

NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Interesting Letters from Our Boys at Home Camps and Abroad.

From Anna Campbell. Dearest Mother: Your letter to Bess and I came yesterday and it will be a disappointment to you to know that we are not together, as Bess has returned to her work, and I sent the letter on to her. She spent most of her vacation at Nice.

I received the Blue and Gold school paper, and the New Year resolution in same by M. L. C. '20 was very good. It seemed good to read about the boys and girls at home. And, mother, I received an Index—the first one I have had since coming here. It looked so good to me I read everything in it, even to the Durham cow that Sam Smith had for sale.

We have had real snow at last. We have had summer weather up until this time, but now feel as though I were in Emmett on a frosty morning.

I will try to describe the ride I take morning and night. First, we pass through the business section from our hotel, then we go through the gates of Paris into the country. Just outside the gates are those real old-fashioned market places; you know, mother, like those grandmother told us about. For quite a distance the street is very narrow, with old dilapidated buildings on both sides. The very poor people seem to inhabit this part of Paris. They have tiny shops, and you see the real old cobbler bent over his wooden shoes. Little children clad in rags, apparently happy, go romping up and down the street. They have learned we are Americans and when we go by they salute us. We pass old men and women, some very old, pulling carts full of vegetables for this market place—really pulling carts with straps over their shoulders like a harness; sometimes they have a dog with a harness and he helps to pull the load. It was a most pitiful sight to me to see these old people doing this work, but it is a common sight here. As we go on we leave this small village and start on one long, straight drive along the most beautiful road one could imagine. The road is cobblestone and very smooth, and on either side are two rows of tall trees all the same height. There is a paved sidewalk on each side of the road. The trunks of the trees up to where the branches begin are covered with light green moss and on a frosty morning look very pretty. This road extends for four miles without a bend, and on both sides of the road are some of the prettiest meadows, no farm houses to be seen at all, or cattle grazing—just acres and acres of land, with a bee-hive looking stack now and then. Not far from the meadows are evergreen trees, mistletoe and holly, and at this time of year the colors make a real picture.

We girls have our mess kits and haversacks and wear those nice warm trench coats. We feel like real soldiers. We wrap up in our sweaters, the trench coats, our ulsters and caps and then roll our feet in our steamer rugs. We try to keep warm. When noon comes we take our mess kits and line up, cook some tea on a little one-lid stove, fry an egg, put it on a piece of bread with no butter, and call it good. When we have jam on our bread we feel rich. Ha! ha! But we have oodles of fun and the work is really interesting.

I haven't heard from the office girls, except Helen Renwick, and she wrote me two of the dearest letters. I was indeed shocked to hear of her death. Jack, I understand, is still in France.

I haven't heard anything about our coming home as yet; don't really want to come until it is warmer. We would surely freeze to death.

From "The Boy." Feb. 17—Thursday noon Colonel Clark stopped me and asked me how I would like a new job—of driving a car for him. As you might know I told him I would be de-lighted, and the day after an order came through transferring me to the division surgeon's office. I was to report for duty on Sunday, but Saturday morning the colonel sent for me to take a trip to Tours with him and his old driver. We left here about 10 o'clock in the morning and arrived at Tours about 2 that afternoon. After having

dinner, the driver and I had about two hours to look over the town while the colonel transacted his business, and at 4:30 we started home. At about half way home we stopped for supper with some French friends of the colonel and spent three or four hours there, arriving at headquarters about 11. I was not used to being out of doors in the wind, so I was very tired.

Sunday I took over the car, just making the necessary trips about this area and was busy practically all the day. Today I started out in fine shape, but the car went on the blink about noon and refused to run any more. So I spent the afternoon sitting in the car at a lonely spot along the roadside, waiting for a truck to come and haul me in to the shop. Finally, at about 6 it showed up and I finally got home. So you see it didn't take long to put the car to the bad. But the man in charge of the shop seems to think that the carburetor was choked up and it will only take a little while to fix it.

I also have moved to a new home. Last night I moved my belongings to a room located near the colonel's room and now I have a nice warm and dry room all to myself. It is the same one that Floy and Don Eagelson had last winter.

I have a Cadillac car to drive and while it is pretty old, having been driven between 20,000 and 30,000 miles, it certainly runs fine (when it does run) and it is a pleasure to drive it. I have wanted to drive a car for a long time, but never expected to get the chance, and especially a job driving a Cad., as that is considered the best job in the A. E. F. among the enlisted men.

The old members of Camp Hospital No. 26 were made sad this week by the death of one of the members who enlisted with us in Boise and has been with us all the time. Clarence (Shorty) Williams was his name, and while his home was in Spokane he was a sign painter in Boise for a number of years and was there when he enlisted. He was one of the most popular in the company. He was admitted to the hospital as a patient on Monday and died Friday. Funeral services were held yesterday.

From Corporal John Burdell. Angiers, France, Feb. 14—I am at Dinard, France, just across the river from St. Malo, on a seven-day furlough. This sure is some pretty place. It is a big summer resort, but it is even nice here in the winter time. I will send you some pictures of the place. We were out to Mt. St. Michel yesterday and that place is certainly a wonder. I will tell you about it when I get home. I sent you a nice picture of the place from here yesterday. There is another boy from my company with me. We were granted this furlough through our base headquarters. I suppose you know that Brest won the race to Berlin, so the two truck drivers that made the best record in every motor truck company during the race was granted a seven-day furlough to St. Malo. We will go back to our company next Monday. I received a letter from Will the other day and he said he was going to sail for home soon and that he would be in Brest, so maybe I will get to see him.

Offer \$160,000 for Fight The Emmett Athletic Club, of which Judge J. P. Reed is president; Hon. H. S. Worthman, secretary and treasurer, and Col. Ad Simon, general manager, decided last evening to make a bid for the Willard-Dempsey mill and instructed President Reed to telegraph Tex Richard an offer of \$175,000 to stage the fight in Emmett. P. S.—The telegram was sent "collect."

Field Glass Returned. The Index this week received from the government a field glass which was loaned to the navy nearly a year ago. The glass was not damaged, the only change in its appearance being the gold lettering—"U. S. Navy"—placed upon it by the naval department.

Last Number Monday The concluding number of the Lecture Course will be given Monday evening by Judge Alden, lecturer. This is Mr. Alden's second appearance here. He is one of the foremost lecturers on the platform and made a decided hit when he appeared here several years ago. A treat will be missed by those who fail to hear him.

A New Settler H. B. Lorane, Jr., of Filer, arrived today with a carload of household goods and implements to establish his home on his ranch on the bench, which he recently purchased from Mr. Spratt. His family will follow in a couple of weeks.

ROAD QUESTION UP TO GEM COUNTY

Federal and State Funds Ready if This County Will Do Her Part

With the good roads program of the federal and state governments definitely launched, the question is now up to Gem county as to what part we are going to take in this much-needed line of improvement.

Out of the good roads budget bill passed by the legislature, Gem county gets \$15,000 for state funds, providing the county appropriates a like amount. In addition there will probably be available from the Federal Post Road funds allotted to the state something over a million dollars that will be apportioned by the State Highway Commission to the various counties that are prepared to spend an equal amount upon their mail routes.

If Gem county can get assistance from this post road fund, on a dollar for dollar basis, we will be able in the next few years to complete a system of good roads for one-half their actual cost to the taxpayers of the county. Many miles of our main roads in this county will be entitled to the Post Road aid, providing we can get them designated for such assistance by the State Highway Commission and are willing to match the government appropriation.

The Emmett Commercial Club has already formulated a plan for a system of main roads for the county and laid it before the county commissioners, who have it under consideration. This proposed plan contemplates, first, the building of the section of the Star-McCall road, passing through this county; second, a good surfaced road from Montour to Ola; third, complete the surfacing of the road between here and Payette; fourth, a surfaced road the length of the Mesa; fifth, a road to connect with Indian Valley in Adams county.

The County Commissioners and the Commercial Club Roads Committee are having preliminary cost estimates prepared on this plan and when these are finished a definite scheme for financing the program decided upon will be put before the people.

This system of highways, if completed, will not only serve every community in the county, but will also bring much of the inter-state auto traffic to our doors.

Just what this may mean to this valley is hard to realize until we consider some of the road plans in the surrounding territory. In this connection, the local Forest office has just been notified that owing to increased funds made available for road construction within National Forests, that construction work will be begun this season on the road from Banks to Stanley and the one from Cascade. This means that if Gem county gets in and builds its section of the Star-McCall road this year, practically all of the summer auto traffic to and from the Salmon river settlement and southern Montana will pass through this valley, since the Banks-Stanley road will be the only thoroughfare across Central Idaho.

Let's all get in and boost for the Good Roads program for Gem county.

Unwarranted Criticism The criticism of the street work done last spring by the city council in Grading and Graveling District No. 1 is entirely without warrant and is unjust in the extreme. The condition of the streets is evidence of this fact. It was not to be expected that roadways could be made perfect in one year, but through the unusually wet spell of two months they stood the severe test in fine shape. The mud was not more than surface deep on the improved streets, where previously it would have been hub deep, and within 36 hours after the rain stopped the roadways were as dry as a bone. Critics should at least be fair.

Narrow Escape. George Stevens, in the employ of Ward Fuller of Bissell creek, narrowly escaped a serious accident Wednesday when the team with which he was working took fright and ran away, throwing him under the wagon. In some way he became entangled in the reins and was dragged some 50 yards. How he escaped with only a crushed foot and a few bruises seems a miracle. He was hustled to town for medical aid and will probably be about again in a short time.

Market Day. Col. Jim Barnard announces that another market day sale will be held Saturday afternoon on Main street.

SOLDIERS COMING FAST

Arrivals from Overseas Daily Occurrence Now

Emmett's soldiers are coming home a good rate now. Arrivals are almost a daily occurrence, bringing joy to many households. Among the number the past week are Lieutenants Clark Miles and Randall Haylor, Sergeant Tom Eggleston, Howard Cayford, Ernest Burt, John Mathieson.

Lieutenant Clark Miles paid a short visit to his mother, Mrs. Edith Miles, coming in Saturday and leaving Monday for his former location at Missoula, Mont. Lieut. Miles has recently returned from France, and has received his honorable discharge. He expects to return to Emmett about the first of April, and with him will come his bride, who is Miss Wyolia Pew. They will be married March 28th at the home of the brides' parents in Cascade, Mont. Clark is one of the boys who "made good" in military as in civil life, holding a responsible position with the U. S. forestry service, and while he has not resided here, he has made a large circle of friends and admirers who will extend their heartiest congratulations.

Lieutenant Lee Miles, a son of our Mrs. Edith Miles, has been honorably discharged and went last week to Minneapolis to join his family, who have spent the winter with Mrs. Miles' people. Mother Miles is justly proud of her two sons, both of whom have attained honors in their short military careers. Both boys returned on the "George Washington." Lee having charge of Co. B, 146th Machine Gun Battalion. With Mrs. Miles and the two little sons, he will return to resume his Emmett residence very soon.

We are assured by relatives of A. B. Pomeroy, who recently returned from France, that the report which has been circulated to the effect that he intends returning to France is entirely unfounded. The good old U. S. A. is good enough for him—as it is for most of 'em!

Sergeant Tom Eggleston, of the 146th Machine Gun Battalion arrived last evening. He was a member of Idaho's pride, the Second Idaho, s.w. service in Mexico and went to France a year ago last December. In addition to his other decorations he wears the blazing emblem of the Sunset division.

Lieut. Randall Haylor, a flyer in the aviation corps of the army, arrived home from Los Angeles on Saturday, having received his discharge. After a short visit with his parents here he will go to Columbus, Ohio, to resume his old position with a wholesale book concern.

Vern Myers and Harley Barnum arrived in Boston from overseas Saturday. Will Burdell has also arrived at that port.

Earl Graham, of Col. Clark's hospital corps in France, passed through Nampa last evening on his way to Camp Lewis for demobilization. Mrs. Graham went there to meet him when the train pulled in.

Howard Cayford and Ernest Burt, both members of Col. Clark's hospital company, arrived home this week, fat and happy.

John Mathieson came in last week from overseas, after an absence of eight months.

Karl Kretzenbeck is among the latest arrivals of discharged soldier boys. He appears none the worse for his army experience; in fact, like Howard Cayford, he has taken on a fair sized chunk of avoirdupois.

Leonard Ireton of Sweet, who recently received his honorable discharge from Uncle Sam's service, was in Emmett one day this week.

Among the boys lately released from service are noted Elmer Nelson, Stanley Cox.

Jurors Are Drawn The following jurors have been drawn for the next term of district court which convenes Monday morning at 10 o'clock. John Holbrook, E. W. Brown, G. F. Shelley, P. W. Polly, J. A. Haynes, Guy Dayton, S. B. McMillan, E. B. Prebble, C. H. Whitsel, Adolph Cook, J. Loe Reed, Henry Conrad, F. A. DeClark, J. E. Flake, John Barbour, Herman Werle, G. D. Durham, R. B. Wilson, T. C. Barringer, J. J. Amos, Andy Little, Thomas Murphy, Ed Tyler, Adam Klingback, C. A. Robinson.

John D. Little returned Tuesday from Portland, where he had been to market a carload of cattle.

FINDS LONG LOST PARENTS

George Gaddis, Soldier, Locates Parents at Cascade After 13 Years.

George Gaddis, a returned soldier, was in town last week in search of his parents, of whom he had lost trace. Mr. Gaddis has been in the army for about 13 years, and it appears that very soon after his first leaving home his mother, in ill health, had gone to a hospital at San Francisco. The young man had written after a time to the hospital and getting no information as to her whereabouts, had written to the home town, unsuccessfully, and to other places where he thought they might be. His letters were either lost or returned uncalled for. So finally he gave up and during all the ensuing years has feared his mother might have passed beyond.

At the time of the great war, he entered a camp, but had been sent only over a few days before the armistice was signed, and his ship was recalled. Now, having been discharged he somehow learned of some former friends of the family being in Emmett and came here. From them he learned that his parents reside in Cascade, and as soon as he could proceeded on his way. The story bespeaks a happy reunion of a long separated family circle.

More Clothing for War Victims Once more the Red Cross is about to prove herself the "Greatest Mother in the World" as she undertakes to provide clothing for the needy and destitute "over there." Last year our local chapter did her bit, and more, when the call came for donations of clothing, thrice exceeding the quota. Now we are asked to furnish 2 tons, and we can do it. During the week of March 24 the committee with Mrs. O. J. Jones in charge, will be at the Red Cross rooms to receive donations and we suggest that you begin right now to "sort out," and respond early, that packing may begin at once. Clean clothing of all kinds will be accepted.

BORN.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stippich Monday morning at the home of the grandmother, Mrs. Grace Sanders, on the bench. The young man's father is in Newport News, and expects to return home very soon.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bentz on Tuesday.

A daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Berry Monday morning.

BORN.

March 10, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Irish, a son.

March 10, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Tenneyson, a daughter.

March 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lark, a daughter.

March 12, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Peterson of Sweet, a son.

Scout Master Appointed.

The executive board of the Boy Scouts held a meeting Friday night and appointed Dr. W. E. Allen as scout master. Dr. Allen has recently located in business here, and having served several months in the army is excellently qualified for this work, besides being a young man in hearty sympathy and accord with the principles for which the Boy Scout organization stand.

Schools Closed Friday

Wardwell building of the Emmett schools was closed Friday in order to permit of repairs being made to the heating plant. Work was resumed as usual Monday morning.

Water in Canal.

Water was turned into the Farmers Co-operative canal last week in order to provide water for stock in the lower end of the valley.

Two More Houses

Work started this week on the construction of two bungalows on Second street, one by Geo. W. Knowles and the other by Mr. Madden, Sr. Mr. Madden has bought lots from Chris Kessgard.

Board to Retire.

The local draft board has its supplies boxed and ready for shipment, awaiting orders, and hopes to sing its swan song very shortly. It will then sell its equipment and some office accessories by sealed bid.

Lower Postage Rates

July 1, the old rates of postage in force before the war will be restored. Sealed letters will require only a two-cent stamp and postal cards and unsealed letters, 1 cent.

Sweet Couple Married

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Harry L. Knowlton and Miss Pearl Jensen, both of Sweet.

The family of F. Kauble has moved into the Weiss property on South Washington avenue.

FROZEN DOG RANCH SOLD

Henry Obermeyer Lucky Purchaser of Famous Property — Pays \$22,000

The famous "Frozen Dog Ranch" was the past week sold to Henry Obermeyer by Mrs. Nancy Hunter, widow of Col. W. C. Hunter, founder of the ranch, and mother of the late Duncan Hunter. The price paid is \$22,000. The new owner will take possession at once.

Frozen Dog ranch is one of the noted ranches of the valley. The late Colonel Hunter made it famous in verse and story in the literary works he was the author of, and of recent years fruit from its orchards have made an enviable reputation for quality and perfection in the Eastern markets. It is picturesquely situated at the foot of the hills about four miles east of Emmett, and the farm house commands a view of not only the entire lower Payette valley, but also of Oregon, and the snow capped mountains of that state a hundred or more miles away may be seen on a clear day. It is said the "Colonel" spent \$100,000 in developing and improving the property, and it was his cherished ambition to retire from the rush and bustle of active business in the East and spend the sunset of life calmly, restfully and peacefully on Frozen Dog. Ere his ambition was realized, Death claimed him, and two months ago his son and worthy successor followed him to that unknown bourne whence no traveler ere returns. Duncan Hunter's death broke up the family and Mrs. Hunter, with great reluctance, decided to dispose of the property and Henry Obermeyer is the lucky purchaser.

The ranch comprises 360 acres of which about half is under cultivation. It is one of the finest fruit and alfalfa farms in the state. The residence is modern and luxuriously finished. The outbuildings comprise large packing sheds, storage warehouses, etc. The irrigation system is piped.

Bench Ranch for \$11,000

C. C. Johns, this week sold his 70-acre ranch on the bench to Mr. Wells of Klamath Falls, Ore., for \$11,000. This is the former Richard Sutton farm. Among the improvements is a fine residence.

Weekly Program At IDEAL THEATRE
FRIDAY, MAR. 14
"The Hun Within" featuring Dorothy Gish
2-Reel Keystone Comedy
SATURDAY, MAR. 15
"Love's Pay Day" featuring Rosemary Theby
"Roofs and Riots" Comedy
SUNDAY-MONDAY MARCH 16-17
"Happy Though Married" with Edith Bennett
"Romance and Brass Tacks" Flagg Comedy
TUESDAY, MAR. 18
"On the Quiet" featuring John Barrymore
Pathe Comedy
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19
"Lure of the Circus" Episode No. 3
"After the War" featuring Grace Cunard