

**The Observer.**

MORO, OREGON.

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We will not be responsible for the neglect of subscribers to notify as of changes in their address. Nor will the audification of a Postmaster that the subscriber has "Removed" settle the bill of a delinquent.

**Christmas Parcels for Men Abroad.**

Families of men in service abroad are eager to make Christmas overseas as merry as conditions permit. The War department, realizing this, has decided that each man may receive from his family a Christmas package of standard size and approximately standard contents.

The American Red Cross will prepare these parcels for mailing, an arrangement having been completed between the War department, the Post Office department and the Red Cross. Shipping space available will permit the sending of but one parcel to each man.

To avoid any duplication and to make sure that each parcel is correctly addressed, a "Christmas Parcel Label" is now being issued to every man abroad.

Every man abroad will mail his "Christmas Parcel Label" to some relative or friend who will be entitled to send him a parcel by complying with the conditions herein set forth.

The relative or friend who receives a "Christmas Parcel Label" from a man in service overseas, will apply to

the nearest chapter, branch or community auxiliary of the Red Cross, or to such other Christmas parcel station as may be designated by his Red Cross chapter—and upon showing the "Christmas Parcel Label" will receive one carton, 2x12x12 inches in size. It will be easy to ascertain from the newspapers whether cartons have been received at the Christmas parcel station. Application should not be made until cartons are on hand.

Specially manufactured cartons for this purpose will be sent to chapters from division headquarters, and will be distributed by chapters to branches and community auxiliaries or such other Christmas parcel stations as the chapter may establish, together with "Red Cross Inspection Labels" also furnished from division offices.

The carton may be filled with any combination of articles that fit in it and which are not barred from Christmas parcels by the Post Office department. The list of articles that may not be sent may be procured from the same place as the cartons.

The weight of the parcel must not exceed two pounds fifteen ounces unweighed.

When carton is filled it should be taken to the place where it was procured.

Red Cross representatives will inspect the parcel, and will (a) exclude any article barred by Post Office department from Christmas parcels; (b) remove any notes or messages; (c) wrap, tie and weigh the parcel; (d) place on the parcel the "Christmas Parcel Label" received from abroad, bearing name and address of recipient.

The person sending the parcel shall then in the presence of the Red Cross representative, affix stamps at the rate of twelve cents (12c) for each pound or fraction thereof. (Parcel post rate to Hoboken, N. J.)

The Red Cross representative who inspected the parcel will then affix to the parcel the "Red Cross Inspection Label," properly signed.

Parcels ready for mailing shall remain in the custody of the Red Cross until delivered by its representatives to the Post Office authorities.

No Christmas parcels can be mailed later than November 15, and no Christmas parcel can be accepted by the post office without the "Christmas Parcel Label" from overseas.

No duplicate can be issued if a "Christmas Parcel Label" is lost. This rule cannot be altered by anybody.

These instructions have been issued by national headquarters of the American Red Cross, are based on the agreement with the War department and the Post Office department, and must therefore be strictly observed.

The Fleck Orchard, Foville & Payne of Rufus, had a most complete exhibit of fruits and vegetables in the pavilion at the Sherman county fair last week. As usual, they had several items out of the ordinary class. One was a sunflower with a stalk 18 feet long and an enormous head. Some others were a new variety of winter musk melon and the casaba, a new variety of melon being introduced commercially into Sherman county by the Fleck Orchard. Their exhibit of fruits in general was more complete than usual and was tastefully arranged.

The Morris orchard of Rufus had a large exhibit of grapes on display at the Sherman county fair last week. Mr. Morris specializes in grapes and his exhibit showed his knowledge of grape culture.

**LETTERS FROM OUR MORO SOLDIER BOYS**

**On Active Service with the American Expeditionary Force**  
Name: Pvt. George D. Tomlin,  
43d Co., 5th Reg., Marines,  
A. E. F.

Vichy, France, Aug. 27, 1918.

Dear Sister and All:

Just a line to let you know that I am still O. K. I am leaving this hospital tonight but don't know where I am going, but will soon write whenever I stop. I got paid 100 francs; that is about \$16.00 and I certainly had a good time with some of my friends. There are some people here that can speak English and they are glad to be with us. I hope that I go back to my company so I can get some mail. I know a fellow who got 82 letters the other day, some as far back as December 31, 1917. Gee, it don't seem reasonable to go back and strap a pack to my back and put a gun over my shoulder and walk the roads of France. It will be hard for a week or so until I get used to it.

I now am fat as a pig. I weigh 165 lbs. I have been in the hospital over one month and will say that is enough. Well I guess you are going to have a large fair this year and I sure would like to be there, but no chance. There are some boys going home every week with fractured bones. I will say they are lucky at that.

I will have to close for this time. Will try to write more next time.

With love to all,  
GEORGE.

**ARMY AND NAVY**  
"Young Men's Christian Association  
"With the Colors"  
Fort McDowell, Cal.,  
Oct. 10, 1918.

Dear Editor and Friends:

Being you requested me writing you a letter when I got to camp shall attempt to do it now as I have a few minutes off.

It is just a week ago today since Babe Fields, Raymond Crowder and I left good old Sherman County for what is known among us Oregonians as Sunny California. If I don't soon get to see other parts of this state, its impression upon my memory will be a sad one and I shall be glad never to mention it.

We had a special troop train from Portland. It left there at 9:05 Thursday evening, Oct. 3d. We were on the train two nights and a day and a half. The meals on the diner were —. Just ask Ray Crowder and he will explain it in full.

The U. S. patrol boat General McDowell met us at the pier in Oakland, Calif., and took us across the bay to Angel Island, on which is located Fort McDowell. We were examined, got vaccinated and a shot in the arm the first day we got here. Raymond was rejected so went back to the place which is most dear to us Sherman county boys, "old Oregon." Babe and I passed O. K. and were sent over to the west side of Angel Island. We have been there until this morning when my squad was ordered to pack our barracks bag and get ready to move, but of course we didn't know for where. Babe is in the 3d squad and I in the 4th, so he had to stay. Now we are separated and believe me it makes lots of difference to us.

Now, coming back to the leaving, we were marched to the wharf and put on board a boat and set sail for —, and landed again on the east side of the island. The same place as when we first came here. I got in with a different bunch where I know no one. We have no idea a minute ahead where we will be ten minutes from then. Babe and I both like the military part fine but the uncertainty of things would drive a man to desperate deeds.

We are now quarantined for 42 days as there are several cases of Spanish influenza in camp and other kinds of disease. The hospitals are both full to overflowing and they took our barracks we moved out of this morning for hospital rooms.

We got sprayed in the nose and throat with a solution of chlorine, formaldehyde and some other chemical which I can't remember. We are glad to take anything to keep from taking influenza.

This is a distributing camp so we would have left here if we hadn't been put under quarantine. Now we are here for 42 days and perhaps longer if they don't get this epidemic stopped.

It is much colder on this island than it is in Oregon. We have to wear our full uniform all the time to keep warm. Our bed consists of a cot, two blankets, a hard mattress and a sheet. We stand reveille at 6:00 A. M. and retreat at 5:30 P. M. The meals here are about like all military camps. Nuff said. I was on the K. P. yesterday and expect to go on again tomorrow. We stay on for 24 hours and believe me you are kept busy all the time.

Most of the barracks on this side of the island are of concrete. The receiving barracks are wooden buildings. They have the grounds ornamented with calla lilies and the common geraniums. They of course improve the looks of the place. We can see Oakland, Goat Island and Mare Island from this side of Angel Island, and we can see Frisco, the Presidio and Albatross (federal prison), from the west garrison. It is foggy and hazy along the water, so that not often can we see far. We are about seven miles from Frisco and five or six from Oakland. All these military and naval camps are quarantined but we are in

hopes the scientists will soon find something that will either prevent it or cure it.

They have a large Y. M. C. A. here where we can go read, write, and listen to music. They have programs every Monday night. It is a wonderful organization and it's the nearest to home we have. Back it up. I know every man, woman and child in Sherman county will do it.

We all get a little khaki covered bible to carry in our left shirt pocket, and I have talked to boys and have seen them read the Bible now when they never thought of it before. Army life certainly changes the boys quicker than anything I have ever run across.

Well, Editor and dear friends, I hope I have said a few things which might be of interest to you. Now if you only knew what it means to a lonely soldier boy far from friends and home to get letters, every one who may read this, I hope will write to Babe and I. His address is Pri. Chas. W. Fields, 5th Co. 3rd sqd. West Garrison, Angel Island, Ft. McDowell, Cal. My address is Pri. George H. Hansen, 3rd Rct. Co., S. C. L. Fort McDowell, Angel Island, California.

Camp Fremont, Cal.,  
Sunday, Sept. 29, 1918.

Dear Sister:

Well, I have been in my new camp one day and it is a very poor camp compared to Lewis. We sleep in tents, six to a tent, size about 16x16 ft. Does not leave much room for our personal trinkets and clothes. All other accommodations are the same in proportion. I will be in quarantine here again for 10 days after which think all of us will move about 2 miles from here. Have not seen any of the Sherman county boys since coming here although I think there are some in camp. There were 3000 of us moved from Lewis to here, 6 trains of 500 men each.

I had a very good trip considering the military rules which is one of the main things in the army as everything is covered by a regulation, yes, everything.

Just saw John Sherar, says most of the Sherman county boys are close to where he is, about four blocks from me. They came on a train ahead of us.

I am impressed very much with California, what I saw of it. Of course am only half way into the state. This camp being only about 30 miles from San Francisco. Between Sacramento and Stockton is some very pretty level country on which they seem to raise almost everything. Farther south from Stockton they plow up ground as steep as the roof of a house. Fremont is in a very nice valley. I also gazed on the famous Mt. Shasta and in my mind old Hood has it beat in every way for looks; and Mt. Adams also.

Am writing this while sitting on my bunk so probably it will take you a couple of hours to figure out what I am saying, or rather trying to tell you.

I have no idea what I will get into yet. Am with an infantry company now, but have not been assigned nor will I be till out of quarantine.

All of us have been issued a mess kit, an aluminum animal about 5 inches wide, 7 inches long, 1 1/2 inches deep, with tight cover and folding handle. So you see when undone it looks something like a frying pan invented about the year 1. We used this on the train and also have to use it here, as follows: you hold it out at arm's length and run by the kitchen where the K. P. fill it for you as you go. This is what I received in it this morning for breakfast: spuds, meat, gravy, mush and milk, two boiled eggs. What would you call that mixture? There is also a poor cup for drinking purposes; it is large enough, but looks like it was built to house a pair of field glasses. This is all there is to it and God knows it is enough of the kind.

There are mosquitoes here a plenty and if every one has fed as many as I have so far they are undoubtedly living high. Flies are also more plentiful than in Lewis, there not being as much protection against them here. The climate is also a factor, I suppose.

Well, I must quit for this time because I can think of no more. Did see a flock of 11 airplanes in the air on a practice flight as we were leaving Sacramento. They were well up and looked like so many geese.

Hoping you and all are well, I am  
Your brother, Thomas H. Douma  
Co. M. 62 Inf. Casualty Camp,  
Camp Fremont, Cal.

Richard Dingle of Wasco had one of the best comprehensive exhibits of farm products at the Sherman county fair last week. The exhibit included vegetables, fruits and grain. A feature of the pavilion was Mr. Dingle's exhibit of wheat grown from one grain and having 152 mature heads of grain on the one stool; the next best was a second variety of grain with nearly the same amount of heads to the stool. Mr. Dingle demonstrated that Sherman county land will certainly grow grain and that the adage that big yields from small grains is true in this country.

The vendors of kewpie dolls, fancy pillows, and "try your luck" places claim to have not "done" as well at the county fair last week as in former years. But then there was the Border Days with its Forty-Niner music and settings and its several odd walking list on the waning hours.

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**STATEMENT OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY**

of New York City, in the State of New York, on the thirty-first day of June, 1918, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital paid up	\$ 700,000.00
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 688,895.14
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$ 25,056.82
Income from other sources received during the year	\$ 113,265.82
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$ 807,177.97</b>
DEBITMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year	\$ 460,131.02
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$ 23,585.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$ 20,851.92
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$ 27,115.19
Amount of all other expenditures	\$ 16,529.04
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 708,212.11</b>
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 3,765,235.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$ 21,988.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	\$ 21,988.00
Cash in banks and on hand	\$ 21,988.00
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1917	\$ 284,625.32
Interest and rents due and accrued	\$ 118,102.71
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,153,927.03</b>
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	\$ 0.00
<b>Total assets admitted in Oregon</b>	<b>\$ 4,153,927.03</b>
RESERVES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 325,969.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$ 682,895.14
Due for commission and brokerage	\$ 21,988.00
All other liabilities	\$ 461,180.55
<b>Total liabilities (exclusive of capital stock of \$700,000.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,491,932.69</b>
Total premiums in force June 30, 1918	\$ 1,140,585.90
Total insurance written during the year	\$ 784,851.00
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 688,895.14
Premiums returned during the year	\$ 21,988.00
Losses paid during the year	\$ 4,349.55
Losses incurred during the year	\$ 5,249.55
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1917	\$ 663,154.00

**STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY,**  
By C. A. Gerthwaite, Vice-President.  
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