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PATRIOTIC WOMAN WRITES FROM FRANCE

Imagine the great relief to Mrs. J. I. Agnew, wife of a well known rancher operating a farm near this city, on receipt of a letter the other day from her patriotic sister, Mrs. W. E. Bell of Mont Clair, New Jersey, who is now doing Y. M. C. A. work in France, telling of her safe arrival there after a very hazardous trip. Here is part of the letter:

"We should have landed this morning but were delayed. However, it is most glorious on the river and warm as a May morning. I am feeling great now that the rolling is over and land in sight. I wish that I could describe our glorious entrance into the bay yesterday afternoon. I shall never forget it. It was one of those sights that is seldom seen by the traveler; like a wonderful stage setting—clear sky, blue water, ships, dirigibles, the sunset, the full moon, lighthouses and land in the distance—all blended in a way which I cannot describe. We expect to arrive in Paris Sunday morning. It has been a warm trip most of the way; the men have not worn top coats half the time. I can't write everything that has happened or will happen but I can remember everything and tell you when I come home in fifty weeks more.

One day later—"Here I am at last in Paris comfortably located in a hotel that is not fine but will meet all needs for awhile. All of the Y. M. C. A. women are here and some of the men. I am feeling fine and happy and glad that I came. I think that we will be sent out into the field at once because the need is so great. Today I will have to register with the police, so I must be about it before I am taken in.

Two days later—"I am still in Paris attending lectures and filling up on valuable information regarding the work that is before me. Tomorrow I will get my assignment and will leave Paris twelve hours later. I cannot tell you where I will be stationed, but I will be happy all the time and you must not worry about me. I have just heard that the report went out that our boat had gone down. We did send out a call for help when the rudder broke, and we were drifting for twelve hours on open sea in a storm, but no help came. Then our wireless went bad and we were not heard from again until the following Saturday, when we arrived in port."

WILL ENLARGE REFRIGERATOR PLANT

R. C. Challis, proprietor of the City Meat Market, returned from Portland Wednesday morning, whither he went the day before for the purpose of purchasing a larger refrigerating plant, the one now in use having become inadequate for his growing business.

With the new equipment, which will be installed the first of next month, the capacity will be treble that of the present plant, and as a result the cold storage room will be at the service at nominal cost of anyone wishing to use it for preservation purposes during the summer months or at any time of the year.

CIRCULARS CONTAIN INFORMATION OF VALUE

Three circulars have just been issued by the local experiment station that are of considerable importance and should be of interest to farmers on the Umatilla project. These publications deal with varieties of fruit for the home supply, border irrigation, windbreak trees and ornamental plants. Copies of each of these bulletins have been sent to all the persons whose names have been acquired by the experimental station. All those who have not received copies and who desire to receive the publications of the experiment station should send their names to H. K. Dean at the experiment station or to R. W. Allen who is now in charge of demonstration work on the project.

The infant daughter, 28 days old, of Mr. and Mrs. L. Reeder died Thursday afternoon from infantile troubles and was buried in Hermiston cemetery yesterday afternoon. The parents desire to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all who so kindly assisted them since the birth of the baby.

WELL-KNOWN PIONEER HAS BAD ACCIDENT

Col. J. F. McNaught, a pioneer of the Hermiston valley and one of the best known ranchers on the project, met with a very bad accident at his home in this city last Saturday night. It happened as he was stepping from the bath tub after going through his usual ablution, his foot slipping from under him as he stepped to the floor, thereby causing him to fall backward. Throwing out his right hand to break the fall he missed catching hold of the bath tub and fell with the arm underneath in such a manner that it broke it square off above the elbow. After having it set, himself and son, C. S. McNaught, went to Pendleton the following day and had an X-Ray application, which showed the bones had been perfectly joined. Though he suffered much pain for the time being, he is now getting along as well as can be expected.

HE'S OWNER OF HIS OWN DOMAIN NOW

This thing of having to move from a leased piece of land after one has become nicely situated evidently does not set well with Don Campbell, who operated the Ross Newport ranch near this city up to the time it was sold to Mr. Winesett of Virginia. Therefore, shortly after the sale Mr. Campbell began casting about for a place he could purchase, and in doing so found one that exactly suited, though in order to get the required area for his purpose he had to do much piecing.

After he got through, however, he had a good sized farm bought that contained 62 acres, all close to town. His first buy was the J. H. Reid residence and one acre of ground. Then he acquired four acres from Chas. Skinner, and in rapid succession 40 acres from the First National Bank of Pendleton and 17 acres from C. E. Baker, all alfalfa land, all joining and all improved except ten acres.

Earl Carson has 40 acres adjoining Mr. Campbell's place on the south. He has completed seeding it to alfalfa, and with that work done will now turn his attention to building a residence thereon and as quickly as possible vacate the Reid house, which himself and family have been occupying, so that the new owner can move into it.

RED CROSS

The commission for relief of occupied Belgium and France makes an immediate and urgent appeal for your good clean cast-off clothing. Bring to Red Cross work room week of 18th to 25th.

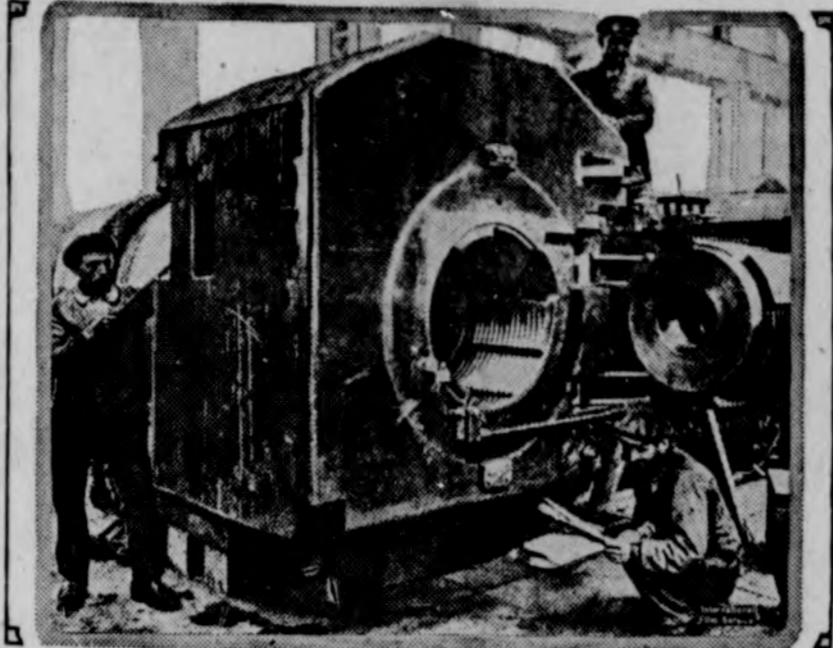
There are many ways of helping the Red Cross besides sewing and making dressing. One of the most urgent needs is for some one to offer their home one afternoon a week where children may be left so the mothers may work at the Red Cross room. The woman who does this is surely helping the cause most effectively.

On behalf of the local Red Cross the chairman wishes to thank all who contributed in any way to making the "Superfluity Sale" last week such a splendid success.

At the last business meeting it was voted to keep the work room open on Fridays as well as Tuesdays. Inasmuch as we must pay rent from March 1, it is essential we use our work room often. Mrs. A. S. Reid will have charge of work Tuesdays and Fridays and Mrs. Purdy Thursdays.

For lo, these many, many moons J. A. Reeves, rural delivery carrier, has lived in hopes that some day he would be able to discard the mules and replace them with a horseless carriage—and at last his dream of conquest in this has been realized. The mules had but one fault—going slow—and this had trait caused their owner to dispose of them and turn his attention to delivering the rural mail by the latest approved method. To do this he purchased a brand new Ford touring car, and with the machine he will be able to make the round trip in about four hours, whereas heretofore it took all of eight hours to make his daily rounds.

MAKING BIGGEST GUN USED BY ALLIES



This photograph shows men at work on a 520-millimeter howitzer in the Creusot War works, France. The 520-millimeter guns are the largest used by the allies on the western front.

COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Joerndt left Thursday for their home in Seattle after spending three weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jack Waller.

Mr. and Mrs. Leathers and Jack Gorham motored to Pendleton Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Prof. A. Von Holderbeke is expected to arrive Friday from Spokane to give scientific advice to the orchard companies that he supervises in this section.

Glen Akers from Wasco spent several days this week visiting his family in this section.

Alfred Groom has been ill this week with measles. During his absence Vernie Hall has been driving the school bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Ballenger from Boardman were visitors in this section Sunday.

Messrs. and Mesdames Vincent and Gentry and little daughter Gertrude motored down from Holdman Saturday to see the "Colored Suffragettes."

O. G. Sapper left Friday last for La-Grande where he met Mrs. Sapper on her return from Erie, Pa., where she spent the winter. They arrived on the motor Saturday evening.

Phillip Lay is back again among his Hermiston friends. Phillip spent the winter in Portland working for the Chevrolet Motor Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennison of Stanfield were Sunday callers at the Cassidy home.

Mrs. Franz, Lenora and Louis are again domiciled on their ranch in this section. Mrs. Franz and Lenora have been working in Pendleton for the last three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps purchased the Ford that was formerly owned by W. N. Rees.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bloom and daughter Mrs. W. Wheeler, arrived Monday from Fort Wayne, Ind., to spend the summer. Mr. Bloom is interested in the Ft. Wayne Fruit Company being one of the heaviest stock holders.

Childs Barham is now the proud possessor of a Reo having purchased the same from the Pendleton Auto Co.

Mr. Keys, salesman for the Pendleton Auto Co., was a project visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers are again located on their beautiful alfalfa ranch, having spent the winter in Portland.

Mrs. Hinkle and Frances were callers at the George Briggs home last Sunday.

Leo Clark has resigned his position as ditch rider with the government to improve his land.

Mrs. J. C. Barham is confined to her bed with la grippe.

Mrs. G. Akers with her colored theatrical troupe will again play the "Colored Suffragette" at the Boardman opera house Saturday night, March 23, by request.

Ladies attention! There will be a Neighborhood club meeting this afternoon, March 16, at Columbia school.

The dance given in the Auditorium last Friday night under the auspices of Akers' Orchestra was declared to have been par excellence by the large number of merrymakers in attendance. The music was good, the floor in perfect condition and the prizes for those having the most grotesque aprons and overalls superb, even if they were a little out of ordinary.

BUTTER CREEK ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Two bands of Stanfield sheep started for the mountains Tuesday.

Mrs. Schroeder began teaching again Tuesday noon. She has been out on account of having some teeth doctored.

We only put jokes on you folks to make you feel young and happy, but if you all get "sore" we will have to cut it out. Only Germans get mad at a joke, as they are too slow to discern the funny side—see.

M. M. Rial is improving, according to the doctor who was out Wednesday. He will soon be able to be around again.

There is real spring on Butter Creek and gardens are beginning to be worked. Everyone is busy even to the correspondent so we will have to make this short.

The mail service on the Creek has taken a fall; sometimes we get the mail, sometimes we don't. Reasons for no news last week, mail man on a strike.

M. Marks was much surprised last week when his brother, R. A. Marks, came from Calgary, Canada, where he had enlisted, but was called to the U. S. on account of his draft. He was examined in Pendleton and will live on the Hinkle place with his brother until he is called.

Mr. Clark arrived March 12 from around Ukiah to look after his cattle, as all hay on the Jas. Ware place is fed out and cattle will move out soon for the John Day river.

We will have a real Irish hop at B. C. H. March 16. Be sure and come—wear a big smile and something green. There were so many at the last dance we can nearly feel our new hard wood floor under our feet now.

Mrs. Walden Rhea left Monday for Portland on a pleasure trip. Mr. Rhea shipped some cattle Saturday and went with them. Mrs. M. B. Stephens is staying with Miss Irene Rhea until her mother returns.

Mrs. F. A. Phelps spent Sunday in Boardman as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. Voyer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDermid left for Seattle Tuesday after a pleasant two weeks visit here with the lady's brother, M. D. O'Connell, and family.

Verlin Graham, who is an employee of a ship building firm in Portland, is enjoying a few days vacation visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Graham, in this city.

Umatilla's quota of 14 men will be called to Camp Lewis during the five day period following March 29. This is five per cent of the county's first gross quota, which was 280.

The Hermiston library will be moved into the new building Monday next. The county librarian, Miss Nason, will be here to assist Mrs. Benedict, local librarian, in the placing of the books and equipment and opening the library. Patrons may secure books on Tuesday and every day thereafter.

Jack Gorham boarded the train Monday morning, bound for Boardman to become a real alfalfa rancher. The gentleman has a fine tract of land near the above town that he has already partly improved, and which he now intends to live on permanently. He expects to reap a pretty fair harvest from the first cutting of alfalfa he already has in, and hopes to prepare and seed at once so that he will have an added tonnage when the second cutting comes around.

FIFTH UNIT OPENING MAY HAVE TO WAIT

THEM THERE COLORED GALS TOOK THE TOWN

The largest paid audience ever attending a performance in Hermiston was that of Wednesday night, when a bevy of "Colored Suffragettes" swooped in from the Columbia district and appeared before the footlights at the Auditorium.

There's no use in going into detail about the acting and singing of these Suffragettes, for everyone was there that could get there, and all have agreed that every character in the play taken by the Columbia ladies was vividly portrayed and that the acting was superb.

So popular has the troupe become since the staging of the play last Saturday night at Columbia school to a \$47.65 house and in Hermiston to a \$111.10 house, that they are having a hard time sidestepping alert managers who desire to book them to show in different towns throughout this and Morrow county. Already they have signed up to play in Boardman, and will probably accept flattering offers from other places shortly.

They sure were all fine acting colored folks, and Jack Waller made a good usher in white face and found seats for the big audience in an admirable manner.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Alvin Streighter was in Heppner a couple of days last week and took examination for army service.

A hog weighing over 300 pounds was butchered by L. M. Davis this week that netted him \$70 for what he sold.

Mr. Harper, our new minister, is with us and there will be preaching every Sunday evening. We have Mesdames Castle and Lester to thank for our new lights and stove.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanyan moved to Boardman the first of the week. We were sorry to lose them, but Irrigon's loss is Boardman's gain. Mr. Stanyan will ride ditch there after the first of April.

N. Seaman has been made chairman of the Liberty loan drive for the north end of Morrow county and has named his committees for the work. We will have to meet our quota, we cannot be classed as slackers.

Mrs. Lenora Walpole has been made chairman for this district to handle the war savings stamp drive. She is getting her committee together this week and will be on the job March 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23 when the drive is to be made. Get your purse lined up.

A. S. Anderson, otherwise known as Andy, who recently purchased 40 acres at Coyote Springs, is the genial butter maker at the Hermiston creamery, and if he makes as good a land developer as he is a butter maker, nothing more is to be asked for.

The county defense council has the necessary data about complete, so we understand from County Chairman S. E. Van Vactor of Heppner. N. Seaman is chairman of the district committee and says when we get our records complete, they will have a record of everybody, exactly what they have done, what they are doing, giving, saying; every move will be almost automatically recorded and nothing will be allowed to hamper the war work.

Business has been brisk around Irrigon of late. The land company reports having sold over 800 acres under the west extension since Jan. 1 to 14 buyers. Among the later purchasers are M. E. Doble, A. E. McFarland, G. Rand and J. E. McCoy, all old settlers under the project, and Byron Powell of Kendrick and A. S. Anderson of Hermiston. Geo. Rand and J. E. McCoy are among the largest buyers having taken over 300 acres between them, showing that the older settlers are prospering and have unbounded faith in the project.

A rousing patriotic meeting was held in the rest rooms last evening, at which time committees were appointed to further the work of raising Hermiston's portion in the War Savings Stamp campaign that is to be inaugurated early in April.

All efforts of the Hermiston Commercial club seem to have been of no avail, we are sorry to say, in securing the consent of the government to open the Fifth unit to settlement. The explanation for this is given in the following letter from A. P. Davis, director and chief engineer of the reclamation service at Washington, D. C., to President Dodd of the local Commercial club, who says:

"My dear Mr. Dodd—I refer to your communication of February 12, 1918, in reference to the irrigation of the lands of the Fifth unit, Umatilla project, which lands lie between the A line canal and the feed canal and have an area of approximately 3000 acres.

"The questions involved have been carefully considered by the reclamation commission, and I regret to say that it seems inadvisable at the present time to put this unit under water.

"The lands in question are undoubtedly of a high character and the desire of your club to secure their development is indeed commendable. In order to develop this unit, however, it would be necessary to build a pumping plant, and at the present time it is not only next to impossible to secure pumping machinery, but if delivery could be obtained within eight or ten months the prices charged would be exorbitant. I am hopeful that we may successfully terminate the present war in the near future, and that under normal conditions, which will then prevail, it will be possible to carry out your desires in the matter."

AID CHILDREN TO BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

The committee on War Savings Stamps is very anxious to make the Hermiston public school a hundred per cent, inasmuch as we wish for every child to have at least one War Savings Stamp by the end of this year.

To make this possible we would ask every person in or around Hermiston who has some work which boys or girls can do on Saturdays, or any other spare time, to notify A. E. Benzel and he will try to send some pupil who is able to do the work. This will aid those who would otherwise not be able to get the money to get a W. S. stamp.

MAY ADD ANOTHER ADDITION TO CITY

At the adjourned meeting of the city council last Monday night a motion prevailed that an irrigation district proposition presented by residents of Newport addition would be taken under advisement by the council providing all useless land could or would be eliminated from water charges by the government.

The council sat as a board of equalization, and there being no complaints a resolution carried fixing the levy for irrigation water this year at 7 cents per foot foot.

An ordinance was acted on changing the meeting place of the council to the Hermiston public library.

OREGON IS PUT ON FIFTY-FIFTY BASIS

That no more flour can be sold without an equal quantity of substitutes in this state is shown by the following telegram from Federal Food Administrator Ayer of Portland to Dr. McNary, county chairman, of Pendleton, in which he says:

"Owing to the absolute necessity that this country furnish wheat for shipment to our army abroad and to the people of France I have received positive instructions that no sales of flour can be made without an equal quantity of substitutes and I am putting the order in effect March 11. This will undoubtedly inconvenience many of our people but they must thoroughly understand that it is an absolute necessity and the time has arrived when we are all called upon to come through and do our full part."

On the evening of Saturday, March 23, the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church will hold a cafeteria dinner in the building formerly occupied by the Wilsons as a clothing and shoe store. Serving will begin at 5:30, adv.