Brooks Anderson; History, Simon Finster; Geography, Elsa Ringel; Grammar, Simon Finster; Reading, Brooks Anderson; Myrtle Downing; Spelling, Ethel Geisel; Writing, Alton Lieullan.

Eighth grade.—Arithmetic, Lucinda Dell, Velma McAlexander; History, Lucinda Dell, Velma McAlexander; Civics, Eva Carstens, Lucinda Dell, Velma McAlexander; Grammar, Sadie Pambron, Velma McAlexander; Agriculture, Sadie Pambron, Lucinda Dell; Reading, Conrad Miller, Lucinda Dell; Spelling, Eva Carstens, Lucinda Dell; Writing, Eva Carstens.

The Athena Press Honor Cup, over which so much interest was held last year, still remains in Mr. Gribble's room. It is hoped by the seventh and eighth grade pupils that it becomes a permanent trophy of their room.

County Superintendent W. W. Green was a visitor at Mr. Gribble's room last Friday.

New additions to the Primary room this week were: Nell Treadwell, 1st grade; Hayden Dennis, 1st grade; Hollis Dennis and Thelma Schrimpf, 2nd grade.

The following pupils received the highest honors in their classes for excellence in home study during the entire vacation period: Lois Smith, Carolyn Kidder, Edwin and Ralph McEwen, Leonore Reeder, Cecil Pambron, Kenneth Emmel, Veva Lovridge.

Sale Next Tuesday.

Marion Hansell will hold a public sale at the Winn place on Pine creek, one mile north of Weston, next Tuesday, February 19, at which time he will sell to the highest bidder stock, farm implements, wagons, harness etc. The stock includes horses, mules, cows and pigs. Drills, plows, harrows, wagons, hacks, harness, blacksmith tools etc., are listed for sale. Col. Yohnka is the auctioneer and F. S. LeGrove and W. S. Ferguson will serve as clerks. A free lunch will be served at noon.

Working the Roads.

Frank Berlin, Wm. Pinkerton and others having farms west of town have this week been engaged in road improvement work. The work included grading and surfacing with rock the approaches to the bridge at the place where Bern Banister resides.

A GROUP OF INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR HOME LADS "OVER THERE"

In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Taylor and daughter, Nylene, dated December 24, George Winship writes in part as follows:

"I am camped on the Rhine at last, but was told tonight that we won't be here long, that we move further on up and go into position. It looks as if things are not going as they should; I sure hope that we don't have to go through any more hell, I have seen all of it that I care to. This is a nice little town we are in and the people treat us fine and give us good beds. It seems funny that they would treat us as they do, but suppose that they think that if we don't get good treatment we would take what we want anyway. We are going to have a little feed tomorrow, Christmas. Also have hired a German band to play from 3 till 5 p. m. so it won't be so bad. But sure would like to be in Athena tonight. From the looks of things it will be some time before we get back these.

"I think I will get a chance to go to Ireland soon, I heard today that we would be allowed passes to foreign countries soon, and as I have three months pay coming, will be financially fixed for the trip. When we were on the Chateau Thierry front and I went to Paris for supplies, my pay sure did look sick each month. But that is what money is for in the army. We don't have to worry about extra clothes. While in Luxembourg I ate eggs at two and a-half marks, fifty cents in our money—that is apple, not a dozen. It was like eating money.

"I went through the 2nd battle of the Marne, or Chateau Thierry drive, the St. Mihiel Salient and the Argonne Forest, the worst of the three was the last—hope that I never see men cut up like they were doing in this battle. Will save these things to tell you when I get home."

Percy Wilson on the Rhine.

"Engers on the Rhine, Jan. 5. "I don't know how long we will be in this country, but hope it is not for long. We have all kinds of reports about going home, but that is always the way in the army. Saw Chas. Owen the other day, he was on a truck going through this town and I did not get to talk to him. He is in the 148 Field Artillery, not far from here and when I get the chance will go and see them. The 147 and 148 are in this area some place also. I don't know if the 118th Engineers are in France yet, I heard that they went home. It sure will be one happy day when we get orders to leave for when we leave here I don't think it will be long before we are aboard ship.

"We passed over some very hilly country in coming here. There was plenty of nice scenery, so they say, but you do not enjoy scenery when touring a country by hand, with a hundred pounds in your pack tied on your back. My idea of touring is altogether different.

"I was on all the fighting fronts in France but two—the Flanders and the Somme—and have been in the thickest of the scraps. Have not missed one, and am still following the Heines to see that they do a good job in leaving. We were on the Argonne front when she came to an end, and pulled off the last scrap of the war, just before the armistice began. We threw a bridge across the river Meuse, the night before, and the 5th and 6th battalions of Marines went across, so we pulled off the last fight of the war. Believe me, I sure have been through some hot places but now that it is over would not take anything for what I have been through."

A. O. Hammond With Y. M. C. A.

Many Athena people will read with pleasure, the following letter from A. O. Hammond, a former pastor of the Methodist church here, which is contributed by Charles Downing:

"Paris, France, Dec. 30. "I left Oregon more than six months ago for service with the Y. M. C. A. overseas. Have been in France since 31st of August. Most of this time have been out near the firing line. I taught the French language on board ship and in England. When I arrived at Paris, was assigned to the French Army where I am compelled to speak French all the time. After the armistice, I returned to Paris for re-assignment, and was sent to a big French camp 20 miles from Paris. After New Years, I expect to go to the German border, perhaps Strassburg. I like the French soldier and find him very appreciative of the assistance of the Americans. Of course there is no soldier so great as the American; but one can admire the courage and patience and politeness of the French. "I saw at Paris, the King of Italy, the King of England, General Pershing and President Wilson. Have seen the President of France several times. Expect to be here at least six months

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