

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM BOYS WHOM WE ALL KNOW

Incidents Recorded on Way to France and When There--Boys All Well

The Outlook is indebted to Mrs. S. C. Jones of Seaside, Oregon, for a very interesting letter from her son Guy, who is serving with the 162d U. S. Infantry in France. The letter is now more than a month old, but contains some descriptions that are of interest at any time. Following are some excerpts from the letter:

"I did not go into the medical department after all, as I came across with the company, and by the time I got here they evidently forgot about the transfer, and I have not heard anything of it since, and hope I do not, I like the infantry better. We can take care of ourselves, and will prove it one of these days, maybe. We are getting all we can eat and don't lose sleep over anything.

"The people and their mode of living is a remarkable contrast to the way we live at home. As a whole they seem to be satisfied to live as they did years ago, and seemingly with no desire for the later and modern articles. Their homes are very much like ours inside. I have made the acquaintance of one family of splendid people, and they do everything they can to make things pleasant for me when I call. One of the girls can speak English fluently, another plays the piano nicely, and we manage to have a dandy time.

"The French language is very hard and in order to learn it, one has to study long and hard. I wish I had studied French instead of German in school.

"The French people always use the street and take to the sidewalk only when the street is crowded.

"About the funniest thing I have seen is an old man with a cart hitched up to a little jackass about the size of a fullgrown cat and a dog tied under the cart, that is larger than the mule.

"I still have my little phonograph, and nearly every night we sit around the fireplace, (a real fireplace in a real house), and listen to it. It is hard to get needles for it, as the French needles are too coarse. We use dancing needles instead, and have everything else no far. We are busy and can always find things to do. I am feeling fine, and likewise the rest of the boys."

Many reports of the fine treatment accorded the Oregon boys in the east have been brought to our attention. The people are making the days pleasant for the soldiers far away from home, and are winning their deepest gratitude. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Metzger, Walter Metzger of the 834th Aero Squadron, tells of a trip to New York city. The letter was written from the Neighborhood Club, which is open to the soldiers.

"The people here are sure great," he writes, "they gave us tickets to the Symphony band at the largest theater in the United States, also tickets that will take us to the top of the Woolworth building. Ordinarily it costs 50 cents. We are also going to attend the Hippodrome theater tomorrow, the largest and best theater in the United States."

A letter from Byron Bell of the United States Navy, written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Bell of Springfield, describes his trip from the Pacific to the Atlantic ocean. The letter was written a month ago, from a naval hospital, where Byron was in quarantine with mumps. He said he was not sick but was of necessity kept in.

Byron Bell is a brother of Corporal Frank G. Bell, who is serving with the 116th Engineers in France. He says of his trip across the continent:

"We sure had a dandy trip coming over, and all of us had plenty to eat. When we came through Wyoming I saw the same old road that Frank and I drove over in the Cad. when we got to Cheyenne the people had about a wagonload of nice apples for us. Saw lots of snow, especially in the middle states. There were two big trainloads of sailors right behind us all the way over and in Salt Lake we were there at once. They say that all the boys that came over when I did have gone on ships now, so don't know what they will do with the ones in the hospital. The hospital that I am in is right on the bay and we can look out and see all the ships that come and go out to sea. There were about fifteen big warships anchored out in the bay all at one time last week, but all but one or two are gone now. Nearly all of the big merchant ships that come and go out here are painted up with spots and stripes and wavy effects, which, I suppose, is camouflage.

"I don't like the country here at all. None of the boys who came over like it either. They say that the whole country is so near sea level that when the high tides come in the water comes way up on the streets in town. The eats here are not half as good as in California or any other place in the west."

John Heslin of Fairview has received a letter from his brother, Cor-

A Patriotic Sunday.

It is prepared in the near future to observe a patriotic Sunday in all the churches, and this is well. But from now on every Sunday and every day should be a patriotic day. For the nation is undergoing a test such as it never before went through. It may well be that the American people are today standing between humanity and those who would exploit, outrage and enslave it. The lists of our dead and wounded are beginning to appear in the papers, and, short though they are, they seem tragically long to a peace-loving people. They at least prove that we are now offering the supreme sacrifice in the great cause of liberty. If our people really believe in their cause there will be no repining, no regret that they chose as they did, but rather a sober and relentless determination to finish the work that it has been given them to do.

Big Dance.

at Metzger's hall, Gresham, Saturday evening, April 20. Good music. Ladies free. Men 50 cents. Dance begins at 8:30.—Adv.

Ask Powell about Hobson's preparations.—Adv.

poral Claud Heslin, who is serving his country in France. He is acting sergeant in a contact camp detached from the main company but not far from it. He urges his friends to write. He says, "Any little thing will be news to me. I can tell you things after the war."

The following are extracts from a letter written by Leslie St. Clair from Camp Merritt, New Jersey, on March 19 last, just before the regiment to which he belongs sailed for France. No letters have yet been received from the boys since their arrival in France.

"This is what you might call a transient camp. There are over 20,000 men here now, but there are regiments coming and going each day. There is but one regiment that has been here more than three weeks, and ten days to two weeks is about the limit of time here. This is a very nice place and of course a large one, but you don't see a tent anywhere. The cantonments are everywhere and it wouldn't take long for a man to get lost in this city of 20,000 or more, where 50 men live in one building. The buildings are numbered so it wouldn't be hard to find a certain building if you were an experienced person, but to me it looks like a Chinese puzzle. I haven't stepped out of the beaten path for fear I would turn up missing.

"They have plenty of amusement and recreation for the men. Three Y. M. C. A. s and all of them big, and very neat appearing inside and out. Then there is a Knights of Columbus hall. In these they have some good entertainment every night. There is a very large building called Merritt Hall, where they combine library, cafeteria, and lounging room and they have most anything that's good. That is where I am writing this letter. The furniture is oak and nice and the chairs have leather cushions and all the frills of a regular city club. The walls and ceilings are of beaver board. The library and its accommodations are all free and in the cafeteria you can get anything you wish.

"I enjoyed the whole trip from Portland to New York. It was a great trip and made in a record time for a transport. We left San Francisco on Sunday, March 31. The Pacific was peaceful all the way and I was not one bit seasick to Panama. After the first day out it was sure hot. We all went around with as little as the law allowed. It was impossible to sleep with any covers. The trip through the canal was on the following Sunday. That canal is surely a wonderful feat of engineering and I wanted to get rid of my dinner, but I stuck it out and after a day or two of fasting I was O. K. I didn't lose a meal overboard, I'm proud to say. We arrived at Hoboken early Sunday, completing the voyage in just two weeks."

Ed. Everett, who is with the 147th Field Artillery in France, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Everett, that he is well and working hard. He acknowledges the receipt of a letter from the Christian Endeavor society of Pleasant Home, which was greatly appreciated by him. Everett has a brother, W. S. Everett, who recently enlisted in the navy and is in training at the Mare Island naval training station.

HONOR FLAG WITH BLUE STAR HAS BEEN WON BY GRESHAM

The following telegram was received by the local Executive Committee late last night:

San Francisco, Cal., April 18.

Chairman Liberty Loan, Gresham, Oregon. Heartiest congratulations on magnificent work in winning honor flag. May you be equally successful in doubling your quota which will entitle you to a blue honor star. Flag going forward by mail today. Letter follows: (Signed) LYNCH, Chairman General Executive Board, Twelfth District.

This was answered as follows: Chairman General Executive Liberty Loan Board, Twelfth District, San Francisco, California. Yours date. Attach the blue honor star to flag. We have more than double our quota tonight. Have set One Hundred Thousand as our goal. (Signed) C. J. LUNDQUIST, Chairman Liberty Loan, Gresham District.

The following figures represent actual applications which have passed through the hands of the committees for the Gresham District in the matter of Third Liberty Loan:

- District 1, D. W. McKay, 31 subscribers; \$3,050.
- District 2, F. N. Lasley, 214 subscribers; \$17,800.
- District 3, Jas. H. Sterling, 172 subscribers; \$17,850.
- District 4, Wm. C. Peterson, 151 subscribers; \$15,900.
- District 5, C. M. Quicksall, 100 subscribers; \$7,600.
- Clackamas County, 4 subscribers; \$250.
- Portland District, 4 subscribers; \$400.
- Total, 676 subscribers; amount \$52,850.

Of the Gresham District it will be noted that Districts 2 and 3 are running very close in the amount subscribed but District 2 is considerably ahead in the number of subscribers which is very much desired by the Government in order that the bonds be well distributed. The number of persons paying for their bond outside the Gresham District is 167, with a total subscription of \$12,350, money that properly belongs to the Gresham District. Every one should subscribe with an authorized solicitor or some bank within the district.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF SCHOOL

Final public exercises of the Gresham elementary school will be held in Regner's hall Friday evening, April 26. They will consist of a musical and literary program by some of the pupils and a drama.

A special feature of the school exercises will be a vocal solo by Mrs. San-Juel Crawford, Dean of the College of Music of the University of Portland, and the instructor of the 8th grade play. Those who have heard Mrs. Crawford sing, testify to the subtle sweetness of her voice, the perfection of her tones and her individual, artistic interpretation. In singing here, Mrs. Crawford is conferring a great favor; as her time is so fully taken with engagements in the musical world.

- The following program has been prepared:
- Song..... Second Grade
 - Recitation..... Arden Squire
 - Recitation..... Earl Weiss
 - Song, "Lullaby Sea,"..... 7th Grade Girls, (Nora Pullen, Myrtle Rusher)
 - Exercise, Five Little Grandmothers..... Seventh Grade Girls
 - Hoop Drill..... Fifth and Sixth Grade Girls
 - Song, "The Garden By the Sea,"..... Fifth and Sixth Grade Pupils
 - Song, "Hail Fairest Land"..... School
 - Song, "Sh! Sh! Sh!"..... Four Pupils
 - Song, "In Childhood's Realm"..... First Grade
 - A Flag Drill and Song..... Fourth and Fifth Grades

The above program will be followed by the eighth grade play, "The Moon Dream," a drama in three acts with the following

- Cast of Characters.
- FELICITY, Crown Princess of Happy Land..... Marjorie Lyman
 - ROBIN, a page at the Court of King Felix..... Percy Puffer
 - ANNABEL..... Reatha Fisher
 - VERONA, Maids of Honor..... Alice Wood
 - PETER, a jester..... Delbert Metzger
 - A HERALD..... Maitland Geddes
 - A SERVANT..... Albert Lambert
 - PIRROKET, a clown..... Preston Bauer
 - MISTRESS CHARITY CHEERALL..... Alice Peterson
 - THE WISE WOMAN..... Ruth Cox
 - STELLA, a star spirit..... Myrtle Rusher
 - THE MOONLADY..... Lelah Childers
 - THE MAN IN THE MOON..... Geo. Weiss
 - MARS..... Frank Tacheron
 - SATURN..... Walter Schwedler
 - MERCURY..... Wm. McAllister

- Star Spirits
- A THOUGHT FORM..... Dorothy Hamilton
 - SHOOTING STARS..... Alden Miller
 - PAGES..... Edward Schwedler
 - Musician..... Donald McCormick
 - Ushers..... Doris Brown
 - Oneta Stillions
 - Nora Pullen, Oneta Stillions, Georgia Stapleton, Harry Squires
- Prices of admission: reserved seats 35c; adults 25c; children under six free. Above six and under 12, 15 cents.
- Everyone is invited. After the expenses of the play are paid the remainder of the funds will be donated to the Red Cross.

LOCAL BOYS ARE CALLED TO COLORS

Eight boys of eastern Multnomah have been called among the number who will leave here between April 26th and 30th. They have been notified by the Multnomah county draft board and are as follows: Gottlieb Schwab, Fairview. Fakion D. Castifas, Bridal Veil. Russell D. Thurston, Gresham. Robert Magnuson, Gresham. Ralph C. Kincaid, Corbett. Carl W. Alder, Troutdale. Walfred Staffenson, Gresham. Joseph H. Dollowitch, Gresham. None of those named from Gresham live in the town, but are on the rural routes and are all sons of farmers. In fact all of them are from the farmer families of the county.

For Sale. "Buick Six", almost brand new. Cheap, \$1150. Call Outlook. **Save five to six dollars by insuring your new Ford with John Brown.—Adv.**

DEALERS' NUMBER OF AUTO RECORD IS OUT

Number 3, Volume 1, of the Washington Automobile Record, was issued from the Outlook office on Wednesday. It contains a list of all state of Washington dealers with auto license numbers between 10,128 and 15,373—5245 cars in all. The matter covers 40 pages of fine type and is an accurate list of all machines recorded.

The Washington Record is printed here on a contract with the publisher M. O. Wilkins, who has offices in Portland and Seattle. The present issue is for dealers. Another will be printed about the first of June. The data is based upon the car owners' application for a state license.

Tailoring For men and women—cleaning, pressing and repairing done well. Peter Lenard, Powell street. **One-ton truck for hire. Express and hauling. H. Christenson. Phone 12.**

NATION CALLING FOR MEN IN MANY LINES TO ENLIST NOW

Trees for Soldiers.

An unusual feature is suggested here for the celebration of Arbor Day. It is that a tree be planted in honor of every young man who is now wearing the uniform of his country in the army, navy or marine corps. The sentiment is a fine one, and should be followed universally. Long-lived trees native to their climate should be selected so that they may wave and flourish for many years to come as living monuments to our heroes. Let there be a tree at every home contributing a soldier, named for him, planted on Arbor Day and nourished until it takes root. Where this is not practicable for lack of ground, or other reasons, provision should be made for trees in a school yard, college campus, park or other public place suited for the purpose.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DROPS OUT OF SIGHT

From the tone of the letter printed herewith the people of Gresham have a right to expect the circulation of a box of cigars at the very least within a very few days. Perhaps there will be a serenade and reception and there are possibilities of a charivari in sight.

The writer of the letter shall be nameless for the present, but if any prominent citizen is missing for a few days his absence must not be construed into anything else than a brief flight with Dan Cupid to meet a "fayre lady" who will probably be with him upon his return.

Yesterday morning the aforesaid prominent citizen took his breakfast at his usual boarding place, dropped a letter in the postoffice addressed to his landlady—and vanished. He was very solicitous as to the welfare of the town and more than likely expected to have his letter published so as to relieve the fears of his many acquaintances in case his absence for more than a reasonable time should be noticed and commented upon.

As his domicile is close to the banks of Johnson creek, he might have been fearful that the people would shake their heads, say "poor fellow" and begin dragging the stream for his earthly remains. But he hasn't fallen into the creek. Perhaps it is something deeper from which no mere dragging hooks can extricate him. Following is the letter to his landlady with her name and his omitted:

I am crowded for time today. I wish you would ask Mayor Kenney to fix up the town a little during my few days' absence.

Doc Schmidt says he is good for nothing, but I will return with an amiable stranger to pass judgment on his case.

No more at present. From your ex-star boarder.

FURLOUGHS GRANTED TO FARMER SOLDIERS

General orders have just been received from the War Department by the county agent to the effect that enlisted men will be furloughed for agricultural work during the present farming season in order that production may be increased and the crops all harvested without waste or spoilage. Furloughs granted by this order will be given for short periods during seeding and harvesting and will be given by the commanding officers of posts, camps, cantonments, divisions, and departments.

There are several restrictions under which men may not be furloughed but these apply in cases where it will interfere with military movements.

In order to secure furloughs for enlisted men applications must be made by relatives or farmers on a blank prepared by the Government, this submitted to the local board, then to the county agricultural agent who will forward it to the post at which the soldiers are stationed. Application blanks and instructions may be secured at the county agent's office at Gresham.

For eczema and skin troubles—Hobson's Eczema ointment and soap, at Powell's Pharmacy; sold with a money back guarantee.—Ad. **Stir your coffee!**

Qualified Registrants Urged to Present Themselves--Sixty-five Occupations

Portland, Ore., April 17.—The United States army must have immediately, for service in France under General Pershing, 12,000 men skilled in special lines of work.

So great is the emergency, declares a message from the War Department, that there is no time to select the men through the occupational card system recently put into effect, but not as yet completed in all the states.

They are urged by the War Department to present themselves voluntarily, and at the earliest moment, to their local draft boards to be listed as available, preparatory to being voluntarily inducted later into the military service.

This call is described by the War Department as being "urgent". With the allied armies engaged in a death grapple in France, the American troops over there must be kept supplied with the skilled men needed in various lines.

"Please give the widest publicity to this urgent call," asks the War Department. "Qualified registrants should be urged to present themselves to their local boards.

"This office is without an appropriation to pay for this advertising, but the patriotism of the American press is relied upon to aid in every way in their power.

"The military duty and training of these skilled men will be interesting, and the men who succeed in securing induction into the branches of the service to be filled, will receive material personal benefits which will aid them in advancement both in their army career and in after life."

Men are needed in 65 skilled occupations. Here is the list of occupations from which immediate volunteers are sought:

Air-brake inspectors, angle-iron smiths, auto mechanics and helpers (general, engine, magneto, or ignition), bargemen or boatmen, blacksmiths and helpers (both white and colored), boat builders and helpers, boiler makers and helpers, brakemen, flagmen or conductors (railroad), bricklayers (both white and colored). Buglers (both white and colored), carpenters and helpers for ship, bridge, house and general work, joiners or pattern makers (both white and colored), wood caulkers, chauffeurs for auto, truck or tractor (both white and colored).

Chemists, railroad or general clerks (both white and colored), cobbler, commissary storekeepers, concrete foremen or workers, cooks (both white and colored), cranemen, hoistmen, pile drivers, or shovel operators.

Crusher operators, engine dispatchers, draftsmen (general, surveying, marine design, or topographical), engineers (civil, electrical, railroad or computing), locomotive engineers and firemen, electricians (general, armature winder or wiremen), floor hands (shipyard), construction foremen (bridge building, earthwork, ship or railroad), foremen (gyratory or jaw crushers).

Gas-plant workers (acetylene, hydrogen, oxygen, poison, illumination or compressor), gunsmiths or operatives in gun factories, locomotive hostlers, railroad car inspectors, locomotive inspectors, instrument makers and repairmen (engineering, optical or electrical), telegraph and helpers (linemen, machinists and helpers (general, lathe, bench or railroad), general mechanics.

Meteorologists or physicists, mine or quarry workers and helpers, drill runners, foremen, powdermen or pumpmen, motorcyclists, molders, painters, photographers, plumbers or pipe fitters, forest rangers, car repairmen, bridge, building or ship riggers, saddlers or harnessmakers, sailmakers, tentmakers or other canvas workers, railroad section hands.

Steersmen, sheet-iron workers and helpers, soldiers or tinmiths, stenographers, surveyors, levelmen, transmitters (topographic or railroad), tailors, teamsters, telegraph operators, telephone operators, and telephone operators who can speak German.

Timber cruisers, wagonmakers, acetylene or oxacetylene welders, wireless operators, yardmasters or switchmen.

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