

**CHATTY LETTER FROM
MRS. ELLA LETTERMAN**

**Is Having a Pleasant Time on the
West Side Despite the
Leaky Clouds**

Mrs. Ella Letterman, who is spending the winter with relatives on the west side of the state, writes the following interesting letter from Everett:

Editor Herald:—I find items from the two Pullman papers scarcely news enough from the old home town. I arrived here in time for the celebration of my sister's 42nd wedding anniversary at Thanksgiving. While hearing that I left perfectly good climate "at home" I "ha' me doots" about it continuing so indefinitely. There were several light frosts here and one snow storm, but on the whole it has been mild and soft weather, so much so that the snow in the mountains melted and much damage was done along the railway and traffic lines and the low lands in localities were flooded for miles. This trouble was increased by the breaking of dikes so that for weeks now there have been low places that look like an inland sea and probably will so remain until the dikes are repaired. There has been very little fog and that of a thin order. It seems that the dense fogs are in the fall. At Christmas, owing to the high water, we went by rail to Marysville to a family reunion at my brother's. The features of the feast were two roasted ducks and a chicken pie. After resting from our labors for a day I decided to go down to Tacoma and took up my abode with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Haverland, our former renters, and enjoyed their kind hospitality for several days. I saw Stewart Small, formerly of Pullman, and also the minister who married us 36 years ago last Christmas day. He did not know of Mr. Letterman's death. They both invited me to their homes but I did not accept for there is little pleasure in trailing about in the rain and, my, oh, my, what leaky skies they do have in that city. The one fair day while there Mr. Haverland took us to Camp Lewis. This cantonment is some sight. I failed to see any, save one, of the boys I know from Pullman. As it still rained the next day I concluded I had better be wending back to the place from whence I came, having a return ticket on the Great Northern and this train running after several days of desuetude.

The outlook between cities coming over was wet, but on my return the district between Kent and Georgetown was, as far as I could see in the gloaming, covered by water, in places to the depth of the fences.

I arrived in Seattle only to find the Great Northern was not running north of that city, so decided to remain over, loath as I was to be without shock absorbers in that naughty, naughty place. There seemed quite a number of soldiers in evidence though the ban was not raised until some days later. I attended the Liberty. After a pleasing program the curtain rang up on a stage set with marines, soldiers, Red Cross nurses and Uncle Sam. The latter made brief remarks, after which the Red Cross nurses passed tins for collection and each contributor was given a white paper Scotch cap ornamented with butterflies, red crosses and red streamers, and everyone put them on. It was a novel sight to see those hundreds of men, women and children thus adorned; indeed the effect bordered upon the ludicrous. Bedlam broke loose at midnight to usher in the New Year.

Next day, on leaving the "Hip," I found Mr. and Mrs. Cline awaiting me. They spoke of remaining on this side for the balance of the winter; and later I saw Harvey Kennedy, formerly of Pullman.

The Great Northern having concluded to go, I returned to Everett that evening and resumed previous pursuits. Am working with the Red Cross at sanitary gauze work, and knitting. I find this a convenient work, as I can and do take it about with me to the Lyceum and musical recitals. I have found it especially good to take to the court room, where, when an interesting case is on, I put in full hours—9:30 to 5:00. I find the public library to have a lure for me also, but as I can not read and knit—as some I know do—I find it advisable to pass by, as did the pharisee on the other side. It was with pleasure we heard recently the lecture, "An Acre of Diamonds," a very practical and interesting talk of several hours' length delivered, as the speaker said, by himself for the 5694th time.

Within some six blocks from us there are as many churches, so there is no excuse for our not being good or even better.

Respectfully,
ELLA LETTERMAN.

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EWARTSVILLE

James Myers of Medicine Hat, Alberta, arrived last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Chas. Vollmer, before going on to San Jose, Cal., to visit his mother, Mrs. Hattie Myers, and his sister, Miss Ester Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Slusser and little son, Paul, spent from Thursday until Monday at the J. S. Klemgard home in Pullman, while Mr. and Mrs. Klemgard were absent in Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Vollmer and daughter, Virginia, and James Myers spent last Wednesday night in Pullman with friends.

J. M. Klemgard, V. L. Higgins and J. S. Klemgard butchered 15 hogs at the Higgins butcher house last Thursday.

Hudson Klemgard returned home from the Northwest sanitarium Saturday much improved.

Gordon Klemgard, A. E. Olson and Wade Young attended the caterpillar school in Spokane this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kamerrer and little son, Harold, and Mrs. Ida Kamerrer were Sunday guests at the R. L. Hollenbeck home.

The neighbors of Frank Wilson met at his home on Saturday night and spent a very pleasant evening playing cards and dancing.

Carrie Boundy, Beryl Davis, Stella Farley, Opal McPherson, Verville Farley, Homer Holliday and Joe Kincaid spent Sunday afternoon with Hudson Klemgard.

Mrs. Frank Young spent from Saturday until Monday with her husband at the Medical Lake sanitarium.

Mrs. L. J. Story and sons, Lloyd and Milburn, assisted with butchering work at the Roy Haxton home Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Rucker spent from Saturday until Tuesday at the Frank Young home during the absence of Mrs. Young.

Homer Holliday spent Saturday at the V. L. Higgins home.

The Whitman Pomona Grange meets today at the Ewartsville Grange hall.

Don't forget the debate which will be given at the Grange meeting on Monday night. The question, "Resolved, That the 30-day credit system will be beneficial to the people of the state of Washington." Those having the affirmative are J. T. La Follette, Satie Brooks and F. A. Hodges; negative, W. H. Pritchard, J. M. Klemgard, and H. W. Hodges.

Mrs. C. O. Kellogg returned Wednesday from Kendrick, Idaho, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. B. Davidson.

Miss Vera Kellogg returned home Wednesday from the Gritman hospital very much improved in health.

**Y. W. C. A. ASKS FUND
TO CARRY ON WAR WORK**

The campaign for Pullman's quota of the \$5,000,000 budget of the Y. W. C. A. war work council will be launched in the city in the near future. Besides \$1,350,000 for the much talked of hostess houses at training camps, this budget includes \$1,000,000 for work for our own nurses and the women crowded in war industries in France, Russia and Italy; \$500,000 for emergency-housing, for employed girls in our own country; \$200,000 for the new International Information and Service Bureau for the interpretation of American laws, customs and ideals, especially war measures, to foreign-speaking women in this country. The less conspicuous items of publicity, including specialists added to the national staff, notably the 11 women lecturers on social morality, the club and recreational work, and the Patriotic league, are all parts of the plan of uniting the girls and women of the nation for the conservation of "the highest standards of character and honor," and for the development of citizenship that is fitted for world democracy.

Twenty per cent of the Friendship war fund subscribed in November by the State College students and faculty has already gone to this fund, even as 20 per cent went to the \$35,000,000 drive of the Y. M. C. A., to which the whole town later gave its share; for by national agreement college people made their subscriptions separate, giving 50 per cent to prison camp work, 10 per cent to the World's Christian Student Federation work among students cut off from home, and the remainder equally to the war work of both Christian Associations.

Minute-women of the National Council of Defense, under the direction of Mrs. Shedd, will canvass the whole city, although the college faculty may plead exemption if they so desire.

The Women's society of the United Presbyterian church will meet next Wednesday afternoon, February 6, at 2:30, at the home of the Misses Martin, 1708 B street. Work will be done for the Red Cross, followed by a social hour.

**T. C. MARTIN TAKES
BIG TRACTOR AGENCY**

Pullman Man Will Sell Nilson Tractors in Whitman, Adams, and Latah Counties and on Nez Perce Prairie

T. C. Martin was this week awarded the agency of the Nilson tractor for Whitman and Adams counties of Washington, Latah county of Idaho, and the Nez Perce prairie of Idaho. Mr. Martin accepted the agency only after he had made a trip to Washington to witness a practical demonstration of the tractor under conditions peculiar to the territory covered in his agency, and the Pullman man was so well pleased with the demonstration that he immediately signed a contract for the sale of the labor-saving machine. The tractor operated in a highly satisfactory manner on hills up to a 20 per cent grade, and is expected to prove a big boon to the farmers of this territory. The tractors are made in two sizes, the Senior to sell at \$2400 and the Junior at \$1800.

The Nilson is a light weight tractor depending on its pull rather than on its weight for traction power. The Senior has a draw bar pull of 4000 pounds, while the Junior pulls from the draw bar 3000 pounds at plowing speed. The Senior has demonstrated its ability to pull with ease a four-bottom 14-inch stubble plow in average soil at a speed of 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 miles per hour. The Nilson tractors operate all kinds of farm implements, such as harrows, mulchers, drills, seeders, discs, harvesters, etc.

Mr. Martin expects to have one of the tractors here in time for the tractor short course at the State College, which opens February 18, and will be pleased to demonstrate the machine for the farmers of his territory.

**AUCTIONEER CRANKE
HAD FINE TRAINING**

Harry C. Cranke, the auctioneer, who will soon establish himself in this city, has enjoyed exceptionally fine training for his work. He was born in Scotland on a farm conducted by his father, who specialized in registered Shire horses, Shorthorn cattle, Shropshire sheep and Berkshire hogs. Every animal was pure bred. After graduating from college at the age of 18 years, young Cranke was apprenticed to McDonald & Frazier, the leading firm of auctioneers in Europe. For two years he studied the business valuation of live stock and farm machinery and was then allowed to study cattle and horses. His employers averaged three sales of live stock every week of the year and a farm sale every day from August 1 to June 1. They employed eight auctioneers besides a large office force to date sales and prepare bills. Later Mr. Cranke worked with a firm in England and then came to the United States and was employed by some of the noted auctioneers of the east. Four years ago he decided to locate in the Northwest and started business at Colville, later moving to Spokane, from which point he dated sales all over Oregon, Washington and Idaho. He did not like to live in a large city so moved to Nezperce, Idaho, where he built up a good business. The demand for his services to conduct the registered Hereford, Shorthorn and Holstein sales is so great that he has decided to locate in Pullman, because of its central location in the territory which he serves. He expects to move here in April, but is ready to date sales prior to that time. Dates can be made at the office of the Downen Insurance company or at either bank. As local references Mr. Cranke gives John Metsker, J. N. Scott, F. C. Forrest, Wm. Hislop, John Boyles, J. S. Klemgard and Nat Bryant. He figures that his success is due to his knowledge of values and his practice of always treating owners and buyers on an equal basis and never intentionally allowing any man to raise his own bid.

FARMERS UNION MEETING

The next regular meeting of Pullman Farmers Union will be held at the Emerson hall Saturday, February 9. Any farmer desiring lumber should make out a bill as soon as possible and hand it to the lumber committee, H. W. Hodges, Ross Atherton and A. Cole, or to J. M. Reid, secretary of local No. 9. Early orders are more sure of being filled promptly. Car shortage may interfere with prompt shipment. With a little more snow this would be a splendid time to haul. Put in your orders at once and see how soon we can have car shipments on the road.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Whitman.

Soren W. Sodorff, Plaintiff, vs. Hiram H. Stratton, H. H. Stratton, Mabel L. Johnson, formerly Mabel L. Stratton, and ——— Johnson, her husband; Frank W. Stratton and Sarah E. Stratton, his wife; Emory H. Stratton and Emma A. Stratton, his wife, Defendants.

The State of Washington, to the said Hiram H. Stratton, H. H. Stratton, Mabel L. Johnson, formerly Mabel L. Stratton, and ——— Johnson, her husband, Frank W. Stratton and Sarah E. Stratton, his wife, Emory H. Stratton and Emma A. Stratton, his wife, defendants:

You and each of you are hereby summoned and required to appear in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for Whitman County, within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty days after the 18th day of January, 1918, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned, Attorney for the Plaintiff, at his office in Pullman, Whitman County, State of Washington, and in case of your failure so to do judgment will be taken and rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court. The object and purpose of this action is: To obtain a decree of the above named Court, adjudging and decreeing that the defendants, Mabel L. Johnson (formerly Mabel L. Stratton), Frank W. Stratton and Emory H. Stratton, were at the time of the death of Julia A. Stratton, wife of Hiram H. Stratton, the sole and only living children, the issue of the marriage of the said Hiram H. Stratton and Julia A. Stratton, and were at the time of the death of said Julia A. Stratton, together with their said father, Hiram H. Stratton, the sole and only heirs at law of said Julia A. Stratton, deceased; and that on the 18th day of March, A. D. 1890, they were the sole and only heirs at law of said Julia A. Stratton (with the exception of the interest of their said father, Hiram H. Stratton) deceased, and that on said last mentioned date they and each of them were over the age of 21 years; and adjudging and decreeing that H. H. Stratton, grantor in that certain deed, executed and delivered on October 28th, 1890, to Charles M. Heater, grantee therein, recorded in Book 41 of Deeds at page 50 of the records of Whitman County, Washington, is and was the same person as Hiram H. Stratton, the grantee in that deed made, executed and delivered by Emory H. Stratton, grantor, dated January 13th, 1883, which deed is recorded in Book 1 of Deeds of Whitman County, Washington, at page 36 thereof and that said defendant, H. H. Stratton, is one and the same person as Hiram H. Stratton, the grantee named and described in those certain Quit Claim Deeds, made, executed and delivered on March 18th, 1890, by Emory H. Stratton et al., Mabel L. Stratton and Frank W. Stratton et al., as grantors, said Quit Claim Deeds being recorded in Book 34 of Deeds of Whitman County, Washington, at pages 406-408 and 409 respectively; and also adjudging and decreeing that the title be forever quieted in plaintiff in and to the northwest quarter of Section 13, in Township 14 North, Range 45 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Whitman County, Washington, and decreeing that the plaintiff is the owner thereof and whole thereof in fee simple, and entitled to the possession thereof, free from any right, title, claim, interest or estate of any person or persons whomsoever and more especially the defendants and each of them, and all persons claiming to claim by, through, or under them or either of them; and forever barring the defendants and each of them, and any and all persons claiming or to claim by, through, or under them, or either of them, from ever asserting or claiming any right, title, interest, claim or estate therein or thereto or to any part or portion of said lands and premises.

Dated January 18, 1918.

D. C. DOW,
Attorney for the Plaintiff.
Post Office address: Pullman, Wash.
GEO. G. PICKETT,
Attorney for the Plaintiff.
Post Office address: Moscow, Idaho.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for Whitman County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Albert E. Shaw, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Bertha A. Shaw has petitioned the court for an order setting aside to her as a homestead lot one in block one of Ruby addition to Pullman and the south 15 feet of lot eight in block two of Lawrence and Holbrook's addition to Pullman, and the household furniture, and the said court has fixed Friday, the 8th day of February, 1918, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon for a hearing on said petition.

Now therefore all persons interested are hereby notified to be and appear at said time in the court house at Colfax, Washington, and show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 10th day of January, 1918.

JAS. A. WILLIAMS,
Clerk.

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