

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Webert were Oregon City visitors Friday.

Mike Brennan was among the Butteville people transacting business Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Stinson of Portland has been the guest of Mrs. S. A. Miller the past week.

Among the Meridian people here Friday were C. C. and George Oldfield and Forest E. Mills.

B. J. Grim and M. D. Leabo were White District people here Saturday on business.

Services in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school meets at 10 a. m.

M. N. Crisell and W. E. Flick were business visitors here Friday from the Union Hill district.

Ben Wolfer, one of the well known Clackamas county farmers, was here on business Saturday.

Mrs. B. H. Will and Mrs. J. B. Hurst and children came up from Portland Saturday to visit friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zimmerman came up from Portland last week to spend Thanksgiving with relatives here.

Mrs. N. C. Wescott and son Thomas were visitors Saturday at the Hubbard dental offices of Dr. de Lespinasse.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leach were here last week from Portland to visit Mrs. Leach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Irvin.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Pierce came up from Portland to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Pierce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck.

Local draft boards have all received telegrams advising them they are to get all records in order and to be ready to wind up their business soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler and little daughter Peggy spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Settlemeier at Woodburn.

George McDonald came up from Portland Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving and the week end with his cousins at the home of Mrs. Diana Snyder.

Lee Carpenter is home from Portland where he has been in the service of the Oregon Military Patrol for several months. The force has been reduced to 25 men.

The Ladies Aid announce that the Bazaar which was to have been held Saturday, December 1, has been postponed to later date, which has not yet been decided upon.

Among those in the city Saturday were J. Colman Mark of Marks Prairie, F. D. Braly and little son of Needy, Fred Wagner of Union, and Mrs. Lewis Kell and son Leo of Union Hill.

SEND THE HOME PAPER

Among those who have sent the local paper to boys in the service are the following:

W. J. Flick, 5 subscriptions.
John Pugh, Jr. 2 do.
Geo. Miller, 3 do.
A. H. Giesy, 2 do.
Mrs. L. A. Kinyon, 1 do.
Mrs. A. J. Deetz, 1 do.
D. A. Reil, 1 do.
Jno Damm, 2 do.
A. M. McConnell, 1 do.
Mrs. N. C. Wescott, 1 do.
Mrs. J. F. Kerr, 1 do.
Miss Louine Kerr, 1 do.
Wm. Bruns, 2 do.
R. H. Whitworth, 5 do.
Sam Miller 1 do.
Mrs. C. H. Lorenz, 1 do.

DR. B. F. GIESY

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Office at Residence

Aurora, Or.

E. M. Hurst has just purchased a new truck of larger capacity than the one he has been using the past season. He is now much better prepared to handle all kinds of heavy hauling.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Giesy, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Giesy were guests Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Bents, and Miss Velma Bents was home from Portland for the day.

The Clackamas county circuit court has granted an extension of time in which the plaintiff may file a bill of exceptions in the case of Harry West vs. Marion county. The time was extended until today December 5.

Little Madeline Robinson who has been visiting her cousins at the Sandburg home returned to Salem Saturday. She was accompanied by Mildred Sandberg who went to see her cousin safely home, returning in the afternoon.

Frank McCracken was here last week from Pacific City where he has been engaged in Salmon fishing for more than a year. He has had two very successful seasons. He will return in a couple of weeks when the season opens again after a 20-day closed period.

County Assessor West and District Attorney Gehlhar appeared before the State Tax Commission Friday to ask that the tax ratio be increased from 68 per cent to 73 per cent. If the increase is allowed it will increase the valuation of public utility property and lessen the burden on real estate and personal property.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Schiedell are here from Pacific City for a few days, guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schwader. Mr. Garrett has been engaged in salmon fishing for several months and expects to return soon. Mr. Schiedell will go to St. Helens later to work in the timber.

J. J. Taylor was here Friday from Paradise Corners on business. He has just ordered 28,000 strawberry plants and will go into the business on a bigger scale than ever. He has long been a grower of fine strawberries. He finds it necessary occasionally to make a change of stock and secure new plants from another location and other soil, to improve his product, after the same manner that potato growers change seed.

Many here will regret to hear of the death of Henry Schwanzer, Jr. from influenza, in Eastern Oregon. He was on his way to Los Angeles to attend his father's silver wedding anniversary when he became ill. His father was notified and came north only in time to attend his son's funeral. Mr. Schwanzer, Sr. moved from Macksburg to California a few years ago, but is well known here. His son was about 21 years of age.



"SEEN AND
HEARD"

Four pounds of sugar for each member of a family may now be purchased. More sugar for ices and ice cream may also be secured. It is urged, however, that there be no waste, as strict conservation is still desirable, to keep prices down as well as to create a surplus to help relieve the European sugar famine.

A representative of the Insurance Department of the Knights of Pythias wrote a \$5000 policy for F. L. Miller of this city. Pythian insurance amounting to 43,900,000 has been paid to the families of its members during the last 40 years. In Oregon alone \$183,000 has been paid to Pythian widows and orphans. The past year it has been paying Oregon claims at the rate of \$40 per day.

Marion county spent \$29,679.94 on roads during the month of October. Of this amount approximately \$6850 was paid to cities, \$2850 for macadamizing, \$4200 for graveling, \$3200 for bridges, \$6800 for general repairs and miscellaneous, \$1400 for patrolmen's salaries, and the balance for paving and new tools and machinery.

NEW CANNERY AT SALEM

The Pheasants Northwest Products company has secured the former Southern Pacific hop warehouse at Salem for a cannery where jellies and jams will be made. The new product will be marketed under the trade marked name of "Orington", a term made up of a part of the names Oregon and Washington.

Loganberries for the juice business will continue to be made in at the Loju plant on Commercial street, but all the preserving of the company is to be handled at the new location, both establishments employing a total of about 200 people at all times.

When the machinery, now awaiting installation, is in its place the company plans formally to open the building with a celebration to which all of its loganberry growers will be invited. The nature of the entertainment and the date have not yet been divulged.

GIESY VS. MARION COUNTY

The case of A. W. Giesy versus Marion county has been set for hearing today in the Supreme court. This suit is over damages claimed from the county through the opening of a road through the Giesy ranch as a direct outlet from Fargo to the Aurora road. The case came up in the county court before Judge Bushey whose award of damages was not satisfactory to Giesy. In the Marion county circuit court Judge Bingham sustained the action of the county court. The hearing today in the supreme court is upon an appeal from Judge Bingham's decision.

The case is the final wind-up of a long controversy over the opening of a road for the use of Fargo people coming this way. The opening of the road was authorized several months ago by the county court.

ALLIES ARE FED BY SELF DENIAL

Generous Doing Without in America Supplied Food to Europe.

Exports from this country since it entered the war have kept starvation from Allied Europe and have maintained the health and strength of those who have been bearing the brunt of our battles, so that they could hold out to victory. Now that hostilities have ceased we must assume the added burden of keeping starvation from increasing its toll upon the millions who have been liberated from the Prussian yoke. Famine would undo the work which has been accomplished in freeing the world for democracy. No stable government can be established and maintained by a nation harassed by hunger. A starving people turns to rioting and anarchy. Food has given strength and courage to the nations fighting for democracy; it must now give the nations strength and tranquility to re-establish themselves in freedom and democracy.

Without our help it would have been absolutely impossible for the Allies to maintain a living ration. Since our entry into the war we have been contributing largely to the support of one hundred and twenty million people whose normal food supplies have been cut off, whose production has fallen almost to the vanishing point, whose fields have been devastated by Germany. The food exported from the United States in the past year has been sufficient to supply the complete ration of twenty-two million people.

It is hard to grasp the magnitude and significance of the assistance which has been lent the Allies by the patriotic, voluntary service of the American people. The food we sent abroad last year would have been sufficient to feed one-fifth of our population. And this was done in spite of the fact that we entered the year with short crops. Our surplus was practically nothing. An overwhelming proportion of the food that left this country last year was saved out of the normal home consumption of our own people.

In spite of difficulties met in internal transportation and shortage of ocean tonnage our food exports last year amounted to a figure that a few years ago would have been unbelievable. Even the most optimistic element of our population faced with anxious consternation the prospect which opened before us with the beginning of the 1917 harvest year.

The American people have not been compelled to save. They have been appealed to on the basis of humanity and of patriotism. They have responded voluntarily.

Besides such incidental benefits as the improvement in figure and health that we've reaped from our meatless, wheatless days, think of the fun we've had out of them—the new crop of jokes, jibes, topical songs and cartoons to replace the mother-in-law joke and the boost to our reputation for ready humor!

* Eighty millions of men can-
* not be taken out of production
* for four years without lasting
* losses of yield. It will be years
* before their fields recuperate,
* farms are restored and herds re-
* stocked. Save food.

HOP CONSUMPTION

The records of the treasury department show that the amount of hops consumed by brewers in the United States varied but slightly the past 11 years, except for 1918. The following figures show this plainly:

Consumed by Brewers	
Year	Pounds
1908	42,988,257
1909	40,813,804
1910	43,293,764
1911	45,068,811
1912	42,436,665
1913	44,237,735
1914	43,947,623
1915	38,829,294
1916	37,451,610
1917	41,949,225
1918	38,481,415

The figures on our imports of hops show more startling variations. In round numbers we imported in 1918, 8 million pounds; in 1909, 7 millions; in 1910, 3 millions; in 1911, 8 millions; in 1912, 2 millions; in 1913, 8 millions; in 1914, 5 millions; in 1915, 11 millions. But in 1916 imports suddenly dropped to 675,704; in 1917 to 236,849; and in 1918 to 121,283 pounds.

BOND INTEREST DATES

Interest dates on converted Liberty Loan bonds remain unchanged. Conversion of 3 per cent bonds (First Loan) and four per cent bond (Second Loan) affected only the interest rates—not dates.

Interest is paid on bonds of the first loan, regardless of whether they have been converted, on June 15, and December 15; on bonds of second loan, May 15 and November 15; third loan, March 15 and September 15; fourth loan, April 15 and October 15.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

Pupils who failed to pass at the last May or June 8th grade examinations may take the test on either January 16th and 17th or February 6th and 7th as he or she may choose. No school will give both examination but pupils may come to the office at either time.

Friday, December 6th, has been set apart as "Food Day" in the schools. Millions of women and children in Europe will starve unless we practice the same economy as we did last year.

AVERAGE WHEAT PRICES

The following government figures give us a clear idea of the average price of wheat in the United States the past five years. The prices have varied considerably in various localities but the averages for the country were as follows:

1913	\$.79
1914	.99
1915	.98
1916	1.44
1917	2.05
1918	2.10

City Property Valuations

The county assessor has given out the following figures on the assessed valuation of the cities named below. The figures for last year are also given for comparison.

	1918	1917
Aurora	\$ 137,320	\$ 144,834
Aumsville	105,455	108,530
Butteville	11,035	10,375
Donald	55,760	52,965
Gervais	131,395	133,705
Hubbard	173,455	148,015
Jefferson	164,030	163,820
Mt. Angel	287,820	283,025
Salem	10,867,160	10,568,675
Scotts Mills	83,185	81,630
Silverton	1,084,205	1,058,650
Stayton	363,740	330,835
St. Paul	48,840	43,595
Turner	113,745	102,116
Woodburn	759,290	759,655
West Woodburn	59,650	
Sublimity	55,755	

The above figures do not include the valuation of the public utilities, such as the railroads, the electric light and telephone property. These valuations are fixed by the state tax commission and have not yet been given out.

GOOD NURSERY STOCK CHEAP

Any one intending to plant trees in their family orchard should ask us for prices on nursery stock. We have a small quantity due us from a good nursery which must be secured before Dec. 15 or it reverts to the nursery company. Hence we must dispose of it at once. It consists of the following:

Apple trees, nearly all varieties.
Pears, Bartlett, Anjou, Winter Nellies, Bosc, Fall Butter, Flemish Beauty, Idaho, and Comice.
Plums, Peach Plum, Reine Claude, Satsuma, Petite Prune, Silver Prune, and a few others. No Italian Prunes.
Peaches, Early Crawford, Elberta, Hales, Fitzgerald, Charlotte, Salway, Lovell.
Cherries, Gov. Wood, Kentish, Black Republican, Lambert, Bing Loyal Ann, May Duke, Etc.
English Walnut, Franquette and Mayette Seedlings 4 to 6 feet.
Gooseberries, Oregon Champion, Poorman, Victoria, Chautauqua.
Currants, Perfection, White Grape, Prolific, Cherry, Red Cross, Black Naples.
We can secure almost any other stock or varieties, but not at the low prices at which we can sell the above.

MAGAZINE PRICES

The Observer will take subscriptions to the following magazines and periodicals at the rates given, but all prices are subject to change without notice.

American Boy	\$ 1.50
(After Nov. 1, \$2.00)	
Boy's Magazine	1.50
Boy's World	.50
Collier's Weekly	2.50
Cosmopolitan	2.00
Delineator	1.50
(After Dec. 15, \$2.00)	
Delineator, 2 years	3.00
(After Dec. 15, \$4.00)	
Designer	1.00
(After Dec. 15, \$1.50)	
Girls Companion	.50
Good Housekeeping	1.50
Harper's Bazaar	3.00
McClure's Magazine, 2 yrs.	3.00
McCall's Magazine	1.00
Modern Priscilla	1.50

Mother's Magazine	2.00
Pictorial Review	2.00
Pictorial Review, 2 yrs.	3.00
Popular Mechanics	2.00
Review of Reviews	3.00
Today's Housewife	.75
Today's Housewife, 2 yrs.	1.25
Woman's Home Companion	2.00
Woman's Home Companion, 2 yrs	3.00

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Aurora, Oregon

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at the Judge



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