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## FRED E. LEMLEY'S LETTER THRILLS

Gives Interesting Recital of the  
Train of Events  
in France.

Mrs. Vina McLean, of this city, is in receipt of an intensely interesting letter from her son, Fred E. Lemley, who is with the 361 Ambulance company in France. It reads:

Proven, Belgium,  
December 19, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Proven is a town of perhaps 200 people, before the war. Just one street which is the road between Ypres and Dunkirk. It is near the border between Belgium and France. We are not far from Ypres, about 12 or 15 miles. Ypres, before the war was the horse center of the world. There are not many horses left, but the ones we do see are sure dandies.

All the people here at Proven speak good English with the English accent. The British have been in here since the beginning of the war. Our home is now their old barracks which are made of corrugated iron with a board finish inside; the outside is camouflaged to resemble trees and the ground.

Of course you knew long before now that we were in Belgium and had seen quite a little action. The main drive here was known as the Lys-Scheldt drive, and believe me, it was sure some drive. Something like a rabbit drive in Eastern Oregon. At times it was hard to keep up.

A few days our train was reviewed. A French Major made us a talk after the review in which he thanked us and told us what a wonderful people we were and what wonderful soldiers we had been, etc., and that it was the American who had made victory possible. All quite true.

We are soon to receive our division insignia. It will be a pine tree to be worn on the left shoulder. Jan. 12th we shall be entitled to our first service bar. Then there will be our French and Belgian service bars. Some think we should have decorations for special citations, but as we have won only two and it requires three, it is hardly probable we will get that honor. Did not get over here soon enough.

You people at home must have had some time on the 11th of last month. We have been seeing papers from all parts of the home country and it seems to have been the same everywhere. A cablegram was read to us from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce about the celebration there, and telling us how our victory was being appreciated. Maybe you don't think this made us feel good. I think this cablegram was read to the entire A. E. F., as I have heard it mentioned by soldiers in other divisions than ours.

Right at the present time there is quite a little excitement going on in this billet. Two of the boys are staging a coodle fight. This is done by taking one from one fellow and one from another, then putting them on a square of white paper and watch the battle, which would not be here-er between two Spanish bulls, in proportion to size. They say the Germans had these little insects highly trained.

Have a queer little story to tell as to the fortunes of war. This was in France. On the second day of our drive in the Argonne, we saw something like a thousand German prisoners being taken back. I think there were five of our M. P. guarding them. They stopped for a rest close to where we had our dressing station. As we were all curious to see these fellows and try to talk to them, we gathered around. What do you think was our surprise to see a fellow who had once lived in Springfield, Oregon! At the outbreak of the war in 1914, this fellow was working for the Booth-Kelly Co. He left and made his way back to Germany where he had been fighting with them ever since, till taken prisoner by the Americans.

He told us that this was the first time he had faced the Americans and that it was the first time he had had a chance to give himself up since the U. S. had entered the war. Well, "Raspberry" is quite a popular saying in the army when one wants to

bawl someone out, and it is a little milder than some other things that might be said. He told us how he would like to be back in the U. S. and that Germany was whipped. We could not believe much he said and told him that we hardly thought Springfield large enough for us and him. I am sorry but I cannot remember his name.

About all the news over here just now is concerning the peace conference; and, of course, the President takes up a good deal of our talk. Wilson has something like two million friends and admirers in the A. E. F. I think there is something like two million of us over here.

Well, guess I will make this do for this time.

With love,

FRED

Pvt. Fred E. Lemley, 361 Ambulance Co., 316 San Train, A. E. F.

## LOCAL TALENT SCORES HIT

"Bought and Paid For" Highly Pleased  
Audience Last Evening—To Be  
Given Again Tonight.

The fair-sized crowd that greeted the performance of "Bought and Paid For," produced by local talent at the Bell Theatre last evening, were treated to a most pleasant surprise in the way of witnessing a performance that measured up to a standard set by professionals.

Every character was ably depicted and the whole play rendered with a smoothness that brought out the fine comedy lines that tickled the audience down to their toes, and made a splendid foil to the strong dramatic situations.

With the vanishing of the skepticism that does not take into account the meritorious work achieved from the able direction of local talent until it is actually tested by the fires of public commendation. A good house is expected at the final performance this evening.

The popular verdict was: "It was more than worth the money."

Next week Mr. Ennis will produce with a strong cast, the uproarious farce-comedy, "Baby Mine."

## PLACES BAN ON PUBLICITY

Central Willamette Medical Society  
Requests Newspapers to Re-  
frain From Giving Physi-  
cians' Names.

At the last meeting of the Central Willamette Medical Society a resolution was adopted condemning the practice of physicians allowing the use of their names in connection with news items about accidents, operations or other cases reported in the newspapers. Newspapers throughout the district have been notified of the Society's action and courteously requested to refrain from giving publicity to the physicians' names in reporting such events.

[The News is strong for observing ethics in all professions, so hereafter when it refers to Johnny Dinkelspiel as having his tonsils and adenoids extracted by a "local physician," you'll know who we mean—maybe.]

## Died

**RITCHIEY**—At the home of his brother on Camp Creek, February 3, 1919, William G. Ritchiey, age 66 years, after an illness of a few days. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Anna Edminister, who resides in Idaho; Mrs. F. L. Ford, of St. Mary's Idaho; Miss Mae Ritchiey, of Nappa, Wash. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and of the I. O. O. F. and W. O. W. fraternal orders. He was born at Green River, Colo. in 1852 and crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dill Ritchiey who settled on Camp Creek in 1852. He was a brother of John M. McLean, of this city.

**HAGGENLOCHER**—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Kingsley, of Noti, on February 3, Mrs. Catherine Haggenlocher, at the age of 84 years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. S. Warthen and Mrs. W. B. Kingsley, of Noti; and Mrs. John Moore, of Harrisburg. The funeral will be held at Noti today.

**MILLER**—At Lane, Oregon, near Silt-coos lake, E. B. Miller, at the age of 60 years. Mr. Miller was found dead in a boat and Coroner W. W. Branstetter was summoned, but believed no inquest necessary. Heart trouble was obviously the cause of his death.

## CURRENT EVENTS IN TWO REELS

**MARRIED**—Prince Wilson— At the office of Judge J. G. Wells, in Eugene, February 4, 1919, Niel V. Prince and Ruby V. Wilson, the judge officiating.

Now if this is all there was to it, this respectable family newspaper that goes to church on Sunday when the ban is off, and raises Old Ned the rest of the week, would not have another word to say about this modest item. But in this instance it is but the prologue of a greater event.

Anyway, a lot of Springfield folks know Niel Prince. Last summer he drove an electric runabout on the Springfield-Eugene line. He called his car a "runabout," because it would run about 200 yards, then the trolley would fly off. He was such a dare-devil the S. P. moguls concluded he could loop the loop, so he was incarcerated on a College Crest "mixed" train. Prince said it was "mixed" because his passenger list was composed of some aristocratic highbrows, some laboring classes, and some Bolsheviks.

But the crowning event of Prince's fare young life came to a halt, Tuesday, and he is no longer on the mar-

ket. He's a "has-been" and he doesn't care.

He aimed to pull the affair off quietly and go home, and he did all that, but that did not end the episode, Reel Two was to follow.

There is a time-honored custom prevailing on the Espee Electric that requires a newlywed to come across with an oyster supper for the rest of the bunch. If you don't believe it, ask Martin. He knows—because he had his ingersoll in soak four days paying for one. So about 1 a. m. Wednesday morning when Prince thought the day's hilarity was cut off and tucked in, he was aroused by the vigilance committee of the Controllers of Current Events and summoned to disgorge enough loot to pay for the chow. Prince tried to compromise with some stogies, but was notified that the gang hadn't walked a mile through the mud to reach his roost for anything short of a regular banquet, and he must observe the rules of the carban from soup to nuts.

Prince was dead game.

He sent the gang to the feed-trough, but stayed by his own fire-side pondering deeply over the High Cost of Loving.

## FLU CAUSE OF INSANITY

Man Who Killed His Family Saved  
by Novel Plea.

**CHICAGO**—By a verdict of the jury in the Criminal Court the "flu" is responsible for homicidal insanity.

Peter Marazzo was returned insane yesterday in Judge Windes' court on the plea of his attorneys, Frank Comerford and William Navigato, and sent to Chester Asylum, after it was admitted he had cut the throats of his wife, Angelina, and his four children, Gemma, aged 2; Arturo, aged 4; Alberto, aged 6; and Foatino, an infant of 6 months, on the night of October 22, in their home, 850 South Morgan street.

There was no question as to the evidence. It was admitted that Marazzo had used a potato-paring knife and a stiletto that night and murdered his whole family, and had tried to kill himself by cutting his own throat with a razor.

But it was shown that he had been a good family man; that on the day of the murders he had bought one of his children a velocipede; that he was not in love with any other woman; that his wife was not suspected of affection for any other man; that there was no motive in insurance or other financial consideration for the killing.

It was also shown that Marazzo had been a steady-going worker and that

there was no history of insanity or mental disorder either in his life or that of his family.

Dr. George Rubin, an alienist, and Captain in the Army, testified that, from observation and the history of the case, in reply to a hypothetical question by Attorney Comerford, the only reason he could assign for Marazzo's insanity (he stated the defendant was unquestionably insane) was a recent attack of influenza, the toxin from the germ of the disease, instead of lodging in the lungs and causing pneumonia, or in the intestines and causing acute gastric trouble, had lodged in the brain cells and wrecked them; that accounted for the sudden and acute homicidal mania.

The same plea was made by Mr. Comerford to the jury which found Marazzo insane at the time of the murder and still insane. He was committed to the Chester Asylum. This is said to be the first case in the history of criminal jurisprudence in which influenza has been found to cause homicidal insanity.

## Seeks Information

Major S. L. Van Valsah writes to his mother, Mrs. Berlice Van Valsah, from Tours, France, asking for the name and addresses of any Springfield or Eugene boys or any boy from this vicinity who is stationed in or near Tours. Mrs. Van Valsah would appreciate any such information.

## Bill Menaces Small High Schools.

Believing that the repeal of the county high school fund law which is being sought in bill No. 63 which has just passed the senate will be a death-blow to the small high schools in the state, E. J. Moore, superintendent of Lane county schools, is preparing a vigorous protest against the proposed bill which will come before the house soon.

Through ignorance of the facts or misrepresentation the bill passed the senate with but one dissenting vote, that of Senator J. B. Bell of Lane County, states Mr. Moore. Those supporting the bill made the claim that it was endorsed by the State Teachers' Association. Mr. Moore says, while as a matter of fact that association did not meet this year because of the "flu" situation. They also made the assertion that it had the backing of the county school superintendents, when, Mr. Moore states, it did not even come up for consideration at the conference held recently.

"Fourteen counties operate under the high school fund law by the vote of the taxpayers and all are satisfied with it," declares Mr. Moore. "It provides for a fund, made by a uniform levy on the entire assessed valuation of the county, which is distributed to every high school complying with the conditions of the state board of education."

"The amount is based on the actual days' attendance of the pupils and in a large measure is the support of the small high schools. To kill it throws the burden on maintenance on the small district and they could not live under it."

## Child Study Class Started.

The first meeting of the class in the child study course taught by Dr. B. W. DeBusk, of the school of education, University of Oregon, was held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Lincoln school.

The class will continue for 12 weeks and will deal with child growth, development and welfare, and child problems in general. The course was formed primarily for the teachers in the city schools, but is open to anyone interested in such a study. Two University credits will be granted to anyone desiring them at the completion of the course.

Springfield feels very fortunate in having such a class established here, as it is the first one to be organized by the University extension division outside of Portland.

## Slackers in War Prove Slackers in Marriage.

A Chicago judge is authority for the statement that the slacker marriages of the first days of the war constitute the grist of the divorce-mills to-day. "This only makes clear the fulfillment of a prophecy," in the opinion of the Salt Lake "Herald," which tartly comments:

"Humorists have made much of comparisons of war and the marriage state, often overdrawing the picture, but occasionally seasoning it with the salt of truth. What the entertainers have said in jest is based on fact, and is bound to command solemn respect as the pathetic side is revealed in the divorce courts."

"The deluded look upon marriage as the cure of the ills of discontent, forgetting the essential qualities of a happy union. The man without the courage to face the war does not possess the character of a good husband. In hiding behind a petticoat to avoid conflict, he has merely buried his head in the sand. Time is relentless, and sooner or later must present problems even more complex than the original enigma."

"Being without the courage to face war, he lacks the stamina to face the trials and tribulations of mutual misfortunes. As a husband he is no more stable than he was as a warrior, and he solves his problems by running away from them. A coward at heart, he deserts a holy union in selfish protection."

"The wreckage of the matrimonial craft of the first days of war, can serve only as a beacon-light to the coming generations. The man who won't fight for his country won't fight for his wife and family. He is to be discovered before misplaced confidence becomes a lasting regret. It is not entirely a masculine problem, because the girl who marries to quit work too often finds her hours increased and her pay reduced. Divorces fail to solve these problems, for they only ease burdens where there should be no burdens."

## BEAN FIGHTS FOR TEXTBOOKS LAW

Saves His Bill From Death By  
Masterly Speech  
Yesterday.

Representative Bean of Lane county won a signal victory in the house when he rescued his bill for the publication and distribution at cost of school textbooks by the state, from death at the hands of the educational committee, and secured its reference to the committee on ways and means. This reference is for the purpose of determining whether the ways and means committee will be able to finance a \$50,000 revolving fund provided for in the bill. Representative Gordon, chairman of the ways and means committee, told the house that if the bill is found to be as meritorious as many members believe it to be the ways and means committee will find the \$50,000 and appropriate it for the purposes sought.

Bean made a strong speech on his bill which unquestionably saved it from death and carried enough of the house with him so that expressions heard in the debate today indicate that the bill has a strong chance for passage in the house when it gets there on final passage.

He pointed out that the state printing plant, since it had been removed from private control in 1913, had more than paid for itself. He made an attack on the "book trust" and the high prices charged for school books, and called attention to the fact that on July 1, this year, the text book commission must enter into new contracts for books for the next six years. These contracts, he pointed out, will be made on the basis of costs as they are now when labor, materials and all of the features in connection with book making are at an abnormal cost. He stated that California, and Kansas, print their own text books, Kansas has the plan of furnishing them to patrons at cost of production plus cost of distribution, and these books are furnished on a basis of 42 per cent cheaper than elsewhere. A series of about 20 books which costs Oregon patrons \$10.08 are furnished to Kansas patrons for a very little over \$5.

Schubel, of Clackamas, joined heartily into support of the Bean bill, stating that it offered an opportunity to develop a great industry, including furnishing large employment possibilities and also development of the paper mill industry to a point never yet dreamed of in the state.

## New Delicacy Made of Oregon Loganberries.

Oregon loganberries, the big, luscious, juicy berry which has been made famous in this state, is gaining popularity in another form. The manufacturers of a new gelatine dainty, which they call jiffy-jell, have discovered that 65 of these big berries will make enough pure fruit juice to flavor dessert for six people.

The berries are crushed and the condensed juice is placed in a vial, one vial being contained in each package. The manufacturers state that by using the condensed juice, they obtain a perfect reproduction of the fruit taste.

## Red Cross Meets

The local chapter of the Red Cross met Tuesday evening at the city hall. Reports were read. Since the last meeting the following articles have been turned in: 20 convalescent robes, 100 spaghnum moss pads, and a great number of bandage. Membership during the year has increased to four hundred and fifty members. Plans were made whereby they will make refugee gowns, the work being in charge of Mrs. Harry Whittey. Many of the officers were present at the meeting.

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