

SOLDIER WRITES OF ARMY LIFE

This One is Now Stationed in Honolulu, in Beautiful Hawaii.

The following letter was recently received from Elmer E. Cloninger by one of his friends near Scappoose: "Honolulu, H. T., Dec. 25, 1917. "My Dear Friend: I was overjoyed on receiving your letter and clippings of the St. Helens Mist. The first news I have had of Scappoose since I enlisted, almost four years ago, came through them. I find many changes have taken place since then. Thanks to the army, I am a new man physically and morally. We train eight hours a day, and received just one day Christmas. Our head officers are making us the best trained troops in the service. We were hammered away since early in May. I have just finished school for scouts, and have my examination papers back from Washington, D. C., stating that I have successfully

passed and am listed as a second lieutenant in emergency war, or in other words they will give me a commission as soon as more lieutenants are needed. If I ever get my commission I can say I have given all my best for my country's good. But the hardest of all is to think of our comrades over there and— We all want a crack at the Kaiser, for they have done us more dirt than a little. We had to guard their interned boats after they had broken them up and thrown everything of value overboard. Then put in a complaint at Washington against us fellows, stating that we had stolen many articles, even charging us with stealing a dynamo that weighed two tons. Of course we had to stand for an investigation and the papers here made a big fuss about it. They poisoned our water supply, and half of the regiment was sick for a while, and we had to guard large districts for anthrax, so you see we know how bad they are and what kind of work they perform.

"We are Hooverizing here and we had a very modest Christmas dinner, for we know many poor people have less.

"We had a general inspection not long ago and three men were lost in our company. One had consumption, one other had nervous spells, and the last one had heart trouble. They asked me if I was a foot racer, boxer or wrestler, and I told them I was just a plain soldier.

"When I enlisted, March 17, 1914, the boys at Scappoose remarked what a fool I was. I told them then that they had better go then and get some training before they would be drafted or forced to go. Of course, you can imagine, they gave me the ha-ha.

"I will close now and hope you will give all the boys at home who know me my best wishes.

"Sincerely yours,
"ELMER E. CLONINGER."

Smith (at the wheel)—Do you know, I have a new theory about saving tires—

Nervous Compulsor—Good heavens! What was that noise?

Smith (wearily)—Only another theory exploded.—Baltimore Am.

BETTER BUY YOUR AUTOMOBILE NOW

Prices of Cars Are Predicted to Advance in Near Future.

(By F. W. Fogler, of N. W. Auto Co.) In spite of our many nice days and freedom from blizzards, it takes some courage to buy a motor car in February; but this year it takes more courage not to buy one. The man must be full of nerve to visit this year's auto show and see what the year's engineering, the year's planning and the year's pricing have brought forth and then be able to say "No" to his 1918 business or passenger motor needs.

As to 1918's improved engineering, the general betterment of service, the improvements in all types of cars has naturally been toward making the fuel do more, in an endeavor to get all of 1917 fuel at the cost of gasoline in 1916. A gallon of gas this year will do more than it did a year ago.

But the biggest attraction of the 1918 cars is the new prices. At first glance they look high, but when these prices are compared with the prices of anything else a year ago made from metal, the automobile has all the best of the comparison. It is costing two to three times as much as it did a year ago to build a locomotive, a freight or passenger car, but what would we say if we had to pay \$2,000 for a car that sold for \$1,000 last year, instead of but 20 or 25 per cent more? After thirty days of intimate contact with some of the leading manufacturers of this country, I am morally certain that present prices cannot be maintained much longer if the manufacturers are to keep out of the hands of the sheriffs. We have gone the limit in securing as many cars as they will give us from the factories. In my opinion, the man of judgment, the shrewd buyer will deplete the supply of the Pacific northwest both in passenger cars and delivery cars before the motoring season has fairly opened. I believe that the people of the northwest in general and Oregonians in particular will demonstrate that they know how to save by buying, and it will be the greatest year in the history of the automobile business.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The primary election in Oregon this year will be held May 17. On April 12 is the final time for filing of nominating petitions or declarations of candidacy for the various state offices to be filled, and also the latest date on which matter for the primary pamphlets may be filed. April 17 is the latest date when filings of candidacies may be made with the county clerks for county offices.

April 16 county clerks will refuse to register any elector preceding the primary election, the law requiring that the books shall be closed for 30 days prior to the election. On May 8 is the latest date on which the secretary of state is to forward primary pamphlets to the voters.

ALIEN ENEMIES ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER

The week beginning Monday, February 4, was set aside for the registration of all alien enemies. The local district is in charge of Mrs. I. E. Dodd, who reports only a small number of registrants so far.

The form which these aliens must fill out gives a consistent record which will be most valuable for reference in case of any question of conduct.

Real Foresight

"I am afraid you do not practice economy, my dear," complained Mr. Jones.

His wife cast a contemptuous glance at him. "Come with me to

the attic," she commanded. And he followed her thither.

In the attic she opened a trunk and took out a bundle wrapped carefully in tissue paper. Tearing the wrappings, she disclosed a lovely filmy gown.

"That," she said, "is my wedding dress."

"And do you call it economy to save your wedding dress?" he chortled. "That's not economy, it's sentimentality. It would have been economy to wear that dress and get its worth out of it. But here it is no earthly good to you nor anybody else. Economy! Huh!"

"That's where you are wrong," she said, calmly. "I am saving that dress for my next wedding."

That held him for a while.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MIST WANT COLUMN

For Sale—Work team heavy draft horses, mare 4 years old, horse 5 years old. Also 25-acre ranch. W. J. Johnson, on C. C. Moyer place, Bachelor Flat. 7f

For Sale—Two choice building lots on Hemlock street, near intersection of Deer Island road. Price \$150 each. Terms if desired. Inquire of Mason Dillard, St. Helens, Ore.

For Sale—Laying pullets. Now is your chance to get some good layers: \$1.50 to \$2.00 each. A. M. Williams, Box 304, St. Helens.

For Sale—By R. H. Rawson, one five-passenger Studebaker 1915 model touring car.

House containing combination living room and dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bath. Also woodshed and garage. Inquire at Mist office.

Stray Notice—I have two stray yearlings. One yearling Jersey steer strayed onto my premises Dec. 18 and yearling Jersey heifer Feb. 1. Owners can have same by paying cost. F. H. Adams. 8-2

For Sale—All of my household effects. A range, good as new. Nice oak furniture, practically new and unscratched. Bed-room suit, kitchen utensils, etc. Will leave St. Helens in near future and will dispose of this furniture at money-saving prices. If you need furniture, call and make your selection. Prof. J. H. McCoy, residence next to Congregational church. 8-1

For Sale—Seed oats, Bluestem wheat for spring seeding. Mixed hay, loose in the barn, \$20 ton. C. O. Dahlgren, Warren, Ore. 7f

For Sale—2 cows, 1 Jersey coming fresh in two weeks and one milking; and 1 horse. Inquire Frank Spehar, Yankton, Ore. 8-3-*

For Sale—Eight good milk cows. P. H. Lund, Warren, Ore. 7-1f

For Sale or Exchange, for livestock or horses, 3 fresh heifers and 3 heifers to be fresh in a few days, also 2 No. 1 milk cows to be fresh in a few days. No. 1 Timothy and clover hay mixed, \$23 per ton at barn, \$26 delivered. Baled timothy and clover, \$26 at barn, \$28 delivered. Dave Coons, phone 108F11, Bachelor Flat, Oregon.

For Sale, Cheap—Registered O. I. C. male hog, 16 months old; also couple of brood sows. Write or phone C. J. Larsen, Warren, Ore. 7f

Strayed—Grade Jersey milk cow with broken down horns, crop off right ear and split in left ear. Had bell on; some white in forehead and on legs. Notify F. M. Daniels, Goble, Ore. 6-x

For Sale—Five acres near Scappoose; has good 6-room house, barns, chicken house, woodshed; one acre in orchard; and some small fruits. Inquire W. L. Goin, St. Helens. 6-4

For Sale—A number of choice Raode Island hens, thoroughbreds, now laying. Also a few choice roosters. Mrs. J. W. Allen, St. Helens, Oregon. 5-1f

For Sale—10 head of good farm work horses, well fed all winter, 900 to 1600 pounds, price \$60 to \$150. Call at Frank L. Smith's, Smithshire, Scappoose, Oregon. 5-1f

For Sale—One-horse buggy, nearly new; leather trimmed. Wm. Skuzie, Warren, Ore. 5-1f

For Sale—Thoroughbred sows and boars, all ages. Will buy cut potatoes. Oregon Berkshire Co., Warren, Ore. Phone 101F15.

I have on my premises a stray black heifer. Owner must prove ownership and pay feed and advertising cost. B. R. Richter, Sauvies Island, Oregon.

Strayed—Two-year-old white heifer, has two red spots on shoulder and inside red ears. Came to my place about November 1. Washington Muckle, Warren, Ore. 2-1f

For Rent—A store building centrally located. Will remodel to suit tenant. H. Morgus. 49-1f

I have 30 choice lots to sell. Will sell all to one person or one at a time. Harold P. Ross, Bank Bldg., St. Helens.

Money to Loan—Columbia County Abstract Co. has several thousand dollars to loan at reasonable rates on farm land security, in amounts to suit. 45-1f

For Sale—Two houses and four lots, on Hemlock street. Price \$3,500. Terms. Inquire at Columbia County Bank. 49-1f

THE CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR

The famous French cross of the "Legion d'Honneur" was instituted by Napoleon in 1802 when he was first consul. It is not a cross at all, having five arms instead of our, and was designed for an eagle, the upper arm representing the head, the side arms the wings, and the two remaining arms the legs of the eagle. The imperial eagle was on the center of the obverse.

The order is not exclusively a military order, being awarded quite as often for artistic or literary accomplishments or for industrial achievement, and for distinction in many fields of adventure, and its award is not even restricted to French subjects.—Scribner's.

NOTICE OF SALE

By order of the Justice Court of District No. 1, Columbia County, Oregon, I will offer for sale at my farm near Warren, Oregon, on the 26th day of February, 1918, at 10 a. m., the following described stray animal, to-wit: A white heifer, judged to be 2 years old, with both ears red inside and with red spot on left shoulder, taken up by me as an stray on November 1, 1917, and due notice having been published as required by law. 7-2 WASHINGTON MUCKLE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of Jessie Nilsen, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the Judge of said Court as administrator of the estate of said Jessie Nilsen, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned administrator at the office of J. W. Day, Room 1, Bank Building, St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof. Dated and first published January 25, 1918. BIRGER NILSEN, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles G. Levi, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as administrator of the estate of Charles G. Levi, deceased, has filed his final account in the above entitled estate; that Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1918, at the hour of 9 a. m. of said day, and at the county court room in the court house of Columbia County, at St. Helens, Oregon, has been appointed by the above entitled Court the time and place for hearing of objections to said final account, and the final account of R. D. Kent, former administrator of the above entitled estate. Date of first publication February 8, 1918. JOHN C. SHILLOCK, Administrator. 503 Gerlinger Bldg., Portland, Oregon. 8-5

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