

RULINGS BY POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT

Several new rulings have been made by the postoffice department in connection with mail to soldiers from this country who may be prisoners of war; also in regard to requests for parcels to be sent abroad. These rulings have not heretofore been published and are worthy of notice by all who may be interested now or at any time during the course of the war. The following sections have been taken from the Official Bulletin:

Section 5. Money Orders for War Prisoners Held by the Central Powers.—Postmasters are instructed to inform patrons desiring to send money to prisoners of war in Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, or Turkey, or in territory occupied by the said Central Powers, that the only method of sending remittances is through the Bureau of Prison Relief of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., which has been granted a license for such business by the war Trade Board.

Postmaster will accept applications on which the regular domestic fee must be paid for domestic money orders payable to the "American Red Cross" at Washington, D. C., which in turn will endeavor to forward the money to prisoners without additional cost. Patrons should be requested to give the full and exact name of the payee and the location of the prison when known.

Money intended for prisoners of war held by those countries which are allies of the United States should, as usual, be issued on the international form, without charge for fee, marked "Payee a Prisoner of War" and forwarded to the Exchange Office, New York.

A. M. DOCKERY,
Third Ass't Postmaster General.

Sec. 6. Mail for Prisoners of War.—The registration of mail for prisoners of war is strictly prohibited under all conditions.

Free postage applies to prisoners of war of any nationality wherever confined, whether in neutral, allied or enemy countries, but no provision is made, however, for free postage to prisoners confined in this country. Postmasters and clerks are cautioned to look for the designation "Prisoner de Guerre" or "Kriegesgefangener" (Prisoner of War) in case of absence of postage. (Seattle Bulletin, 5-18-18).

Sec. 7. Approved Requests.—The Department has ordered, under date of May 31, 1918, that no parcels shall be accepted for mailing to members of the American Expeditionary Forces unless accompanied by the signed request of the addressee, approved by an officer who is a major or of a higher rank than major. When the approval of a regimental officer is authenticated by a staff officer, the name of the former, should appear above the signature of the latter, as for example:

"Approved by Col. Richard Roe,
John Doe, Captain, Inf. Adj."

No officer may approve his own request for article unless he is a regimental or higher commander having authority to approve requests in general, and officers not assigned to regiments should obtain the approval of commanders higher in rank than regimental commanders.

The endorsement of the signature or initials of a lieutenant or other officer, together with the letters "O. K." on a soldier's letters merely for the purpose of showing that the letter has been censored and passed does not constitute such an approval of any request for articles which his letter may contain, as is required by the Department.

Postmasters should inform persons presenting requests approved by officers of lower rank than major, that such approval is not sufficient, and that they should send such requests to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., who will approve them, if considered proper.

Requests of members of organizations not directly under military control must be approved by an executive officer of the organization with which he is connected.

The final reports on the Red Cross dinner at the fairgrounds on May 31 reveal the fact that the net proceeds amounted to \$118.

Don't delay buying that Blue Flame oil stove, the price will surely advance. See L. L. Kidder Hdw. Co.

THIRD OREGON GREET LIEUTENANT IN FRANCE

Somewhere in France, May 4, '18.
Dear Mother and Father:—I received your most welcome letter yesterday and was glad to hear you were enjoying good health.

Well, since I have heard from you I have seen some beautiful country and France is surely a beautiful place, and I have traveled many miles in search of the Third Oregon and will attempt to describe my billet (as we call the house we live in) when I get back.

Looking out of my window or door



2D LIEUT. FRED H. CRANE

as it appears to be is a beautiful flower garden which is 30x50 feet and in this are winding paths with lovely flowers on either side and the place is surrounded by a stone fence and in front is an artistic steel fence and it is all very beautiful.

In my room are a number of rare books and the furniture is grand, and there are some pieces that are hundreds of years old and the most beautiful that I have ever seen, and the bed is surely appreciated by me as it is a long time since I have slept in a real bed. I do not get much time to stay in my billet as we are drilling nine hours a day and one hour of officers' school per night and lots of mail to censor, so you see I am very busy.

This is a nice little town with quite a few grand old chateaus, some of which were built in the 9th century; and the people do surely treat us fine and I am glad to be able to say that the feeling is reciprocated by our boys.

And say, Daddy, you tell the people at home that we get all we want to eat and plenty of good, wholesome food at that, for any one who says we don't is telling an untruth.

Of course I would like to be back in dear old Oregon but we are going to stay until it is ended if it takes a lifetime.

When I returned the officers and men gave me three cheers and I was glad to be back with the old 3d Oregon, although it has been changed around so that there are not many of the old members with it now.

Do not fear as I am in no danger. From your affectionate son,

F. H. CRANE,
2d Lieut. Co. C 162 Inf. Amer. E. F.

WILL UNFURL BANNER ON NATIONAL FLAG DAY

Friday being National Flag Day it has been arranged to unfurl the new municipal flag on next Friday afternoon with appropriate exercises suitable to the occasion.

A special meeting of the city council was held last night at which all arrangements were made for raising the new flagpole on Thursday afternoon next at 5 o'clock. Mayor Kenney was chosen to secure a speaker for the flag unfurling ceremony, while Councilmen Geddes and Thoms are to help in the other arrangements. Councilman Ed Metzger is preparing the musical and literary parts of the program.

All the leading business houses will close on Friday afternoon before the exercises begin and will not reopen for that day. The exercises will be held on the city hall plaza and all persons are invited to be present.

John D. Mann, deputy U. S. district attorney was secured today as the principal speaker for the Flag Day exercises. Mr. Mann is a forceful orator and well informed. He will be remembered as one of the speakers who addressed the crowd at the unveiling of the Goddess of Liberty.

Mrs. Joe Gardner entertained at luncheon one day last week Mrs. Walter Lynn, Mrs. Ed Decker, Mrs. Chas Dillon, Mrs. Jack Zim and baby.

CORPORAL CUNNINGHAM WRITES ENTERTAININGLY OF LIFE AT THE FRONT

Extracts from Mr. Carlyle Cunningham's letters:

May 1, 1918.

I suppose you, at this time, are locked fast in pleasant little dreams of one sort or another—but I—why, you wouldn't believe I ever had a wish left ungratified or a trouble in the world.

I am sitting on the top of a three hundred foot hill looking down on the greenest little hill-locked valley meadow one could find anywhere in France. On the far side of this meadow at the base of the other hill I can see just a tiny grey streak of hard well-kept road, with a ribbon of little creek meandering just this side of it toward another slightly larger stream which flows into the valley below me from the right. The sun never shone brighter in France I know. A few hundred yards this side of the larger stream a dozen or so cattle are feeding.

Everything looks so peaceful here where, as only four score miles away, the largest cannon the world knows of is sending thousands of lives into the unknown. After all hell seems only a quarter of a mile away.

I am entitled to a seven days' leave now anytime I want it, but I think I shall wait for summer and then see the country at its prettiest. It's too bad you can't run down to Venice, Rome, Naples and Herculaneum with me, but I shall have much to tell you about these wonderful old cities when I return from the other side of the world.

I am glad, too, that I took this opportunity to see how the other half lives. You'll be shocked as well as interested at some of the things you'll hear. And then there is much that a well-bred, well-educated person—especially a girl—would never see if they travel through some places here.

The boys got up a little athletic performance one evening in March and this is what I have to say about it:

The young fellow I worked with that night is a very prodigy. He has more natural talent for sketching and drawing than any one I have ever met in that line—and I saw some good ones at college. I am sending you a sample of his work. He has been all over the world—America, South America, Africa, India, Japan, China, Java, Australia, England, and all the central countries. His father and mother were killed in the taking of Antwerp and he was sent to the United States. He has had no education of any kind except a thoroughly practical one. His father and mother were circus performers in Belgium—also his sister, who was mutilated by the Germans—and in the circus he was born. That is all he has ever known from babyhood and he is naturally a clown. He does on making people laugh and be happy. Strange, isn't it? I had heard that most of our thoroughly funny men's lives had a serious background but had never until now met an example. At times, though, he is terribly despondent.

Well, my plan is to have him come to our home at Gresham while he goes to school. I feel I must do something for him for a great deal was done for me once.

May 3, 1918.

Day before yesterday I started a

ARMENIAN RELIEF SUBJECT OF MEETING

A community meeting in the interest of Armenian Relief work will be held at Regner's hall next Friday evening, June 14, beginning at 8:30 sharp. The speakers of the evening will be Rev. M. B. Paroungian, former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here, and Dr. M. G. Papazian, pastor of the Armenia church in Fresno, California. Both are native Armenians, well qualified to speak on the subject. Dr. Papazian was a professor in an Armenian college and has witnessed the brutality practiced on his unfortunate countrymen.

The story of their persecution by the Turks has horrified the world for a quarter of a century but their sufferings since the beginning of the war have been almost unbelievable. The true story will be told by the speakers and funds for relief work will be solicited.

Children's Day, at Gresham grange on Saturday, was largely attended and a splendid program was given. The grange dinner was an elaborate affair considering that it lacked many of the essentials that are prescribed by war conditions.

Four candidates were given the third and fourth degrees and there was a short address by J. J. Johnson, master of Evening Star grange, who was an afternoon visitor. The secret instructions of the degrees were imparted to the candidates by A. F. Miller of Lents grange.

Notice was published last week of the issuing of a marriage license at Vancouver, Washington to Joseph E. Lynch and Miss Carolyn Wirtz, both of Portland. The bride was a resident of Gresham for several years and has many friends here.

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

horizontal bar and trapeze for the boys to work on and yesterday found a turn-out of the entire camp to watch the Belgium and I celebrated the grand opening. Then I organized a gym class and started the boys in on some beginner's stunts. We expect to have some great times during the evenings for the next few weeks.

The letter of May 5, enclosed the following from the Belgium boy above mentioned:

D. W. Dieleman.

"My Dear Friend:—I am wringing your a few lines don't look at my bon writing, did you like the pictures I put in letter of Cunningham, he is a good friend of my, he learned me a lots of akrobating the you are, it must be nice out there I like the mountains. I will make some more pictures for you I will close for this time

Wright me a few line when you write Cunningham

Best Regards
from your Friend
D. W. DIELEMAN.

May 5, 1918

We went for a walk out along the boulevard. There I met the little girl whose mother and grandma do my laundry. I stopped and chatted with her and Sommers (another Corporal) and I divided our nougat sticks with her little playmates and herself.

They are a type of the real French aristocracy but circumstances bring people pretty low financially some times. (C'est la guerre). They once owned a splendid home in the much disputed territory which the Germans now hold and now they live in a poor but clean two little rooms and a hall. The little tot surely has a real grandmother and her mother is a beauty—sans the clothes.

One evening Poor, Mathis, Naylor, Reynolds and myself went up their with our laundry and while there we had a chance to offer Leona some sou. She accepted three or four with most profuse and proper thanks and marker for one so young—only six—and seeing more coming, held up both little fists and cried—"no—no—no—no" as fast as she could with "merci, Messieurs, merci." I thought it certainly reflected on her good training since most of the little urchins on the street will follow for blocks begging for a penny. After she had counted her money she raced over to the mantel behind the stove and dropped them all in her little pig (porcelain) bank.

Well, we promenaded on down the boulevard (Sommers fell in love with the little kid) and then we decided to take in the "cinema." We were glad we did. We saw Cavellieri and Muroto star in "Le Rose de Grenade." Every movement and action betokened the artists they are. He was certainly a strong character and she—well you must see her to describe the reality she can portray.

I am quite surprised, too, to note how rapidly I have picked up French. There was but one heading thrown on the screen that I was unable to translate. Of course translation is far easier than writing or speaking, but when I recall that six months ago I could scarcely understand either a spoken or written word of French, I feel that I have learned a good deal in that time. I surely am sorry that I didn't get the grammar of it last year at college.

FOUR CANDIDATES GIVEN TWO DEGREES

The pile in the window today contains 41 full sacks and several half-filled ones. There are also several packages, one of which contains only 2 1/2 pounds. Altogether the collection has now reached 45 sacks and is still growing.

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RED CROSS WILL SERVE LUNCH AT AUCTION SALE

O. W. Tarr is preparing to go into the tractor business and is expecting a carload here in a few weeks direct from the eastern factory. In order to devote his time to the new enterprise he is going to sell his herd of registered Jerseys, 16 in all and has advertised a public sale which will take place at his farm just east of Gresham, on the Section Line road, on June 28.

Of these animals, all of which are either registered or subject to registry, nearly everyone has been a prize winner at some stock show. Three of them took first prize and three of them second at the Multnomah county fair last year. One of the cows is rated as probably the best bred cow in the state, being a double line bred descendant of Royal Majesty. She took the second premium as a yearling. When two years old her record was 43 pounds of milk daily with first calf. This was not an official record, however, as she was not in any herd.

Some of the cows are in the double A class. One with her first calf will this year make a record of 7000 pounds of milk. The entire herd was raised by Mr. Tarr and none of them have reached their fifth year. The oldest of them will be five years old next September.

The herd bull's sire was the grand champion at the San Francisco exposition, owned by Harry West of Scappoose. All of these animals were recently tuberculin tested.

A lunch will be served at noon by the women of the Red Cross of No. 8 school district. Mr. and Mrs. Tarr will furnish the coffee and milk.

ALL ALIEN GERMAN FEMALES TO REGISTER

All alien German females in the United States, must register as such during the time between June 17 and 26. Postmaster Roberts has been notified to make all such registrations within the specified time under the law which says:

"When the United States marshal of any judicial district is informed by the attorney general of the days on which registration of German alien females is to take place in any city or nonurban area he shall immediately notify the chief registrar thereof."

Postmaster Roberts has received such authority and notice, and all alien German women over the prescribed age of 14 years must comply therewith under the severe penalties of fine and imprisonment.

All who know themselves to be in such class must not fail to register. All who may be in doubt, owing to the circumstances of their birth, should get full information as to their status at once.

WAR FLOUR RETURNS TO MAKE TRUCK LOAD

Metzger's store, which is the receiving depot of this section for returned flour, is piling up a large quantity. Considerable more is promised which will come in and the indications point to a truck load from this vicinity.

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This increase in rates will affect all letters sent to this country, including the soldiers' mail addressed for delivery in the United States.

Mrs. Robert Jonsrud, the Outlook's correspondent at Keiso, is the mother of a fine boy, born on June 7. Mother and baby are doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Jonsrud are receiving congratulations from their numerous friends.

MACHINERY STORE HEAD URGES SILOS

W. A. Hessel, manager of Hessel's farm machinery store in Gresham, was interviewed yesterday regarding the effect of the freight raise on railroad transportation which will go into effect on the twenty-fifth of the present month.

Mr. Hessel deals largely in farm implements and is in a position to know that all freights ordered after that date will have to bear the increase. He suggests orders at once for all machinery needed, so as to get in ahead of the advance which will be 25 per cent.

Another matter that Mr. Hessel wishes to fully impress upon all dairymen especially is the fact that there will be no bran or shorts for feeding purposes except the small quantity now on hand in the markets. All mills have shut down until after the new crop begins coming in. It therefore becomes a necessity that the cow owners shall provide green feed for their stock which can only be done by building silos for summer use. Some dairymen are doing this but many are not, and those who can save their green clover or other grasses are going to have plenty of milk-producing feed during the summer.

The Hessel machinery store is doing a big business just now in farm machinery, several farmers finding that the scarcity of help requires labor-saving machinery. The two-row cultivator is a favorite this season and many are being sold. Three Japanese farmers have bought a cultivator of this type lately.

The Sun Dial ranch has recently bought a Moline two-row tractor cultivator and a P. & O. bean planter. The Sun Dial managers are putting in 100 acres of beans, 50 acres of squash and several hundred acres of cabbage and potatoes. Five tractors are now at work preparing the soil for these crops.

Several farmers are already preparing for the grain harvest. Among those who have outfitted themselves at Mr. Hessel's place are B. C. Strman with a Deering binder; Mr. Vanderworth, on the Proctor farm, with a Deering; and J. C. Bettis, with a McCormick. Others are negotiating for these implements while they may be had before the cost advances.

BUCKWHEAT NAMED AS BEST LATE GRAIN CROP

No other grain crop for late planting in Oregon is quite equal to buckwheat, the Oregon Agricultural College station has found by repeated trials on the college farm. The following recommendations for its culture are offered by Prof. G. R. Hyslop, head of farm crops:

"Vetch fields, harvested for silage or destroyed by aphid may be disked thoroughly, or in some cases plowed and worked to a seed bed for the crop.

"Buckwheat sowed at thirty-five to forty pounds per acre as early as possible in June will give a good return of wheat substitutes or stock feed. It is a good feed for poultry and other kinds of live stock when in mixture with other grain. The grain is rich, nutritious and is a crop that is easily handled.

"Oregon has never been a large producer of buckwheat, but all indications are that every pound of buckwheat that may be produced will be valuable and will help to carry human beings and live stock through the winter."

"The College has a circular on Buckwheat, which may be had on request.

HALEY YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD AUCTION SALE

The young people of the Haley Baptist church will hold an auction sale of useful and fancy articles next Saturday evening, June 15, at the church. The sale will begin at 8 o'clock. Ice cream and cake will be sold during the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

For Sale.
One 8 h. p. engine, Webster magnet, nearly new. A bargain, \$185.
One 1 1/2 h. p. Fairbanks, nearly new, \$52.50.
One 6-shovel, spring trip cultivator, first-class condition, \$45.00.
Seven second-hand cream separators in good condition, \$25 to \$50.
One 50-bushel spreader, \$125.
HESSLER'S FARM MACHINERY CO.,
Gresham, Oregon.

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