

OUR BOYS WITH THE COLORS

News Letters, and Stories of Our Soldiers and Sailors in France, In the Training Camps, On the High Seas, and Everywhere Gallant American Fighters Are Found.

W. C. Campbell of Butteville is one of the 12 men called from Draft District No. 2, Marion county, for special limited service. He will go to Vancouver Barracks for assignment. W. H. L. Daniels, of Hubbard has been called for the same service.

Norman Crowley of Barlow has been called for limited military service—one of ten from Clackamas county. He will leave June 30 for Vancouver Barracks. From there he will be assigned to an aeronautical ground school for service in the aviation corps.

Chester Giesy writes his father A. H. Giesy from Camp Merritt, New Jersey, that his Unit (Base Hospital 46), is having final inspections. He says he does not care much for the East. He prefers Portland to the Eastern cities he has seen. He has not been to New York. (14 miles from camp) as yet but hopes to get a pass to visit the great city.

Another letter from Chester Giesy, written June 11, from Camp Merritt conveys the information that his unit, Base Hospital 46, were to leave there last week Tuesday. In the event that they left for France, he and the Miller boys would have arrived over seas by this time. But a still later letter from Chester says he and 20 other in quarantine (measles), but the Unit has gone—some where.

The following men from this section have been notified to be in readiness for induction into the military service. They will enter for Camp Lewis between June 24 and 28, at Woodburn: P. M. Blaschke of Aurora, John Kister of Fargo, A. Schiewe of Aurora, R. F. D. 2, N. Trout of Hubbard, L. R. Nichols of Donald and F. Yoder of Hubbard. C. B. Barker, C. M. Will, and L. A. Will of Hubbard are named as alternates in case those regularly drawn fail to show up.

Henry S. Hondrick writes home from France to his father S. P. Hondrick that his brother-in-law (Charley Penters) has left the company. "I do not know where he went or when I will see him again. I saw Moses Garren today. He is looking fine. This is a very pretty country now. Everything is nice and green." Luke most others, he hopes it will not be long before our boys are back. He inquires about Hubbard in his letter written May 1.

MACKSBURG.

Eric Boeche is working in Astoria.

Glade Hepler has enlisted in the army and is holding himself ready for immediate service.

Miss Elva Schutlz left on Monday night for Table Rock where she expects to remain for some considerable time.

Glenn Hilton came down from his mountain ranch a fortnight ago to visit his former schoolmates and while here made a contribution to the Red Cross.

Henry Nofziger whose serious illness has found mention in the Observer has so far recovered that his nurse is dismissed and the quarantine is removed from the house.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Garrett who are occupying the former Bestul place is very seriously ill. A complication of diseases rendering his case a most difficult and dangerous one.

Alvin Hamilton has been called into the service and will leave Oregon City with the present army contingent. Mrs. Hamilton will go home to her parents, but will be with her aunt Mrs. Sam Kauffman during the most of her husbands absence at the war.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hepler had the pleasure on Sunday last of receiving all of the children and grandchildren at their home. The reunion was rendered all the more enjoyable by being wholly unexpected to Mr. and Mrs. Hepler, the young people taking the entire arrangement upon themselves.

The mother's Club is to meet in the present week at the home of Mrs. Ben Dreier. Mrs. Simon Miller vice president of the club will be absent indefinitely. Finding her daughter in Indiana much better than she expected Mrs. Miller will improve the opportunity to visit relatives and other friends in the East until Elnora is strong enough to undertake the journey home.

The ice cream social announced by the Red Cross Auxiliary of Macksburg for the evening of Saturday, June 22nd is postponed to June 29th. This is owing to a previously arranged function in the neighborhood to take place on the earlier date. The members of the Auxiliary are desirous of a good attendance at their social. A Rummage sale is planned for which some very valuable articles have been donated. Among others some antique furniture is to be disposed of by raffle tickets for which may be obtained at the Red Cross rooms on the days of the Auxiliary meeting.

Victor White, sergeant in Co. D, 162nd U. S. Inf., writes his parents, "I don't think anyone of us over here would trade places with the slackers of the ship yards over there. I won't say what I really think of them," in a letter to his sister, he says, "It won't do for me to express my sentiments on paper (concerning certain other matters—in the Observer and the Journal) so I will wait till I get home."

"Have landed again!" So writes Ed. White from Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. "We left Fort Riley, Kansas, because after this month it will be used for cavalry only. We are attached to a hospital unit here with the aviation branch of the service. It is one continuous roar all day—from the machines in the air. It looks fine to see them soaring around in the sky. I saw more than 100 at one time in the air today." His address is now Edgar M. White, Medical department, Aviation Section, Kelly Field No. 1, South San Antonio, Texas.

"I see Fred Lockley (Y. M. C. A. secretary) often and have had some long talks with him," writes Corporal Ira White, to his father W. L. White. "He knows people all over the valley and he told me about the good meals he used to get at the old Pioneer Hotel at Aurora. I saw in the Observer about uncle John Cole's death. I was much interested in the list of names published, of those that refused to support their country. It seems that some people cannot appreciate a free land. I wonder where they could expect to have as much freedom, both religious and otherwise, if all Americans were like them! The most Christian thing they can do to-day is to support their country—which must decide the fate of the world! I will take my chances in another world with such as they. They may not see it so plainly now, but before this war is over I am afraid they will have less peace of mind and soul than they have ever had since living under the protection of the stars and stripes."

W. H. Nibler received a card yesterday from Walter Lettenmaier at the Presidio, saying, the boys are just out of quarantine, and just back from a visit in San Francisco.

liary meeting, June 19th and 26th or from the chairman of the Auxiliary, Mrs. John Hepler. The Red Cross Auxiliary also the Junior Red Cross held their regular weekly session at their rooms on Wednesday, June 12th. Following are the names of those who gave their payment for election day services—\$3.00 to the Red Cross in the drive May 20th to 27th. Russell Scramlin, Chas. Kraxberger, C. Lorenz, J. E. Well, Chas. Stevens, James Gribble. Some of these contributors paid liberally in addition to their election fees. Their names appeared in the list of contributors sent to the local papers last week. Residents of the district who took their contributions elsewhere will have to look to those who received their money for acknowledgment therefore. We are authorized only to report those who paid at district No. 20.

MERIDIAN

Albert Pratt motored to Salem on business Monday.

Albert Pratt is cutting stove bolts on Jas. McGill's place.

Thos. Paige and the Yohann Bros. went to Portland Saturday.

Carl Berg is among the young people on the sick list this week.

Several from here attended the Socialist convention at Oregon City Saturday.

Mrs. Oldfield's sister and children of Portland arrived Monday afternoon to visit here.

Alfred Campan is home for the summer from Mt. Angel where he has been attending school.

Mrs. Mattie Stafford and children of Leavenworth, Wash., are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Brewer.

A brother of Fred Yohann, wife and daughter arrived here from Wis., Tuesday. Mr. Yohann is a Chiropractic physician.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brewer and daughter Mrs. Staffer motored to Donald Sunday to visit Mr. Brewster's sister at that place.

Miss Verge Anderson who has been teaching school at Eugene came home Sunday to spend the summer with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson.

Meridian school held its annual school meeting June 17. The members of the board whose terms expire were Charlie Watts, clerk; and Mr. Yohanne, director. Carl Oldfield was elected clerk and Carl Potwin director for the coming terms.

Those who attended the unveiling of the service flag at Aurora Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bann and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bonn and family, accompanied by Miss Mary Bisanz and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Campau and son.

The school picnic which was held at Meridian last Wednesday was a fine success. The entire crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield and from there they proceeded down to the river, where they were ferried across to a fine little picnic grounds. At noon a delicious dinner was served by the ladies present. The main feature of the afternoon were the swimming and boat riding with a good old social time between swings and boat rides the afternoon soon passed. The picnicers gathered around the table which was again spread for supper with something more of an appetite than they had shown at noon, and everybody went home with an empty lunch basket, saying that they had had a good time.

"Political Yarns"

It is reported that Fred W. Steusloff, county food administrator, will be an independent candidate for Representative this fall. Which one of the five men nominated on the Republican ticket, Mr. Steusloff hopes to defeat is not stated. The republican candidates are Seymour Jones, Ivan G. Martin, Sam Hughes, George W. Weeks and D. H. Looney.

Now comes the rumor that Alexander M. La Follette, late lamented defeated candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator from Marion county, will be an independent candidate for the state senate. It is said, of course, that he expects in this manner to down W. A. Jones. The Observer predicts that it can't be done in any such manner. La Follette has had honors enough at the hands of the Republican party in Marion county and if senility has not completely overtaken him, he will accept the verdict of the party as expressed in the primaries.

J. P. Feller has been notified that he has been chosen the Democratic nominee of county commissioner of Marion county. As he is a dyed-in-wool republican there is little chance of his acceptance, though of course he appreciates the honor conferred upon him by his democratic friends. If such honors were transferable, the Observer would suggest that it be passed on to Ben Robertson who might be thankful for even a democratic nomination for most anything.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr., was last Saturday chosen chairman of the Republican county central committee of Marion county to succeed Ben Robertson. N. D. Elliott was re-elected secretary. B. F. West was made state committee, and W. J. Culver, congressional committeeman.

George Weeks of Salem has been nominated by the Democrats as a candidate for representative, in spite of the fact that the Republicans also made him their candidate.

FOR SALE—Small pigs—C. C. Oldfield, Aurora, R. 2.

Peggy Sadler has been sick with the measles this week.

John Damm, Jr. was here Monday from Macksburg to visit his parents.

Mrs. E. R. Gribble and Mrs. John Kraus were visitors and shoppers here Tuesday.

Fred Damm was here Sunday from Laurel, Washington to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Damm.

Mrs. A. C. Scheurer and son Howard arrived Monday from Grass Valley for a month's visit with relatives here.

Mrs. J. W. Sadler went to Portland Friday to attend a conference of the officers of the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Flick, Miss Noma Yergen and A. H. Giesy are additional contributors to the Aurora Service Flag fund.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Popejoy who have been visiting relatives here for several days, left Monday on their way home by auto to Vellejo, California.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Meine were here Sunday to visit their aunt Mrs. W. H. Asquith. Mr. Meine is working at the Northwest Steel Company's ship yard, having come recently from Salt Lake City.

J. W. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Erbsland, Mrs. Aurelia Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Becke, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Becke and Alta Becke motored to Silver Creek Falls about Silverton Sunday for a day's outing.

Several sacks of flour returned by people who had an over supply, saved through the use of substitutes, are on display in the window of the Will-Snyder company store. As soon as enough is collected to make a freight shipment it will be forwarded to the food administrator at Portland.

Crooked Finger school district near Silverton has a registered alien enemy as a member of its school board. Mrs. Magee, a patriotic American woman director refuses to act until the alien enemy member is removed.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO CLUB MEMBERS

Owing to the urgent need for every available boy and girl to work in the berry patches and other forms of food production, the Oregon Agricultural College has decided not to have an excursion of Industrial Club Members to Corvallis on June 28th.

Women Plan War Work

Mrs. W. W. Irvin and O. G. Morris went to Portland Saturday to attend a luncheon and conference of the presidents of the Women's Clubs of the state, at the Multnomah Hotel. Mrs. J. W. Sadler who was called to Portland Friday for a conference with the state Federation officials also attended the Saturday luncheon.

Mrs. Chas. Castner, president of the state Federation has just returned from Washington and Hot Springs, Arkansas, where she attended the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, and the Woman's National Council of Defense meeting. She brought back the program of next year's club and council of defence war work, and out lined into the Portland conference.

The Blankety Blank Kaiser

Sergeant Paul Hendricks, son of the publisher of the Salem Statesman, writing to his uncle, D. B. Snyder here, from France, where he is in service, says that, though he would like to be back home if things were quieted down, he must not be understood as ready to quit. "There's no peace of mind sitting comfortable in the front parlor and knowing that some blankety-blank is murdering your friends and relatives in the back yard and that, when he has them safely stowed away he will come back and work you over. It is much better to leave all and "get" the aforementioned persons and we are going to have him in a tight box before many moons."—Pendleton Tribune.

Town Topics

Ed. Graves and son were in Aurora Tuesday from the Macksburg section.

For Sale—Twenty nannies and 18 kids. F. D. Braly, Needy (Aurora R.2) 15-3tp.

For Sale—Loganberries at the Aurora Bridge, Pacific Highway. (15-4t)

Mr. and Mrs. John Kraus will attend a reunion of the Cooper family Saturday near McMinnville.

Mrs. John Kraus was called to Independence yesterday by the illness of her father Mr. Cooper.

Harley Brower of Ashland is here for a few days to visit at the home of his cousin Mrs. S. A. Miller.

Aurora merchants report increased sales of bread since the state went upon a wheatless basis—some of them selling about double the amount previously sold.

Lester Reed was up from Portland Monday where he is working. Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Reed, his parents, are now living in Portland.

Miss Alma Wilson of Portland, is visiting Miss Agnes Brown. She will return home when Mts. Brown and daughter move to Portland.

Among those in the city



36 Farmers wrote this Advertisement for PLYMOUTH TWINE

FOR over twenty years I have been a user of Plymouth Twine. When I ran out of Plymouth I used other twine. This gave more or less trouble, but I have always found Plymouth Twine of uniform thickness.

In the thousands of pounds I have used I have never found a poor ball. It works equally well in a corn or wheat binder. Plymouth Twine is free from knots and snarls. It stands up in the twine ball until all used up. It never gets tangled. It will bind more straw per pound than other twine. It is the best in the long run. The most economical twine the farmer can use.

36 TWINE USERS.

EVERY statement in this advertisement was taken from letters written by actual users of Plymouth Twine—by men who are up against the same difficulties that you meet. They find that Plymouth helps them. It will help you.

G. A. EHLEN, Aurora, Oregon

this week on business or otherwise were G. C. Carothers, Peter Jager, Edward Hilton, Fred and Julius Keil and Wm. Fry.

Mrs. S. A. Miller, who was called to Indiana recently by the sickness and death of her father, has gone to Virginia to visit relatives. She is expected home about the middle of July.

The names of Homer Schultz, Gifford Osborne, Harley Million, Roy Million, and Marshal Scramlin have been given in as those of soldiers who should have a star upon the Aurora community Service Flag.

Mr. and Mrs. Nofziger of Macksburg were here yesterday to ascertain if Mrs. Nofziger will have to register as an alien enemy. She was born in Missouri, but her husband is an alien, though not an alien enemy unless it be by a technicality. He was born in Alsace Lorraine in France before that province was stolen by Germany. Under a misapprehension he registered as an alien enemy. The Aurora Postmaster, however, holds that his wife need not register, and will try to have his original registration papers returned.

Canby Dedicates Flag

Canby dedicated a service flag Saturday night, with 106 stars. An impressive program was rendered, which opened with the singing of "America;" invocation, Rev. Launer, pastor of the German Evangelical church; vocal solo, Avon Jesse; unfurling of the service flag by John Eid, who has two sons, Clarence and melvin, in the service in France; address, Rev. Carlos, pastor of m. E. church; roll call, Adam Knight; response, Eva Beatie; solo, Louise Gastrock; Star Spangled Banner.

Donald Items

Mrs. E. R. Feller was called to Albany last week to the bedside of a sick sister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Labbe and Miss Eva Labbe of Portland were guests of B. S. Quinn Sunday.

Many Donald people attended the funeral of L. M. Felts, who was buried at Butteville Sunday.

Miss Hazel Cone spent several days at Corvallis last week. Miss Cone has the Case school engaged.

Mrs. Effie Burns of Lebanon, Oregon who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Geo. Lamb the past week returned home Wednesday.

Bernice Feller has recovered from a severe attack of diphtheria and there were no other cases. All danger of infection is long past.

Clifford, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Mathoit who is at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, is improving but will have to remain there several months yet.

"Pappy" Aufrance celebrated his 74th birthday with a grand party in the Hoskins & DeSart hall Saturday evening June 15th. There were about 100 guests there to wish him "many happy returns." Many who were not there do wish the same. Old fashioned dancing was enjoyed and refreshments served.

F. D. Braly of Needy was in Aurora on business Tuesday.

Beneta Stroud of Portland was the guest of Mrs. Diana Snyder this week.

E. A. Green, who taught here the past year is now in the employ of the government at Bremerton, Wash.

Chauncey Grim, of Irrigon who is visiting relatives in Hubbard, was here yesterday.

AURORA GARAGE

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FOR CHEVROLET AND FORD CARS
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Greases **MILLER & ISAACSON, Props.** Free Air