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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

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Life in an Army Hospital

Camp Lewis, August 31st
Friend Editor: Think it is about time to write again. One of our bunch, Eslinger, took measles and was taken to the hospital. The rest of us were playing a game of cards and congratulating ourselves that it was not one of us when in walked the captain and asks "who slept in the bunks next to this man?" Karl Eaton and myself meekly answered that we were guilty. He says, "I give you men two minutes to be ready to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance as measles contacts."

Soon the ambulance arrived, altho not in two minutes, but forty five, and we were off to the base hospital. On arriving at the receiving ward we were questioned regarding our dear ones and the word we wanted to send them, also our religion, etc. So you see, we were very ill. After getting through here we were assigned to our ward, a building that has the capacity of about eighty measles contacts, and told to make ourselves at home, which we did. Next morning we were

MILLION DOLLAR SPECIAL WILL VISIT COUNTY

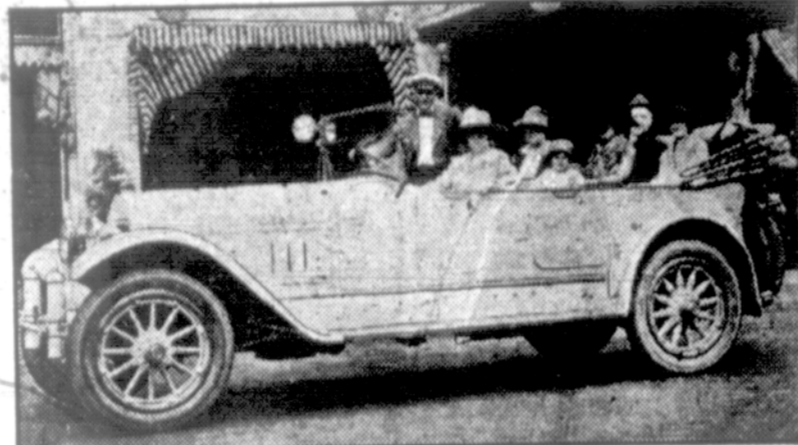
Will Carry Noted Speakers for Liberty Loan Drive and Two Soldiers One a Returned Soldier from French Trenches

County Chairman L. Barnum, for the Sherman county Fourth Liberty Loan, has received telegraphic information that the famous "Million Dollar Special" automobile will bring Judge John H. Stevenson and a party of orators for the Fourth Liberty Loan to Moro on Wednesday, September 18th, at 10:30 a.m. to deliver a pertinent message to the people of this city and vicinity.

The Portland committee has arranged to send an American soldier from the front-line trenches to speak with the noted police court justice, as well as another soldier from Vancouver barracks as the chauffeur of the car. Mark Woodruff of the Multnomah Hotel, will be with them as war cor-

respondent for the various Portland newspapers and will wire reports of the meeting here and the prospect of Sherman county helping to stop the Oregon Liberty Loan clock at 9 a.m., September 28th.

Judge Stevenson is easily one of the best orators in Oregon and is now directly representing the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The returned soldier who will be with the party will bring a story of what he has actually seen.



The big yellow Locomobile is on its second tour of the state in support of the boys in France. During the second Liberty Loan drive it was sent out by Eric V. Houser, of the Multnomah Hotel, the car covering central and parts of western Oregon. On its

September 16th and concludes at Eugene the night of September 28th. Manager Klepper says that the "Million Dollar Special" as the auto is generally called, will carry a billion dollars' worth of "pop" and enthusiasm for the war loan and that the visit by the Houser party will warrant the declaration of a half holiday in any town and surrounding country.

No solicitation of pledges or subscriptions to the Liberty Loan will be asked for by the party in Sherman county, as the quotas are now all out and subscriptions coming in fast, said County Chairman Barnum in speaking of the visit of the special party. No one should permit any thing to interfere with a chance to hear what this soldier returned from France has to tell us.

AMERICANS GAIN ON FOUR-MILE FRONT

With the American Army on the Alsace Front.—In the face of the stiffest machine gun fire since the Americans crossed the Vesle in force, American infantrymen advanced at certain points on a curved line extending approximately four miles from Glennes to Viell-Arcy. The advance was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment.

From the plateau the Americans took up positions in the ravines, but the advance was necessarily cautious, owing to the commanding positions of La Petite Montagne, which is the highest point in that region. The French and American artillery bombarded this mountain, where the Germans had built strong emplacements for heavy machine guns, and also kept up a continuous fire upon all points where the German artillery has been endeavoring to hold back the advancing infantry.

The Germans threw shells into Fismes, Bazoches, Blenzy and other places, in an effort to check the allied troop movement. The machine gunners blazed away, but the American detachments made headway at intervals by keeping under any possible cover and not attempting to go ahead in large numbers.

American officers say indications are that the Germans intend to cling to every foot of ground south of the Alsace as long as possible, using machine guns until the gunners are blasted from their positions.*

BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR

The allied series of powerful assaults along the German lines from Arras to Rheims have almost wiped out the salients created by the German offensives last spring. The famous Hindenburg line which stood all last year against the allied armies has been pierced on a wide front by the British in the north and the French have penetrated the line in the south.

The British and French continue to cut their way into the German lines on the lower part of the battle line in France.

Notwithstanding the bad weather, the British have encroached upon Cambrai and St. Quentin, while farther south the French armies are pressing toward La Fere and Laon.

Between the Vesle and the Alsace rivers, where Americans are with the French, ground has been gained.

North of the Alsace near Soissons the Germans are fighting hard, realizing that if the French gain much, the move taken in conjunction with the maneuver in progress around the St. Gobain forest will place the entire German defense line eastward toward Rheims in a critical position.

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Mothers' Day at Moro
Mothers' Day will be observed in Moro with appropriate exercises on Saturday, September 21st, at 2:30 in the afternoon. A patriotic program will be presented at the Opera House in honor of the mothers, wives, sisters and children of the men who are serving in the army or navy of the United States. Sherman county is well represented in both branches of the service, many of our boys being already at the front in France, and a goodly number are on American battleships, submarine chasers, and other war craft—but all doing their part in the world war for liberty and humanity. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to the mothers, wives, sisters, and children of these men to be present on the 21st inst. at the Moro Opera House. Don't forget the date. Similar exercises will be held in Wasco, Grass Valley, and Kent. Mrs. E. D. McKee will be in charge at Wasco, Mrs. I. N. Lemon at Grass Valley, and Mrs. J. K. Irby at Kent. Mrs. Stella Poley, County Chairman Womans' Liberty Loan Com.

Watch Out.
Now that the paragraphs have begun to ask "What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to shave the back of his neck?" It's time for the barbers to sit up and take notice.—Buffalo Times.

An Open Letter to the Public
Moro, Oregon, September 9th, 1918.
To the Public:
It has been reported to me that various citizens have been reporting that I made a trip up to LaGrande and visited the District Board—and asked for a deferred classification for J. F. Peters, who has been for the past four years in my employ. For the purpose of correcting this statement I wish to briefly state just what was done by me:
Some few days prior to starting my harvest I made a trip up to LaGrande and called upon the following members of the District Board: Mr. N. K. West, Mr. John O'Connell, Dr. C. T. Bacon, and Mrs. W. J. Church, who is assistant secretary of the Board. I stated to these members the following facts:
That I was not there for the purpose of seeking a deferred classification for Mr. Peters, but that I had 1700 acres of grain to harvest and that Mr. Peters was a trusted engineer on my caterpillar and that I wanted to know, if possible, whether or not Mr. Peters would be allowed to remain with me until this harvest was completed. I stated to them that Mr. Peters was not seeking a deferred classification—that personally he was ready and willing to serve his country at any time, but that if he was going to be taken from me before harvest was completed that it would be necessary for me, if possible, to make arrangements to get some one to take his place.
This is all I said and did in the matter under discussion.
Respectfully submitted,
L. L. Peets.

Length of Lobsters.
Whatever may be the excellent intent of the bill filed in the Massachusetts legislature reducing the length of lobsters that may be legally taken from 9 to 8 inches, the measure might well be entitled a bill to further the extermination of the lobster. The lobster is rapidly disappearing, partly, at any rate, because young and immature specimens are permitted by law to be caught. The present 9 inches in this state is shorter than the Maine law allows—and that is none too long.—Boston Post.

Three-Dollar Gold Pieces.
The coinage of \$3 gold pieces was authorized February 21, 1863, and the act discontinuing it was passed September 26, 1890. Between the years 1854 and 1890 inclusive 530,792 pieces were coined. Those still in existence are practically all in the hands of collectors.

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