

LAMPMAN TELLS OF GERMAN FARMS AROUND COBLENZ

Rex Lampman, former publisher of the Gold Hill News and later author of the "Once Over" column in the Portland Journal, now with the United States Marines at Coblenz, Germany, writes as follows concerning conditions in the army of occupation and in occupied territory:

"I'd like to get home in time to help out in the crop this spring."

That is the sentiment, right from the heart, of every farmer lad with whom I have talked in the American Army of Occupation, now holding the Rhine river from midway to Mainz of the east and midway to Cologne on the west, with Coblenz, which is headquarters, as a center.

"What will I do when I get home?" is not a question with these country-bred savers of democracy. They know exactly. They're going back to the land as fast as trains can carry them from the place of their discharge. Some of them already own farms. Some of them have been "running things for dad" for some years before they went to camp. But whether it is their own or their father's land, they want to get back to it and get back quick.

No one who knows denies that the whole American army, as Secretary Baker put it when he was over here, is a "homesick army." But these boys who left the plowing or the rearing at their president's call, to make the world safe for democracy, long for their native land with a deeper longing, I believe, than the boys who left counter, "road," desk or school, when the call came. Whether these farmer boys own land or not—and those who don't hope to have farms of their own some day—they have a love and a longing for the soil of America that goes back to those days when they watched the long furrows curl away behind the plow or those mornings when they saw the first faint flush of the young wheat's tender green.

Heimweh—that's German for homesickness—is something we all know about over here. But I guess the farmer boys know something about it that is not given to the rest of us to know and understand.

Stationed in towns and villages and up and down the Rhine from Coblenz, members of the Army of Occupation have opportunity to see the German farmers at work in their little fields, some of which are tilled entirely with a spade or fork. Each day they march out from their billets over the hard surfaced roads past these little fields, and in the sticky mud of other little fields that have been chosen for drill grounds, dotted with their piles of fertilizer.

Fertilizer, and more fertilizer, is the keystone in the arch of German agricultural efficiency. German farmers know by centuries of experience that it pays. So do the farmers of France and Belgium, with their neatly heaped manure piles in each front door yard. The Americans say you may judge the wealth and influence in the community of a French peasant by the size of the manure pile in his front yard, which, by the way, is the village street.

Perhaps that is the principal lesson that the young farmers in the American army have to learn from the farmers of Europe—that land must have its strength renewed again and again if it is to continue to produce year after year without a decreasing yield.

"It's all one horse farming with these Heinies," said one of the boys during a rest in a drill period. We had been watching a one-horse plow at work, jumping and zonging in an apple orchard in the lap of the hill.

Yes, it's one horse farming, all right, but it has maintained a dense population in this narrow valley, flanking the "wide and winding Rhine" on either bank, for a long, long time. Much of the land, perhaps more than half of it, in Oregon, for instance, has not been under cultivation as many years as this land has centuries. Yet this Rhine land still gives back abundantly—or more abundantly, I am sure, owing to careful scientific fertilization, than it did in the days, some 2,000 years ago, when another army, led by Julius Caesar, marched down to the Rhine, occupied both its banks, just as this army has done, and, as a substantial Roman notice that it proposed to remain, built a stone wall, traces of which yet remain, along the hills to the north.

GOVERNMENT TRUCKS AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY USE

The county court is preparing to purchase several dump cart trucks for use on the county roads and is in receipt of the following suggestion from Representative Ben Sheldon:

"I learned, while at Salem, that there was a chance of the various states of the country securing, from the federal government, some of the large number of first class trucks which were secured for use of the war department before the armistice was signed. Many of these trucks are exactly what would be purchased for road construction work. They cost from \$4,000 to \$6,500. It is believed that they can be secured by states or counties for public work, at prices ranging round about 50 per cent of their cost price. As most of these trucks were in use for less than a year, this chance is one which makes it possible to secure first class trucks at a real bargain.

"I call this to the attention of your honorable body for the purpose of suggesting that, if Jackson county can make good use of a few of these trucks, say dump trucks for road work, that fact should be communicated to State Highway Engineer Nunn without delay and arrangements can probably be made to secure them through his department.

The legislature, by the adoption of a joint memorial which I introduced, requested this service from the war department."

REPUBLIC TIRE AGENCY PLACED

The A. W. Walker Auto company has taken the exclusive agency in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Siskiyou and the southern half of Douglas county for the celebrated Republic tires and has received a big shipment of the same.

The Republic Rubber company are the discoverers and patentees of their own exclusive prodium process, which toughens the rubber and is one of the factors contributing to the slow even wear that makes the tires last longer.

George J. Bonness of Portland, coast representative, who has been in the city for several days, arranging for the agency, left today for Grants Pass.

BOOKS ADDED TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Books recently added to the Medford public library:

Fiction—Benson, E. F., "Michael"; Blasco, Ibanex V., "Sonnica"; Burnett, Dana, "Shining Adventure"; Cannon, Gilbert, "Mendel: A Story of Youth"; Curwood, J. O., "Baree, Son of Kazan"; "Dane, Clemence, "Recollections of Women"; Evans, Larry, "His Own Home Town"; Gaboriau, Emile, "Widow Lerouge"; Hewlett, M. H., "Forest Lovers"; Johnston, Mary, "Foes"; Masfield, John, "Street of Today"; Mundy, Talbot, "Winds of the World"; Ollivant, Alfred, "Gentleman"; Ollivant, Alfred, "Royal Road"; Vovnich, E. L., "Gadfly"; Waller, M. E., "Out of the Silences"; Well, H. G., "Joan and Peter"; White, E. L., "El Supremo"; White, W. A., "In the Heart of a Fool"; Whiting, Richard, "No. 5 John Street"; Willis, Honore, "Still Jim."

Non Fiction—Boynton, J. H., "American Poetry"; Fernald, J. C., "English Synonyms and antonyms"; Mayo, Katherine, "Justice to All: The Story of the Pennsylvania State Police"; Merriman, Mansfield, "American Civil Engineer's Pocket Book"; Moody, W. D., "Men Who Sell Things"; Myers, F. W. H., "Human Personality and Its Survival of Bodily Death"; Nicholson, Meredith, "Valley of Democracy"; Pitman, Isaac, "Course in Isaac Pitman Shorthand"; Pitman, Isaac, "Key to Course in Isaac Pitman Shorthand"; Van Slyke, L. L., "Fertilizers and Crops"; Zimera, Helen, "Italy of the Italians."

FIRST SEMESTER OF HIGH SCHOOL ENDS THIS WEEK

To prospective high school students: The first semester of the high school ends this week; the final examinations are now being given. Most of the students have registered for the second semester which will begin Monday, March 17th. All persons contemplating entering the high school should register this week as all classes will meet in regular work Monday.

Several courses have been planned, especially for the young men and women who have been released from army work, and it is hoped that a goodly number will enroll and complete a high school education. Among the courses offered are English, history, geology, botany, teachers' training classes, sociology, household economy, cooking, sewing, manual training, mechanical drawing, book-keeping, typewriting, shorthand, band, orchestra, and glee club. A special effort will be made to assist all students returning in finding suitable work.

All prospective students are urged to call at the high school building Friday and Saturday of this week and consult members of the faculty as to courses and the advisability of re-entering school. Respectfully,
P. E. BAKER,
Principal high school.

WANTS SOLDIERS IN SURVEY CREWS

Representative Ben Sheldon has addressed the following letter to the state highway engineer suggesting the employment of returned soldiers on the highway survey:

"I write to suggest that your department make an effort to fill the crews employed in this county on road work, as far as possible with Jackson county men.

"My attention has been called to the fact that there are some 15 or 20 soldiers here without work. Some of them are first class fellows, not accustomed to using a pick and shovel, but young men who could carry a rod or chain or even brush out ahead of an instrument crew, and such work as time keeper or sumpy men would be about to their liking and capacities.

"I have not seen Mr. McLeod for some days but when I do meet him I will suggest this to him.

"If you find it possible to place a few men in such positions I would appreciate your letting me know."

Daily Health Talks

A WORD ABOUT THE KIDNEYS
BY DOCTOR WATSON.

People are easily frightened when they think something is the matter with their lungs or heart, and well they may be; but few people understand the dangers of diseased kidneys. These organs have a duty of vital importance to perform, and if they are diseased, there is no telling how or where they symptoms may appear. The kidneys are filters, and when they are healthy they remove the poisons from the blood and purify it. When the kidneys are diseased, the poisons are spread everywhere, and one of these poisons is uric acid. The uric acid is carried all through the system and deposited in various places, in the form of urate salts—in the feet, ankles, wrists and back—often forming bars under the eyes. Sometimes the resulting trouble is called rheumatism, lumbago, sciatica and backache. Finally, come stone in the bladder, diabetes and Bright's disease.

Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., in recent years, discovered that a certain combination of remedies would dissolve uric acid (urate salts) in the system. He found this combination to be harmless, so that he made it up in tablets, of double strength, and called them Anuric Tablets. They dissolve uric acid in the human system as hot coffee dissolves sugar. If you have uric acid troubles, don't delay in taking Anuric Tablets, which can be secured in the drug stores. You can write Dr. Pierce, too, and he will tell you what to eat and how to live so that more uric acid will not form in your system. Dr. Pierce will not charge for this advice. Adv.

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Leave Ashland for Medford daily except Sunday at 9:00 and 11:00 a. m. and at 1:00, 4:00 and 5:15 p. m. Also on Saturday at 8:30 p. m. Sundays leave at 9:00 a. m. and 12:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p. m.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

The Home Insurance Company

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CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up.....	\$ 6,000,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year.....	\$31,598,247.40
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	1,959,020.99
Income from other sources received during the year.....	144,050.56
Total income.....	\$33,701,318.95
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses.....	\$14,607,223.62
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....	1,500,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	8,374,372.40
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....	1,128,423.54
Amount of all other expenditures.....	1,806,734.02
Total expenditures.....	\$27,416,753.58
ASSETS	
Recoverable for reinsurance on paid losses.....	\$ 489,584.25
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	41,383,569.66
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	5,500.00
Cash in banks and on hand.....	3,661,873.52
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1918.....	4,790,909.41
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	349,880.00
Total assets.....	\$50,681,315.84
*Less Special deposits in any state (if any there be).....	390,310.10
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....	\$50,291,005.74
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$ 3,431,654.93
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	23,559,949.00
All other liabilities.....	2,042,698.16
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$6,000,000.....	\$29,034,302.14
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year.....	\$ 167,484.49
Premiums returned during the year.....	24,272.43
Losses paid during the year.....	27,154.20
Losses incurred during the year.....	41,913.76

E. G. SNOW, President. W. KURTH, Secretary.
Statutory resident attorney for service: Miss Helen Donally, Portland.
*Note—Special deposits not held for the protection of all the policyholders of the company can not be admitted as an asset and included in the published statement. Companies should only deduct the excess of such deposits over liabilities for unpaid claims and legal reserve on business in the territory requiring special deposit.
R. A. HOLMES, Medford, Oregon.

OREGON QUAKER TO HEAD RELIEF WORK

NEWBERG, Ore., March 13.—President Levi T. Pennington of Pacific college, who has been appointed by the American Friends' service committee to represent the Five Years' Meeting of Friends in America, is making an investigation in Russia in preparation for the opening of extensive relief operations there by the Friends. The task will require absence from America for about five or six months.

President Pennington has not yet accepted his appointment but is in correspondence with the committee in regard to it.

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