



SOME OF HAZEN'S HITS

David Hazen, of the "Fightin' Fools," in the Portland Telegram, must keep a card index record of ex-service men. Soon or later he catches them all. His "latest" says, "Charles Hart, sergeant in the quartermaster corps at Fort Worden during the recent war, thought he was going to get to Europe during the time of hostilities. Charlie, who with his brother Percy, was a prominent onion grower near Wilsonville, Oregon, at the outbreak of the war, is a native of England and hoped to visit the old country on his expected war trip to the continent.

However, as he did not get across during the war on account of some one's orders, he will leave New York on April 20 on the Cunard liner Mauretania. He has arranged for a ticket through Liddell & Clarke, local steamship agents. Charley will ride second class which is "some class" on the big English liner as compared with Deck E, forward, where a large part of the 2d Battalion, 65th artillery, C. A. C., rode in the stormy days of March two years ago.

Having read about how his brother Alvin has been carrying on up here, Lieutenant J. A. Miller came up from San Francisco to investigate. Miller is a Frisco lawyer who has taken a flier in politics. He is an old pal of Hi Johnson's and while in Oregon will glimpse Hi's Beaver fences.

Miller, who belongs to the famous Miller Brothers' quartet of Aurora, had just gotten started on the legal game in the Golden Gate city when the war blew along. He up and volunteered. He picked the airplane route to glory. By dint of hard work he managed to land a commission.

James A. Miller has lived in California 15 years. He went to Stanford university, receiving his B. A. degree in 1915, and the J. D. degree two years later. The first man Miller looked up here in regard to matters political was young Phil Metschan. James is going to resume the practice of law in San Francisco as soon as he has time.

Hints To The City Council

Philadelphia has an "odor patrol"—police who trace out bad smells and take measures to squelch them!

The municipal hitching shed have been built several years—but never cleaned. The old one is about ready to fall down. Damage suits come high.

The fellow who suggested new street curbing along main street should be classed as a public benefactor. If the city is "short", ask the property owners to renew the curbing.

HIGH SCHOOL BOND ELECTION FOR APRIL 12

Upon a petition of ten tax payers of the district, the Aurora school board has called a special election for April 12, 1920, at the school house to vote upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$25,500 for the construction of a high school building.

The election will be held from 2 o'clock to 7 o'clock in the afternoon. Immediately before the polls open, some member of the school board will call the meeting to order, and three judges and a clerk will be elected to conduct the election, canvass the vote and certify the results to the school board. The voting will be by ballot upon which shall appear the words "Bonds—Yes" and "Bonds—No." The voter must mark a cross (X) between the word "Bonds" and the word "Yes", or between the word "Bonds" and the word "No", which ever may indicate his choice.

Legal voters in districts of the third class are citizens of this state, male or female, 21 years of age, who have resided in the district 30 days immediately preceding the election, and who have property in the district as shown by the last county assessment.

Also any elector who is the head of a family and has children of school age (6 to 21 years) may vote at such election without property qualifications.

Also any elector who proves to the judges of election that he or she has stock, shares, or ownership in any corporation, firm or co-partnership which has property in the district (as shown by the last county assessment) upon which the corporation, firm or co-partnership pays a tax, may vote even though his or her name does not appear upon the tax roll.

EPSOM SALTS FOR CHICKENS

Many Digestive Troubles May Be Overcome by Purging or Cleansing the Intestines.

A great many chickens suffer from indigestion or digestive troubles, which may be due to improper feeding or some method of management. It has been found that many of these conditions may be overcome by purging or cleansing the intestines through some means of a laxative. One of the cheapest and easiest handled laxatives is epsom salts, which can be purchased at any drug store. For mature fowls the dosage is one-half teaspoonful per bird though if the case is minor, one-third teaspoonful may be sufficient. An easy and effective way of administering this is to mix it with a dry mash of bran and shorts, using the above proportions and afterwards moistening it with water.

Daily Thought.
He holds much who holds his tongue.
—Sancho Panza.

FIRE RELIEF MEMBERS TO VOTE ON OFFICE REMOVAL

The board of directors of the Farmers' Fire Relief Association of Butteville, Oregon is submitting the matter of moving the office of the Association from Butteville to Donald.

A voting card is being sent to each of the 5000 members of the Association requesting their consent to move the principal place of business. The cards are to be returned by May 1, 1920. The letter accompanying the voting card says:

"The mail service, transportation facilities, and accommodations at Butteville are quite inadequate for the needs of the company. Donald is within three miles of Butteville, and has mail service twice each day; a post office, railroad service and ample hotel accommodations. It is not the desire to move the office to a large city so as to cause the company to lose its identity as a farmers' association, but owing to the large increase of membership, it is necessary that the office be located at a place where it can have the advantage of proper mail service and ready accessibility by the members. It is also quite necessary that protection be afforded the valuable records of the association, and the board does not feel justified in incurring the expense of improvements upon their present home.

The moving of the office of the association is approved and recommended by the board of directors."

LOVABLE AURORA BOY DIES, AGED NINE YEARS

Allen Ehlen, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ehlen, of this city, died Sunday evening at Portland. The body was brought to Aurora where funeral and interment took place Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Long of Hubbard conducting the services.

Hundreds of relatives and friends attended the last sad rites over the remains of the lad all loved so well. School was closed and his school mates attended in a body. Great quantities of flowers, the loving tribute of friends, covered his final earthly resting place.

Allen was a lovable boy, whose passing was a shock to every one who knew him. He had been operated upon the week before his death for appendicitis, and was apparently making excellent progress toward recovery, when, last Saturday night, he suddenly became worse. The highest medical talent of Portland was summoned to his bedside but to no avail. He passed on, Sunday evening about 6 o'clock, leaving his parents heart broken and many relatives and friends and school mates grief stricken. His parents and other relatives have the sincere and abounding sympathy of all who know them.

CARD OF THANKS

Words fail to express the gratitude and appreciation we feel toward all friends and neighbors whose unfailing kindness and sympathy were our aid and comfort in our hours of bereavement, during and after the illness, death and burial of our dearly beloved little son, grandson and nephew, Allen Ehlen. Nevertheless, we extend our sincerest thanks to all, for their comforting words and kindly acts, for the profusion of beautiful flowers, and to the choir for their services. From our hearts we thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ehlen and the Will Family.

CURE FOR POULTRY DISEASES

Use of Vaccine Has Considerable Value in Correcting Ailments, Says Professor Lewis.

Prof. Harry R. Lewis of New Jersey college before a recent meeting at the Connecticut station said the use of vaccine in the cure of poultry diseases has considerable value. Professor Lewis told of trying out a vaccine on hens afflicted with chicken pox and roup and the successful results. He believes that other diseases may be treated by the vaccine plan. The next step at the New Jersey station will be an effort to immunize pullets against chicken pox or roup by vaccinating while young and before they have been exposed to the disease.

GERMANY UNDONE BY OWN WEAPON

By GARRET SMITH.

One of the most romantic passages in the secret history of the World War is the story of how the Ordnance Department of the United States Army made it possible for America, until then utterly lacking in ammunition and in facilities for making it, to manufacture unlimited quantities of powerful explosives out of air and rock. It was largely the knowledge of this fact that forced Germany to surrender when she did.

The secret was secured from Germany herself. It was an open business transaction between business men, whereby we apparently acquired nothing more military than a process for making a high grade fertilizer known as cyanamid.

Frank Sherman Washburn, head of the group of business men who bought this process, conceived the germ of the idea in the early nineties while in South America as consulting engineer in connection with the production and shipping of Chilean nitrate of soda. Nitrogen compounds are an essential part of all commercial fertilizers. The only available natural nitrate deposits in large quantities are in Chile. This supply was diminishing. Germany, which had been taking about one-third of the Chilean nitrates, was already experimenting with processes for their artificial production. In 1907 Mr. Washburn secured in Germany the American rights of the cyanamid process which had been invented in that country.

Turning Air Into a Weapon.

By this process air, which is a mixture of about four-fifths nitrogen gas and one-fifth oxygen, is placed in containers and subjected to pressure and cold until it turns to a liquid. Then the nitrogen is distilled in much the same manner as alcohol is separated from water. But before this nitrogen can be used as a fertilizer it must be combined with a chemical combination of lime and carbon known as calcium carbide, produced by burning ordinary limestone in big rotary kilns and combining it in the electric furnace with carbon supplied in the form of ordinary coke.

Cyanamid thus produced contains the elements of ammonium nitrate, one of the most powerful of modern explosives. By one process ammonia is extracted from the cyanamid. By another process nitric acid is extracted from another batch of this same cyanamid. Then the ammonia and nitric acid are combined and there you have ammonium nitrate ready for packing into shells with TNT.

There are three kinds of explosives used for bursting shells in modern warfare—TNT, picric acid and ammonium nitrate. The United States was equally deficient in raw materials and plants for manufacturing all three of these explosives. Under the best of conditions the cost of either TNT or nitric acid is about two and one-half the cost of ammonium nitrate. But the United States was wholly dependent upon Chilean nitrate of soda as a raw material for ammonium nitrate, with the exception of a small production of nitrogen from the coking of coal. The Chilean supply was 4,500 miles away from New York City by way of the Panama Canal, and the route by way of the Straits of Magellan is nearly twice as long.

A Record Building Operation.

Shortly after the war began in Europe the German government entered into the fixation of air nitrogen for military explosives on a vast scale. It was not, however, until the fall of 1917 that the United States government took it up.

The Ordnance Department asked Mr. Washburn's company to organize a subsidiary corporation, known as the Air Nitrates Corporation, with Mr. Washburn as president, to act as agent of the government for the construction and operation of the air nitrates plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. This corporation provided the designs, erected the equipment in the chemical plants and supervised all the other work. It also operated the camp, the town and the plant. Other work is subtle to several of the best known organizations in the United States. Westinghouse, Church Kerr Company built the plant buildings, the camp, the permanent city and utilities. The J. G. White Engineering Corporation designed and built the nitrate acid plant. The M. W. Kellogg Company furnished the piping and built the chimneys. On February 16, 1918, ground was broken, and eight months and eight days later the \$60,000,000 Muscle Shoals plant began producing ammonium nitrate. In that brief period 23,000 men had completed the plant and around it, where not a house stood before, had arisen a city of 25,000 inhabitants.

This plant when in full operation was ready to provide 13 per cent of all explosives to be used by all the allies on all the allied fronts during the expected spring drive of 1919.

Daily Optimistic Thought.
The greatest truths are commonly the simplest.

MERIDIAN

Among the newcomers to Meridian are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Welch and their children.

The traveling library at the Meridian school is open to everyone on Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Among those in Aurora last Saturday were Grant Plantz, Mrs. Matt Ban, Jean Ban, Naomi Hagensen, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Bowles and children.

Among those who spent the week end in Portland were Carl Potwin, Andy Bachart, Christ and William Trost and Edward Bisanz.

The Misses Loretta Isackson, Grace and Marie Hagensen recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ban and Normi Hagensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Potwin spent Monday and Tuesday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury and children have been visiting at Carl Potwin's home.

Joe Bonn Jr. visited his folks Joe Bonn Sr. last Sunday.

Si Coy visited his brother and Mr. and Mrs. Bowles on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Coy is from Portland.

Especially the Goat.
"What is your pet peeve?" "My wife's pets."

TO FIGHT MILLAGE BILLS

The Marion county taxpayers' league met last week at Salem and voted to oppose all the millage tax bills. A committee composed of Alex LaFollette, S. A. Riggs, Geo. W. Weeks, E. M. Croisan and E. Hofer submitted a resolution condemning all these bills. The resolution was adopted. It is said Senator LaFollette voted "No," until Col. Hofer pulled Alex's coat tail to remind him that "No" was out of order that time.

Another meeting will be called to present a legislative ticket representing the league and its purposes.

R. P. Boise was elected president of the league, Joseph Baker, vice president; I. Groenbaum, secretary; and Joseph H. Albert, treasurer.

The following board of 15 directors was named:

S. L. Endicott, Salem; L. J. Adams, Silverton; W. A. Jones, Macleary; W. H. Hobson, Stayton; S. J. Smith, St. Paul; H. W. Downing, Sublimity; George Sweegee, Salem; A. B. Crosby, Woodburn; E. C. Seigmund, Mohama; S. A. Riggs, Salem; George Kraus, Aurora E. M. Croisan, Halls Ferry; J. W. Eboer, Mt. Angel; John Aupperley, Jefferson; P. P. Hastner, Turner.

Victory Belongs to the Able.
The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.—Gibbon.

Housecleaning

With the advent of spring, our thoughts turn to housecleaning. In this connection, we can assist you with some of the finest selections of wall papers and linoleums that ever come to Aurora.

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