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TWENTY-SIXTH YEAR

NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Interesting Letters from Our Boys at Home Camps and Abroad

From Carroll Post.

France, July 5.—We started flying across the lines last Sunday and the same day brought down our first machine that is officially credited to us. We have two captains with us now who were formerly with the old Leasing escadrilla, and also Lieut. Putnam, who is the American ace of aces at the present time. So you see we have some good flyers and will be heard from more often now, and the rest of our flyers are all good and will give a good account of themselves. As yesterday was too cloudy for much flying we got a leave and spent the glorious Fourth at one of the towns you read so much of. I saw some of the buildings which had been crushed by the bombs dropped upon them. So now it seems like we are closer to the front than ever.

Lawrence Crutcher is over where the American boys have done such heavy fighting the past week. I have not heard from him for some time now.

It is about time for the bombing planes to come over. We hear them at all times of the night and day and some of them are wonderful. The boches dropped a few bombs close by last week, but they hold no terror for us.

July 19.—Our ace came down this morning with a large shrapnel hole through the gas tank and another one through another part and several smaller holes in different places. My machine had shrapnel holes through the wing at night and another one came back the night the same way. One of the tenants went up yesterday morning and has been missing since. We do not know whether he was brought down or had a forced landing. This is an exceptionally fine and daring pilot but took too many chances for one at one of the game.

The Huns have been over town nights straight now and the first night bombed a hospital close by, killing two and injuring seven. It is hard to tell whether they were after us or really meant to get the hospital. At night when they send the arches up after him and he is firing his gun, we have a fairly decent display of fireworks. Then he has been over several times today. We had good news today, but we do not know if it is true. About 13000 boches being captured and about 20 towns taken and that the cavalry are driving them back. I hope it is so, as it means the war will be finished that much sooner.

August 20.—The Fritzies have been over the past week every night and dropped a few cards, five of them on our camp and field. One shelled a barracks and wounded our boys one of them in 22 different places, the rest of them did no damage at all. So some of the boys sleep close to the dugouts now and other beat it as soon as they hear a moan. I saw a scrap between a Liberty and a boche the other night, but neither one was brought down. Our early morning visitor was brought down, the other morning to stay with us or a while. The captain went up to meet him and pay his respects. Of course he had a hard time to persuade the fellow to come down, but after killing the observer and wounding the pilot in the arm, he finally came down unhurt otherwise. The plane was unpowered. The observer was a captain and the pilot an N. C. O., so the plane all set up and it sure has a fine Mercedes motor and good instruments.

(The Captain Putnam, mentioned in the first of Carroll's letters, was recently killed, according to dispatches.)

From Eldon Graves
Camp Lewis, Sept. 29.—Dear Mr. Gemage: I am writing to the Emmett folks today and, of course, I can't go by the barber shop and not say hello. I like the army life so far, but of course if this miserable old war was over I wouldn't stay in the army just for an occupation. This is a fine camp and there is certainly a fine bunch of soldiers here. There are so many Emmett boys in camp that it has already begun to seem like home, but some of these days I will probably be sent out of camp. Seven out of the eleven boys that came here with me have already been sent out of camp to some place. They were taken away one day while I was gone and I don't know where they went until some of them write. Everything in the army goes by lottery and by chance, so when you get up in the morning you can't tell where you will be in the evening, but all makes it interesting. I have been in detail work for the last week working around the gas houses.

The army is a great school, and the best that any one can attend at the present time. I have always believed in military training in High Schools, and now I ever etoisshrdietoisstet and now I think more of it than ever before. I wish I had had military training before coming here, as it would be much easier for me, but still this is an ideal place to get the training where all of one's attention is devoted to the one thing.

From Bob Mech
U. S. Naval Training Station, San Francisco, Sept. 25.—Well I have seen

Frisco three times and now I expect to stay on this island for at least 30 days. You know when a fellow joins the navy he has to go to a training camp and is not allowed to bring those three weeks to associate with any of the other men in other camps or go to shore. Well, all of us boys, Collis Carter, Harry Love and myself have been through that camp two weeks and have been having a liberty till last Sunday, when the whole island went under quarantine. They say that Spanish influenza is spreading throughout the country and if it should get on this island it would kill hundreds, so they have put a quarantine on for at least 30 days.

Well, I like it fine here but the time sure goes fast during the day and we don't have time to do anything. The only thing I hate is to hear the bugle call "you got to get up in the morning" at 5 a. m. We are required to go to bed at 9. They sure give us good food here, and the only thing that I ever picked about is that we have to eat for breakfast every Monday morning.

From "The Boy."
Sept. 8.—This won't be much of a letter this week, just enough to tell you that I am well and enjoying the weather, nit. For it has been raining all day, just pouring down, and haven't been paid this month yet, and so haven't any money with which to buy in our winter's supply of coal, I have even enough to buy a winter suit and new hat. This afternoon I went

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W. C. T. U. IN BUSY SESSION

Annual Convention Well Attended—Old Officers Retained

The annual convention of the W. C. T. U. of south Idaho adjourned at noon today after a busy and profitable session of three days. Forty-five delegates were present. Last year's officers were reelected and consist of the following: Dr. Emma Drake, president; Mrs. Vance, vice president; Mrs. Prescott, treasurer; Mrs. Polly, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Thompson recording secretary. The convention went on record in favor of reducing the district units to county units, and the district president was empowered to appoint presidents of each of the counties in the district.

A delightful auto ride through the country district was given the visitors by the Commercial Club yesterday afternoon, which was much appreciated and heartily enjoyed by all.

A complete report of the meetings will be given next week.

P. E. O. to Boise

In response to an invitation from chapter A, Boise P. E. O., two auto loads of ladies drove to Boise Saturday afternoon to attend a war party given at the home of Mrs. Gravely. The Caldwell chapter also were guests of the afternoon, and a delightful occasion was enjoyed by about sixty ladies. A program, consisting of vocal solos by Miss Louis Woodruff, readings by Mrs. Minnie Dutton Priest, and an address by Judge McCarthy provided a profitable and entertaining hour. The Emmett party included the Mesdames S. O. Zachman, T. B. Hargus, E. C. Rundstrom, W. S. Keith, Loren Dean, G. W. Maxwell, A. C. Lathrop and Harry Carmichael, and the Misses Florence Rundstrom, Dora Merrill and Katherine Mann.

Resigns as Councilman

At Monday night's council meeting W. W. Hoops tendered his resignation as member of the council, and it was accepted. Walter Crabtree's resignation as night marshal was also accepted, and Mr. Hoops was appointed and confirmed to succeed him. The Oregon Short Line petitioned for a permit to build an addition to the depot and also to build a warehouse on Hayes avenue. Both buildings are to be frame. As the proposed buildings would be in the fire district, the petition was referred to a committee.

Meeting Postponed

A Tuesday's meeting of the Commercial Club a committee was appointed to attend a meeting in Boise tomorrow to plan and organize the industries of Idaho so as to be able to handle government contracts. Owing to the inability of the government's representative to be present the meeting has been postponed a couple of weeks.

Boy Suffers Broken Arm

John, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, while playing in a court fell and broke his arm, Sunday.

Diamond Edge knives and razors at Billy's.

TWO BIG RANCHES LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE SOLD DRAGGING

Prestel Ranch in Garden Valley—Naher Ranch at Letha

The A5 Company, of which John D. Little and C. A. West are the principal stockholders, have just concluded negotiations for the purchase of the B. T. Prestel ranch in Garden Valley. The sale includes all the stock, implements and hay. This is one of the best stock ranches in this section of the state. It comprises 755 acres, 350 acres of which is meadow land and the remainder cut-over land. Mr. Little will have the management of the property.

The other deal is the purchase by the Craig brothers of the Mrs. John Naher ranch near Letha. This is one of the best ranches in the valley. The price paid for the place is \$15,500.

F. A. DeClark sold the John Baxter place east of Dewey's grove to W. E. Hill on the Bench. Mr. Hill is fixing it up and will soon move onto it.

Coal in Garden Valley

W. F. Sinclair, who returned yesterday from a visit to his ranch in Garden Valley, brought back samples of a deposit of coal on his ranch. The sample was taken from the surface of the ground and is about half way between wood and coal. The vein is on the river bank and is at least 25 feet wide and 60 feet deep. Mr. Sinclair will open up the vein, as he believes that with depth a first class quality of coal will be found. If so, the discovery is a valuable one. The sample is on display in The Index office.

Business Men Confer

A conference of the business men and Lyon Cobb, representing the Boise Payette Lumber Co. was held Tuesday evening in Commercial Club rooms to consider retail prices of merchandise. Mr. Cobb advocated the adoption of a "Coupon system" by the merchants, and considerable discussion resulted. Action was deferred to a later date.

Van Wyck Man, Suicides

Charles Duke of VanWyck committed suicide by hanging last week. He was found suspended from the rafters of the barn at his home. He was unmarried and 34 years of age.

J. H. Emery was stricken with a paralytic stroke Sunday morning, but is better today.

Snow fell on West Mountain Saturday night during the heavy rain in the valley.

Essie Boyles of Emmett, now Mrs. Essie Clark of Knox, killed three bears at her home on Salmon river recently. Some nerve.

John Hoover and son passed through Cascade on their way home from a summer outing, loaded with dried venison, bear meat and fish.

Albert Martin is visiting home folks this week at Emmett.

RED CROSS SALE WOULD ARRAIGN KAISER

Arrangements Complete for Big Event Tomorrow

The auction sale on Main street of Emmett tomorrow afternoon for the benefit of the Red Cross, gives promise of being a successful and profitable enterprise. Donations of all kinds of farm produce, stock, merchandise and other articles of value are coming in at a lively rate. Colonel Barnard says there is no limit to what any one can give—he already has listed a Buick automobile.

The receiving committee is composed of W. T. Crouch, J. W. Tyler and N. C. Mortensen, to whom all articles for the sale shall be delivered at their headquarters in the Odd Fellows building. Everybody is requested to contribute something of value. The mayor has been requested to declare a holiday from 1 to 4 in the afternoon, so that the entire city may turn out to the sale, as it is essential that there be buyers as well as contributors.

The Red Cross ladies will serve coffee and lunch all afternoon. Members are requested to bring sandwiches, beans and pickles for the lunch.

Gem County Needs \$30,000 to Fill Quota—To Publish Names

With only one more week left of the Liberty Loan drive Gem county lacks \$30,000 of filling its quota of \$160,000. If the amount is not made up by Saturday night of this week, a personal campaign will be resorted to next week to seek out the delinquents. Four precincts have gone over the top. They are Montour, Sweet, Pearl and Hanna. Emmett is behind \$20,000 of its allotment of \$110,000. Owing to labor agitation, mill employes have made a small response, only \$1500 being subscribed by them. To the previous loan, \$13,600 was subscribed at the mill.

The following circular letter has been received by chairman Craig from Monte B. Gwinn, state chairman: "President Wilson has designated October 12 as National Liberty Day. Will you subscribe your full county quota, reporting same through banks, that we may join Montana and Oregon in telegram to Federal Reserve Bank stating that Idaho has subscribed her full allotment on said October 12?"

"Will your always loyal newspapers publish lists of subscribers, amounts, post office address, sending copies of said papers to state headquarters for a permanent file to be kept in the state auditor's office?"

"When our boys offer their services to the government we publish a list of the names and the time of departure. The papers also publish daily the names of those making the supreme sacrifice, as well as those that are wounded or taken prisoners, and we believe a list of names of our citizens remaining behind and subscribing their share to this greatest bond issue ever put out by any government should be recorded at our state capitol for all future generations."

"If not possible for the papers to publish all of the names at one time without too much sacrifice of space, we suggest that the names be published as conveniently as possible in consecutive issues."

Acting upon the above, chairman Craig will have published in the Emmett papers next week a list of the subscribers of the county and the amounts.

It is hoped to close up the gap by Saturday night, and in order to do so, everybody is urged to increase their subscription as well as act as a soliciting committee among their neighbors. Surely Emmett will not fail to get in line with the four precincts that already have gone over the top.

Gets Big Contract

The Emmett Irrigation District has given to W. H. Siser a contract for cementing Tunnel No. 2. The tunnel is 600 feet long and the contract is a big one. The entire tunnel on the inside is to be covered with cement. Work will start soon and employment will be given to a large force of men for several months.

Baptist Church Notice

In obedience to the order of the State Board of Health all services at the Baptist church for the coming Lord's Day are cancelled and the church will remain closed until the quarantine is lifted by the Board of Health. We would recommend to our people that they gather the family together at the hour of worship for Bible study and prayer. Let us make Sunday a day of private and family prayer.—A. C. Lathrop, Pastor.

BORN

To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barnell on Friday, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Sherman on Saturday, a daughter.
Twin girls were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andrew on Tuesday.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stanley on Friday, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard on Sunday, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Lee, on Monday, a daughter.

Forest Ranger Examination

A Civil Service examination for Forest Ranger will be held in the Forest office at Emmett, October 28. Men only, between the ages 21 and 40 years are eligible to take the examination. For information and application blanks apply to the Forest Supervisor, Emmett, Idaho.

Engine Wrecks Wagon

A freight engine ran into a trailer wagon belonging to Wm. Ames, yesterday morning, at the Washington

street crossing and badly wrecked the vehicle. Mr. Ames was driving the outfit, which consisted of a team of horses pulling two wagons. Before the rear wagon had crossed the tracks, a freight engine on the track close to the street started up, hitting the rear end of the wagon and smashing the wheels. No injury was suffered by Bill or damage to the rest of the outfit.

No Place for Family

A letter received from Mrs. A. F. Page, who with her husband recently moved to Portland, states that Mr. Page went right to work the day following their arrival, for the N. W. Steel Co. Lots of work for both men and women. People living in tents, sheds, garages, etc., and this rainy weather they are out of luck. "But," she says, "a man with a family had better leave them at home if he must come here for work; almost impossible to find a vacant room. Schools are crowded and living expenses very high. Milk sells at 16c per quart; butter, 70c; eggs, 68c." The address of the Pages is 308 Main street.

Depot Employees Get 8 Hours

Beginning Tuesday, employees of the Short Line at the depot were given an eight-hour day. Accordingly the depot will open at 8 in the morning and close at 5 in the afternoon.

DRASTIC CLOSING ORDER

Churches, Theaters, Pool Halls Closed to Ward Off Influenza

The state board of health took a drastic but precautionary action late Tuesday, to control the spread of Spanish influenza, for it directed that on and after Thursday all churches, places of public assemblage, opera houses and places of amusement close down and remain closed for an indefinite period. Public and private schools are not included in the order. They will remain open. Acting upon this order, Mayor Rose this morning issued a proclamation calling upon all prohibited public meeting places in Emmett to close and remain closed until the ban is lifted. The order includes pool and billiard halls, lodges, dance halls and church social activities as well as theaters, churches and public meetings of all kinds. As no official notice was received by county and city officials until this morning, the order will not be put into effect until tomorrow morning.

Additional cases of influenza were reported from Twin Falls and Lincoln counties, but the number was not given. Physicians of the state have been notified to report all cases promptly to county health officers.

"Some objection has been raised to exemption of schools while other public assemblies are banned. On this point, Dr. Biver said: "We have not deemed it necessary to close the schools yet, because the children are now under close observation, and the disease seems to be most prevalent among robust, young adults. While no age is exempt, our attitude is to encourage the people to refrain from gathering in considerable assemblages, especially in crowded, poorly ventilated quarters."

TAKE NOTICE

On account of the scourge of Spanish Influenza, which is causing the death of so many of our people throughout the Nation, and in order to prevent its spread in the state and to isolate the few cases that are at present in the state, the State Board of Health has issued the following order:

"State Board of Health directs you to inform Mayors and Chairmen of Village Trustees in your county that because of Spanish influenza, all public assemblages and places of amusement, excepting private and public schools, be prohibited from operation on and after Thursday, October 10, 1918, until further orders."

I am further directed by the State Board of Health to say that this order includes pool halls, but that the soda fountains are to be allowed to run, also that open air meetings will be allowed.

Now, therefore, I, R. E. Rose, Mayor of Emmett, Idaho, direct that all the provisions of the order of the State Board of Health be observed and that all public assemblages, other than the ones specially excepted above, be prohibited until further notice.

Given at the office of the City Mayor this 10th day of October, 1918.

R. E. ROSE, Mayor.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to those who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and especially for the beautiful floral offerings and to the choir.—Wm. McCrossin and family.

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C. A. WEST,

CANYON CANAL BONDS ARE VALID

Federal Court Rules in Favor of Bondholders—\$1,000,000 Involved in Suit

Attorneys in the case of the bondholders of the Emmett Irrigation District versus the Emmett Irrigation District on Monday received notice that the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco had held valid the bonds issued by the district. There was involved bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000 and accrued interest.

The issue in the case was what are known as the "commission bonds," which were sought to be invalidated because of a breach of contract on the part of the agent for the sale of the bonds. The bondholders committee, represented by Edmund Seymour, chairman, brought suit to compel payment of the interest on the entire bond issue. In April of last year, Judge Dietrich of the U. S. district court in Boise held in favor of the bondholders, and the court of appeals now upholds Judge Dietrich's decision.

It is quite probable that this decision will end the litigation, and that a conference of the District and the bondholders committee will be held in the near future to arrange for a settlement. There is some talk of refunding the present bond issue for a sufficient amount to include the accrued interest. It is believed here that to make a levy to pay off the interest now due would be an onerous burden. It is estimated the interest charges now amount to \$12 per acre.

DID YOU FORGET?

You probably thought your one towel or one handkerchief would not make any difference, consequently Gem county has fallen down on its allotment of linen for the hospitals in France. This linen shower will be continued until Monday, October 14. Up to Wednesday night, we are in need of the following to fill the allotment:

- 59 sheets, 64x102 inches.
- 31 bath towels, 19x38 inches.
- 149 hand towels, 18x30 inches.

The handkerchief allotment has been filled.

If every one would give their share this allotment could easily be met. If you cannot give any of these articles, give a few minutes of your time and tell your neighbors of the need. Perhaps they can help.

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