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RECLAIM MORE IRRIGABLE LAND FOR OUR SOLDIERS

Secretary Lane has asked for a special appropriation of \$2,000,000 to be used in making investigation of the feasibility of various proposed plans for irrigating new projects. The United States is already preparing for the reconstruction period, and projects that will provide labor for the returning soldiers and also homes and a tract of land will be given the special attention of the government.

Mr. Newell will present all the data available to the secretary of the interior on all lands now needing additional water under the Umatilla river and also other lands that have no water supply at all. The plan involves the construction of reservoir sites, either by direct appropriation of the government or under the Smith-Chamberlain bill, which will store water for whatever district is in need of more water.

E. P. Dodd is preparing a booklet giving a digest of the government's plans and all the general facts now available on the subject. It will mention the possible reservoir sites and the areas of land that can be reached by the Umatilla. The Teel project will also come under the government's program. After these projects are investigated they will be adopted wherever feasible for immediate construction after the war.

It will be an important industrial program for the people of the west end of the county to carry out, and the different communities should get together in a big effort to induce the government to adopt the whole plan of storing enough water to supply abundance for all the lands possible for irrigation under the Umatilla river or the Teel project, the Western Land and Furnish projects and all lands lying adjacent.

NOTIFYING RELATIVES OF ALL CASUALTIES

Relatives of soldiers named in casualty lists forwarded from France ordinarily are notified within 24 hours after receipt of the lists, according to a statement authorized by the war department. A "statistical division" with a staff of officers and a corps of stenographers gives all its time to the maintenance of files of soldiers' names and addresses. This division notifies relatives.

A copy of the roster of each contingent sailing to join the Expeditionary force is filed in card index fashion, each card bearing the name of one soldier, his organization, and the name and address of parent or other relative or friend designated by him to be notified. When a casualty list is received from Gen. Pershing each name cabled from the American Expeditionary force is listed with the emergency address file in the card index. As rapidly as the new list with emergency addresses is built up the telegraph clerks get duplicates.

While relatives are generally in receipt of information within 24 hours after the cables are received, delays are sometimes due to clerical errors caused by the fact that names must pass through so many hands in France and in America, incorrect emergency addresses turned in by soldiers, removal of families to addresses other than those listed, and the occasional necessity for calling back to General Pershing to verify a name or to obtain an address.

Aside from these four causes of delay the only reason for the failure of relatives to receive word at once is military consideration. Gen. Pershing may, at his discretion, withhold a casualty list until he is positive it will have no military value to the enemy.

HAS HERMISTON ANY HOARDERS OF FLOUR?

Reading of the arrest in another part of the state of a family that had been caught hoarding flour made a kind of quizical as to the status of the situation here. In our rounds of the stores to ascertain how much flour the people of this community had hoarded we found that 500 pounds had been turned over to the Farmers' Exchange, approximately 110 pounds to Phelps Cash Grocery, 225 pounds to the Hermon Produce & Supply Co. and 100 pounds to Kingsley's store. Not a pound has as yet been returned to the store of R. C. Challis.

EXPECTS TO BE ON SUB CHASER SOON

Cecil Kelly received a letter a few days ago from his brother Harry, who after enlistment was sent to Columbia University, New York state, to serve an apprenticeship in the department of that institution that has to do with the mechanical operation of Liberty motors for flying machines and also submarine chasers, in which is conveyed the information that he has completed the course and was being transferred to the Standard Motor factory at Jersey City. In the letter is given some facts concerning the great propelling power contained in the little sub chaser and also in that of the Liberty motor, all of which gives the reader an insight into the wonderful and costly equipment of these war craft. Here is his interesting letter:

"On the sub chaser, which is 110 feet long, there are three main six cylinder, 220 horse power engines and three propellers. Added to these is a two-cylinder ten horse power motor which drives the air compressor, bilge and fire pumps and the electric generator. We start the small engine off the storage batteries, using the dynamo as a motor. There are two sections of storage batteries of 16 cells each, making 132 cells in all. There are about 30 switches and half a dozen variable resistances to manipulate. The main engines have direct connection to the propellers. They have two sets of cams for each cylinder. They can be reversed from full speed ahead to full speed astern in five to ten seconds. There are eight cams for each cylinder, making 48 on each engine. The camshaft slides forward and astern to go ahead or back. The inlet valves work automatically; the ignition is make and break. On each cylinder there are two exhaust arms (ahead and back), two air valve cams and two igniter cams and two compression release cams. The stroke is 11 inches, with a ten inch bore. The oiler on each engine has 17 pumps. They have an engine mounted just like it is on a boat, with the propeller in a big tank of water.

"The engine room force consists of nine men—a chief, two firsts and six seconds, and oilers. I'm sure to make first, and maybe chief. I've been recommended by two of the instructors for chief but my eye is against me. I'll be 25 or 26 years old I would be sure of it. I may get it anyway. The Liberty motor is a wonderful piece of mechanism. It is 12 cylinder and 300 to 400 horse power. It has a horse power for every four pounds of weight.

"If you ever enlist, Cecil, register as machinist's mate for the gas engine course at Columbia University. Personally, however, I'd rather you would not enlist just yet, as you are needed with the folks at home."

Since the above was written letters closely following have been received from Mr. Kelly by his parents and sister Yudeth, in which he said that it might be that he would be on his way to France as one of the crew of a sub chaser by the time the notes were received at the family home here.

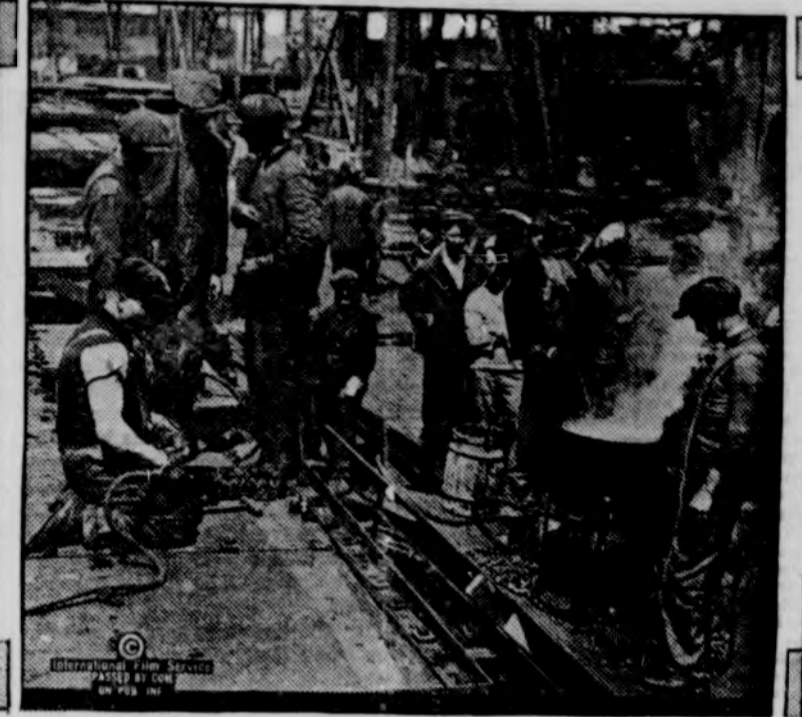
RAISE IN PENSION FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS

The new pension bill recently passed by congress which raises the amounts now being paid to the comparatively few surviving civil war veterans will benefit the only two now resident in this community.

The advance is based on age and length of service, and as B. F. Strohm has attained the age of 75 and served a certain length of time in the civil war his pension will be raised from \$22.50 per month to \$32.50. While Mr. Fisher, the other local veteran of that memorable war, has not yet reached his seventieth year, nevertheless his long service in that war will be the means of advancing the amount of his pension quite a little above what it is now.

During the past week the allies have been smashing into the Huns on the western front and the Austrians that crossed the Piave river have been repulsed with heavy losses by the Italian armies. Reports are that the American troops are beginning to put in sledge-hammer blows.

RIVETING GANG CLAIMS THE U. S. RECORD



The remarkable precedent set by the builders of the Tuckahoe has stimulated a general spirit of competition in the shipyards of the country. Riveting gangs are everywhere being encouraged by bonuses and by their own zeal to make record marks. This riveting gang of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, Fore River shipyards, Quincy, Mass., claims the United States record for riveting, having driven 2,805 rivets in nine hours.

REMEMBER THIS IS W. S. S. WEEK

Everybody is buying. Hermiston District must buy \$15,000.00 in stamps within the next six months. How much is your share? \$20.00 for each member of the family, including the baby, and enough more to make up for the unfortunate neighbor whom you know cannot buy this amount. If he can buy but has not done so, see him at once, as this is an obligation this community owes and as each community in the United States is doing the same, there is no one to pass it on to. Everyone in this district must buy through the Hermiston postoffice, as getting them any other place the amount will not be credited to this district.

Buy yours today and then see your neighbor.

SELF-MADE EXILES

Under the above caption appears an editorial in last week's Saturday Evening Post that is worthy of reproduction, being applicable in a degree to this as well as nearly all other communities in the United States as the great war with Germany progresses:

"Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives disclose in nearly every community certain obstinate slackers. They are so few nowadays that they at once become notorious and are pointed out—like the man with the rubber ear and the armless boy—dismal freaks standing in sharp contrast to normal humanity.

"Very rarely are they pro-German. Pro-Germanism does not advertise itself now in that conspicuous way. Mostly they are grouches and sponges. Their simple psychology is that of a pig in a clover patch. While the feeding is good, nothing less than the impact of a rock against the ribs or of a scantling on the spinal column will inspire them to move on. So long as somebody else will keep the boat going they will neither bawl nor row. They are the cross-grained, bilious sort which nurses all real or fancied grievances against the community in general.

"Small as their number is, they raise an irritating problem. The community's feeling toward them is like the feeling of men who have been volunteering to put out a fire toward the able-bodied citizen who refused to lend a hand but perched on a horse block at a safe distance and watched their efforts with amused interest. The inclination to throw a brick in his direction is strong and natural. But it must be resisted.

"There is nothing to be done with these obstinate slackers except to let them extensively alone. No man can thrive on the contempt of the community in which he lives. They must find that out. The man who is well able to lend a hand now and refuses to do it voluntarily exiles himself from the sympathy and respect of his neighbors. Let his own judgment upon himself as an exile stand in the future."

HELP COMPILE COUNTY RECORD OF MEN IN WAR

The Umatilla County Patriotic Service league, cooperating with various agencies, is making an effort to obtain a record of every man and woman in the service of either the United States or any of her allies in the great war, whether in the army or navy. To do this, especially in case of men who have or will volunteer and in keeping track of the addresses and advancement of men who have gone, the cooperation of friends and relatives is essential. Blanks will be printed

occasionally in the papers of the county and information may be placed on them and mailed to M. R. Chessman, secretary, Pendleton, Ore. At the office of the league a card index will be kept where this information will be available. It is due these men, that the country may keep in touch with them and that recognition of their services may be given when possible, that this record be made as full and complete as possible. No one must be overlooked.

RECORD OF ENLISTMENT

Name..... Age.....
 Home Address..... (Street)..... (City).....
 Occupation Before War..... Married.....
 Entered Service When..... Where.....
 Branch of Service.....
 Transfers.....
 Rank..... (Include promotions and dates)
 Nearest relative.....
 Address..... Relationship.....
 Present Address.....
 Signature of Informant.....

Friends and relatives of boys in service are asked to fill out above and mail to M. R. Chessman, secretary, Pendleton, Ore. Phone 123.

EARLY DAY FREIGHTER NOW O. A. C. PROFESSOR

COMMERCIAL CLUB GETS SOUVENIR BOOK

The Hermiston Commercial Club received a few days ago a book of photographs of the scenic wonders of Oregon and California which it prizes very dearly, inasmuch as it was sent as a souvenir to the organization by the Hermiston boys in the Umatilla county draft of the second contingent now in training at Fort McDowell, California.

Memory of these boys will always be cherished by club members, who will ardently watch for valorous acts and brave deeds on their part when they go across the pond to face the enemy.

To show appreciation of the exemplary thoughtfulness of these patriotic young men, whose names are Milton Longhorn, Dwight Sellers, Anthony Drolshagen, Roscoe Fisher and Emery Hancock, Secretary Prime has been instructed to write them a letter of thanks and good cheer on behalf of the club members.

WILL OPERATE OREGON HOTEL DINING ROOM

The dining room of the Oregon hotel is under new management and from now on will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. Victor Knight, former owners of a large restaurant at Philomath, Oregon. These young people come well recommended as being first class artists in the culinary line, and already they have the dining room at the above hotel looking neat and inviting. They have given it the name of the Palm Leaf Cafe.

TRY RAISING ALFALFA SEED THIS SEASON

J. H. Strohm is trying a new experiment this year on his ranch three miles west of Hermiston, and present indications are that it will be a complete success. Mr. Strohm has about 100 acres in alfalfa, and just at the time he was preparing for the first cutting he changed his mind about turning it into hay and decided to let it grow for seed.

Within the past ten days the seed has been setting very well and everything points to a heavy yield. Mr. Strohm expects to begin harvesting about two weeks hence, and the outcomes will be watched with interest by ranchers of the project, many of whom incline to the belief that raising alfalfa for seed purposes will pay better than raising it for fodder.

Enjoying Yearly Vacation

Mrs. O. P. Brigham and her daughter Janice are now in Spokane enjoying the beginning of a yearly vacation pilgrimage that will last until September 1st. They departed yesterday morning for the metropolis of the Inland Empire, where they will remain for a time as guests at the Boone avenue home of Mrs. Julius Peterson, sister of Mrs. Brigham, after which they will journey to Portland, where Mr. Brigham makes his headquarters while holding the position of conductor on the S. P. & S. railway.

WEATHER REPORT

The reclamation service weather bureau report for the week ending Thursday evening shows a maximum of 100 degrees and minimum of 47, with seven hundredths of an inch precipitation.

Big July Draft Call

Oregon will send 1,350 more draft men to Fort McDowell, California, between the 5th and the 9th of July. It is stated that General Crowder will summon 124,525 white and colored draft registrants during the month of July, and other calls will run the total up to 367,961, the largest ever called in any one month.

J. B. Horner, professor of history in the Oregon Agricultural college, came to Hermiston Wednesday on a mission of extension work. Professor Horner was an Eastern Oregon boy who earned a portion of his funds to carry him through college by freighting with oxen from Umatilla to Baker City and other mining points in the days before the railroads came. He expressed considerable surprise when he dropped off the train at Hermiston and took in the odor of clover, alfalfa and locust leaves instead of the scent of sage brush, and saw great locomotives racing where only the jack rabbit used to be.

Professor Horner is meeting young men and women throughout Eastern Oregon who expect to attend the Oregon Agricultural college next year. He says the college has already sent about 1200 men to the war, and is equipping others as rapidly as possible. The young man who enters the war without training draws a wage of \$30 per month, while the trained man draws a salary four or five times as large from the outset. This is because Uncle Sam regards trained boys worth four or five times as much in his service as untrained boys. Furthermore, the secretary of war has arranged to leave these boys in college until their training is complete, unless the unexpected should come.

Furthermore young women are training to occupy positions of trust made vacant by the departure of the young men. The college thus far has been unable to supply enough young women for the demand.

The Oregon Agricultural college under the supervision of President Kerr and the board of regents is emphatically in the war and aiding the young men and women of Oregon to meet every demand made of them by their country. There will be several new students next year in the Oregon Agricultural college from this locality. In all probability there will be nearly four thousand students in the college this year.

Mr. Dean, of the Hermiston experiment station, extended the college every possible courtesy by aiding Professor Horner, who left Thursday for Milton and other Eastern Oregon points.

GETTING ALONG FINE IN HIS IDAHO HOME

J. W. Emery, who is in the insurance and real estate business at Nampa, Idaho, left for home the middle of this week after having passed ten days here renewing old friendships and attending to personal business matters. It is just about a year ago since himself and family left Hermiston, and his many friends were pleased to learn from him that he is prospering in his present location.

On his journey here he was accompanied as far as Lehm-on Springs in the Blue Mountains by Mrs. Emery, the lady having remained there to take recuperative treatment while her husband attended to his business affairs in this neighborhood.

+ RED CROSS +

Mrs. J. I. Agnew was the first to "adopt" a French war orphan. Others were Mrs. H. M. Straw, Nancy and Joe McNaught, Janice Brigham, Mrs. H. T. Fraser, T. P. Campbell, Thomas Campbell, F. B. Swayze, Hermiston Honor Guard, Mrs. E. P. Dodd and Mrs. Warner, and Mrs. F. A. Phelps, Mrs. P. B. Sisco and Mrs. Georgia Henderson.

Umatilla County Chapter has been asked for 20,000 forcep sponges by August 1. Hermiston has been assigned one half the county quota, or 10,000. As there is no sewing on hand everyone is asked to come and help make these dressings.

The Hermiston Red Cross ladies worked through the hot weather and have accomplished a great deal. In the last four weeks 100 suits of underwear were made, 10 sweaters and 625 cellulose pads.

Secretary of War Baker declares there are enough men in class I for all present needs, and that the raising of the draft age from 20 to 40 will therefore be unnecessary.