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BRIEF LOCAL MENTION

H. L. Hasbrouck, Optometrist. Shoes made or repaired at Johnson's. H. M. Scaree was in The Dalles last week on business. Frank L. Keating was down the first of the week from Parkdale. Lodging rooms by day or week. 6004 Cascade ave. J. D. Gibson. m14 P. L. Tompkins was a business visitor in Portland the first of the week. Rev. J. B. Lister was a business visitor in The Dalles last week. House Plaster For Sale. Kelly Bros., phone 1401. Sherman J. Frank spent the week end in Portland on business. E. E. House was a business visitor in Portland the latter part of last week. W. A. Schaffner was a business visitor in Portland last week. If your shoes have gone wrong take them to Johnson. J. F. Thompson was down the first of the week from the Upper Valley. W. H. Marshall, of Dee, was in Portland last week on business. "The Sudden Gentleman," at the Liberty Sunday, one day only. Mr. and Mrs. Tony G. Frohn have been visiting friends and relatives in Portland. W. D. Wood and family, of Weiser, Ida., have arrived here to make their home. Eyes scientifically examined by H. L. Hasbrouck, Optometrist, Hethornier Bldg. 6-11 Floyd French, of 12th Co., was up over the week end spending a furlough with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Lynn. L. B. Apin was a business visitor in Portland the latter part of last week. W. H. Cooper was here the first of the week from the Upper Valley on business. Highest cash price paid for your used furniture, stoves and rugs. Call McCall at E. A. Franz Co. 8201 Roy T. Yates, of The Dalles, was here last week engaged in reporting the proceedings of circuit court. C. S. Sumnerville, of Portland, was up last Saturday to attend the Association meeting. T. L. Dunsmore and J. A. Davis, of The Dalles, were here last week as witnesses in the Allen case. W. H. Wilson an attorney of The Dalles, was here last week attending court. Fresh ground graham, whole wheat flour and corn meal at Kelly Bros. warehouse. m14 Ray Wickham, of 12th Co., arrived Sunday to spend a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wickham. W. M. Keeling, of the Upper Valley, was in the city the first of the week, calling on friends and attending to matters of business.

John Cosgrove, of Mount Hood, was business visitor in the city the first of the week. Norman Mays and family have moved from the Newby Apartments to the Pine House on Cascade avenue. Ed F. Dresser, of Parkdale, has accepted a position with the Franz Hardware Co. J. C. Peterson and L. P. Way, of Cascade Lock, were here last week as witnesses in the Allen case. Miss Eliza Stevens, of Portland, has been here the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. A. Turner. I have taken the agency for the Spirilla Corset. Call at Binola Tailor Shop, Mrs. Karl Buelow, Hood River, Or. Humphrey Barton, of St. Paul, Minn., is here looking after his ranch interests. Judge A. J. Derby was a business visitor in Portland the first of the week. Will those who desire to reach me please note new telephone number, 2692. L. G. Morgan. Mrs. M. J. Vonder Ahe was in Portland over the week end, having been called there by the fatal illness of a brother. C. B. Compton, Dee Flat orchardist, passed through the city Saturday en route to Portland on business and to visit relatives. After a visit here with his brother, H. L. Hasbrouck, Dr. F. D. Hasbrouck left last Friday for his home at Putlach, Ida. Wanted--Yellow and White shelled Corn suitable for milling. Must be well matured, clean and dry. Phone Kelly Bros., 1401, for prices. m14 Mrs. Clara B. Osgood, after having been here looking after West Side orchard property, returned to Portland the latter part of last week. Mrs. Elizabeth Leslie, of Spokane, after a visit of several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. S. F. Bythe, of Twin Oaks Farm, left last Friday afternoon for a visit in Portland. "She's a wild, wild woman, and she's making a wild, wild man of me," sings Charlie Murray in "That Night," a Mack Sennett Paramount comedy at the Liberty today. C. D. Nielsen was a business visitor in Clifton last week, having gone there to participate with The Dalles band in the patriotic parade given by the home guard of Gilliam county. State Biologist Finley, who spent the week end here delivering a series of lectures, took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Forlan. Mrs. Forlan and Mr. Finley are old school friends. J. W. Anderson announces the sale of two more 12-20 Cleveland tractors to Wasco county ranchers. Mr. Anderson has now disposed of a carload of the strong and popular machines. Accompanied by Mrs. Culbertson's father, Mr. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Tod Culbertson, en route to their Upper Valley ranch, passed through the city the first of the week. Films left with us up to 4 o'clock p. m. are ready for delivery the next evening. Sloss & Canfield Co. m2311

Mrs. May Gilbert was hostess Monday evening at a dinner party at the Mount Hood hotel in honor of C. F. Gilbert and I. B. Parkins, who were celebrating their birthdays. In addition to the Modern Woodmen films to be run at the Liberty theatre next Wednesday, the regular show of six reels will be given, making the performance one of 11 reels. Mrs. L. R. Holbrook has recently received a series of photographs of her husband, Colonel Holbrook, and his regiment, taken upon their arrival in France, sent her through the courtesy of Harris Dickson, the war correspondent for Collier's, who accompanied her husband's regiment, the Seventh artillery, U. S. A., and who has recently returned to the United States, one of his articles having appeared already in the magazine. One of the pictures represents the colonel alighting from an airplane. All the officers of the regiments, the colonel writes, are obliged to make one flight a day, with a pilot, in order to accustom themselves to making observations of the enemy. A French pilot accompanied Col. Holbrook in all of his flights, he wrote. In a letter written on Thanksgiving day the colonel says: "We had a very beautiful dinner today. Uncle Sammy sent turkeys and cranberries for all the soldiers--almost, but incidentally we had goose in our regiment. Unfortunately about half of them were spoiled, but we had plenty to eat all the same, and I don't think we could hear the intermittent thundering of cannon and beyond the horizon, all was calm and peaceful chez nous. "When I returned home tonight I heard many of the men singing in the billets and in the cafes, but all in good order, and I was glad they were so happy. My regiment has behaved so beautifully in all the billets we have been in that I almost hate to speak about it without striking wood for the boys (and they are boys) can't always be so good. They have helped the old people thresh out their grain, always with flails and hand power machines, split and pile their little stores of wood for the winter, put away their vegetables and haul the manure from the streets. "In this way we have always gotten in the good graces of the inhabitants, and they have always expressed great regret over the disorderly soldier, and looked at us with mistrust upon arrival. Inhabitants have told me that my soldiers have acted better than the French, and since arrival at my winter billets we have had but one single case of a drunken and disorderly soldier, and that was an old offender that I cannot at once. "Yesterday I move out of my battalions to another town further away, the town formerly occupied being so filthy and insanitary that I was compelled. The cretin plague in latrines spoiled the drinking water in the wells, so goes the native complaint, and the water test was something awful. But somehow we pulled through, and the bad water. We don't boil it, but put tubes of chlorine in it, which is said to be perfectly effective. The new town is much cleaner than the old one, wider and less muddy streets, and more room for the several colors of the French children, many of them smaller than Roy, are taking the places of men in this war. Many a night at dusk, in returning to my billets, I have seen these poor little fellows standing in the cold rain, herding the sheep and cattle to the last minute of day light before driving them home for the night. At railroad crossings little fellows smaller than Roy take charge of the gates and close the gates against passing trains, and hold the responsible positions of their fathers, who are at the front. "In the camouflage factories their nimble fingers tie the bands of grass about the chicken wire and carry materials as busily as bees in a hive. By the way, the grass I tied the Christmas packages with is 'camouflage grass,' in reality strips of palm leaves imported from Madagascar and dyed to correspond to the several colors of the ground. Thousands of women work as I have never seen human beings work before, painting canvas, etc., about which I will tell you when I get home, but the tricks of camouflage are beyond anything you can imagine and I am hardly at liberty to say anything about this work. Every where we see the sign of caution, "Taisez Vous, Mieux Vous, Les Oeuvres des ennemis's you account." The Boche spy system, even here, is really remarkable, and the above sign is a good cautionary measure. "It is nearly midnight, and I must close, as I require every officer to be early in the saddle. I am putting the screws down tight, and every man will at least take home the remembrance that he once served in the 'Seventh' and that the 'old man' led them a merry chase. "In his Christmas letter the colonel says: "My command is in three towns, and between times I have attended the early Christmas trees that we got up for the poor little refugee children and for the others here, and we gave them the most happy Christmas, probably have ever known. In this town we spent at least 2000 francs on about 60 children, giving them shoes and sweaters and sabots, in addition to candies, nuts, etc. "The Christmas tree was placed out in front of the church, and the village cure handed out the presents. The band played, we did a few stunts, and a little boy delivered a recitation, of which I will send you a copy, and to which I replied in my best French. "I visited my 'far away' battalion today, and was present for the Christmas tree, which was even more elaborate than here. A little French girl about nine years of age, and again 'mon colonel' had to respond. "Never in this world will these poor little children forget the Christmas we gave them. Officers and enlisted men contributed liberally, and did everything to make the affairs a success, and the fine feeling produced cannot be overestimated. "You don't know the comfort you have given the soldiers by the sweaters and socks. They will help to keep them well. The government simply cannot supply the demand." Mrs. J. H. Shoemaker last week received an interesting letter from her nephew, Ivan Sturdivant, a member of the naval medical corps. The young man, who had just returned from a tour of Oriental waters, wrote as follows: "I am in the best of health and weigh 174 pounds. Believe me, I can whip a couple of Germans myself. "We just came back from Russia last week. On our way back we were in Korea, Japan and Honolulu. I have made several trips to Honolulu, but the rest of the trip was new to me and I enjoyed it very much. "While in Russia we were able to see a few lots of their conditions and I will say that it is no wonder they are not here to fight. Along the miles of water front in Vladivostok you can see tons and tons of material and food of all kinds going to waste. Also there were four ships in the bay and they could not find any place to land their cargo. The whole thing is that their railroad is no good and they haven't enough power to take any of the material east to the battle front. I do not think that Germany will gain any ground by taking Russia because there is no food nor guns for them there. "We were a month in Japan and while there I made several trips inland. I do not like Japan for it is too dirty. We were in Nagasaki Christmas and New Years. "Honolulu is a very fine place and I enjoy our trips there. We always go in swimming there and it is great. It is very hot there and it is about the same all the year around. It is a very interesting trip around the island and among the large plantations. "I am in the medical corps. After this next trip I will be a sergeant. That is one rank under Glenn. I sure am glad to know that he is doing so well. "Van W. Gladden, member of the 20th Engineers regiment aboard the Tuscania, was one of the last of the survivors of the torpedoed transport to leave the sinking wreck. The night before, now billeted with the family of the grammar school teacher of an Irish village, in a letter to his brother, Geo. C. Gladden, tells of his experience. "We were struck off six o'clock," he writes, "and all of us at the command of officers, rushed to deck, leaving all of our belongings behind. I was on an upper deck and was detailed to assist with the lowering of life boats. For three hours I was engaged at my post, and I was still there when the last destroyer put off from the side of the sinking ship with its load of rescued. By means of a rope I reached a life raft. Later we aboard the raft were picked up by an open boat. It was seven o'clock next morning when we were picked up and landed. "While I was as fit as ever, as far as concerned my physical self, within a few hours after I had been ashore, the imprint of that disaster will rest on my mind forever. "The welcome of the Irish people to us soldiers of the United States is one of the finest things I have ever seen. The Irish have done all in their power to comfort us." The Red Cross Chapter daily receives letters from soldiers who have passed through here and have received supplies that are distributed to all troops. Last week a letter from Private R. E. Waldo, en route to an eastern campaign, compliments the canteen committee on its distribution of gifts. Private Waldo writes: "This is to thank your organization for your cordial and liberal treatment of those aboard our train. We have been well treated all along the line, but hardly as well at any other place as at Hood River. I wish especially to compliment you on the way in which you distribute your gifts. At many places they were simply placed on the first car, which is of course convenient, and those of other cars do not get anything. E. S. Olinger last week received a letter from his son, Winfield Olinger, who enlisted last fall in the aviation corps, announcing that the young man had been selected from a class at Kelly Field, Tex., where he has been stationed for some time, to attend a motor school at Pittsburgh, Pa. The young man's training will last six weeks, after which he expects to be sent to France. Mr. Olinger, formerly in the stock business, declared that he was much pleased with his army work. The sight of the maneuvering airplanes, he stated, was one never to be forgotten. "Throughout the day," Mr. Olinger stated in his letter, "the heavens are filled with flying machines." Mrs. G. L. Schetty, of the East Side, last week received a letter from her son, Bernard, who is in training at an aviation camp at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., announcing that the young man was confined to the hospital, suffering from a badly lacerated hand, the wounds having been sustained when the young man ran his hand through a bathroom window. Mrs. Schetty stated that he would probably be in the hospital for six weeks. Mrs. H. J. Frederick Tuesday received from the British War office at London an official communication announcing that her son, Milo Frederick, member of the British Royal Engineers, was ill at a military hospital at Genoa, Italy. The young man, the notice stated, was suffering from inflammation of the stomach. Young Frederick was engaged in inland water transportation service in Italy. Edward Thornton, who has won note for a war song, "He's a War Boy and My Boy, Daddy," in Sunday's mail received from Billy Moran, a soldier in

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overseas forces, who stated that he had just returned from doing a bit in the trenches, a letter ordering a supply of the songs. Private Moran enclosed in his letter mimeograph copy of a program of "The One Girl," a skit that had just been presented by "The Beaver Theatrical Company." Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shoemaker have just received a message from their son, Glenn, who announces that he has been promoted to the first sergeancy of a Company at Fort Stevens. Sgt. Shoemaker was recently transferred from 12th Co. at Fort Canby. The Shoemaker family is well represented in the service. Mr. Shoemaker has eight nephews in different branches, while his wife has seven nephews who are enlisted men. All are volunteers. Mrs. August Guignard has two brothers, William and Arthur Maire, in overseas forces. Both are members of the Third Oregon. The latter is in France, where he states in letters, he is well and ready for the fight. The former also arrived in France, but was sent back to England for special training. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Green, of Parkdale, have received word that their son, D. D. Green, O. A. C. graduate who enlisted last summer in the medical corps, is ill at an army hospital at Washington, D. C., with measles. Young Green, shortly after his enlistment, was assigned to work in vaccine laboratories. Arthur C. Lofts, Jr., is now aboard one of America's submarine chasers, according to letters to his parents. The young man, who was assigned to Columbia University for a number of weeks for intensive motor study, was at New London naval quarters when he received his assignment aboard a chaser. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carmine have received a message from their son, Sidney B. Carmine, who recently graduated from the Coast Artillery school, the youngest man in his class, with high honors, announcing his appointment as radio sergeant at Fort Andrews, an important coast defense near Boston. Mrs. M. E. Taylor, of the Heights, has received a letter from her son, Max M. Taylor, member of the aviation corps, who announces his transfer from Dayton, O., where he had been taking special training, to a cantonment in New York.

RIVERSIDE BOYS WILL BE HONORED

There will be a "Service Roll" service held at the Riverside Congregational church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in honor of the boys who have gone into the army from the homes of the church. Short addresses will be given by A. C. Staten, Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Dr. V. K. Abraham and the pastor. The service roll contains the following 32 names: Geo. R. Wilbur, Dr. V. K. Abraham, L. A. Henderson, Harold Hershberg, Malcolm Button, Allyn Button, Dr. H. D. W. Pines, Kent A. Shoemaker, Ed. E. Brosius, Leon Bentley, Rudyard Imholz, Wm. D. Chandler, Wm. McGuire, Dr. J. M. Waugh, Clifford L. McDonald, Angus C. McDonald, Mark E. Moe, Forrest C. Moe, Francis C. Lewis, Eugene B. Lewis, Arthur G. Lewis, Harold B. Ingalls, Carl E. Berry, Fred H. Bell, George Skinner, Raymond Nicholson, Elliott Staten, Dayton McLucas, Sidney Carmine, Ivan W. Dakin, Milo Frederick, Walter Shay, Chas. W. Gill. There will be special music at this service and the whole congregation is urged to be present. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Sermon at the Odeon Union church at 7:45 p. m. M. L. Hutton, Pastor.

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(By Gordon G. Brown) The use of land plaster is becoming an established practice in Hood River valley. In most cases its use upon either clover or alfalfa has proved beneficial. During the last two years the local experiment station has been testing this fertilizer and marked increases have been secured over the unfertilized check. The grower is urged to keep clearly in mind that this fertilizer is not used to correct acidity of the soil, however, and should therefore not confuse the same with limestone. The former is a form of limestone that has been treated with sulphuric acid and therefore in applying same to the soil there is no possibility of its correcting acidity as is true of limestone. There are few soils in the valley where the use of limestone is required. This is especially so in our orchards. The apple is more or less indifferent to slight amounts of soil acidity and the use of land plaster should be made where necessary with the idea of stimulating shade crop growth. The use of flowers of sulfur at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre has also proved profitable in this valley. Since it is higher in price and gives no better results than land plaster the latter is recommended. The continued use of sulfur may tend to create soil acidity. Tests bearing upon this point are being made. In the meantime the grower is advised to use land plaster at the rate of 100 pounds to the acre and to apply same immediately. A second application made after the first cutting has been tested and while slight increases have been secured over the one application, the difference was not sufficiently large to warrant its being applied twice. Either the Oregon land plaster or the Utah land plaster is recommended. Searches of records and reliable abstracts made by Oregon Abstract Company, A. W. Outbank, Manager, 305 Oak Street, Phone 1521. jy20-11

RED CROSS SPELLING BEE PLANS OUT

The most unique method yet devised by the Hood River Chapter of the Red Cross to raise funds for the purchase of supplies, to be manufactured by the women of the chapter into surgical dressings, hospital materials and knitted garments, will be carried out on the evening of Saturday, March 23, at the high school auditorium. The citizens of town and surrounding rural communities will meet to participate in an old fashioned social and spelling bee. These are the plans, as announced by the Red Cross spelling bee committee: Everybody meet at the high school at 6:30 o'clock. Each woman will bring a basket containing a Hoover lunch for two, two cups, two small plates and two spoons. Her name, on a slip of paper, must be included in the basket. Coffee will be served by the committee. Each man is expected to purchase one of the lunch baskets for 50 cents, and then he will eat his lunch with the women. Immediately following the lunch Judge Wilson, of The Dalles, will appoint captains, who will choose sides and the spelling bee will begin. No one will be asked to enter the contest against his wishes, but the committee has several surprises in store, and all are asked to come early. The entertainment will close with a post-mortem discussion of words that may be spelled different ways and a short informal dance. The committee in charge of the spelling bee is as follows: H. A. MacDonald, chairman, Dr. C. H. Jenkins, Mrs. LeRoy Taft, Mrs. R. D. Gould and C. D. Hoyt.

SAMSON TRACTOR MAKES APPEAL

Despite the unpleasantness of the weather, many were present last Friday afternoon on the Peters ranch to see the Snow-Ford Motor Co. give its successful Samson tractor demonstration. While the ground was extremely wet and in bad shape for a demonstration, the Samson did more than was expected of it. The sieve grip, a patented feature of the wheels of the machine, prevented packing of the earth. The big powerful motor pulled the plow up the steepest grades. The road demonstration was just as interesting as that in the field. Commissioner Hanoum was unable to stall the tractor. Its work was entirely satisfactory. Messrs. Snow & Ford are planning another demonstration soon, when weather conditions become better.

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Greatest Prayer the World has Ever Heard." Junior and Senior Leagues at 6:30 p. m. Service in song, "Fanny Crosby and Her Hymns," 7:30. Come out and join in this service. The service last Sunday evening in honor of our soldier boys was much appreciated by the large audience present. Prayer service Thursday evening.

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STAMP SALES CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK

Postmaster Reavis reports that sales of war savings and thrift stamps have now passed the \$8,000 mark. A number of steady customers buy many dollars' worth of stamps from daily savings. The stamp sales will be given a considerable impetus, it is expected, next week, when a campaign will be conducted by rival teams in all parts of the valley. C. H. Vaughan is in charge of the stamp sales.