

"Soldier Letters"

Gust Fredrikson and family recently received nine letters—all in a bunch from their son Gordon Fredrikson, now in Germany with the army of occupation.

Guy Ogle who was honorably discharged from the army about two weeks ago, from Camp Lewis, returned to his home at Portland, only to come down with the mumps and has been confined to his house ever since.

George Damm arrived home from Camp Lewis Friday, having been honorably discharged from the service. He spent a couple of days here, and went out to the old Damm homestead Monday, accompanied by his mother Mrs. John Damm. His numerous friends will be glad to learn of his return.

Ulysess Giesy who has been at the Mare Island Electrical school of the Navy for several months has been honorably discharged and is home again. He will soon resume his former position with the O. W. R. & N. Company. He practically finished his course in wireless and is able to operate at good speed. Hence his service in the Navy has been a distinct benefit. He will take a short vacation before going to work at Portland.

Victor Isaacson, brother of Felix Isaacson, has returned from overseas, where he was with the 812th Aero Squadron. On account of an attack of mumps he was sent to a hospital in England on the very day the ship sailed with the 812th. When he came out of the hospital, he was sent to Brest, France, and from there to New York. On the transport he met Jim McClincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson have received letters from their son Arthur, who landed in New York last week, with the 45th Coast Artillery. He was in the sick bay all the way across on the transport, with an attack of mumps. Hence it will be some time before he is out of quarantine, but will no doubt be discharged and home within a few weeks.

Henry Zimmerman of Marks Prairie one of the well known young men of that place who was at the Benson Polytechnic School, and later on his way to France, was in Oregon City Wednesday. Zimmerman was at Newport News when the armistice was signed, and within six days' time would have been on the ocean on his way across. He has received his honorable discharge from the army.—Oregon City Enterprise.

James McClincy wrote Felix Isaacson while nearing New York on the U. S. S. Plattsburg, January 29. He says: "Hello Felix: I met your brother the other day—the only person I have met whom I know, since I enlisted from Aurora, during all the time I have been in the transport service. We are still tossing the 'black diamonds' and expect to keep on a few months more. Give my regards to Dr. Giesy. How are all the Aurora girls, and the Aurora dances?"

J. F. Kinyon and son Keith Kinyon of Butteville were here Tuesday. The latter was not long ago honorably discharged from the army, after service in France. He was sent home, to Fort Des Moines for disability, having serious attacks of rheumatism and leakage of the heart. Mr. Kinyon enlisted in Minnesota and saw service on the border as well as in France. He landed at Bordeaux after a 23-day voyage. Exposure and hard service brought the attacks that caused his disability. Like many others of the boys who have returned, he does not like France, and is glad to get back to the United States.

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.

Aurora, Feb. 8.—Editor of the Observer: "Is an Oriental born in Oregon a citizen of the United States? If so can he vote?—Citizen."

The constitution of the United States defines a citizen as follows:—"All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the states wherein they reside." Hence, an Oriental born in the United States is a citizen. In most states only citizens may vote, but citizenship does not confer suffrage. Children are citizens but not voters. Each state fixes the qualifications of its voters, but the 15th Amendment to the Federal Constitution says: "The right of citizens of the U. S. to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Hence, any Oriental born in the United States, and 21 years of age, may vote, unless because of insanity, idiocy, conviction for crime, etc.

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He says the people of Iowa in which state he spent several months at Fort Des Moines, treated all soldiers fine.

Mrs. F. E. Mills of Meridian has received a letter from her son Lieut. F. M. Phelps who has just returned to his company after spending 107 days in a hospital in France. He says, "I am sitting in front of a fire place in a French home where I am staying. There is just an old man and lady, but they do everything they can for me. They just brought in two little girls to see me and we had quite a visit. I enjoyed it very much for it made me think of Marguerite—at home. I have spent most of the day writing to the mothers of boys of my company who gave their lives and are now sleeping in the valley of the Meuse. They were brave and good and true and gave their all for country and flag. I sometimes feel I should be lying with them on the hill side where they fell and where I was wounded. But fate ruled otherwise and I will return to all that is dear to me, while they will sleep in a foreign land forever. God grant they did not die in vain. Well, mother this is a beautiful day and makes me think of home where I long to be, and where I will be soon, for we expect to return to the good old U. S. A. in a short time."

"Seen and Heard"

It is now declared that the tentacles of the Bopp conspiracy at San Francisco reached into this section, and that had not a certain alien enemy been interned prematurely, others might have been caught in the drag-net that enmeshed Bopp and his fellow conspirators in California. Certain telephone conversations and certain unexplained journeys to California are said to be under investigation still. From all of which it is evident that the pre-war activities of German officials and early war plotting of German agents in America were very wide-spread, penetrating into the smallest towns and the remotest rural communities.

The man who counts is the man who is decent and who makes himself felt as a force for decency, for cleanliness, for civic righteousness. First, he must be honest. In the next place he must have courage; the timid man counts but little in the rough business of trying to do well the world's work. In addition, he must have common sense. If he does not have it, no matter what other qualities he may have, he will find himself at the mercy of those who, without possessing his desire to do right, know only too well how to make the wrong effective.—Roosevelt.

Banks have always co-operated with the government in furnishing all available authentic Income Tax information, and have offered to serve again this year in the same way. The Aurora State Bank offers its assistance to any one who desires aid in preparing their Income Tax return. These reports should be made to the collector of Internal Revenue at Portland before March 15, 1919.

A Spring Superstition—When a young lady hears the twitter of the first blue bird of spring, she should at

once take off her left shoe. In it she will find a hair of the same color as the hair of her future husband. But if no hair is found, that is proof positive that he has no hair.

The bill to prohibit teachers from resigning within 60 days of the opening of their school changes the present law to read 60 days instead of 30. It has never been explained satisfactorily why a teacher should be allowed to resign at all after once signing up. The district being bound, why not the teacher? The board is not allowed to cancel a contract if it finds it can get a better teacher at less salary, why should a teacher be allowed to resign, to accept a higher salary elsewhere, after signing a contract to teach in any certain district? It would appear that the time—30 or 60 days—is important. The principle is the thing. Whatever binds the district should bind the teacher.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sadler made a trip to Portland this week.

M. G. Smith was a business visitor here and in Oregon City Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Zimmerman were in Portland Tuesday, visiting their son Elmer.

Julius Stauffer and A. W. Steinbach were among the Hubbard people transacting business here this week.

E. J. Snyder has sold his motor boat to M. E. Phillips who will use it to make trips up and down the river from his home here to the gravel plant on the Krieger farm.

A decree was issued Tuesday by Circuit Judge G. G. Bingham awarding James M. Mishler \$175 on the purchase price of certain lands, and \$725 also owing by Harry S. Boyle.

Mrs. George Kraus has been ill several days from a bilious attack. Miss Orletta Kraus who was home from Portland for the week end, did not return to her work until Tuesday.

MARKET REPORT

Egg per dozen 39c
Butter, 2-lb. roll 70c
Spring Broilers 25c
Ducks, 25c to 30c
Turkeys, old, 25c
Jeese 20c
Old Roosters, 17c
Hens, 26c to 28c
Beans 7c to 8c
Cascara, 13c
Lard, 25c
Potatoes, \$1.15

Miss Marie Smith was ill Tuesday and her room at school was closed and the primary pupils sent home. She is again at work.

Among those shopping or transacting business here yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Asa Callister of Hubbard, J. Colman Mark, D. B. Yoder, and E. E. Bradt.

Red clover, Alsyclo clover, Ryegrass and gray vetch for sale. On account of the short crops the supply is limited, so order early. L. L. Hershberger, Hubbard, Ore. 49-52

A number of relatives assembled Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Erbsland to observe Mrs. Erbsland's birthday. All enjoyed the occasion thoroughly, wishing Mrs. Erbsland many other happy similar occasions.

Who Wrote This?

"Tell Andy Fry the next time he picks up a bunch of hot-water bottles, to try and find a full one once in a while. Understand they are trying to take our smoking away from us now. If that comes to pass, me for China. Rainier people are proposing a Two Million Dollar Brewery there. Tho they call the Chinese heathens, I don't know but I would like to be a heathen, too."

A package of Joe King's best cigarettes to the first person who guesses correctly the writer of the above.

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12, midnight

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Elmer Smucker is building a large poultry house, and is going into the business on a large scale. He is making preparations to keep 600 White Leghorn layers. He will purchase day old chicks to start his flock.

Hermes Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will celebrate the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Pythian Order, at their Castle Hall, February 19. J. M. Will, R. H. Whitworth and F. J. White are the invitation committee.

Mrs. Beeler, mother of Mrs. Ida Miller, left this week for Montana to visit her son. She has been visiting here several months.

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For Church 14
At One's Own Disposal 14

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