

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.

Forest Ritter was here from Needy Friday. He has two brothers in the army—one Frank Ritter, in France, and the other John Ritter, in one of the training camps. The former was last heard from November 7, a few days before the armistice was signed.

Mrs. Julius Spagle and children, who have been at the Presidio, California, where they have been with Lieutenant J. C. Spagle, have returned to Oregon. They are for the present visiting Mrs. Spagle's mother, Mrs. Scoggins, of Barlow. Lieutenant Spagle expects to soon receive his discharge from the service, and return to his position with Uncle Sam at the local post office. His family will probably remain at Barlow until his return.—Oregon City Enterprise.

C. J. Hondrick and S. P. Hondrick were here from Needy Thursday on business. The latter stated that his son Henry Hondrick, who was gassed in one of the big drives, wrote from France November 11, but did not mention the signing of the armistice. The letter was postmarked the 11th, but was probably written the day before.

A letter from Arthur Anderson, in France, to his sister Miss Alma Anderson, says, in part.—

"We arrived here yesterday (Nov. 8) but did not leave the ship until this morning. We marched from the city where we landed to the Camp about 2 miles. On the ship we were jammed in like sardines in a can. But I did not mind the trip, tho I think I fed the fish more than I ate the first four or five days. But I was not alone. Nearly everyone was seasick. Kyle got out of it easy, tho. He was only a little sick the second day, I felt fine after I got over being seasick.

So far as I know we did not see a single submarine, but it was rough and stormy a couple of days—as rough as I ever care to see it. One could not go out on deck to wash our mess kits with out fear of getting ducked from the splash of a huge wave. I like the looks of the country here. Along the coast, the country is beautiful. Every thing is green and the sun is shining like spring-time, but I am told it will soon begin to rain and that it won't quit for months. Just outside the Camp, French farmers are plowing with ox-teams and sowing by hand.

The French children gather around us soldiers, to ask for pennies, having learned enough American for that. Love and greetings to all. Arthur Anderson, 45th Art. C. A. C. Band, A. E. F. France."

One of the saddest incidents of the war is the death of Lieut. Amos Whittle, whose airplane dived head long into the ocean near San Diego, drowning the aviator. A letter written to his mother, shortly before the fatality, reveals the loyalty of the American soldier to "home and mother." An extract says:

Dearest mother—your wonderful letter came today. Your matenless spirit is an inspiration to me. If ever a soldier had an ideal for which to fight—an ideal to steady his hand and temper, his nerve in the hour of danger—I surely have such an ideal in your heroic life. The war may teach me many lessons, but towering above them all will be a new conception of a mother's love. I believe the war will instill into us Americans a greater love of our homes. But I shall think of it as a shelter spot, a quiet place to rest among those we love—a place which it is a sorrow to leave, and to return, a joy.

"It is a wonderful inspiration to feel that all the time you're loving me, we confidently and unafraid face the future". If I can be half as brave and loyal as you are, I shall not fail".

Miss Lula Hondrick has received a letter from her brother Henry Hondrick, written in France, Nov. 11, the day the armistice was signed. He says, "I am glad you enjoyed your trip to the coast. I would have enjoyed being with you, but to tell the truth I have seen all the water I care to—on our trip over here—the trip was good, at that. Here I am having a hard time trying to pass the time away, not that I have no work, for we always have plenty of that. When I get home, you will have to use a team of mules and a shot gun to get me away from the back door. This is a pretty country but I cannot come up to the good old U.S.A. I think we shall be coming home before long. Of course no one knows when, but we are all guessing, and have the highest of hopes!"

Corporal Leslie L. Grazz has been in hard luck—quarantined again at Camp Kearney, for the "flu". But he is the kind that makes the best of every situation. He apparently likes army life, as he is thinking of re-enlisting if he can hold his rank as corporal or better—after a furlough home, if he is discharged. He is not sure, however, of a discharge, as his regiment is being fitted out for overseas duty. He writes, "If I get out in two years I will be lucky. No passes or furloughs are being issued in our regiment any more." (It is possible that his regiment may be sent into Siberia, where engineer regiments are needed).

Floyd Eberman, who left here November 23, reached New York, only to go into the hospital, sick with the influenza. A letter to his parents received this week states that he is now up and will soon be out. Mr. Eberman who recently won a commission in the navy does not know how long he will remain in the service.

Wm. Lettenmaier, who has been attending an officer's training camp at Louisville, Kentucky, has resigned and has returned home. He will resume his position in the Oregon City post office soon. His brother Walter will probably be discharged soon from Camp Meade, unless there be some truth in the report that his regiment may be sent to Russia, which is doubtful.

It is reported in "Trench and Camp" that the 63d U. S. Infantry may be sent to Russia. This is the regiment to which W. F. Keil belongs. His father D. A. Keil has just received a copy of the Camp Meade "Trench and Camp, in which the above report is published.

Mrs. Will Damm has received a letter from her husband, written at sea, 10 days out from New York. It does not mention the signing of the armistice. Mr. Damm has arrived safely in Europe, and will probably be there sometime before his regiment is ordered home.

NO BARGAIN DAYS

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MACKSBURG.

Mrs. Kate Seward who has been for some time in Aurora, has returned to her home.

The Mother's Club held its regular fortnightly session on Thursday last at the home of Mrs. Simon Miller.

The Little Girls Sewing Circle will meet on the afternoon of Saturday Dec. 14th at the home of Mrs. G. W. Baldwin.

Miss Rachel Miller who has been in Eugene for several months came home for a short visit last week and was present at the Club.

The Eby school is again closed, the influenza having made its appearance in the family of Fred Walch the nearest resident to the school building.

Mrs. Ewalt who for the past two years, has had charge of the ranch owned by Mr. Whalley of Portland has resigned her position and has moved to another farm.

Mrs. Bucbee of Idaho who, with her two children, has been staying for some time, with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Simon Miller has taken up her residence in Portland where her husband is employed. Mrs. Bucbee came home dangerously ill—is was supposed, with pulmonary complaint but recovered almost completely in a few weeks.

The Red Cross Auxiliary held its regular weekly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4th, completing the garments on hand. Hospital work is to come next, though the war is over the soldiers are not all well. The hospitals will need supplies for months to come. Red Cross workers must not think of slackening their toil. Such a gigantic undertaking as this organization has

assumed can be maintained only by continuous, self denying zeal, of which we are sure, most of our members are in possession to the full.

The Autumn rains have given the landscape all the freshness of an early spring. Never was the turf of a more vivid green than it is today. The pasture is exceptionally good for the season, a circumstance especially pleasing for two reasons, first the high price paid for cream and second the great cost of every kind of feed. The branches of the Molalla are rising fast but as yet no bridges have given way. No more cheering view could be had

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Ducks, 18c to 20c
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Lard, 30c
Potatoes, \$1.10 to \$1.50

than is presented by the flocks of aquatic fowles. Whether gliding in stately grace on the stream or moving majestically over the ground, while every living creature is drooping under the heavy rains they are as free from depression as in their snowy plumage from stain of the moist earth in which they dig. We watch them with pleas-

ure knowing that after a few months have passed they will be followed by broods of their tiny young, beautiful in their wealth of dawn and yellow as the gold they bring. Like the Angora goat and the sheep these graceful creatures have the happy faculty of foraging for themselves leaving thus profit undiminished by the cost of feed,

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THE AMERICANIZATION CORNER

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NATURALIZATION LAWS AND CITIZENSHIP FULLY ANSWERED IN THIS COLUMN.

No American Citizen need be told in these days that the Americanization of the whole allied-born mass of residents among us is of immediate and vital concern. Hence the Observer, wishing to do its share toward accomplishing it, has made arrangements with the United State Bureau of Naturalization by which its readers may have questions concerning their individual and citizenship rights answered free of charge. The subjects covered are naturalization laws, filing declaration of intention (first papers), petitions for naturalization (second papers). Knowledge of government required of applicants, places where free public school classes in English and citizenship may be found, the free distribution of "The Students Textbooks" to foreigners, and questions of citizenship rights.

The Observer will be glad to secure answers to all inquires of every character and invites its readers to ask any questions they wish. Questions should be addressed to the "Americanization Column", Observer, Aurora, Oregon. Such questions will be answered directly by letters by the "Bureau of Naturalization" and also in these columns. The person making inquires must sign their name and address as evidence of good faith.

A letter from John Speed Smith, chief naturalization examiner, to the Observer says:

"The ultimate good of every worthy foreign born resident should be full American citizenship. The aim of our "Americanization" campaign is to make the United States an all-American nation. The war has made it evident that this country stands in continual menace from a horde of unassimilated aliens whom we have invited to enter our ports. Americanism is an issue that can no longer be ignored.

For this reason naturalization proceedings, are no longer a farce, but a serious hearing where the qualifications of the applicant are weighed and analyzed. The applicant must show that he understands our form of government and the ideals of the American people,

or his case will be continued to permit him to make a further study.

Americans are proud of our citizenship. We are proud of our flag that symbolizes it. We are proud of our citizenship because of the righteousness and majesty of the great principles of equality, liberty, and justice of our government. We should strive to make every alien among us an American first in his heart. We must make him capable of being an American by teaching him the language and ideals of America. He must learn that government based on the consent of the governed is one that hates oppression, and yet requires of its citizens a high degree of morality and self control. Otherwise, its citizens cannot be free and fit for self-government. Naturalization demands that the foreigner become "an American among Americans."

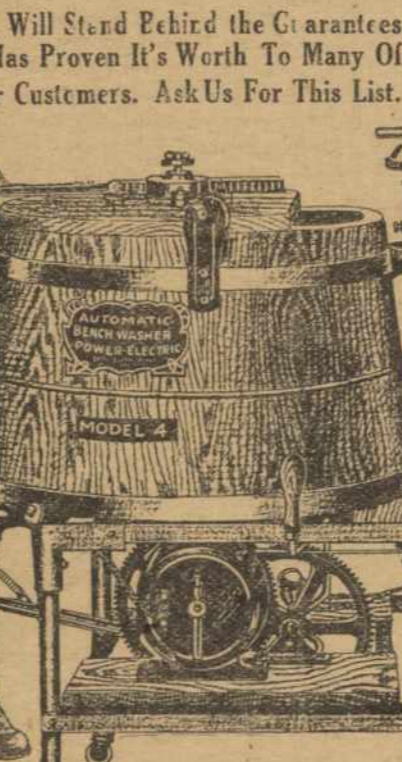
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