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18TH ENGINEERS HAVE FINE PAPER

The Spiker, Published "Somewhere in France" is an interesting and Newsy Sheet.

Marshall McAllister of Lexington, now with the 18th Engineers Railway, U. S. Army, has sent The Gazette-Times several copies of "The Spiker," a three-column, 24-page monthly paper in magazine form. It is full to the brim with wit, humor and news and contains many excellent cartoons and pictures. We have clipped a few short items to give our readers an idea of the paper.

The sky is broad, the sea is wide.
Deep is the darkness of the night.
But greater is that vast inside
Where lurks a private's appetite.

Ex-Engineer Bares Thrills Of Pulling
Trigger on 155.

"Every time I pull the string that shoots them over I hope the kaiser is visiting the part of the country we are blowing full of holes," says "Russ" Farris of the 101st Field Artillery in a recent letter to Sergeant Earl C. Sherman of Headquarters Company. Farris was formerly a master engineer in the Eighteenth.

"I came out from the front line night before last," says the letter, "for the first time in over five weeks of active life. We pulled out under shell fire of both kinds, high explosive and gas shells, and arrived here at our temporary base about 1:15 a. m. It was indeed a beautiful sight. Shells were exploding all around and all of our batteries were going to beat hell, as well as the French batteries. You cannot realize what a sight it is at night and the thoughts that travel through your brain.

"I went up into the gun pits early in the evening and pulled the string that shoots them over. When in that part of the game you wonder, not where your shell is going to land, as you know that, but if anybody is going to get in the way of it and how many are going to kick off.

"So if I could be half sure the kaiser was going to be there, I would gladly sit on the Big Boy as she starts on her way.

"The more I see of this war the more I think that the Germans and Prussians must be crushed and Democracy come into its own.

"We are going to win, boy, and don't forget it. Even in my short time up here I can see that there are no soldier fighters in the world like the Americans. First of all, they are not afraid to die and are fighting fools even while dying. Boy, we found one lone Yank dead in a shell hole along with five dead Boches. Can the Germans win out against such fighters as that? I should say not.

"Things are getting pretty active around here and writing is out of the question. Will write again as soon as we get to our new sector."

France's "Coq D'or" First Chicken
to Cross Road.

The kaiser, in swinging the imperial axe of Junkerdom across the neck of Germany, has killed the goose that laid the golden egg. The question will soon be a dead issue, and already, here in France, a query of a more constructive nature is puzzling the American soldier, who sees golden roosters perched upon monuments in front of restaurants and in other conspicuous places throughout the country. One of the most frequently asked questions these days is not about the goose that laid the golden egg, but about the origin of the egg that hatched the golden rooster.

The sign of the "coq d'or" had its beginning in the old Gallic days and extended through the period when Roman dominion thrust its finger into the pie that afterwards became France. The golden rooster, in fact, was the first chicken to cross the Roman road. When it became an established fact that all roads led to Rome, the coq d'or scuttled back and forth all day.

He is no bird in a gilded cage, but a gilded bird too big for any cage. All the steel moulded in Essen in the last forty years has failed to curb his defiant spirit. German gas may make him sneeze a bit, and German schrapnel may carry away a few pin feathers, but the spurs he won when the world was young are sinking, sharp-pointed and pitiless, into the vitals of the dying beast Autocrocoacy.

His was the clarion crow that announced the dawn of "Liberte,

Fraternite, Egalite," in the land of the fleur de lis. "Vive l'Empereur" was drowned out by the voluminous, dominant note of his "cock-a-doodle-doo." Today he sounds the reveille of an awakening civilization in a world where vultures and other birds of prey will soon have to roost high or keep their claws in their pockets.

Oh, You Engineers.

I drilled for months in a training camp
Along with lads of a similar stamp.
We tramped all day in the blazing sun

At first without, then with a gun.
Learned all about "Squads East"
and "West."

But "Squads round about" we did
the best.

Ready at last and off to France
Now we get our longed for chance.
But whadaye think? When we were
landed,

Instead of a gun, a pick we're
handed.

It looks as though we're just about
To try and dig the kaiser out.

Sgt. Walter N. Sherer.

TRAINLOAD OF STOCK SHIPPED TO CHICAGO

A special train of fifteen cars of cattle and sheep went out of Heppner Friday morning, routed for the stock yards at Chicago.

The following parties were interested in the shipment:

Matt Hughes of Lone Rock, two cars of sheep and three cars of cattle.

E. M. Spray, of Spray, two cars of sheep.

P. H. Peters, of Spray, two cars of cattle.

Bob Carsner and Hanson Hughes of Heppner, six cars of cattle.

All this stuff goes direct to the Chicago market and was in prime condition on leaving the yards here. Other shipments from Heppner this week were Nels Justus, of Lena, one car of cattle to Benson Commission Co., Portland; R. Instone, of Lena, one car of cattle to Willard Commission Co., Portland; Percy Hughes of Lena, one car of cattle to Benson Commission Co., Portland, and F. M. Beck, mixed car of cattle and hogs to Servier Commission Co., of Portland.

On Tuesday morning T. H. Williams of Hardman made a shipment of one car of cattle to the Portland market.

SMUT CROP LIGHT

Such is the report made by Messrs. Bell and Kerns of the Oregon Agricultural College. These men working under the supervision of the Department of Plant Pathology have spent the past week in co-operating with the County Agent checking up the amount of smut to be found in the county.

In speaking of their work in this county they stated that they had found the fields freer from smut than in any other place. They also commented on the splendid spirit of co-operation they found among the farmers of Morrow county. This spirit of co-operation and desire to better their condition accounts for the good work done by the farmers in this county. A detailed report showing the condition of smut is being prepared and will appear in the near future.

SUGAR SITUATION SERIOUS

A telegram just received from Washington indicates that the allotment of sugar to Oregon will be cut, for the month of August, to two thirds of the average for April, May, and June. The amount allowed per person is lowered to two pounds per month. Reports are reaching the head office that a few people are purchasing more than the amount allowed. If such persons realized that a possible fine of two thousand dollars may be exacted from them perhaps they would not take the chance.


The administration is asking that people, as far as possible, avoid the making of jellies and preserves that require a large amount of sugar and that the minimum amount be used in canning. It is the desire of the administration that all the fruit be saved, which it is possible to save, but at the same time there must be economy in the use of sugar. The saving of sugar must be done at much inconvenience, and, in some cases, it may be a hardship. But it is better to use sparingly now than to be without altogether later.

Dealers should keep careful account of all sugar sold on the presentation of canning pledge cards and canning permits. It may be possible to secure an allotment for canning after the regular allotment is made.

S. E. Notson, Co Chairman.

The Second Mile

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile," says the best business text-book ever written, "go with him two."



HOW me a man who has made his mark in the world, and I will show you a traveler of that second mile. The eight hours that his employer compelled him to go, he went gladly--and another hour or two when no man compelled him. In that extra hour or two lay his mastery. "Many spoil much good work," said Edward Harriman, "for the lack of a little more." It is the little more that counts--the added weight of work or service, born of enthusiasm uncompelled, that marks the difference between little men and big. One mile of decency and honesty and a full day's work the law and your own needs compel you to go; travel it bravely, willingly, happily. But do not stop. For at its end lie the borders of a richer, greener country, the land of love and of service and of growth, through whose midst winds the broad highway of the second mile.

BRUCE BARTON

YOUNG WOMAN OF LEXINGTON DIES AT PARKERS MILL--OTHER NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Miss Muriel Reade, age 19 years, died at Parkers Mill on Friday, of tuberculosis and following an illness of many months. Funeral services were held at Lexington on Sunday, conducted by Rev. J. L. Jones of Lone, and interment was in the Lexington cemetery.

Miss Reade has resided at Lexington for more than a year past, coming from Montana, and during the past winter made her home with Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ailyn, she having no relatives here except her brother, Ralph Reade, who tenderly assisted in caring for his afflicted sister. Thinking that her condition might be improved by the mountain air, she was removed to Parkers Mill a short time ago, but the disease had so far advanced that there could be no help and death came to claim another victim of the great white plague.

Preparing to Erect Bungalow.

J. R. Jackson, extensive farmer southwest of Lexington, has caught the spirit of improvement and is making preparations to build a nice bungalow on his place. The plans are all drawn and the material will soon be on the way, work to begin as soon as wheat hauling is out of the way. The residence will contain ten rooms and have full concrete basement and is to be built after plans prepared by Mr. Jackson himself. Recently Mr. Jackson suffered quite heavy loss from hail and had a large portion of 320 acres of good wheat beat into the ground, but this has not dampened his ardor and his building plans, made earlier in the season, will be carried out.

New Grain is Coming In.

New grain is beginning to roll into Lexington at a lively rate from the near-by farms. Cars are also upped promptly by the railroad and shipments are going out right along. The warehouses are somewhat short of help owing to the men going out to the harvest fields to work but this condition may be relieved as soon as the real rush begins. Lexington will have a big lot of grain for export this fall but the yield is cut short of what was promised earlier in the season. As yet we have not been able to get much data on the yield from the various farms and expect to have this later. Grain is of good quality but does not promise to be number one.

Finished Threshing 900 Acres.

W. F. Barnett finished threshing at his farm on Tuesday, having

cleaned up on 900 acres of grain. His yield on the fall sown grain is better than 15 bushels, while the spring sowing made from 10 to 15 bushels, the later figure being what he got from a field of Early Baart wheat. Considering the season, Mr. Barnett is well satisfied, his grain all being of fine quality. The Barnett outfit moved at once to the John Piper place where operations began yesterday. Mr. Piper has 500 acres of wheat to thresh.

A Number of Crew Quit.

J. Carmichael had some five or six of his threshing crew leave him on Saturday last. They gave no excuse other than that they desired to make a trip to Portland and have a good time for a week, when they would return and go to work again. Mr. Carmichael, however, has no laid off awaiting their return as they seemed to anticipate he would, and at once got busy and filled up the gaps in his crew and is continuing right along with the work as though nothing had happened. These fellows were experiencing a little too much prosperity and had to go to Portland to get rid of some of it.

Will Build New Barn.

Joseph Eskelson has purchased of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber Co., at Lexington, and all the material necessary, and now has the same on the ground at his Coyote Springs farm for the construction of a new barn. The building will be put up in first class shape and is 48x45 feet, ample to accommodate a large number of work animals and now and abundance of hay. Clark Davis will have charge of the construction work which will begin right away. The Eskelson farm is one of the best in the Social Ridge section and is now in charge of Mr. Eskelson's son.

Uncle Marsh White still lingers at the point of death at his home in Lexington, and his demise is momentarily expected. He is evidently suffering from high blood pressure that has affected the brain, and for the past week has lain in a semi-conscious condition, unable to recognize his relatives and friends.

Herman Hill, son of Cashier Hill of the Lexington State Bank, is enjoying a vacation at Portland with his grandmother, Mrs. John McPerrin.

Carpenter Clark Davis has just finished the work of putting a good

porch around two sides of the Ed Burchell farm house. This porch is entirely screened in and not only adds to the appearance of the residence but is a great convenience and comfort as well.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 4.
10:00 a. m., Bible School.
11:00 a. m., Morning worship.
Sermon subject: "Organization and Government of the New Testament Church."

8:00 p. m., Preaching service.
Subject: "Does It Pay to Be a Christian?"

F. A. ANDREWS, Pastor.

Mrs. J. O. Turner came in from the Turner ranch in Sand Hollow on Tuesday and is spending the remainder of the week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vawter Crawford.

Henry Boten and family and Miss Neva Childsey went out to the mountains yesterday, where they will hunt the festive huckleberry and spend a short outing.

SIXTH ANNUAL FAIR WILL BE DIFFERENT

The Sixth Annual Morrow County Fair will be held Sept. 17-18-19 and will be different from former fairs in many ways. Food conservation and increased production will be featured more prominently than ever before. The U. S. Food Administration has asked space for an exhibit of food products and will send representatives here to help the people along these lines.

The Industrial clubs of the county will be at the fair with a larger exhibit than usual and will show an exhibit that will be highly instructive.

Canning contests will be held daily if arrangements under way go through. This will be under the control of people who understand their business and everything will be explained to the public by instructors who know what they are doing. Amusement will be provided by the Board and it will be good clean and wholesome amusement, good music and a splendid orchestra will add much to the pleasure of those attending. The secretary of agriculture has asked that fairs and all institutions that help in the conservation and production of food and that also amuse and instruct the people be held as usual. Without amusement and entertainment our people would become morbid and that is a condition that we must avoid if we are to win the war, and we are going to win the war, and we are going to win it with a smile on our faces. Our boys go over the top here with smiling faces and in this way help cheer our boys over there.

So lets make this the best fair ever. Make your plans to come and by your presence and assistance keep up the record already established for our fair.

W. W. SMEAD, Secretary.

David Wilson returned to Heppner last evening from a short stay in Portland. He will go on to Pendleton and assume his duties again as bookkeeper in the First National Bank of that city, his vacation having come to a close.

SPECIAL CALL FOR MEN

The Government wants three men from Morrow county who are in Class 1 to go to the Benson Polytechnic Institute August 13th, for instruction as auto mechanics, blacksmiths, carpenters, electricians, machinists, plumbers and sheet metal workers. Those interested report to Local Board before August 6th, and save being drafted.

Morrow County Local Board.

With the view to giving instructions on subjects of military nature, such as insurance by the government, allotments, communicable diseases and other subjects of military nature, commissioned officers have been detailed by the Commanding Officer at Camp Lewis to address all registered men of Morrow county, Oregon.

At Court House in Heppner, Tuesday evening, 8:30 p. m., August 6th.

It is the earnest desire of military authorities that all registered men should attend this meeting.

The subjects covered in the addresses will be of great interest to all registrants and is calculated to make them more valuable to their country as soldiers. Do not fail to be there.

BOY GETS HEAD CRUSHED BY AUTO

Five-Year-Old Son of J. C. Sharp
Meets Sudden Death.

Glenn Freeman Sharp, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sharp of Newman canyon, was instantly killed Wednesday morning when an automobile in which he and his two small brothers were playing ran away down a hill and turned turtle over a steep embankment into the canyon. The other children escaped with but slight injuries.

The car belonged to Percy Hughes of Butter creek, who had driven to the Sharp place to look after some harvesting operations, and left his car in the road with the brakes set. The children got into the car to play and releasing the brakes in some manner, the car started down the incline at a rapid rate with the result that it turned over the steep embankment. Little Glenn was caught beneath the car and his head crushed, death resulting instantly.

The boy was nearly five years of age and his sudden death is a hard blow to the parents. The funeral will be held at Heppner tomorrow, Friday, morning.

Harvest Help.

The harvest help situation has not changed materially in the last ten days. Quite a number of men are coming in, a good share of whom make good. A majority of the crews are working steadily, although occasionally short one or two men, altogether the situation is very favorable. Many farmers have expressed their surprise at being able to secure help with so little difficulty, very seldom has it been necessary to wait more than two or three days before the needs were supplied. The value of thorough organization and understanding among farmers is very apparent, being responsible entirely for the small amount of shifting about of help during the season. Many operators report little difficulty in keeping their crews and only in one or two instances has there been any reports of one farmer hiring help away from another. In viewing the results of this season's work, one cannot help but ask the question, if co-operation and organization work so well in the labor situation, why would it not work even better in other lines of farm work?

Will Have Four Sons in Service.

Mrs. C. W. Ranck of this city informs this paper that she will soon have four sons, the Gosney boys, in the service. Her youngest son, Elmer Gosney informed his mother at Heppner on Friday by telegram from Baker, that he had enlisted and would leave on Sunday for the training camp. The other boys have been in service for some time and some of them are now on the front in France, the eldest boy being on the Tuscania when that vessel was torpedoed not long ago by a German submarine.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson motored over to Pendleton yesterday. They were accompanied by Mrs. E. F. Campbell and Mrs. Louis Campbell, that after returning home after a visit of a couple of weeks in Heppner. Mrs. E. F. Campbell will visit at the home of her son, Louis, in Pendleton for a short time.

W. W. Smead, secretary of the Morrow County Fair Board and F. R. Brown, County Agent, have been out over the county this week gathering up samples of grain to be exhibited at the coming Morrow County Fair. They have been able to get a lot of fine grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Akers left for Portland this morning and will go on from there to the coast to spend a few weeks of outing.

BUYS GEO. PERRY RANCH

John J. Kelly of Heppner this week purchased the George Perry sheep ranch on Rock creek. This deal involves 3500 acres of land, the large portion of which is range land situated in Morrow and Gilliam counties, and included in the deal is 2000 head of sheep, a number of horses and the farming implements. Consideration mentioned is \$45,000, and possession passes to Mr. Kelly October 1st. Mrs. Perry, with the aid of her young son, Merrill Perry, has been running the ranch since the death of Mr. Perry more than a year ago. She has not announced just what her plans are as to the future, but she may decide to move to Heppner and make her home here.