

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.

FLARES AGAIN

Another copy of the 45th Artillery "Flares" has come to the Observer, from Arthur Anderson. Among the interesting paragraphs are the following:

We are 37 miles northeast of Bordeaux. Part of the regiment are at Guitres—which is 1000 years old and has 1400 inhabitants!

Wine is cheap. Everything else is high. Wood \$28 a cord, coal \$30 a ton, eggs 10c each, figs 10 for 40 cents, beef or chicken \$1 a pound.

A married man in the Battery says the only difference between being in the army and being married is that a divorce is easier to get than a discharge.

All who kneel do not pray.
Some wash clothes by the river.

WATCH YOUR STEP

When your head is blazing, burning.
When your wheels within are turning,
Into buttermilk from churning,
It's the flu.

When your stomach grows uneasy,
Quaking, querulous, and queasy,
All dyspeptic and diseasy,
It's the flu.

In a recent letter, Charles Kerr, on the battleship Arkansas, sends his aunt Mrs. J. F. Kerr a copy of the speech delivered by Admiral Beatty, commander of the Grand Fleet, to the Sixth Battle Squadron, consisting of the American battleships New York, Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming and Florida. In the course of his address Admiral Beatty said, "It was a pitiful sight to see those great ships (the Hun fleet) coming in like sheep being herded to their fold, but it was a day to be proud of. The prestige of the grand fleet was so high that the enemy fleet surrendered without striking a blow. Apparently the Sixth Battle Squadron was the straw that broke the camel's back. You have given us a sample of the efficiency of the American fleet which is hard to surpass."

Gust Fredrickson has received a letter from his son, Gordy, the first since early in October, when told some things he had been through in the weeks past. At the time of writing Gordon was with the army of occupation in Luxemburg.

Edgar Smith, formerly of the automobile firm of White and Smith of Canby, has returned to that place from Gulf Port, Mississippi, where he has been in the Navy.

Homer Choate writes from France that he has been through five bloody battles unscratched, but in the sixth one was badly wounded by a shell that burst in a shell hole where he was lying in the Verdun Sector, October 9. He was in Base Hospital No. 35 when he wrote.

Captain Hamble of the 65th Artillery C. A. C. who left France just after the signing of the Armistice arrived in Eugene recently. Speaking of his regiment he says, "There are no stars in the 65th—every man was a real man, doing his duty like a true soldier. The regiment was in five battles and performed the impossible. We used English guns, when it was thought impossible for us to do so, and having accomplished that, the 65th was expected to do the impossible things, and the regiment did. We went in first at St. Mihiel and from then on to the finish we were very fortunate."

This is the regiment to which Fred Kerr of this city belongs, and in which he has seen some hard service.

It takes from a month to six weeks for a letter from the Orient where Henry Colvin is stationed on the U. S. S. Villa Lobos, at Shanghai, China, to reach here parents here. November 25 he wrote, in part, as follows: "We have just finished a 3-day celebration. The first day we decorated the American Consular building, and the vice consul asked us to dinner. Another day I had to return to the ship to change our clothes. We got back late, but ate and stayed till 10:30 to play cards. The vice-consul and a young lady friend of the family sang for us. The second day our Liberty float in the parade took first prize. The float was a ship, and Liberty was a good looking lady. Sailors were along the side, with fixed bayonets. The last day there was big military parade. There were 6000 of us. We paraded three hours. Talk about people! I never saw so many in all my life. There were a few thousand whites and about six million 'Chinks'. They are like kids. They would not get out of the

way of the parade or the float, so some of the sailors on the float in front japed at them with their bayonets. The police had big sticks and hit them on the shins and heads to drive them back. They have police from India, Gee, but they are big ones. After the parade another sailor and I tried to take a young boy to his father's garage about three blocks away, but the people were packed together like sardines. We had to push our way through by pushing them on the end of the nose. It took five minutes to every 20 feet. Then we got into a side street. Where the parade ended there was a house to represent the home of the Hohenzollerns. When the parade was over and the fire works were under way, the consul from Belgium fired the house. They had a chink hand, and talk about music! It was the limit.

I slept at the "Y" last night and for a while I thought I was home. After April 17, 1921, it's a bad for mine. I will be glad when I get back. My liking for China is dead, and my longing for the good old U. S. A. is growing stronger each day! Mother dear, I will come back to you—if I have to swim."

Corporals Otto Kruger and Walter Krueger, of Canby, who have been in the Spruce Division the past year, have received their discharge, and are at home again. They have resumed their work in the Krueger Furniture Co.

Fred Armstrong now at the Camp Lewis Base Hospital last week wrote his father U. S. Armstrong that he had just arrived in Camp Lewis (Dec. 31). He was anxious to get home for New Years, but could not. He thinks he may be held in the hospital for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White yesterday received letters from their two sons in France Ira and Victor White and from Edgar White at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas. None of them said anything about returning home.

Oscar Wilson returned this week from Camp Fremont, California, having received his discharge from the army. He saw the best part of California, while stationed there, but is glad to get home to Oregon, where all his friends are glad to welcome him.

Keith Kinyon has received his discharge and arrived at the home of his father Jas. F. Kinyon at Butteville. Since his return from France several months ago (invalided to the states with rheumatism), he has been at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, at a vocational school.

John Damm this week received letters from his son George Damm who is at Camp Kearney, California and who expects to be transferred to Camp Lewis for final discharge very soon.

MACKSBURG.

The Mother's Club is to meet in the present week at the home of Mrs. G. M. Baldwin.

The influenza is gradually dying out of our place. The last to be afflicted were the family of Roy Yoder. They are getting well now.

A California reader of the Observer expresses having derived genuine pleasure from the attitude taken and maintained by its editor throughout the war. The paper—by the names of its town residents—shows that it is published in a community largely German but never on that account has it moved one iota from its loyal, patriotic stand. Could this be said of all our editors and publishers, disloyalty and treason might not go unpunished as they do.

At present we are enjoying what is very rare on this terrestrial ball—i.e.,—perfect weather. The temperature has risen to that of spring. The sun has shown in the power of increasing directness in his rays while the rain-clouds have kindly withheld their store. The cattle are luxuriating in the sunny warmth, the barnyard fowls are feasting on the dinizur of the soil set free by moisture and sunshine the one combination in which they thrive. The water fowl have their joys enhanced by the swelling of the streams.

The Red Cross Auxiliary is especially busy now in preparing comfortable clothing for our sick soldiers. The usual meeting was held at their room on Wednesday last where a large number of hospital garments was given out to

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MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen, 58c
Butter, 2-lb. roll \$1.10
Spring Broilers 26c
Ducks, 25c to 30c
Turkeys, old, 25c
Jeese 20c
Old Roosters, 17c
Stags 14c
Hens, 25c to 30
Beans 7c to 8c
Cascara, 13c
Lard, 30c
Potatoes, \$1.10 to \$1.50

To Late Too Classify

FOR SALE
One grey gelding, good work horse, will work single or double. Weight about 1300, sound and true. Price reasonable. Inquire C. F. Bremer, Aurora, Oregon, R. 3, on the old Jake Miller place. (45-2t)

Good Horse for Sale, or will trade for good fresh cow (or fresh soon). F. A. Sandberg, Old George Will place, Pacific Highway, near Hito side track. (45-3tp)

About five acres of beaverdam for rent for cash or on shares. Apply to M. J. Olson, Woodburn, Ore. (45-2t)

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be completed within a limited time. The next meeting is to be in the Sutherland building, Jan. 15th. Again we admonish the Auxiliary members not to slacken in their endeavor to lighten in some measure—the misery of war which—in spite of the noble and generous provision made by our Government must fall heavily upon our soldiers themselves.

As at the close of the Civil War when the whole nation was thrilling with joy in the victory of Right over Wrong, like a great thunder-cloud in the sky, darkening every household with the gloom of mourning came the news of President Lincoln's death, stricken down by an assassin—when we came out of the conflict with Spain—was the brave McKinley, so now when, again one country is glad with the triumph of a rightful cause one of our most distinguished statesmen has gone suddenly out of their life. Not entirely unlike the other was his death for who can say that his life may not have been shortened by the shock of a gun-wound that usually is fatal in result. Our President Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt must inevitably be linked together in the memory of the American people for many generations to come.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS

The Oregon legislature is functioning again—after a two year interval—with Seymour Jones as speaker of the house and W. T. Vinton, of McMinnville as president of the senate. Among the officers of the senate are John W. Cochran, chief clerk; John T. Hunt, assistant chief clerk; Walter L. Toole, Sr., reading clerk; Paul Burris, calendar clerk; and W. G. D. Mercer, sergeant-at-arms. In the House, Ben Robertson will supervise things as door keeper. Some of the lesser official lights are W. F. Druger, chief clerk, Jos. F. Singer, sergeant-at-arms, and Elbert Bede, reading clerk.

Senators Lachmund and LaFollett were given the following committee assignments: Lachmund is chairman of the committee on horticulture, a member of the ways and means committee, as well as the committees on engrossed bills, printing, and roads and highways. LaFollett is on the following committees—Agricultural and forestry, federal relations (this does not refer to cousin Bob), medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, municipal affairs, public buildings and institutions.

FRUIT TREES AND ROSES

We still have due us from two good nurseries, the following nursery stock which we will sell at the prices named: 150 apple trees at 15c; 50 pear trees at 20c; 25 grafted Franquette walnuts at \$1.00 to \$1.50; 35 seedling Franquette walnuts at 30c; 75 plums, peaches and prunes (not Italians) at 15c; 40 apricots and cherries at 25c; 200 gooseberries and currants at 10c; and a number of roses and ornamentals at 35c to \$1.00 each.

Ask us about them at once, because we can not hold them much longer, as they revert to the nurseries soon.

Town Topics

Pay your Electric light bill at the Aurora State Bank.

H. J. Miller was a business visitor at Portland yesterday.

Henry L. Bents was registered at the Portland Hotel Monday.

Henry Boege was among the farmers doing business in Aurora yesterday.

"Seen and Heard"

Ben F. West, county assessor, has just recovered from the flu, and has returned to his office somewhat "worse for wear" but still in the ring. He should increase his avoirdupois assessment by raising the ban on Hooverism, to overcome the draft the flu has made on "fats".

The re-construction convention at Portland last week urged that aliens who evaded service in the army be forever debarred from American citizenship, and a resolution was adopted petitioning Congress to adopt such a law.

The new warden at the state penitentiary has taken right hold of things and given notice that on the first of February 40 dogs (not convicts) must get out. The convicts have managed to get out rather regularly "without notice". This looks like real progress.

It is said that shorter skirts (which fashion has decreed) make a woman look shorter—but it is a cinch that they make a man look longer.

L. E. GRAZER PASSES

L. E. Grazer died at his home here last night about 7 o'clock, after a long illness. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral. His son Leslie Grazer at Camp Kearney and other relatives have been notified. Replies are being awaited, before fixing the day for the funeral services.

Albert Pratt left Tuesday for a week's trip over to the coast country.

Another member for the Aurora Red Cross has been added this week—Miss Art Stahl.

Mrs. Keziah Dibble of Meridian has been quite sick for several days, but is reported better today.

E. M. Hurst moved the household goods of Dewey S. Miller from Portland to Aurora Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Sandberg has gone to Los Angeles where she will live with an aunt and attend school.

Al Kraus has been widening the entrance to the A. W. Keil building, to allow entrance for wide trucks.

E. J. Snyder has purchased a new Chevrolet from Frank L. Miller, and learned to pilot it in about 15 minutes.

The following are new members of the Red Cross in the Aurora school district: Evelyn Grim, Mrs. W. H. Asquith.

A negro hobo showed up in town Tuesday, who would have made a fine model for some cartoonist for a typical Bolshevik face.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Will and little daughter Mary were here from Dallas Sunday to visit relatives. They returned Monday.

Messrs. Kaylor and Gelbrich were here Tuesday looking into the ownership of the telephone trunk line between here and Canby.

Look out for the men who go about pinning badges on people and demand 25 cents for the benefit of the soldiers. The two are the "soldiers".

Guy Ogle, who has been at Camp Lewis several months is expecting his discharge soon, and will return to Portland where his parents live.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brewer have returned from Oregon City. They have taken rooms for the winter in the residence of the Giesy Sisters.

Mrs. James Ogle was here Sunday from Portland to engage a nurse for Mrs. Ed. Ogle and John Ogle who are sick with an attack of the influenza.

Nearly 5000 head of hogs arrived on the Portland market Monday and the price from \$17.90 to \$17 as the top. The lowest quotation was \$14 for pigs.

F. L. Mills was here yesterday from Meridian. He was in charge of the gravelling of the Meridian road, which now has about a mile and a half of graveled road.

Robert Bonn is carrying the mail on Route 8, Elmer Snucker having given up the work. An examination will be held at Oregon City next week for a permanent carrier.

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 States 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 inquiries 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 inquiries must sign their name and address as evidence of good faith.

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12, midnight

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Magdalena Spagle died suddenly at her home one half mile east of Needy Jan. 8th, at 4:30 a. m., aged 72 years, 10 months and 13 days. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon. Rev. A. P. Troyer conducting the ceremony, assisted by E. Z. Yoder. Interment took place in the Rock Creek cemetery. She is survived by 8 children one nephew and 12 grand children, all of whom reside in the state of Oregon. Those who remain of her family are Albert J. Spagle of Hubbard; Charles F., Lewis P., Frank J., of Needy, Julius C. Spagle of Presidio, Calif.; Miss Mary M. Spagle of Needy and Mrs. Katharine P. Barrett of Hubbard and Mrs. Flora R. Richter of Beaver Creek.

Magdalena Spagle was born in Wurtemberg, Germany on the 25th day of February 1846. At the age of six years her parents brought her and one brother to America. One sister died enroute and was buried at sea. A brother met his death at Andersonville in the sixties. They lived for several years at Erie, Pennsylvania; then moved to Youngstown, Ohio, from there they moved to New Castle, Pennsylvania, where she lived until 1871. On Aug. 24th of that year she was married to Jacob Spagle and moved west, settled in Clackamas county, in the state of Oregon, where she has been a resident ever since.

Mrs. Spagle was a warm-hearted, kindly woman. Her friends were all who knew her and they will mourn her loss deeply.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our many friends for their kindness and sympathy during our sad bereavement in the recent death of our beloved mother.

Charles F. Spagle.
Albert J. Spagle.
Lewis P. Spagle.
Frank J. Spagle.
Julius C. Spagle.
Miss Mary M. Spagle.
Mrs. Katharine P. Barrett.
Mrs. Flora R. Richter.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy N. Hickok were here Sunday to have their household goods moved to Portland, where Mr. Hickok has a position with the Clark & Kendall bond firm.

Dorothy and Eloise Hurst have been sick this week. Others sick were Henry and Aileen Snyder, all of which were ordered to bed by Dr. Giesy, though not seriously ill.

Letters from A. J. Mishler and family, at Nampa, Idaho, say that they have all had the flu, and that Mr. Mishler is just getting over it. It has been very cold there the last few weeks.

Representative Coffey (who is he?) has introduced a bill to appropriate \$5000 to "complete" and improve the Champeog Memorial building and grounds. The original \$5000 proved just a wedge to open the state treasury.

E. M. Hurst moved the household goods of Guy N. Hickok to Portland this week and brought back those of Mr. Gelbrich, who has been working in Portland, but who has now returned to his father's farm near Lone Elder.

City Marshal Fry arrested three Indian boys Monday night, who had escaped from the Chemawa Indian school. Police came down from the school Tuesday morning and took the boys back. They gravely informed the marshal, when arrested, that they were just returning from work and they were not the men he was looking for, but he gave them a night's lodging in jail just the same.

The Aurora State Bank have started 1919 by adding several new accounts. The past year has been a successful one, in spite of burdens imposed by the war, and the prospects for the current year are good for a more prosperous year for this institution and this community than ever, for it goes without saying that the bank cannot prosper unless the community it serves prospers first.

Washington and California this week ratified the Federal prohibition amendment. Colorado also did so, but finding its action irregular has reconsidered its vote. It will act today perhaps. Only 1 more state is needed to make the nation dry—and more than that number are in sight. Oregon ratified the amendment yesterday almost unanimously.

Good Housekeeping

Will cost \$2.00 per year after a few days, but if you will send us your subscription AT ONCE will take your order for a full year for \$1.50.

Good Housekeeping is one of the very best magazines for women. Send us your order now and save that "four-bits". Half a dollar saved is four-bits earned.

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