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SOLDIER WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER

The Producers News is proud to publish the following letter which is from one of the hundreds of Sheridan county boys who has been on the battle front on active duty since the Americans' first campaign. This letter is from Corp. Jos. C. Burnham, "M" Co., 26th Inf., A. E. F. Mr. Burnham has been a resident of Outlook and Dooley. He has a brother at the latter Soo line town—Harry Burnham, barber and hotel proprietor. Corporal Burnham gives an account of the doughboys from their sailing up to August 9th, this year, which is very interesting. Read it:

"Harvest is on here and the wheat crop is good. Fortunately the ground which we captured from the Huns in July was covered with wheat, harvested and shocked, ready to be garnered and which helped some.

I am going to tell you something of a doughboy's life since coming to France. We sailed from the United States in December, 1917, on the Levethan or Vaterland, and landed on the north coast of England on Christmas Eve. We remained in England two weeks and then crossed the English channel and ianded in France. I never will forget the trip across the channel; it is the roughest place in the world and I lost everything I ate for a month, it seemed to me. I would rather have been on the hurricane deck of the worst broncho in Montana than on that old boat in the channel.

After arriving from our rough ride we remained in a small town for a few days and then entrained for a French training camp; we were on the train two days and a night. We remained at the camp for a fortnight and there is where our old division was broken up. The 2nd Montana and the two North Dakota regiments were sent to the regular army for a replacement. I have never been sorry for the change because we got into one of the best divisions the United State Army had which were the first troops to land in France.

We trained hard for six weeks with full packs and gas masks and then took our turn in the trenches. We put in about a month when the Hun forces started their big drive last spring and we were sent over in Picardy to help stop the enemy advance. We stopped them there and held our ground. About three weeks later the Huns had a village which was located on a haill where they could see everything we were doing and shelled us unmercifully, so that it was decided to take this town. At six forty-five one fine morning one regiment of infantry, backed by our artillery, went over the top and about a mile and a half further than their objective, taking the town and driving the Huns pell mell. We fell back to the town where we remained comfortably, but the Huns counter attacked seven times, only to be driven back with heavy losses, for our artillery never let up their murderous fire with heavy barrages that fell in behind the enemy so that they could not get back to their trenches and meanwhile our machine gunners and rifle men cut them down like flies.

We completed one more turn of service in the trenches up there and then were relieved. We would get one hot meal every night and have corned beef, or monkey meat as the boys would call it. Once in a while the Huns would shell our "chow" party and if they made a hit we were out of luck for something to eat for about twenty-four hours. After being relieved we went back to a little town and secured new clothes and scrubbed up.

Well, the Fritzies were not satisfied with their lot, so they tried to march on Paris—fought hard for four days—and then Gen. Foch started his little surprise party for the Kaiser and his sauer-kraut eaters. Our division and one other crack American division was loaded on to a truck train and taken close to where the Huns were trying to break through. We remained in a big wood the first night and day, and on the second night we marched into the trenches ready for action. The French had their artillery in place and we moved ours up without gun pits being dug. At four thirty-five a. m., every French and American gun belched forth a terrible hail of steel and a veritable hell-fire on the enemy lines; the light artillery was trained on their front lines and the six inch guns played on their batteries, and soon had them out of action. Every gun opened fire as if one man had set them off at the same time, and five minutes after the artillery was in action the doughboys went over the top, and believe me, as far as one could see, their was a line of olive drab colored boys that were irresistible—couldn't be stopped—even though the Huns had a hundred machine guns pouring a hail of cold steel into us. Our tanks moved on the machine gun nests and put them out of action in quick order. We advanced for four days without a stop, and held what we took on the fifth day, and then the Scotch Highlanders came up and relieved us that night so we are in what we call a rest camp or a quiet place.

I see that the British and French are making a big drive on the old front where we helped stop the enemy last spring.

We have our replacement; men from Ohio, and we are drilling back here because the new men need some practice in throwing hand grenades and automatic rifle practice.

Hoping to hear from you in the future, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CORP. JOS. C. BURNHAM.

DU PONTS WILL ERECT POWDER MAGAZINE HERE

H. F. Patterson, a representative of the Du Point Powder Company of Wilmington, Del., who has been in Plentywood during the past week, announced that he has purchased 10 acres of land about two miles west of town as a cite for a large powder magazine which the DuPont people will have located here for the convenience of the trade in this section of Montana. The powder magazine will be operated by the Zeidler Hardware Co., of Plentywood.

The magazine will be erected on the newly purchased site at once and it is planned to build it of brick and cement.

CAN PAY FOR SEED GRAIN AT TREASURER'S OFFICE

Just before going to press, we are advised that all payments for seed grain purchased from the county may be made at the county treasurer's office, at the court house in Plentywood.

For the convenience of the farmers who have purchased seed grain from the county, the treasurer has furnished figures for the banks and elevators in every town in the county where the farmer can ascertain the amount he has to pay for such grain.

LOCAL SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY, SEPT. 16th

The grammar department of the local schools will open on Mondav morning, September 16th, with the faculty as follows: Miss Agnes Duffy, eighth grade; Miss Martha Gerntholz, six and seventh grades; Miss Nellie Killem, fourth and fifth grades; Mrs. Carl Sandstrom, second grade; Miss Mary Daly, first grade.

284 REGISTERED HERE THURS. 4,987 IN COUNTY

According to figures received this morning, there were 284 registrants in the three local precincts who registered here yesterday for the selective service. It is estimated that approximately 4,987 registered in Sheridan county.

LEAGUE PRECINCT DELEGATES, HERE'S A TIP

Delegates elected to the precinct caucus of the League will be called up to assemble shortly at some place to be designated in the county for the purpose of outlining the campaign now confronting us. Matters of the utmost importance pertaining to the vital business of organization will also be taken up.

Find out about this, Mr. Delegate, paste it in your hat. See that you are at the meeting when it is called. Don't forget!

QUILT BARRAGE DIDN'T STOP JACK FROST SUNDAY

There was a raid on the attics and basement storehouses of Plentywood and other Sheridan county towns, and even on the farms, Sunday night in the search for weapons with which to counter attack Jack Frost, who destroyed the gardens. The late flax was completely destroyed, it is said.

Early in the evening the citizens of the county began laying down a heavy barrage of old rugs, blankets, quilts, sacks and even newspapers. But, the northern assailant got over the top in this sector, especially where the barrage was not so heavy.

SHERIDAN COUNTY LOYALTY LEAGUE ENDORSES TICKET

Old Gangsters Meet and Organize in a Last Desperate Effort to Beat the Nonpartisan League---They Quake in the Shadow of Their Doom.

ARTISTIC WORK OF "EFFICIENCY JIM"

A week ago today, Friday, the 6th of September, members of the Old Gangsters and affiliated hangers on of the plunderbund, met and con stittued themselves into what they were pleased to call the "Sheridan County Loyalty League," however just what they are so loyal to, appears to be the old pap lines of communication which seems to be in danger of being severed.

It is reported that the "great scheme" was hatched in the brooding mind of "Sunny Jim" Redmond, the efficiency rubber stamp artist, who is now the political boss of the Sheridan County Tammany Hall, and serves as auditor of the county.

The scheme is to inject the loyalty issue into the coming campaign in Sheridan county in the hopes of saving some o fthe old political hangers on who have cost the county many thousands of dollars in the past six years, and who it appears are about to be scrapped by the patriotic farmers in Sheridan county as a war economy.

The undertaking is not democratic in its nature. The select were called, and a ticket was endorsed, to be known as a loyalty ticket and then the farmers are to be talked into joining it and voting it straight, it being now conceded by all of the old plunderbund that the fight cannot be won this fall by them unless they can break up the Nonpartisan League, so they are going to try the old gag that failed so miserably over in Dakota, in the last desperate attempt to save themselves from the wrath of the outraged taxpayers of Sheridan county.

The meeting was attended by the bankers, politicians, and political beneficiaries from the several towns and villages in the county. There were no honest-to-goodness farmers present. They were not wanted. They will, however, be asked to join the so-called loyalty league and to vote the self-styled loyalty ticket. Votes are what is wanted it is reported and there seems to be a shortage in sight for the loyalty league.

It is reported that "Efficiency Jim," the "Sunny Rubber Stamp Expert," wanted to be endorsed by something that had the name of league in it, so he called together his followers. Also there was another plan: that was to endorse Frank Weinrich, whose savory record as a county commissioner for the past six years buried him under the snowslide, August 27th, in order to give that gentleman an excuse to run again for county commissioner as an independent, but the plan slipped, for the Wolf Point crowd was out in force and voted down the man the voters had scrapped once and endorsed their patriot Mr. Jack Leonard, who is widely known in these parts, much to the disappointment and disgust of "Efficiency Jim," the rubber stamp expert.

After a lot of "gabfesting" and "wrangling" as to who were the real loyal ones among the candidates, the following were sifted out and the stamp of approval placed upon them, by the old gang.

For State Senator, Henry Lowe, a banker and old line elevator man, who sometimes farms when he is not farming the farmers, was endorsed. Mr. Lowe was nominated on the republican ticket at the primaries, because of the fact that many farmers were deceived into believing that he was the farmers' league candidate by the wording on the literature he sent out. Nels Levang nominated on the democratic ticket for this important office was not up to par on loyalty it seems and was repudiated—the only man of importance repudiated on the democratic ticket. However, a speck of something was found on his record and he was carried out to the scrap heap.

Auctioneer Jensen was put to the acid test and came through with colors flying. He might not amount to much as a legislator yet no one can question his loyalty. Nyquist was not even considered in spite of the fact that he is a strong Wilson democrat and very ardently supporting the administration. Nyquist was nominated by the farmers—that ruined him forever.

The rest is a short story: Such a paytriot as "Sunny Jim" Redmond was endorsed without discussion, and Mrs. Ben Johnson without a murmur. Mrs. Boswick, who was going to run against "Efficiency Jim" for the democratic nomination for auditing, and who dame rumor has it, had a lot of "dope" on the "Rubber Stamp Efficiency Expert," and who it is re-

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Order Number Five; "Work or Fight"

Owing to the shortage of farm labor, the fact that many crops are still unharvested and are apt to be damaged and lost, and it appearing to us that the most important work that can be done at the present time is to save said crops from loss,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all persons otherwise unemployed, and who are physically able and who are employed in unnecessary or trivial occupations, forthwith undertake whatever employment they can find in the harvest fields, or which may be brought to their attention by any member of this Council or any public officer.

It is ordered that all policemen, town marshalls, members of Community Councils and all good citizens, generally report either to the Community Council in each community or to the County Council of Defense at Plentywood, the names and adresses of all idle persons in this County.

This order shall be and become effective from and after the date thereof.

Made, approved and adopted by the Sheridan County Council of Defense at Plentywood, Montana, this 28th day of August, 1918.

SID BENNETT,
J. D. MATKIN,
Members of said Council.

COALRIDGE FARMER IS KILLED IN ACTION

The name of Private Adolph Stephan, of Coalridge, appears in the first section of the casualties among U. S. troops, as reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces.

In the casualty list, Private Stephan's address is given Coal Ridge, Mont., but since we do not know of a town in this state under that name, we presume it is a mistake and was meant to be Coalridge.

MYERS ON EYEAR LAND LAW PASSES IN SENATE

The one-year homestead bill, introduced by Senators Myers was passed in the Senate Tuesday of this week. His bill, which was adopted as a war measure, modified the requirements for taking over homestead tracts and will result in the opening up of large areas of homestead lands in the west. The old law requires three years to prove up a claimant's title but the Meyers bill will simplify matters. The claimant must have resided seven months on the homestead while persons who thus acquire land cannot convey the same by deed they are authorized to mortgage the property in order to borrow money to finance crops. It was this clause that made the bill a war measure.

If you have been accustomed to using three or four teaspoonsful of sugar for your coffee, you must get yourself deprived of it altogether.

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91 SHERIIDAN COUNTY MEN OFF TO CAMP LEWIS

Ninety-one Sheridan county fighting men, thirty-three of whom are 1918 registrants, were inducted into the National army by the Sheridan county local draft board, and part of the total number departed this morning for Camp Lewis, Wash., while the balance of the men will entrain here tomorrow morning.

A complete list of the names and addresses, including their order numbers, was printed in the last issue of The Producers News.

IRENE MURPHY AT FALLS FOR GOV. EXAMINATIONS

Miss Irene Murphy, county superintendent of schools, went to Great Falls last Saturday where she expects to take examinations for three government service departments—canteen work, supervisor and hostess—and expects to be inducted into the department she is most successful in at the examination. Prof. Houston is acting deputy superintendent of schools during Miss Murphy's absence.

Miss Murphy, who has held the office of county superintendent of schools since the organization of the county, has been a faithful public servant and is the best superintendent in this state, according to the opinions of authorities. She is now on a vacation and will return to her duties here and remain until she is called to the colors, having volunteered to serve her country.

Don't Forget—Registration Day for Fourth Liberty Loan, September 28th.

NO ENLISTMENTS; CLOSE STATIONS

Voluntary enlistments for the ar- except as authorized by acts of gress in certain cases have been ered discontinued by General rch, chief of staff, and all recruit- stations will be closed as speedi- as practicable. The enlisted men ing at such stations will be sent the nearest recruiting depot to be ically examined and their quali- tion records made out with a view their assignment to "appropriate y."

eneral March's order, announced Saturday, supplements that is- some time ago prohibiting the tary enlistment of men between new draft ages of 18 and 45 years after the man power act was ed by congress. The order is to mean that all men hereaf- cepted for active military ser- will be drawn through the draft ery.

only original voluntary enlist- hereafter authorized, the war ment announced, will be of men 45 years of age and under 56 and their enlistment is author- only for staff corps and depart-

MAY BE LATE IN ASSIGNING QUOTA

The next garment allotment will be late in reaching chapters, as national headquarters have determined not to send out allotments until materials are on hand for making the articles.

The American Red Cross has become a very large manufacturing corporation and the scope of its work is limited only by the shortage of raw materials and the capacity of factories in making them up.

The situation should be carefully explained to the workers, so that working units may be kept intact and ready to meet the next call. The national organization and Division headquarters will lose no time in sending out instructions for the fall allotment as soon as circumstances will permit.

WOLF POINT SOLDIER WOUNDED IN BATTLE

Rhody F. Tuman, of Wolf Point, was wounded in action on the battle front "over there" according to the Montana casualties reported last Saturday.

N. D. MAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Last Saturday night, about 9:30 o'clock, G. H. Hare of Ambrose, N. D., drove into Plentywood in a hurry and immediately called upon Dr. Steele to give surgical attention to his companion, Mr. Shultz, who was quite badly bruised about the face and head as a result of being thrown headlong over the windshield of the Buick Six which the gentlemen were driving.

They were en route to Plentywood and when just a few miles this side of Westby, the car run into a deep rut while running at a speed of between 30 and 40 miles per hour, which threw Mr. Shultz over the windshield and out to the side of the car on the hard road cutting and bruising his face and head.

The injured man remained in Plentywood until Wednesday, being satisfied that he was getting along nicely and ready for the return trip to Ambrose, N. D.

With the installation of a complete new printing outfit the Producers News office is equipped to do all kinds of job printing for you.

4TH LOAN COMMITTEE TO MEET HERE TUESDAY

CHAIRMEN FROM EVERY TOWN IN COUNTY EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

A meeting of the Fourth Liberty Loan Committee, comprising a chairman from every town in the county, will hold a meeting at the headquarters in Plentywood on Tuesday of next week. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the question of the campaign.

The local Fourth Liberty Loan headquarters is located in the office room in the Herald building and was opened for business Thursday of this week. N. L. Nelson is the chairman of the Sheridan county committee and is busy conscripting office assistance this week.

It is hoped that the meeting will bring out good results as to the best and speediest methods of raising Sheridan county's quota of the Fourth Liberty Loan. The campaign opens on September 28th—it is registration day for everybody—report for your quota.