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RED CROSS FUNDS SENT COUNTY HEADQUARTERS

In the recent Red Cross campaign the committee in charge of the work for the Hermiston country computed that we should give \$1,090 as our portion. This amount has been secured and forwarded to the county headquarters at Pendleton.

In raising this money an effort was made to list everyone that all might have a part. It is a duty we owe to support the Red Cross to the fullest extent possible. In portioning the donations to include all, not only were the people given an opportunity to have a part in the great work, but also the assessment on each individual was thereby made within the reach of everyone.

In collecting the funds the various committees met a hearty response. In many instances a larger amount than assessed was given and in a few instances a part of the donation was refused as it was felt too much was offered. The committee believed a smaller amount and more giving was the better. If future calls are made all will feel more free to give again.

A complete check has not yet been made. It is no small task to list the five hundred or more names, especially at this busy time with other work demanding attention. However, a complete record will be kept, including not only the donor but the amount. As for those who were able to give but refused, happily there were very few. A list of these, too, will be kept and the committee hopes in the near future to be able to publish their names that all may know them.

Committee

BOARDMAN NEWS

Swimming is the order of the day in Boardman.

S. A. Barns was a passenger to Rock creek last week.

W. E. Harper and L. Markham went to Hood River Tuesday.

F. H. Edmonds, of Ridgefield, Wash., filed on a homestead Thursday.

Mrs. L. Markham went to Echo Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Walter Harper returned from Milton Thursday where he had been working.

Mrs. Eugene Cummins went to Oregon City to visit her daughter for a few weeks.

Mrs. R. Rands accompanied by E. P. Dodd was here Friday looking up the hotel proposition.

O. H. Warner is repairing and building on the Dodd building getting it ready for the hotel.

R. Rands and son Buster drove over Wednesday from Irrigon with a load of household goods.

Frank Partlow came in Thursday from Hermiston where he has been working in the hay fields.

H. C. Harrison, Eugene Cummins, J. C. Ballenger and Sidney Mack drove over to Hermiston Monday in the interest of the water users association.

J. L. Jenkins and L. Packard drove in their cars from Ritter, Ore., where they have been on an outing. Mr. Jenkins filed on a homestead Wednesday.

CHILDREN JOINING LOCAL RED CROSS

When the Red Cross was first organized in Hermiston the impression was general that men were not eligible. The ladies soon made it clear to the men that they could join and many have. Another source of membership is now quite apparent and also very gratifying. This is the number of children joining.

Already a number of boys and girls have saved their pennies and nickels until a whole dollar was reached and proudly went to the secretary or membership committee to be enrolled. Most of these youngsters are under ten years. Others have announced that they are saving and have almost a dollar.

Such a movement is most commendable. A dollar saved by the little folks means far more than the dollar given by a grown up. Not only is the value greater in proportion, but it means with such boys and girls today the country will have splendid men and women later.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

Henry Sommerer spent Thursday in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Spinning moved to town this week.

G. W. Bradley of Pendleton, visited at his ranch last Wednesday.

Tom Stewart has accepted the position as foreman for the Hoisington ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Adams spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Art Spinning.

Mrs. Hoisington spent last week in Pendleton with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Genger.

Mrs. Allen and Ed. Hitt were dinner guests at the Murchie home last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bucholz and sons from Stanfield were visitors in this section last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lucas and little son from California are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hannan.

J. F. Strasser has taken C. A. Kellar's position with the Bohn company during Mr. Kellar's absence.

Mrs. Mathews, Milton and Mrs. Hornby arrived Tuesday from Spokane. They expect to spend the summer at their ranch.

Mrs. Sommerer who has undergone an operation at St. Anthony's hospital, Pendleton, is getting along nicely and expects to be home in a short time.

The barn on the Stillings ranch is just about completed. It is a very fine building, being the largest east of Hermiston. Mr. Stillings is also building a silo, its capacity being 70 tons.

Miss Ruth Akers was a delightful little hostess to the Sunday school class to which she belongs. Music and games were the diversion of the evening after which refreshments were served.

There will be an important road meeting at Columbia school Saturday, the 30th, which the county commissioners will attend. Those interested in good roads are especially urged to attend this meeting.

Floyd Eckles will leave very soon for his home in Berkeley, Cal. Floyd has been making his home with his uncle, T. E. Brassfield for over a year and he has made many friends that are sorry to see him leave.

EAST END WEDDING SUNDAY EVENING

Sunday evening at five o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Graham, Miss Ruth Graham was united in marriage to Clarence B. Utterback, of Puyallup, Wash. The ring service was used and Rev. T. A. Graham, uncle of the bride, was officiating clergyman. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only the families of the bride's parents and uncle and the Waugaman family being present.

The bride has been here but a short time. Her father bought land in the East End some months ago, but she remained in Puyallup to finish high school, being a member of the 1917 class. Mr. Utterback is a practicing physician and surgeon in Puyallup. Dr. and Mrs. Utterback left Tuesday morning for Puyallup.

HERMISTON HERALD CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Last Saturday a deal was closed whereby the plant and business of The Hermiston Herald was sold by F. R. Reeves to M. D. O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell takes possession next Monday. He is an old newspaper man thoroughly experienced in the business. He is expected today. He comes here from Richland, Wash., and has a family of a wife and three sons. Mrs. O'Connell came Tuesday, returning Wednesday, to look around for a suitable house. It will probably be a month before the family moves.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have no plans for the future. Both would prefer to remain in Hermiston if a suitable opening were found. They expect, however, to leave. Just when or where they will go is indefinite.

The Song Old Glory



WHAT is the song Old Glory sings
When the wind goes roaring by
And the banner born of valor flings
Itself against the sky?
Know you the song it rustles out
To the time beat of the breeze?
'Tis the blended chord of a battle shout
Caught up between the seas.

AMID the smoke it rose and clung
To the blazing Stripes and Stars,
And it is the call the flag gave tongue
When rent by shrapnel scars.
It ripples out when the wind is high
As it did in days long gone.
The flag careers to the bending sky
With its valiant shout "Come on!"

THAT is the song Old Glory sings
In the battle glare of noon,
And the breath of wild war trumpets rings
In this defiant tune.
The hoarse hurrah, the vibrant cheer,
Have been woven in its folds,
And the piercing fife note, shrill and clear,
Is in the song it holds.

WHAT is the song Old Glory sings
When the breeze is soft and slow
And the banner curves and swings and swings,
All stately, to and fro?
Know you that song, all gentleness,
With its measures sweet and smooth,
When the old flag waves with a mild caress
In cadence made to soothe?

THIS is the song Old Glory sings
When its ripple slowly runs:
'Tis a song of peace on gentle wings,
A song of silent guns.
All joyful, too, that the stress is done
And the throbbing drums cease;
'Tis a chant of victories long won,
A wondrous strain of peace.

—Chicago Daily News.

NEWS NOTES ABOUT UMATILLA COUNTY

Athena has erected a flag pole.

Athena will give its streets a coat of oil.

The Stanfield city council gave \$50 to the Red Cross.

Weston has secured a first class flouring mill plant.

The Henrietta mill, Echo, has been changed to Echo Flour mills.

At Pilot Rock 36,000 pounds of wool was sold at 61 cents per pound.

Pendleton has received its supply of postcards with which to advertise the 1917 Roundup.

J. W. Clay, a former Pendleton high school boy, is now with Pershing's forces in France as sergeant of engineers.

Athena is planning for the biggest Fourth of July celebration ever and the Red Cross will have a prominent part.

A U. S. engineer has inspected the Stanfield drainage ditch and reports it in bad condition. He advises immediate repairs.

There is some possibility of the state highway building across the Blue mountains on the Weston-Elgin route as the most feasible.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED CANS FOR HONEY CROP

Considerable has been said from time to time about honey production in the Hermiston country and some means whereby a fair estimate could be made of the output. So many have been in varying number of stands that this has been difficult. Among the

bee men on a large scale are John and Craig Thom. Though brothers, each conducts his business separate from the other except for a recent order of cans for the 1917 crop. Their bees are also several miles apart.

When it is considered that of the total honey production of the Hermiston country that of John and Craig Thom, though large individually, forms a small part, one can imagine what a mass of sweet stuff the grand total must make. They have just received their supply of 1917 cans, each holding five gallons or 60 pounds. There were 1800, making a total of 108,000 pounds or 54 tons when filled with honey. Measured by gallons this would be 9,000. The cans, if placed one on top of another, would be six cans short of a mile high. The honey would form a lake 14 inches deep, 30 feet wide and 333 feet long. If one had a roll of butter from the Hermiston creamery and a plate of mother's biscuit, wouldn't that be a great lake to live near?

INDUSTRIAL NOTES FROM ALL OREGON

O. W. R. & N. Co's. crop report for the northwest shows excellent prospects.

North Portland chosen by United States department of agriculture as one of the livestock stations for bureau markets. Is most important live stock market on Pacific coast.

Dayton—Large hothouse to be built here.

Roseburg—Dehydrating plant may be established here.

Lents—Miller-Mowrey mill to start soon.

Eugene—Lumber industry soon to enter upon great business era. Bus-

BORDER LIFE DESCRIBED BY HENRY BELSCAMPER

ness of mills has revived after 15 years of depression.

Southern Pacific Co. expects to be running electric cars to Corvallis by July 4.

War to give oil industry big impetus. Building of new merchant marine necessitates exploration of new field for fuel. Wells must be equipped.

Oregon City—Clackamas county wants 8 miles of paving this year.

Coos Bay—County commission lets contract for five bridges and three sections of road.

Coquille—Oregon Power Co. line between Coquille and Marshfield to be built this summer. Also line to Myrtle Point.

Grants Pass—Demand for ore causes sale of chrome mine near here which will be operated.

Myrtle Point—Contract let for Myrtle Point bridge to cost \$26,000.

Siuslaw—\$750,000 jetty completed at Siuslaw harbor.

Dufur—Five silos to be built in this vicinity this spring.

Coos Bay—New brick block to be built here.

U. S. foresters to build lookout houses at the summits of Mount McLaughlin, Diamond Peak and Rustler Peak on Crater national forest in July.

St. Helens—Paving plant ready for work on road between St. Helens and Houlton.

Florence—Contracts let for Gallagher, Stafford, Shortridge and Pashelike bridges.

Gleedada to have shingle mill.

Roseburg—New forest trail will be built in the Scottsburg district of the Siuslaw National Forest in Douglas county.

Marshfield—Two sawmills on the bay have decided to put on double shifts and will employ 500 more men.

Toledo—Survey of logging road extension to Siletz river completed.

Ashland—Free soda water being piped to city from Sanger wells.

Gold Beach—Maclean estate has bought three schooners to handle lumber.

Sellwood—Old mohair mills to be rebuilt to handle flax products.

The Dalles—Large concrete waterway to be built for Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.

Sheridan starting hard-surface good roads paving plans and demanding that only the best be laid as being the cheapest in the end.

Coos Bay cheese factories are making the highest scores and seem to be leading the state by the Corvallis test.

North Bend—Krusse and Banks shipyard has bid on five government boats and will know in ten days if they get the contract.

Ashland—Large feed mill and supply store established here.

Lexington to get new state bank.

Canyon City planning to build flour mill.

North Bend—Fireman and city will invest \$325 in a modern alarm system which will be ordered soon.

Lebanon—Paper mill to add extra shift July 1.

Harrisburg will have creamery and cheese factory.

North Bend—North Bend Mill & Lumber Co. let contract for large steel refuse burner. Men at work on foundation.

Silverton—Evergreen Co-operative cheese factory building 600 gallon vat.

Lebanon—Linn county to have thirty five miles of hard surfaced road as result of passage of road bonding measure.

North Bend—Portland firm to build North slough road.

Heppner—New bank will open here July 1.

Roseburg will place large concrete dam at hatcheries.

Vale—Inter-Mountain Oil & Gas Co. incorporates for \$1,000,000.

Eugene—Highway to coast from here to be surveyed soon.

Roseburg—Prune packing plants planned. Service to be established at Riddle and Myrtle creek.

Newport may have a shipbuilding plant.

The following is a letter from Henry Belscamper to his father at Hermiston:

June 8, 1917

Am not going to write much of a letter tonight but will write more next time. Left Jefferson barracks about 4 p. m. last Tuesday and landed here about 10:30 last night, Thursday. So you see we had a long trip. I figured up mileage. I have made since I left home between 1950 and 2000 miles. I am at Ft. Bliss near El Paso, Tex. Don't for goodness sake send my mail to Ft. Bliss because there are two places by the name of Ft. Bliss and it would get mixed. Send it headquarters Co. 18th Field Artillery (F. A.) El Paso, Tex. We came through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and into New Mexico and then back into Texas. Of all the land New Mexico has them all skinned. Rough, you don't know how it is. Sand and a real desert. Texas is bad too. Lots of sand and sand storms. The last rain was in March and they don't expect any more until September. Sand is terrible deep and that is all there is. The fort is a regular desert. It is located in the very southwestern part of the U. S. at the end of a chain of mountains which people say is the tail end of the Rockies. We are sleeping outside now. Our bunks are not finished; the floors are laid but the roofs are not on yet. One does not need a roof till fall. The days are hot, about 100 above. There is no shade as there are no trees, nothing but a desert. We have to wear heavy flannel shirts all day to keep our bodies from blistering. These are the bad points, now the good ones.

Lots of outdoor exercise. This place is 4,000 feet above sea level and cures one of catarrh, consumption, etc. We also have all we can eat. For dinner we have potatoes and beef, lots of it, all the bread we want, ice tea, sweet corn and apple short cake. For supper we had potatoes and meat, coffee, bread and prune sauce. For breakfast we had coffee, rice or cornflakes, bread and butter, sausage or some other kind of meat. The food is simple but substantial. Now say Uncle Sam's men are not fed. We take a bath every day and feel fine. We also do our own washing but can send it to the laundry if we want to. We have Wednesday and Saturday afternoons off and all day Sunday. We get up at 5 in the morning have breakfast and start to drill at 7:15. We drill for an hour or so and then have 15 or 20 minutes recess. Do this until noon. After dinner we start in at 1 or after and drill till 5 o'clock, then are all through for the day. Will write you again shortly and tell you more. Good bye. With lots of love. Henry Belscamper

TEN YEARS AGO

C. C. Wellington has sold the Hermiston cafe to J. B. Beebe.

J. E. Fritz is planting 12 acres of potatoes for C. P. Suayan this week.

A ten pound baby girl was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Skinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Brigham left Wednesday for a summer's outing in Montana.

A meeting of the library association will be held Tuesday evening at the home of E. E. McMillen.

W. E. Goodwin, from Montana, this week purchased 30 acres northeast of town and two city lots.

One hundred and ten feet of sidewalk on Main street and 120 feet on First street have been laid this week.

The Maxwell Land & Irrigation Co. is this week cutting alfalfa on its 80 acre tract. The yield will be 125 tons.

Sealed proposal for the erection of a church building will be received and opened by the trustees of the Hermiston Baptist church July 6, 1917.

Hermiston will hold its first election Monday, July 1. Two tickets have been nominated. The candidates are: West side—George Carr, mayor; Glenn Williams, recorder; Douglas Phay, marshal; G. W. Tyke, J. R. Evans, C. J. Jackson, H. E. Hanby, E. E. McMillen, L. W. Davis, councilmen.

East side—E. P. Dodd, mayor; Glenn Williams, recorder; Douglas Phay, marshal; J. D. Rice, treasurer; H. T. Irvin, F. B. Swayze, E. E. McMillen, James Griffin, L. W. Davis, H. E. Hanby, councilmen.