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NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Interesting Letters from Our Boys at Home Camps and Abroad.

From "The Boy." Sept. 16—All the family was represented in the mail this week, so I received quite a family history all in one shot. But darn the luck, every letter had in it nothing but fishing and hunting, Florence and Mother telling about Dad bringing home the fish, Dad making the story about four times as big as the rest made it, and Albert was all hunting, and the great sport he was to have when the hunting season opened. We have concluded that the 15th of September was the opening day for ducks, and Major Clark and I and the other hunters in the office spent the whole day in thinking of the fun we were missing, and longing to be there to take part in it. The partridge season opened here yesterday, so we couldn't forget that the season was opened, for every moment we got it off our minds, some Frenchman would shoot in the vicinity of the hospital and it would all come back to us. I saw one nice bag of partridges and they certainly made me homesick.

Last evening the office force (eight) had a party. We finished our work, or rather we neglected our work, at six p. m., went over to the city where we had previously ordered a swell banquet, the first that we have had since hitting France. We had two roast hens, (big ones), dressing, French tomatoes, (fresh ones), and grapes for dessert. That was the size of the banquet, and while it probably doesn't sound very big to you, it was a great treat to us, and we enjoyed it very, very much. It cost us \$3 apiece, but it was worth double that to us. We had passed to be out very very late, so we didn't get home until a little after 10 o'clock, and already I feel the effects of staying out so late, and will probably go to bed at sundown for the next week.

Work is still on the increase, and going by leaps and bounds. The first of the week we opened a convalescent hospital a few miles from here, with 350 beds, and it took just one day to fill the hospital to the ceiling. Tonight we have men sleeping on beds, under beds, and those that can't find a bed to sleep on or under are filling up the aisles. About every day we build a new barracks, containing 35 beds and it is no sooner up than it is filled and we are hollering for more.

One of the boys was just in to tell me that he is going to attend a Frog (French) wedding tomorrow. An American soldier is to be married to a French girl, and he and several other boys from here are invited to attend. They are going to the wedding in a hotel hack, a two decked affair. An accordion player and a violin player are among the invited guests and will furnish music for the occasion, and play "Here Comes the Bride." In the morning they will be married in the town hall, and after a fine dinner will proceed to the church where they will be married again. In the evening another dinner will follow, and as by that time it is expected that all the Americans will be drunk on Boccie champagne, the rest of the ceremonies probably will be indefinitely postponed, and they will live in peace and harmony the rest of their days.

We get the daily paper from Paris regularly, about three days late, so we are keeping fairly well up with the big advance the Americans are making, although we have to depend on rumors and reports to be anywhere up to date.

Outside of the above everything is fairly quiet and we are still living day. But it's the war, as the French say. But it's the war, as the Frenchmen say every time they raise the price of wine, which has gone up half a franc a day for the past seven days. So you see I keep fair track of the price of wine, although I neglect my other studies.

From Pennsylvania Soldier.

The following interesting letter is from Howard Harris, of Bradford, Pa., who is a nephew of Hiram Katz of Emmett. The young man is in the hot fighting and tells of the war as he has experienced it. He is a college graduate and his company is made up almost entirely of graduates of Amherst:

Dear Family: So much has happened in the last month since July 14 that I couldn't possibly tell it all in a 300-page book. At present, even, things have slowed up only slightly and I am pressed for time. If I wax laconic

and am chary of expression I beg to be excused on the above grounds.

You see the section finally got into the war. War (according to me) is divided into two parts, viz: a retreat and an advance. The rest of it can be properly called "playing war." Well, we were in a big advance—the big one which emptied out the German pocket between Soissons, Chateau-Thierry and Rheims. We jumped in about the time the boche were at Fere en Tardenois and are still in it. The lines, as you have seen in the papers, are north of Soissons, taking in Braines, Fismes, etc. Generally speaking we are mighty close to all three. I hope less couchons may not win the war on the strength of this information. Hindenberg, I dare say, knows Soissons has been taken and Fere en Tardenois and Fismes, too. Yes, I am sure he knows.

Were I to attempt to describe what I have seen, been through and done, I must needs lay careful plans coherently constructed and do all the rest of that grammatical poppycock. But I have neither the time nor the humor for elaborate explanations. Suffice it then to say:

My section saw the war as the war is fought today. Saw it in all its phases, both on land and in the air. We were close on the heels of the retreating Germans, often getting in to a town the day after the boches pulled out. The villages were, for the most part, entirely destroyed, having been caught in the cross fire. Such a fetid, putrid smell you never smelt. It was a dead smell, that's all—just dead. Just men (French, English and boche) lying in the gutters deader than dirty spark plugs—horses gone to the happy hunting ground with legs kicked stiffly into the writhing air. The smell was very near as bad as the racket. Of course the racket was the racket. The barrage kept going night and day and right behind in went our bucks, knocking off four to six kilometers every day—making larger the map of France. Every car in the section was working, and we evacuated something like eleven hundred wounded in two days or less. From 6 in the morning until 10 at night (August 1) I myself drove 250 kilometers from the lines back. All the boys did as much and some a hundred kilometers or so more. We did not stop to pick any berries. Our division did itself proud and covered itself with glory.

As for us, we did almost the same thing, pardon my extreme modesty. The section has (or is going to) receive a divisional citation, and this entitles us to paint Croix de Guerres on our cars. Also, ten of our boys are to receive individual Croix de Guerres for visible meritorious service. Mine while there (I flatter myself) was invisible, so I remain just a plain undecorated, unadulterated hero. Aside from telling you that I had one car all shot up and two others put out of commission, you have the whole situation.

Help! The departure of our boy Ralph for army service Monday has badly crippled The Index in every department. He was the big man in the mechanical department and the mainstay of the shop—a master workman. We are doing the best we can this week. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. W. S. Keith as city editor, and shall appreciate all favors extended to her in gathering the news. Florence has given up her college work and is learning to operate the linotype and Albert is assisting as pressman and is chief bottle washer. We shall soon be in better shape; meanwhile be charitable until we can get things better organized. Advertisers can help by turning in their copy early each week and our correspondents will confer a favor by sending in their news on Wednesdays instead of on Thursdays. All that will help us and we will be your Dutch uncle forever and ever if you'll just help that much. And then, if Ralph gets "over there" in time to catch up with Kaiser Bill and give him a swift kick on the southwest corner of his anatomy—one for himself and one for us—we'll be happy.

Bill Fuller Breaks Jail.

Bill Fuller, held in the Canyon county jail while awaiting trial on the charge of grand larceny, escaped from the prison Saturday afternoon and is still at large, though officers have been securing the country in search of him and his companion, one C. B. Smith, a bootlegger. The two men were being used to mow the court house lawn. Their only attendant was the janitor. Watching their opportunity they quietly made their getaway and have not been seen or heard of since. Fuller is charged with stealing a cow belonging to E. B. Preble, and at his preliminary hearing was bound over for trial at the next session of the district court. He was paroled from the state prison a few years ago.

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SUMMARY OF W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

This District Adopts 16 French Orphans—Has Membership of 900.

In compliance with the order of the state board of health, the 32nd annual convention of the southern Idaho W. C. T. U. adjourned at noon Thursday. The former state officers were re-elected. Only state and county meetings will be held in the future as a result of the abandonment of the district units. Mrs. Emma Sheets of Emmett was chosen as president of Gem county.

The Southern Idaho district is composed of 41 unions. The reports brought out the following interesting facts: That \$2000 was expended during the year for war work; \$100 was spent for War Savings stamps in addition to a \$100 Liberty bond; \$25 for the Kitchen fund, and \$25 for stereotyped photographs for the soldiers; sixteen French orphans were adopted the past year.

That this district has a membership of over 900. Five new members and one life member were added to the Emmett union during the convention. Mrs. Richard Barrett of this city was selected and especially honored as a member of the first woman's prohibition convention in 1876. She gave to the convention an amusing recital of the event, after which she was given a life membership by the local union. This was followed by short reminiscences from Mesdames Longworth, Chipp, Sheets and Mitchell. Hearty thanks were tendered the Commercial Club, Boy Scouts and all others who assisted in making the convention a success.

Wounded Soldier Here.

A soldier from the trenches visited Emmett Monday afternoon—a Wilbur Thompson, of the Idaho National Guards, one of the first to go overseas with the Yanks. He is a Mountain Home boy and was engaged in active service, receiving disabling wounds at the battle of Chateau-Thierry on the Marne, suffering the loss of his right arm and one foot. He arrived in Washington, D. C., in August, and having recovered sufficiently for traveling, was sent thru Minnesota in the interest of the Fourth Liberty Loan, and thence was given leave to visit his home people. He will soon return to Washington as he is required to report at the government hospital.

Loyal Legion Hold Meeting.

Lieutenant Simpson, representing the war department's spruce division of the western coast, addressed the local union of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen early Saturday morning in front of the sawmill. He stated that there are now about a quarter of a million members of the organization in the Northwest. The Emmett local includes in its membership practically every employe of the mill.

To Build Ships.

Twenty-seven Emmett men left Boise last evening in two special cars for the ship building yards at Portland. They were accompanied by others from neighboring towns. The Emmett bunch consisted of Wilson Wright, John Emerson, L. B. Hartley, Oscar Nelson, T. C. Lyon, Henry Kanatzel, Alton Busch, Glen Wilson, Melvin Ramey, Fritz Feix, J. O. Parsons, A. Jackson, James Beu, Clarence Myers, O. C. Culver, George Hawkins, John Horner, J. F. Tilman, John Boves, W. H. Adkins, O. H. Jury, Frank and Willie Russell, Hugh Stipp and P. H. Gray.

Receives Degree.

Ray G. Newcomer returned Tuesday morning from Los Angeles, where he has been taking post-graduate work at the Los Angeles School of Ophthalmology and Optometry. While he admits that he was kept hard at work still he states it was a most enjoyable and profitable experience. Before leaving he received his diploma, which gives him the degree of Doctor of Optometry.

To Enlarge Depot.

We are informed by Agent Barry of the O. S. L. that definite plans are under way for the construction of a new freight depot, to be erected at the foot of Hayes street. It will be a frame building 24 ft x 100 ft. The passenger depot will be remodeled and enlarged, thoroughly renovated and put in a more pleasing condition. An addition of 20 feet in length will be built on the west end and modern, up-to-date waiting rooms for ladies and gentlemen will be installed.

Young Fish Coming.

Game Warden Riggs expects a carload of perch and black bass from the reservoir south of Nampa. They will arrive Friday morning and be planted in the nearby sloughs.

RED CROSS SALE NETS \$1677

Articles of Every Description Donated in a Generous Spirit—Bidding Was Lively

Gem county's Red Cross auction sale Friday afternoon in this city added \$1677 to the chapter's hungry war chest. People generally responded in a liberal manner with free will offerings of every description and the large crowd was liberal with their pocket-books. Everything from a loaf of bread to an ancient automobile that had the Spanish Flu, or something worse, were auctioned off.

The weather man was surely boosting for the sale, it being one of the finest of these many fine October days. About noon, the ladies began serving lunch from booths erected on the vacant lot west of the Odd Fellows' building, and about 2 o'clock, after a few selections by the band, Col. Barnard took his place and the bidding was on. All business houses were closed throughout the sale and the crowd remaining taking advantage of the opportunity to secure desirable articles and at the same time assist this most worthy organization.

Article of every description were placed on sale and the bidding was lively. Bread sold at two loaves for \$1.50, checks and \$5 bills went for double their value. A shepherd puppy brought \$20, a fine mare sold for \$51, and many things of equal interest might be mentioned. The sale of flowers by a half dozen girls brought in the neat sum of sixty dollars.

Colonel Barnard was the promoter of this sale, and his highly successful efforts and splendid financial results are to be commended.

NEWS OF SOLDIERS

Dewey Sessions enlisted in the Marine corps at Boise Friday.

In a letter to his grandfather, Jonathan Moulton, Ernest Lively writes that he has been commissioned as captain. He is attached to Battery B. 146 Heavy Artillery, and has been in active fighting on the front for two months. Captain Lively was a member of the Second Idaho and saw service on the Mexican border. He was a former pupil in the Emmett schools.

Dr. W. H. Tukey, who has been stationed at Camp Funston as captain in the medical corps, has been promoted to major.

Dr. R. E. Rose went to Boise Tuesday for examination and expects to be called in a couple of weeks. He has made application for a commission in the heavy artillery.

J. B. Middleton, Marion Knox and Ralph Skinner were chosen to fill Gem county's quota in the call for special service and they left Monday for the state university at Moscow, where they will receive special training for two months before being assigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Twilegar have received a photo of their son Arthur, who is now in France. He is a fine looking soldier and from the smile on his face he is enjoying life.

Harry Fuller is now in France. He has been gone only a few months.

Lawrence Crabtree is in active service with the fliers at the front in France. He is an airplane gunner.

Jay Stoner went to Boise today to enlist in the marines. He passed a perfect physical examination and was accepted.

Victor Vaughan and Arthur Tschudy left Tuesday for Vancouver Barracks.

Fifteen more men are to train Monday for Fort Rosecrans, California. They are Claude Whiteside, Chauncey Payne, John Fulghan, Charles Walker and Claude Davenport.

Carl Lewis, a son of M. E. Lewis of Moscow and Emmett and well known here has been commissioned as an ensign in the navy and will go to Annapolis as soon as the influenza epidemic subsides.

B. B. Davis received a telegram Sunday from divisional headquarters at Seattle inquiring as to his willingness to go to Siberia in pharmaceutical work. He immediately replied that he was "rainin' to go" and assist wherever needed. He is daily expecting a call to report for duty.

Miss Grace Burton received a phone call from Mrs. Emery, superintendent of St. Luke's hospital, last Thursday, asking her to go at once to Boise prepared to leave next day for Camp Funston. Miss Burton responded and in company with six other nurses departed to take up work in caring for influenza patients at Fort Riley. Their

work will be mostly under the direction of Drs. Tukey, Falk and Pittenger.

Ahead of Schedule.

Emmett's surgical dressings allotment of six boxes, or 1404 cellulose pads, which seemed so enormous considering the time given for getting it out, was completed and sent out Monday—two days ahead of schedule. This was due to the untiring efforts of the chairman, Mrs. V. T. Craig, and the excellent response of workers. Until further instructions are received from headquarters, there will be no work in this line. It is to be hoped the spirit shown in this last response may hold over until the next call.

Saw Mary Pickford.

An Emmett man, spending some time in Frisco, noticed a good sized crowd assembled on a street corner. Approaching, he discovered Mary Pickford "the best loved actress of the screen," perched upon an improvised platform speaking for the Liberty Loan. "If twenty men in this crowd," she said, "will buy a thousand dollar Liberty Bond, I'll put my check for \$20,000 right beside it!" The Emmett visitor rushed to his room a couple of blocks up the street to get his camera, that he might snap the dainty lady in her unusual pose, but when he returned the crowd had entirely dispersed and Mary Pickford had sent in \$40,000 to the cause.

STUDY THE SHORT BALLOT

Separate Party Columns Are Eliminated This Year.

This year, for the first time, in Idaho, the short ballot will be used at the general election. There will be no single circle at the top of any column so that a straight ticket may be cast for any party. The candidates for no party will be printed in any separate column. You must find the candidates you desire to vote for, and then put a cross (X) in the square immediately to the right of the name of the candidate.

The several candidates for any particular office will have their names printed under each other in a single group after the name of the office. There will be no party designation after the names of candidates for Supreme and District Judges; but after every other name the party designation will be given, in the following fashion: William E. Borah—Republican; Frank L. Moore—Democratic.

Every elector should get acquainted with the short ballot before going to the polls. It will be the easiest matter in the world to do so. The Index will print the entire ballot for two issues in exactly the form that it will be used at the election.

There will be one special question and four constitutional amendments printed on the ballot this year. Every voter should study these and make up his or her mind as to how to vote on them before going to the polls. These matters cannot be properly thought out while in the booth.

The Index again calls attention to the fact that no voter has a right to vote unless he is registered, and that there will be no registration allowed on election day. The last day for registration is Saturday, November 2nd.

Herd District to be Modified.

A petition has been presented to the Board of County Commissioners to modify Herd District No. 1, of Gem County, Idaho, so as to prohibit stock from running at large therein at all times during the year. This Herd District embraces a large tract of land on all sides of Emmett, and is the oldest Herd District in the county, having been originally formed in 1907.

The petition is signed by practically all the resident voters of the Herd District. The modification asked for is likely to be granted by the County Commissioners. Heretofore it has prevented the running at large of stock for only six months in the year. But it has been made plain for a long time that it is folly to compel a farmer to keep up a fence for six months to guard against stock. Either there should be no Herd District at all, or it should be operative at all times in the year.

Relief for Primary Department.

To relieve the overcrowded condition of the primary department of the city schools, a division of the two first grades will be made and a third teacher employed. The Johns building on Hayes avenue, formerly occupied by the Bucknum undertaking parlor, is being thoroughly renovated and will be equipped in first class shape. It is hoped to have the new quarters ready for occupancy in another week, as there are at present over a hundred little tots in this grade.

GEM COUNTY IS OVER THE TOP

Liberty Loan Quota of \$160,000 Passed on Last Saturday.

Gem county is feeling pretty cheery, thank you, and Chairman V. T. Craig, of the Liberty Loan campaign is happy Saturday afternoon, when the bank closed, Mr. Craig announced that the county had gone over the top in the drive and had exceeded the quota of \$160,000 by more than \$9000. The report was sent to the Federal Reserve Bank at Frisco that evening.

Since Saturday, additional subscriptions have swelled the total to more than \$170,000 and is still climbing. The glory of the whole splendid accomplishment is that the amount was raised by voluntary subscriptions. There was neither solicitation nor coercion. The subscriptions were prompted by a spirit of patriotism and sacrifice.

Bond buying was more general than ever before, and the list of subscribers is much larger than in any previous drive.

Bully for Gem!

High School Buys Bonds.

The organization of the High School Student Body assembled today and subscribed over a hundred dollars for the purchase of Liberty Bonds; also voted to purchase one \$50 bond with funds already on hand from last year's organization, a highly commendable action. The officers of the Student Body are as follows: President, Willard Knox; vice president, Sumner Whitney; secretary, Albert Skinner; treasurer, Carrol Davis. Officers of the Blue and Gold: editor-in-chief, Faye Finley; Senior class reporter, Hazel Brown; Junior class reporter, Eugene Zachman; Sophomore class reporter, Mildred Draper; Freshman class reporter, Victor Barrett.

Red Cross Up Against It.

We are allotted 30 bedside tables for use in the hospitals. This was intended as a Junior allotment to be made in the manual training classes of our schools, but as none of the schools within the chapter's jurisdiction are outfitted for this work, we will be obliged to turn down this allotment unless the men come to the rescue. The work is simple, but must be according to specifications, which are in the hands of Superintendent Goodwin.

Cited for Liberality.

Upon the personal recommendation of President Wilson, the national directors of Four Minute Men have conferred upon all moving picture theater managers a Certificate of Appreciation for the liberality with which they have given the use of their theaters for these Four Minute speeches. Our C. D. Bucknum was among the recipients of the honor.

Red Cross Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Red Cross will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m., in Commercial Club rooms if the ban is lifted from indoor meetings. If not, the meeting will be held in open air near the Odd Fellows building, as important business must be transacted and a large attendance is desired.

Buyer Partner Out.

A deal was closed today by which G. W. Maxfield purchased the interest of his partner, Ralph Hayes in the M & H cigar store, Mr. Maxfield becoming sole proprietor. Mr. Hayes expects to leave Emmett and enlist in war service.

Rev. Bent Called to Frisco.

Rev. C. L. Bent, a former pastor of the Emmett Methodist church, has received a call to become the pastor of the First Methodist church of San Francisco. His splendid abilities as a preacher are at last becoming recognized.

Building Modern Residence.

Bishop George F. Smith is building a modern eight-room residence on his home place west of town. It will cost \$2000.

PUBLIC SALE

W. D. McFarland and wife will leave a week from Monday for Astoria Ore., the former to engage in war work. He will sell all his belongings at auction on Wednesday of next week, October 23, beginning at 10 o'clock, with free lunch at noon. His place is two miles south and half a mile west of town. The sale will include Mac's fine team of matched black mares, 3 head of dandy milk cows, hogs, farm machinery, household goods, canned fruit—everything. Col. Barnard will cry the sale.

Mrs. Ray Newcomer drove to Nampa Monday afternoon to meet her husband, returning from Los Angeles.