

**POWELL VALLEY**

Rev. Wm. L. Hawkinson, pastor of the Swedish Mission churches at Powell Valley and Damascus, is exceedingly busy looking after the spiritual interests of his two congregations. He has taken up his residence on Lawrence avenue in Gresham. At the Powell Valley church next Sunday, Rev. C. A. Nelson from Fresno, California will preach and a service will be held in the evening at 8 o'clock. On Saturday evening, June 1, the young people will meet as usual. The Thursday evening meeting will be held next week as usual. A hearty invitation to all these meetings is extended.

A party was given last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Palmblad, in honor of their son Paul, who will leave in a few days for a training camp. There were present all his brothers and sisters, besides a number of friends from Portland and from Powell Valley.

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held at the schoolhouse next Wednesday evening, June 5, when some questions of vital interest will be taken up. The association has on hand the sum of \$30, which they may appropriate to the support of a French or Belgian orphan. The matter will come up for discussion at this meeting, also the question of continuing the association work next year.

Mrs. John Palmblad visited at Holey yesterday with Mrs. S. Stenberg.

Stop reading here and turn to the want ad column.

**KELSO**

Kelso has again made good in raising her quota of \$208.00 in the Red Cross drive just ended. Credit is due to the following members of the soliciting committee who assisted Mrs. R. Jonsrud, local campaign manager: Mrs. C. Platt, Mrs. John Renneue, Mrs. H. S. Nelson, Mrs. Baumbach, Mrs. Joel Jarl, Mrs. E. V. Erickson and Mrs. Max Kligel.

Twin babies, a girl and boy, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Monroe Saturday. The boy, however, died Sunday night. Mother and girl baby are doing well.

The sad news of the death of William Guldenzops in Oregon City Sunday came as a shock to his family here. Mr. Guldenzops, who had been employed for some time in the paper mill at Oregon City, was struck, while at work, by a hemlock siver in the face which resulted in blood poison. He leaves a widow and eleven children, the youngest only six months old. The funeral was held on Thursday at the home. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Fred Suckow recently bought a Buick Four from Robert Jonsrud

Little Ida Ludvigson, who has been ill with pneumonia at her grandparents, O. Mikkelsen's home, is recovering. Mrs. Ludvigson, who was also ill, has recovered.

Mrs. Minnie Maroney's little daughter Ethel has been quite ill for some time, and her son George recently recovered from an attack of pneumonia.

Bargains in the want ads.

**LABOR FARM PROBLEM IS NOW IN SOLUTION**

Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of labor, has sent out from Washington an article intended to allay the fears of those who are bewailing the apparent shortage of farm labor. It will serve to allay the fears of farmers that there is going to be a dearth of help for the coming harvest. It follows:

The American farmer is the victim of publicity. So many people have been crying that there is a great shortage of labor that the farmer is beginning to believe it himself. Two-thirds of the farm-labor shortage is imaginary and the other third can be remedied. Careful surveys by agents of the department of labor indicate that outside of truck gardens there is no shortage at present except in the south. Truck gardeners have been subjected to unusual hardships by government contractors who have enticed laborers from surrounding farms to nearby cities instead of bringing them in from more distant points where there are large reserves of idle men.

It is true that there is a shortage of experienced farm help in many sections. There are, however, enough idle men in the cities to fill the gaps. Why then do they not go to the farms? The chief causes are low farm wages and poor working conditions. It is significant that in the United States, where wages average \$50 to \$70 per month, there is no shortage of farm help. The shortage reports come from the states which pay \$15 to \$40 per month. The degree of shortage varies with the lowness of wages. Never in history have prices for farm products been so high. Many farmers claim that even at present prices they are not making money. Be that as it may, any argument which applies to the farmer applies to the farm hand also. If the farmer himself complains of living conditions when his market prices are doubled he can not expect his employees to exist on the same old wage.

We are suffering today for the sins of the past. There is hardly a sweated industry in the country which offers so poor a future as farming. The rising price of land has made it almost impossible for the man without capital to set up for himself and has destroyed the incentive which would make an able-bodied man endure the long hours, low wages, and poor housing of the American farmer. For a final solution we must deal with the whole farm problem in a fundamental manner. As a war measure, however, the farm must be made a more attractive place to work. Upon the farm, as in those sections where there are labor problems I urge an immediate betterment in the wages and working conditions of the farm worker. Higher wages he must have—\$45 per month with board and lodging should be the minimum. Permanence of employment is needed and this means no more hiring by the day. Shorter hours are needed; this means no more sun-to-sun days. A man will do more and better work in 10 hours than he will in 14. Finally, better housing and better food are needed. These are the things the government expects from the farmer. Now what can the farmer expect from the government?

The government is prepared to assist the farmer to the limit of its power. Up to the first of the year 57 farm-labor offices had been established by the labor department; more have been added. Farm-labor specialists are already on the ground in 44 of the 48 states. All third and fourth class postoffices have been authorized to act as farm-labor agencies, and daily newspapers and commercial organizations have been asked to establish farm-labor agencies under the United States Employment Service. The labor department has solved the problem to deal similarly with the problem of farm labor. It is prepared to protect the farmer against the inroads of the government contractors, who sweep small areas bare of workers. If the farmer will do his part the government will do its part. What we need now is less agitation about putting women on the farms, less talk about the importation of Chinese thousands of miles away, and more team work and mutual confidence. There are plenty of able-bodied men in American to farm American farms and the department of labor will see that they get there.

**Makes Supreme Sacrifice.**

A little white cross "somewhere in France" marks the grave of H. Whiteman, a Y. M. C. A. war work secretary who operated a hut close to the Messines front. He contracted pleuro-pneumonia while serving the soldiers.

**Caring for Chinese.**

It is reported that fully 200,000 Chinese laborers are in France, building railroads and working behind the lines. The Y. M. C. A. has established huts for them.

**Taken by Enemy.**

Five Y. M. C. A. foyers du soldat buildings recently turned over to the British Y. M. C. A. are now in the hands of the Germans.

Carco spray for maggot on cabbage, beets, turnips, radishes, etc. All sizes at L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

**Bargains.**

Champion binder, 5 feet, \$65.  
Iron Age potato planter fertilizer attachment, \$125.  
Black Hawk Oliver spreader, 50-bushels, \$125.  
One 14-inch Black Hawk Oliver spreader, No. 40, \$20, jointer and wheel.  
One 12-inch Oliver chilled plow No. 20, \$16.  
One No. 11 1/2 Ross corn or hay cutter, \$30.  
Moline tractor, 2-wheel.  
HESSEL'S FARM MACHINERY.

**REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM GERMAN PRISON**

The Outlook is in receipt of a copy of the Viking News, of Alberta, Canada, containing a thrilling account of the remarkable adventures of Trooper Boyd Gray of Alberta and his escape from Germany, after being taken a prisoner. The paper was received by Mrs. B. H. Green of Gresham, and through her courtesy the remarkable account is reproduced.

Trooper Gray enlisted with the First Canadian Mounted Rifles on January 1, 1915. After the usual training in Canada and England the company volunteered to take a crack at Fritz as infantrymen and the battalion was sent over to take their turn in the trenches. When the third battle of Ypres raged they were in the thick of it. The Germans lunged their heaviest bombardment at the Canadians, and as Boyd puts it, "Hell broke loose all along the line." His company held an important position and the Germans centered their attack on that point.

Again and again Fritz charged but the cold steel of the Canadians held them back. The Germans continued to come over in great hordes, and the rifles were holding their ridge. Fritz broke the line held by some Australians that were literally wiped off the earth. Colonel Shaw, in command of the Rifles, fell mortally wounded and in order to save his plucky men his last words were to retreat, but the boys would have none of it and kept on fighting against great odds.

The Rifles went into the fight 923 strong but dwindled to 60, and seeing that they could no longer hold the Huns back they began to retire. But had hardly gotten underway when they were met by the Germans who had broken through the Australian lines unbeknown to the Rifles. All but seven of the 60 were shot and Boyd happened to be one of the survivors of that gallant body of men whose deeds will live as long as history is recorded.

The prisoners were marched back of the German lines, two days and then put on a train and sent to the prison camp at Dulmen, about 200 miles inland. When asked how the y were treated by the Germans Trooper Gray said, "Rotten", with emphasis on the rotten.

The manner of his escape cannot be printed on account of the censorship rules, but it was thrilling. He went to Holland, then transferred to England where he spent six months before obtaining a furlough to come home. He was given his discharge but volunteered again and was reported at Calgary for orders. He has a three month's furlough but will not take advantage of more than a few weeks.

**LUSTED**

Theodore Neibauer lost a valuable mule last week in a peculiar way. The animal was hitched to a scraper and for some cause became frightened or angry and kicked a tremendous blow onto the sharp edge of the scraper, which cut off one leg completely and nearly severed the other one.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Rauw attended the graduation exercises of the Pacific Dental College in Portland. Harvey Schneider was one of the graduates.

George Lusted is on the sick list and is in the care of a physician.

**CORBETT**

Mrs. M. E. Reed visited her daughter's in Portland Friday and Saturday. Ralph Kincaid has been transferred from Camp Lewis to Norfolk, Va., and is in the engineers' corps.

Mrs. Zoe McCleverty of Portland was an over-Sunday visitor at Ferndale Place.

Columbia Grange will meet in regular session, Saturday, June 1st. The flag, recently purchased by the grange will be raised and appropriate songs sung.

Mrs. Hyde of Portland is the guest of Mrs. Lucy Kincaid.

**PLEASANT HOME**

The Ladies' Aid will meet next week Wednesday at the church instead of at the parsonage, as formerly announced. The change was made on account of the illness of Mrs. Ford's daughter.

**Jumps to His Task.**

John Masfield, English poet and playwright, says that he has seen a Y. M. C. A. man in France ladling out hot coffee to the men in a dug-out where his predecessor had been killed only half an hour before.

**Recites to Soldiers.**

Mud splashed and hobbled, E. H. Sothern, the eminent American actor, recently gave a selection from Hamlet before American soldiers in a Y. M. C. A. hut in France.

**Tailoring**

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Read the Want ads.



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CRADDOCK SERVICE

**OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS**

Men rejected from the army because of minor physical defects are given the opportunity to volunteer for important special or limited service, through a call just issued by the War Department.

This special service is in spruce production work and includes a wide range from telegraphy and cooking to automobile and locomotive driving. Those who desire to volunteer must do so, however, by June 6, for after that date if the required number of men have not been obtained voluntarily, they will be taken from the draft registration lists.

"The Military Aeronautics Branch is in need of certain skilled men," says the War Department's call. "Men qualified for special military service only will be accepted under this call. Men qualified for special or limited military service are not desired for this service."

"Repeated requests have been received at this office for an opportunity for limited service men to enter the service. These men will be engaged in Spruce Production work for aeroplanes, which is interesting and healthful work. The following types of men are desired:

- Locomotive engineers, firemen, railroad grade foremen, railroad track foremen, wooden bridge carpenters, locomotive repairmen, telephone linemen, surveyors or railroad instrument men, telegraphers, draftsmen, pile driver foremen, stationary engineers for donkey engines, steam-shovel operators, carpenters, steam fitters, electricians, auto mechanics, auto drivers, cooks, clerks, railroad brakemen, railroad conductors, and a large number of laborers.

"Please give the widest publicity to this matter. Urge technically qualified registrants to present themselves to their local boards for listing. If a sufficient number of volunteers are not secured, involuntary induction will be used."

Today the wheat crisis abroad has grown most acute. This is the far-end of the cereal supply,—the last few months before the new harvest. The Allies home supply is at its lowest. Their need for outside help is at its highest. The Allies cannot hope to meet the crisis on the first line trench unless we assure them help in the food crisis that threatens their rear guard of brave men, women and children left behind to build ships, make munitions and prepare clothing for those at the front.

When he comes back are you going to be able to look him in the face and say "I helped you?" You can't do it if you rob him of wheat, meats and sugar.

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**CLACKAMAS AGENT CALLED FOR DRAFT**

The local draft board of Hood River, declined to heed a petition, presented by a delegation of prominent Clackamas county men, who asked that R. W. Arens, assigned as one of the 10 men drawn to fill this county's June draft quota, be given a deferred classification and allowed to continue his work as Clackamas county agriculturalist, according to an announcement received here Wednesday morning.

Mr. Arens, an Oregon Agricultural College graduate, until a month ago, has been engaged at Hood River on the middle orchard place of his father, F. X. Arens, director of the New York People's Symphony Orchestra.

The delegation, composed of C. E. Spence, Harvey G. Starkweather, Judge H. S. Anderson and Paul V. Maris, the latter a member of the Oregon Agricultural College faculty, stated that they would accept the ruling of the local board and would not make an appeal to the district board.—Oregon City Courier.

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