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SPEAKERS HEARD AT AUDITORIUM

With a splendid preliminary program, Lieutenant Frederick Steiwer and Captain Roy W. Ritner delivered stirring addresses at the well filled auditorium Saturday evening.

B. B. Burton officiated as chairman in his usual pleasing way, announcing the program numbers and introducing the speakers. The program opened with the audience, led by Mr. George Sutton, singing the National anthem.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton again sang for Athena, by request, their popular duet, "The Long Long Trail," and to vociferous applause, responded with the chorus. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Hazel Burton. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton came from Pendleton at the express invitation of the committee, as did Mrs. Ethel G. Scott from Walla Walla, to appear in the program, and the committee feels very appreciative and thankful to the singers for the splendid assistance rendered in making the occasion a most enjoyable one. To Miss Sherman and other teachers in the school, is extended appreciation for the decorations of potted plants and cut flowers.

Mrs. Scott probably never appeared to better advantage before an Athena audience, than she did on this occasion. Her singing, always of the very highest order, is looked forward to with delightful anticipation, and she never disappoints. She sang "The Meadow Lark" with great effect, the song giving full range to her superb voice, and delighted her audience by responding to an enthusiastic encore, with the song, "Dear Little Boy of Mine." Miss Zola Keen accompanied, with brilliant performance at the piano.

Lieutenant Steiwer, well known here where he is popular with a host of admiring friends, was the first speaker. He, as also did Captain Ritner, gave Athena a glowing tribute for its war work activities, and both recognizing the splendid spirit prevailing here in that respect, said little in behalf of the Victory Loan drive, but held their addresses along the line of personal impressions gained by active service in France.

Lieut. Steiwer related some thrilling incidents which came under his observation while serving as a lieutenant of artillery. Captain Ritner, who was in the Red Cross service, gave his audience much information regarding that branch of the war work.

The presentation of testimonials to returned service men on behalf of the City of Athena, did not take place as announced, but was deferred until, individually, each soldier and naval man appears at the library and registers, at which time he will be given the testimonial. The change was made for the reason that correct data as to company, battalion, battery, regiment, ship and division of each may be obtained for record. However, a glowing tribute was paid these returned men whose names were read from the rostrum, by Mr. Burton, who requested that all apply to the local library to receive their well deserved testimonials.

MRS. N. L. ACKLES DIES IN PORTLAND OF INFLUENZA

News was received here Wednesday, through a letter written to Mrs. Frank Berlin by Mrs. G. C. Osburn of Portland, of the death of Mrs. Neri L. Ackles, which occurred on Tuesday, April 21, at her home, No. 1021, East 24th street, Portland at 8 o'clock a. m. Death was caused from pneumonia, following the influenza. Mrs. Ackles was ill less than a week, and very apprehensive as to her condition until the night previous to her death.

Mrs. Ackles was the eldest daughter of T. J. and Ann Kirk, found of Athena, and was 54 years old. The letter states that funeral arrangements had not been made, owing to the critical illness of her daughter Ruth, whose husband and Mrs. Ackles also had the influenza. The daughter was ill with pneumonia, with acute kidney trouble, but her husband and father were not considered in danger at that time.

Big K. of P. Gathering.

The Knights of Pythias held their in Pendleton Saturday night, the occasion being the District Convention, the first to be held since the war started. From Athena a number of Knights went down and all were unanimous in declaring that the convention was one of the most successful ever held in the district. F. G. Lucas, district deputy grand chancellor, presided and Frank S. Grant of Portland, past grand chancellor, was the principal speaker. Among those who received the third rank of the order was Otha Reeder, a candidate from Athena. A cafeteria dinner was served at seven p. m. and further refreshments at midnight.

Fletcher's jazz orchestra of Pendleton gave a social dance at the opera house Saturday evening.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

The quarterly meeting of the Oregon State Nurses' association was held in Portland April 23.

Chinook fishing opened on Rogue river April 15. The season is said to have opened with a fair catch.

The first semi-annual La Grande sale of the Northwestern Shorthorn Breeders' association will be held on May 1. The fifth annual conference of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association for the Pacific coast and Hawaii was held at Astoria.

Efforts are being made at McMinnville toward the formation of company A of the national guard, to take the place of McMinnville's home troop of pre-war days.

Salem will be the first city in Oregon over the top in the Victory liberty loan drive. The Salem banks have agreed to take the full quota of \$820,150 allotted the city.

Another big meeting of the farmers of Polk county has been called by the Farmers' union to take place at the Artisan hall at Hickreall on the evening of Friday, April 25.

A vigorous campaign for cleaning up Klamath Falls and making the sanitary conditions of the city what they ought to be has been launched by City Health Officer Soule and Mayor Struble.

Spanish influenza has struck Pilot Rock and vicinity for the second time. Although the present visitation is light the number of cases reached nearly 200. Schools were closed for two weeks more.

The position of state highway bridge engineer has been accepted by C. B. McCullough, head of the civil engineering department of Oregon Agricultural college. He will take up his work immediately.

The first contract in connection with the erection of the Standard Oil company's big distributing plant at Astoria has been awarded to the Portland Bridge & Building company. The cost is estimated at \$50,000.

The labor situation in Bend is better than in any other city in the state, according to Frank E. Manning, assistant director of civilian relief for the American Red Cross, after an investigation of conditions there.

The first meeting of the state emergency board for the present biennium may be called in about two months to provide money for indemnity claims against the state for the slaughter of cattle that have responded to the tuberculin test.

If the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company wins in its attempt to increase its telephone rates, the Salem city council will put the municipal telephone question up to the people of Salem through the medium of a special bond election.

Petitions bearing the signatures of many taxpayers have been presented to the county court asking for submission at a special election of the question of issuing \$360,000 bonds for the construction of permanent roads in Yamhill county.

Better prices for ties and a system of purchasing that will be fairer to the manufacturers are promised by former Governor West in a telegram received from him by O. H. Ball, secretary of the Western Oregon Tie and Lumber association.

For the first time in many months there were no fatal accidents reported to the Industrial Accident commission during the past week, according to the weekly accident report. There were 516 accidents reported from throughout the state.

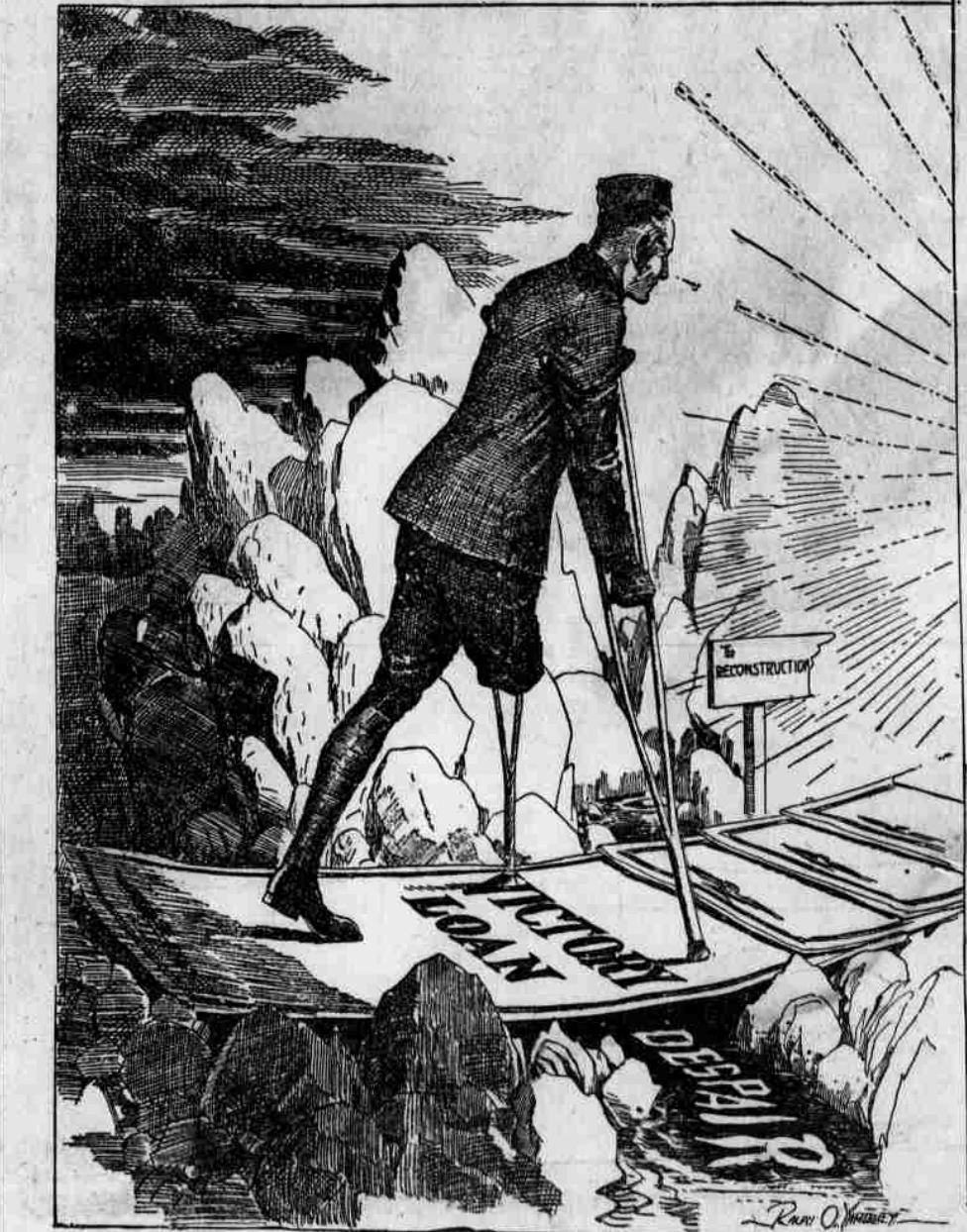
H. E. Mumy, assistant superintendent of Crater Lake park, reports nine feet of snow at the lake. There was twice this amount at this time last year, he says, and from present indications the park will be open to auto travel about July 1.

Despite the fact that the United States railroad administration recently ordered a decrease of 10 cents a ton for freights of roadbuilding materials, the Oregon public service commission will make every effort to procure a still lower reduction.

The executive committee of the Klamath Cattle and Horsemen's association met with that of the Klamath County Wool Growers' association Saturday for a conference regarding the range difficulties and to work toward an adjustment of these matters.

Governor Olcott has posted a reward of \$100 for the apprehension of Albert C. White, parole violator, who has evaded the officers for the past eight or nine months. A. G. Beals of Tillamook, prominent business man and former member of the legislature,

A SAFE BRIDGE



has reported to the executive officers that he fears White will attempt to kidnap two of his children, adopted by Mr. Beals several years ago, and he also fears that White may endeavor to kidnap Beals or do him great bodily injury.

By floating more than \$1,000,000 of bonds the farmers of Malheur county are reclaiming 30,000 acres under the Warm Springs irrigation system. This is the only project now under construction in the northwest and will provide farms for at least 400 new families.

The citizens of Forest Grove have organized a Soldiers' Memorial association for the purpose of raising funds to build some structure, the nature of which will be decided upon later, as a testimonial in memory of the work of the soldiers and sailors during the great war.

Eugene will have a cleanup week from April 28 to May 3, inclusive, during which time the city dump wagons and teams will be at the disposal of the citizens free of charge for the removal of all rubbish that has accumulated during the past year or since the last annual cleanup.

The old carpet in the hall of the house of representatives at Salem, which has been worn almost to shreds by the legislative shoe sales of the last 30 years, is at last to be removed and a new carpet laid. Under a resolution of the last legislature Secretary of State Olcott, as custodian of the building, has placed the order.

Two hundred and fifteen miles of road work soon will be under way in eastern Oregon. Some of this work is grading, some graveling and some hard-surfacing. In a general way, the mileage will be applied on the Columbia river highway and the John Day highway, although parts of the 215 miles are not on either of those routes.

Superintendent Walter G. West of the Klamath Indian agency has received offers for the sale of 5975 head of cattle, desired for the Indians of the Klamath reservation. These cattle will be purchased out of the \$400,000 appropriation made for these Indians for the purchase of livestock, farming implements and equipment, new homes, and like purposes.

Japanese leases of 66 acres of fertile land, near Bon-boro, in Hood River county, planted to strawberries, bid fair to become rich this season. The berries, planted on land leased from the Bon-boro and Cascade Orchards company, are 2 years old this year and should bear their heaviest crop. The tract is perhaps the largest single area

PAY YOUR DEBTS

On New Year's eve the cost of the war to the United States stood at \$22,000,000,000. Practically all of this money had been raised by taxation and by the Liberty loans. The entire amount which had come into the Treasury up to that time for war purposes had either been spent or had been earmarked for specific bills.

Since the middle of November when the armistice was signed the government has been borrowing at the rate of \$600,000,000 every two weeks to meet its war obligations. At this rate it will have obtained from the banks of the nation from four to five billions of dollars before the beginning of the fifth Liberty Loan April 21.

The people of the United States, through their representatives in Congress, voted for the expenditures which made necessary the borrowing of these huge sums. The government in anticipation of patriotic support from the country in raising the Victory Liberty Loan has already paid the bills. In all justice and honesty the people of the United States will not fall their government and will finish the job by oversubscribing the last popular war loan by an even larger percentage than they did the four which have gone before.

According to figures just compiled by A. C. Petersen, manager of the northwest properties of the California Packing corporation, with headquarters in Dallas, the Dallas plant processed and packed during the season just closed a total of 9,757,789 pounds of prunes. Most of the prunes packed were grown in the vicinity of Dallas and represented the largest crop of prunes ever harvested in Polk county. Prospects are good for a still larger crop of prunes this year.

That the Indians of the Klamath reservation will oppose the construction of the proposed Link river dam by the California-Oregon Power company, on the ground that it threatens the overflow and will prevent drainage of many of the lands around Modoc Point and Wood river valley, on which irrigation and drainage assessments have already been made, is the report of Secretary Clayton Kirk, of the Klamath Reservation Council, following a meeting at the Klamath agency.

The reason why European governments try so hard to force their colonies upon each other is explained by Lloyd George, who says it is because colonies cost so much more than they are worth.

MULE OF PECULIAR COLOR

Driver Explained With Patience Just How the Animal's Strange Appearance Was Brought About.

Two mules, drawing an army service wagon, caused a sensation in Knights-bridge a short time ago. One mule was poor but honest in appearance, brown in color; the other was a delicate shade of green. The green mule was solemnly unconscious of the attention he was attracting. "Effects of war oats?" asked a facetious United States soldier. A workman rubbed his eyes and then muttered, "camouflage." The A. S. C. driver looked thoroughly ashamed of the turnout. He stepped to pick up a crate. "What is the matter with your pony?" asked a mild man. "I am tired of being asked it, and it isn't a pony," replied the driver. "It is all through the chemical. Goodness knows what color it will be tomorrow. Its coat was very light once, and the other mules used to kick it. We washed it in some chemical dye to make it darker. The sergeant can't remember the name of the dye, and now that it is wearing off, it is a different color each day. You are the last person I shall explain it to." He drove off furiously—a khaki driver on a slate-gray lorry drawn by one honest brown mule and one shameless mule of an ethereal shade of green.—London Mail.

Who Gets the Helmet?

The largest subscriber to the Victory Loan in each town in Oregon will receive a German helmet as a special award. During the flight of airplanes at Portland Monday, literature bombs were dropped over the city in imitation of methods used by American fighters in disseminating information to the soldiers in the enemy trenches. Fifty of the bombs contained letters that enticed the finders to helmets. The helmets are from the supply German intended Hun troops to wear upon marching into Paris, Americans at Chateau Thierry stopped the advance and captured the helmets.

Victim of Pneumonia.

Virgil Slater, a young man of recent arrival in Athena, died Saturday night at the home of his brother-in-law, P. L. McElhane, after eleven days illness with pneumonia. He leaves a wife and one child, and was a brother of Mrs. McElhane. The remains, accompanied by the widow, were taken to Mill City, Oregon, the former home of Mr. and Mrs. Slater, for interment.

Church Takes Up Fund.

An Easter offering of \$158.10 was taken up at the Christian church Sunday, placed in special fund and presented by Pastor Burton to Lawson Booher, whose state of health remains in a critical condition. No solicitation whatever was made outside the church, although from announcement made, some generous subscriptions were given outside the church membership.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS ENLISTING MEN

U. S. Marines are often confused with the sailors of the Navy. They are not sailors—they are soldiers. When you see a soldier with a globe, anchor and eagle on his hat, cap or helmet, you may know he is a U. S. marine. That is the distinguishing badge, the mark of his service. It means that particular soldier belongs to an organization that is most always mentioned in the same breath with the Foreign Legion, the Pennsylvania State Constabulary, the Northwest Mounted Police and the famous Texas Rangers. It means that he has received training that fits him to fight on land, at sea or possibly in the air.

U. S. Marines serve both on land, at sea and abroad. In their service aboard battleships and cruisers, the Marines form a part of the ship's complement for battle, manning the six-inch, five inch, three-inch and six-pound guns of the intermediate and secondary batteries and anti-aircraft guns. They are trained and fully equipped for instant service as landing parties for duty ashore.

Enlistments in the United States Marine Corps are for four years. All necessary clothing is furnished free by the government. When an enlisted man is discharged from the service, he is entitled to transportation and subsistence from the place of his discharge to the place of application for enlistment.

The regular pay of Marines ranges from \$30 a month to \$75 a month, according to the rank and length of service. A man starts in as a private at \$30 a month and climbs up in accordance with his own merits and individual efforts. Should he qualify with the service rifle, his pay will be increased \$2 a month for marksman; \$4 a month for sharpshooter; \$5 a month for expert rifleman, according to which of these qualifications he attains. Likewise, if he qualifies with the great guns aboard ship his pay is increased from \$2 to \$10 a month.

Any information relating to the United States Marine Corps may be obtained by either writing to or applying at the U. S. Marine Recruiting Station 306 Panama Building, 3rd and Alder Sts, Portland, Oregon.

E. R. COX, ATHENA PIONEER DIES AT LONG BEACH, CAL.

Edwin R. Cox, pioneer hardware dealer of Athena and well known in Masonic circles, died at Long Beach, California, last Friday, April 18, succumbing to a general decline in health, due to old age. He died at the age of 85 years.

Mr. Cox left Athena some weeks ago in a bad state of health to join his son at Long Beach. He was taken to a hospital immediately upon his arrival there and gradually grew worse until the end. He leaves one son, Edwin R. Cox, Jr., whose mother died many years ago in this city.

The deceased was at one time a successful business man here, but reverses in later years swept his accumulations away. The building occupied by the J. C. Kenney store and Masonic Hall was built by Mr. Cox. He was identified with the upbuilding of Athena in its early days, and took active interest in municipal affairs. He served the city as councilman and mayor, and held numerous positions of trust during his long residence here.

He came to Athena from California, where in early days he worked in the mines. The funeral was held Tuesday at Long Beach, and was in charge of the Masonic Lodge of that city.

NELSON A SUBJECT OF ARGONNE MIXUP

Private Lewis H. Nelson, who visited the Press office last week and mention of whose wounds was made, is certainly an interesting subject of the results of the Argonne battle. Carried as dead on the war records at Washington, the Umatilla soldier is greeting his friends in Umatilla county. He can most satisfactorily answer the question asked in the following excerpt from a letter written by Lieut. Colin Dymont, Red Cross searcher in France who saw the terrific battle of Epinville and who is still puzzled in regard to Nelson. The letter appeared in the Portland Oregonian of recent date:

"Two soldiers started off with their one-pound cannon. Close by were Private Barney Twardale of rural route 1, Bow, Wash., Gunner De Soto, Private Gustav W. Peterson of Emil, Mont., Private Bert Stevens of Norman, Wash., and Private Lewis H. Nelson, whose emergency address was the Odd Fellows Lodge at Umatilla, Oregon. Peterson and Stevens were one-pound ammunition carriers, and all of the men were in headquarters company.

"It was a third shell that got them. Twardale escaped, only to be killed in the Argonne fight. Barnes escaped with a wound in the leg and recovered and that night escaped the dressing station shell. Davison was hurt in the legs, escaped the night shelling as he lay wounded, but died near Revinny, 40 miles south. Stevens and Peterson were blown to instant death, while Nelson became the subject of one of those curious Argonne mixups.

"He was reported blown to pieces and his name was turned in as dead to the division statistical office, which sent it to a central record office at Bourges. By and by a slip, apparently signed by him, came back to the company, giving his serial number and whereabouts. A correction was then sent to Bourges, but in January his name was standing as dead on the division records. The writer has sent to his lodge to see whether it has had news."

66TH BRIGADE PUTS OVER MORE THAN HALF OF TOTAL

The Press is in receipt, with the compliments of Sam Starr, of Vol. 1, No. 1, of "The Long Range Sniper," published at Hohr-Grenshausen, Germany, under the auspices of the 66th Field Artillery Brigade, composed of the 146th and 148th F. A. From its leading article, we excerpt the following interesting bit of information:

"According to accurate figures furnished by Colonel P. H. Worcester, commanding the 66th Field Artillery Brigade, the 146th and the 148th Field Artillery regiments, making up the brigade, fired 58 per cent of the total of all the G. P. F. ammunition expended on all fronts by all regiments of the A. E. F. The grand total fired by the American forces was 284,000 rounds.

"In putting over more than half of the total of G. P. F. ammunition fired by the entire army, this brigade moved via air something over 4500 tons a distance of from 13 to 14 kilometers, and dropped it where it would do the most good to the general cause. Aside from the powder used as propelling charges, this tonnage of concentrated hard luck would require 3200 trucks to transport, based on two tons a truck."

The Flying Circus.

Athena was practically deserted Sunday, her population, or the greater portion of it having found conveyance to Walla Walla to view the evolutions of the Flying Circus. The army aviators confined their exhibition to wartime maneuvers, there being few trick stunts pulled off. Thousands of people went from Umatilla county to witness the exhibition, all roads leading to Walla Walla being lined with a ceaseless flow of automobile traffic.

To Celebrate Anniversary.

Tomorrow, all the Odd Fellow lodges of Umatilla county, also the Rebekah lodges, will meet in Pendleton to celebrate in interesting manner the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first lodge of the order in North America. Elaborate preparations have been made to care for a large number of visitors and Pendleton promises to keep them busy and interested during the day and most of the night.

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