

Town Topics

G. A. Ehlen was a business visitor in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Judith Miller of Portland was here Sunday to visit her son Frank L. Miller.

Carl Garrison, from southern Oregon was visitor at the A. B. Dentel home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. McCord of Portland are visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bents and family returned Tuesday from a vacation trip to Newport.

Prime light hogs sold at \$16.15 to \$16.25 this week on the Portland market. The bulk of the offerings went at \$16.00.

Amelia Giesy who had charge of her father's store a few days last week returned to Portland on the late train Sunday night.

James A. Miller spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller and returned to Portland Sunday night.

Among those here on business or otherwise this week were Fred Keil, Sr., W. A. Rogers, J. J. Lippuner, Gus Frederickson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Babcock and three daughters passed through Aurora last night enroute home by auto, from the coast via Salem to Portland. Mr. Babcock is secretary of the Oregon Insurance Federation.

Bob Whitworth, Ray Yergen and Chas. Rager and son left yesterday for Riddle, south of Roseburg, to get in a week's hunting ahead of Governor Withycombe's proclamation closing the hunting season on the 21st.

J. M. Erickson will open the new warehouse for business next Monday, August 20. He will buy cream, eggs and poultry now and all kinds of farm products later on. He will also operate a feed-chopping department.

L. P. Swan, of the Champoeig Flouring Mill, was here yesterday on business. Mr. Swan has been in the milling business many years, and has seen some marvelous changes in wheat prices, all the way from 33 cents per bushel in 1901 or 1902 to \$3.00 per bushel this year.

The proposal of the extente allies to carve up portions of Europe in a certain way seems rather premature at this date, especially as the parts to be carved are in possession of the central allies. The United States should take no part in these discussions (not at least until the war is over) as this country's interests do not lie in map re-adjustment.

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W. E. Frazer shipped about 200 head of sheep from this station to the North Portland stock yards Tuesday.

The "Mark of Cain" was one of the best five reel motion picture dramas ever shown here. It held rapt attention from beginning to end at the Aurora Theatre Sunday night. Next Sunday night something equally as good is promised.

John Murray was here from East Butteville Monday. The Farmers' Fire Relief Association, of which he is vice-president, carried a policy for \$600 on the buildings burned Sunday on the Ilevette, near the home of Mrs. Alice Stephenson. Mr. Murray was there, also, Monday to adjust the loss for the Association.

The A. B. Dentel home was threatened by fire last week when an oil stove on the kitchen porch exploded. The fire spread to the roof, but Carl Garrison a visitor at the Dentel home, extinguished the flames. A mackinaw, a few coats, etc., were burned, but no one was hurt, Mrs. Dentel being inside the kitchen when the stove exploded.

The Second battalion, Third Oregon Infantry, arrived at camp Fresno, Mento Park, near Palo Alto, California last Saturday, under the command of Major Moshberger, who became commandant of the camp as senior officer of the troops in camp. Almost his first action was a stringent order excluding all persons suspected of introducing liquor in camp.

The Union Pacific has just issued a neat topographical map of the "Columbia River Gorge," showing many beautiful scenes along the river and in the nearby mountain fastness. It has also issued an indexed pocket map of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Both will be sent free upon request to Wm. McMurray, general passenger agent, Portland, Oregon.

Ed. Muecke was here Saturday from the Muecke farm on his way to Portland to visit his father G. A. Muecke. He returned but recently from Europe, having left Germany in May. He stated that he believes the war will be long continued but that Germany cannot win it. Communication is difficult. He was not able to get letters or cables to or from Iquique, Chili, for many months and then not until he reached New York. Mr. Muecke has extensive business interests in Iquique in charge of Carl Rhode as manager during his absence.

E. M. HURST

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Has a Baby
Has a Party
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Sells a Farm
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Gets a Divorce
Comes to Town
Has an Operation
Discovers a Spy
Commits a Murder
Has Been Arrested
Has An Auto Smash
Falls From an Aeroplane
Is Sued For Preach of Promise

THAT'S NEWS. PHONE IT.

MRS. F. L. MILLER ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Frank L. Miller entertained a number of friends yesterday at a delightful mid-day luncheon, and others in the afternoon at "500". The ladies who enjoyed the luncheon were Mrs. H. H. Saling and Miss Pauline Allen, the guests of honor, and Mrs. J. S. Vandeleur, Mrs. H. L. Bents, Miss Velma Bents, Mrs. Fred Fargo, Mrs. L. G. Giesy, Mrs. John R. Kraus, Mrs. James Ogle and Mrs. N. C. Wescott.

Cards and music, both vocal and instrumental were the features of a delightful afternoon. Mrs. Vandeleur, Mrs. Fargo and Mrs. Higginbotham sang, and Mrs. Vandeleur and Mrs. Hickok played piano selections. In addition to the luncheon guests, the following were present in the afternoon. Mesdames Hickok, Ottaway, Schwab, Higginbotham, Bauer, G. A. Ehlen, Irvin, Berg, Morris, Wurster, Dimick, Blosser, and Mrs. McCord of Portland, and Misses Clara and Lizzie Will.

BARLOW

H. Erickson is home on a visit.
Miss Lucile Zigler is visiting her aunt in Portland.
Mrs. Bertlesen has an old friend visiting her.
Paul Rodby of Portland spent Sunday with Elmer Irwin.
Mr. and Mrs. Young are moving into the Mrs. C. U. Barlow house.
Mrs. Wrolstad of Yoder was visiting her parents Tuesday. Myrtle and Loren Wrolstad are spending two weeks at Grandpas.
Mrs. Scoggin returned home from Marcola Tuesday. Mrs. Scoggin's daughter Emma and husband of Portland spent the day with her Sunday.
Mr. Berg's niece and husband Mr. and Mrs. Oley Ffare of Montana were visiting at the Berg home on their wedding trip recently. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss of Portland, Miss Powers a high school teacher and Mrs. Olsen of Portland were also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Berg.
R. E. Irwin is having a series of misfortune, while riding the motorcycle Sunday he fell and broke his thumb, Tuesday while unloading freight the gang plank gave way, Mr. Irwin falling on the handle of the truck breaking one of his ribs. We think he will get a vacation yet if he don't look out.

The Ladies Aid met at Mrs. Chris Ziegler's Wednesday with a large crowd present. A delicious lunch was served and the ladies expressed a desire to meet with Mrs. Ziegler next month. Rev. White and family were present on their farewell visit as Mr. White has a call in Wis., and will leave Silverton in about three weeks.

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HOP NOTES

Hop growers throughout the valley are displaying some anxiety about getting pickers to gather the hop crop. Advertisements in the Portland papers offer 50 cents per box.

It is now believed that the upward trend of hop prices was started by shorts who were covering, and that their action was the cause of much new business from brewers who actually need the hops.

Hymen Cohen market editor of the Portland Journal declares most of the present strength of the hop market is of an artificial nature, due chiefly to the manipulation of the market by big grower-dealers.

Portland newspapers are authority for the statement that 27 cents were offered last Saturday for Oregon hop contracts, but no growers would sell. Several California contracts were signed the same day at that figure.

Hop men, both growers and dealers now estimate, probably quite accurately, that at least 75 per cent of the coast hop crop is under contract. It is believed that even more than 75 per cent is contracted in the state.

The hop "shorts" who sold great quantities at 10 cents a pound this season may need a long purse to bridge over the gap between 10 cents and 25 cents. Few will waste much sympathy upon the shorts who "get caught."

Since 25 cent hops have become a fact, there are plenty of people who knew it would happen so, but about the only man in this section that predicted 25-cent hops was C. W. Carothers of Needy, and he backed his judgment by staying in the business.

The coast hop market is apparently well established at 30c (or better) for the 1917 crop. Nearly 1000 bales of 1916s were sold to Salem buyers this week at 18 cents, and California 1916s were sold at 11 cents. Yakima 1916s are reported as entirely cleaned up.

Dealer estimates now place the Oregon hop crop this season at 35,000 bales, Washington at 20,000 bales, and California at 75,000 bales. A continuance of present weather conditions may cause a still lighter crop. The New York crop is reported fair in quantity and quality. The English acreage is reported at 18,000 acres or about half that of last year. With the light requirement of the English brewers, the crop will probably supply all English demands.

The Oregon Hop Growers' Association will hold an adjourned meeting of its members next Monday. A meeting was held June 12 but no officers were present. The Association once had nearly 700 members, but how many will attend the meeting is problematical, as many have plowed out their yards and many others have contracted their hops to outside dealers. The meeting will be of considerable interest in view of the condition of the market. Also, it is said, some growers are inclined to ask questions as to past management. It is reported that M. L. Jones, president of the Association has contracted his crop to dealers (outside the Association).

Tests of various kinds of concretes and cement mortars now under way in Germany will extend over a period of thirty years.

An opportunity is frequently run to earth by a hustler while a lazy man is sitting on the fence waiting for it to come along.

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