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## NEWS OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

### Interesting Letters from Our Boys at Home Camps and Abroad.

#### From "The Boy."

August 11—The mail came in this morning, the first we had had for weeks, and weeks. At least, it seems that long, although I guess it really has been only about two weeks since we heard from home. I received one letter from you, and in it was the first page of the Capital News dated July 19. It contained an account of the fall of Soissons, and it reached us here almost as soon as the official account. In fact, it was not mentioned in the daily papers we get until the first of this week, over three weeks after it was in the Boise paper. So you see how late the news of the war is that we receive from the papers here. Of course there were rumors long ago that Soissons had fallen, but as we have to make it a rule in the army never to believe rumors until they are confirmed by official reports, we didn't really know until it was published in the papers the first of this week.

John Gamage has at last completed his week on the wood pile and is now in the postoffice taking care of our mail. I think that he and the other unfortunate boys with him were not a howling success as wood cutters. In fact, one boy who saw the day's output said that he could cut that much in one hour and not sweat a hair, and offered to bet a day's wages on it, but John took him at his word and refused to risk any money.

I am awaiting orders to take a lot of men down to the base hospital on the coast. Orders have already come through for me to be ready and it is very probable that I will leave tonight or early tomorrow morning. I have 17 patients to take there, two men to accompany me to help take care of them. We will be gone four days, a day going, a day coming back, the other two days will be holidays for us and after we deliver the patients to the base we will spend the time at Nantes, one of the large cities near the coast and said to be one of the most beautiful places in France outside of Paris and the watering places. Dallas Burt will be one of the men to go with me.

Floy Clark and I have been figuring on taking our vacation sometime next month. Of course, we want to go either to Paris, Marseilles or Nice, but like most of the other boys we will probably have our choice of two places—Aix Les Bains or stay at home—so naturally we will take Aches and Pains, as we call it for short, in preference to staying in the camp.

Clair Haylor was up to see me last time on Thursday and then he expected to be sent out any time. I am sure that he has gone by now, or he would have been up to see me again. As it was, he stayed longer than he expected, for as a general rule they usually stay only about a week. He is feeling fine and was getting anxious to get back to his company. In fact he was so anxious to go that the day before he was up to see me he went into the office at his camp and asked the officer in charge, "When in h— he was ever going to send him back to his company."

All the boys have had their names changed since coming in the army. Floy Clark for a long time went by the name of Cyclone, a very appropriate one for him. But since he has been working in the laboratory that has been changed and at the present time his official title is "Bugs." John Gamage has the name of "Hooks," after the famous hookworm of Camp Greene. Of course, my name cannot be changed, or at least they won't change it, and I suppose "Skinny" will follow me through life, as it has every member of the Skinner family in past ages. Harvey Parks so far has escaped the nickname brigade, and Earl Graham has not been with the company long enough to have such a thing following him around. Lawrence Burt has been dubbed "Ambitious," Slim stands for Cayford, and the company roster boasts of such names as Sody, Dutch, Wild Cantaloupe, Eggy (Don Eagle-son) and many more common ones.

P. S.—Harvey Parks was made a sergeant. His warrant came today (Monday). Clare Haylor was up to

see me last night, so he hasn't gone yet.

#### From Floy Clark.

Talk of big business, we sure had it. The hospital is full tonight with 1000 patients and only 800 beds. More than 170 patients were admitted today and still going the limit. Nearly 100 were discharged today. The scarcity of room situation is soon to be remedied, as we have now 10 more buildings on the way and are ready to set them up upon arrival. They will soon be filled to their capacity, as we have many patients in our own tents.

Today Clare received a couple of pictures taken on the North Fork of the Payette river above Banks. We all nearly went wild when we saw them, as we did the time some one here got a little branch of sagebrush in a letter and all the old bunch had to sniff its enticing odor, for it was real honest to goodness perfume to us.

#### From Marcus H. Foss.

Camp Hancock, Ga.—Dear Sister: Well here I am at last. Nine came here from Moscow and there are only three of us left in camp. Two of us were transferred this morning to an overseas company, so you see we will soon be headed for the other side and the sooner the better, but it will be two weeks yet anyhow, I expect, though a person can never tell what's on for the next day in a camp like this. I sure hated to see the other Idaho boys leave, for I had been

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## NEWS OF SOLDIERS

Abe Hitt is evidently making good in the navy, having received another promotion.

Preston Chapman, a member of the quartermaster's department stationed at Camp Fremont, Calif., arrived home on Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman. Furloughs of all men in his regiment have been called in September 20, and the boys are expecting to leave for overseas shortly thereafter. He says everyone is rarin' to go.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Walker received a long letter from their son Loyd saying that he had arrived safely in France. Loyd is a sharpshooter of the intelligence corps in the 91st division. We are proud of him, as he is the only one from Gem county that we know of having attained that distinction.

A letter received this week from Glenn DeClark says his brother Earl has enlisted in the navy and is at the naval training station at the University of Washington, and Glenn says he himself can't withstand the desire to get into the service much longer. He says Earl's fellow employees on the Oregon Journal presented him with a wrist watch, upon which was engraved, "To Earl H. DeClark from the Journal chapel."

Everett Barton, manager of the Boise Payette mill here, on Tuesday waived exemption and that day went to Boise, from where he left the following day for Camp Lewis to become a part of the National Army. The Statesman says: "Mr. Barton has had opportunities to enter the officers' training camps, but has gone as a private, preferring to earn his promotion by working up from the ranks." Mrs. Barton and baby will continue to make their home in Emmett.

Dr. James L. Stewart, the well-known surgeon of Boise, has been commissioned a captain in the medical corps of the army and will leave for New York within the next ten days.

Jack Harwell, who is stationed in a training camp in Colorado, came home yesterday to spend a short furlough visiting his parents in the Bramwell section.

John Daily's brother, who is visiting him from Beloit, Kan., enlisted for service in the Civil war when 15 years and 4 months old.

#### Accidents at Mill.

Three employees of the sawmill are suffering with injured fingers. Ed Bivens had the misfortune to slip and fall in front of a car loaded with lumber and the car wheel ran over his hand. C. C. Allen had a finger badly mashed between two timbers, and Joe Ryneason, who was feeding a rip saw, had the first three fingers of one hand so badly cut that several stitches had to be taken in the wounds of each finger to close them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dion and Mrs. Geo. Geary were Boise visitors Tuesday.

## HOW BUGLER DRESSER MET DEATH

### Taken With Cramps While in Swimming—Buried With Military Honors.

The first particulars to reach this city of the drowning of Lawrence Dresser in France came Monday in letters from Floy Clark and "The Boy." Young Dresser was bugler of the Second Idaho and when he was transferred to Co. A, 146th Machine Gun Battery, he still retained his position. He was buried with military honors in France. In his letter "The Boy" says:

"When I arrived home Saturday (August 17) after an absence of a week, I learned of the death of Lawrence Dresser, which occurred August 15. Lawrence was located at Sell-sur-Cher, a town a few miles above here with the other boys from the old Emmett company. He went in swimming shortly after dinner, was attacked by cramps and drowned. His body was recovered a short time afterward, but although every effort was made to restore life, it was without avail. The funeral was held Friday afternoon, and the procession was one of the longest that has been held in this section, practically his entire regiment taking part. The casket was borne to the cemetery on the caisson drawn by four horses, and was covered with the American flag and heaped high with beautiful flowers. All the honors of an American soldier were accorded him and his body was laid to rest in the American army cemetery located only a short distance from this hospital. The cemetery is located on a slight elevation and overlooks the town of St. Aignan and the beautiful and fertile valley of the river Cher.

We at the hospital knew nothing of his death until about half an hour after the funeral, when the sergeant in charge of the cemetery came up to the hospital and told us who it was. It was a great shock to us and to all the boys who knew him. Lawrence was known by reputation throughout the entire division, and while many of them did not know him by name, they knew him because he was the best bugler in the entire division. While we were in Boise and Camp Mills we used to lay awake at nights to hear him blow taps, because he blew it better and sweeter than any of the other buglers in the entire division, and as "Taps" he was known to many a soldier of that division.

A military funeral at the grave consists of the sermon by the chaplain, the volleys as the casket is lowered into the grave, followed by taps the last announcement when life's battle is ended, and the last bugle call at night when the day's work is over.

#### From Floy Clark.

One sad thing happened in Tom Eggleston's company that brought sorrow to the old Idaho boys, for Lawrence Dresser, an old schoolmate of mine in the grades, found his fate while swimming in the river Lilles. His companions were unable to get him out owing to the depth of the water and the current. One of the corporals in Tom's company nearly lost his life trying to rescue him. It is only a game of chance over here, so if a man is doomed he will lose, whether in battle or in the rear.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

### Churches to Unite in Paying Tribute to Lawrence Dresser

Memorial services for Lawrence Dresser will be held Sunday evening in the Methodist church, all the churches uniting. The program will be as follows:

Opening number by Band. Song—"Battle Hymn of the Republic." Invocation—Rev. A. C. Lathrop. Address—R. E. Rose, president of Council of Defense. Song. Address—Member of the Band. Address—Rev. F. E. Finley. Placing gold star—O. U. Chambers. Singing—"Star Spangled Banner," led by Band. Benediction, Rev. Jas. Adams. Lawrence Dresser was a member of the Band, and his death adds the first gold star to the service flag of that organization.

#### Packing Apples.

The Fruit Union is packing the apple crop of the Flagler orchard, which is estimated at 2500 boxes. The Union is shipping out two carloads this week.

## CITY SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY

### Corps of Teachers Complete and Assignments Have Been Made

The city schools will open Monday and Superintendent Goodwin requests parents to carefully note these points:

- High School
  - Alice Hartley—English.
  - Martha Lathrop—Mathematics.
  - Cora J. Melcher—History.
  - Lucy H. Kielsen—Latin and Spanish.
  - Velma Spaulding—Home Economics.
  - Bertha Roseberry—Commercial Subjects.
  - M. J. Clapp—Science.

- Grades
  - First—Jean L. Shanklin and Josephine Day.
  - Second—Edna Gruber and Vera Shaver.
  - Third—Dora M. Brown and Margaret Cupp.
  - Fourth—Louise Monroe and Edith M. Stovel.
  - Fifth—Clara Peterson and Ruth Wilson.
  - Sixth—Lottie Canady and Frances Payne.
  - Seventh—Marvel Fowler.
  - Eighth—Edna Landers and Anna E. Wagner.
  - Lincoln school—Yetta H. McIntyre and Rebecca Jones.
  - Emerson—Mrs. E. R. Kelly.

A list of teachers and their assignments follow:

1. Pupils near the Emerson building, who are in the First, Second or Third grade, are expected to attend there.
2. Pupils near the Lincoln building who are in the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth or Sixth grade are expected to attend there.
3. Pupils in town who are in the Third or Fourth grade report to the Longfellow building.
4. All others come to the Wardwell building.
5. All pupils should start the first day.
6. Pupils just starting into the First grade must be 6 years of age by January 17. It they will become 6 between January 17 and May 23 they may start the middle of the year.

Concerning the commercial course in High school it has been planned to let it extend over the full four years, giving a part of it each year. Penmanship and bookkeeping will be given the first year. Business English, business correspondence and spelling, the second year. Typewriting and shorthand the third year. Typewriting and shorthand, arithmetic and advanced bookkeeping the fourth year. Those students who select the commercial course must carry other courses along at the same time.

We are now offering the following credits, all accredited by colleges and universities: English 8 credits; mathematics, 8; history, 8; Latin 8; science 8; commercial subjects 8; home economics 4; and Spanish 4. This makes a total of 56 credits, and as a student is required to take only 32 of these for graduation it gives quite a latitude for choosing a course. A student should follow one of three courses: The classical course, the scientific course, or the commercial course.

Those taking the classical course should take all of the Latin and English, considerable history and mathematics, then fill out from other courses.

Those taking the scientific course should take all of the science and mathematics, most of the English, then fill out from other courses. Those taking the commercial course should take all the commercial subjects and Spanish and most of the English, then fill out with subjects from mathematics and other courses. The Superintendent will be pleased to confer with students or prospective students.

Accident on Shellrock Hill. W. E. Buck and George Koons took a load of supplies to the Canyon canal break this week. When going down Shellrock hill the neck yoke broke and the team of mules broke away from the wagon. The wagon turned over and both men were thrown out, sustaining painful bruises, but no serious injury.

Good apples at the Fruit Growers Union 1 cent per pound.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS

The War Industries Board has ruled that until after the war newspaper subscriptions must be in advance. The newspaper has no choice in the matter; the order is peremptory and final. The Index will obey the rules and regulations laid down by the Board. We cannot do less and be good Americans. After October 3, 1918, we will drop from our mailing list all subscriptions upon their expiration. Keep watch of the address label on your paper; it tells when your time expires. There positively will be no deviation from this order. Statement of the amount due from each subscriber will be sent out in a few days, and prompt remittance must be made in order to avoid missing an issue of the paper. The penalty for a violation of the government's order is the shutting off of the supply of paper.

## GUILD ADOPTS A FRENCH ORPHAN

### Grateful Mother Writes Letter Expressing Thanks for Kindness

Sometime ago St. Marys Guild of this city adopted a fatherless child of France. A few days ago Mrs. A. O. Sutton, secretary of the Guild, received the following letter from the mother of the boy, expressing her gratitude and appreciation of the kindness. The letter was written in French and the translation was made by Judge Sutton:

St. Remy, France. Madame, our dear confederate: How impressed I have been by seeing how many charitable friends France has to come to the assistance of mothers of families, helping them to raise their small orphans. Not only, my dear compatriot, do you fight by our side, but you give courage to those who suffer. For Madame, misfortune has befallen my home. Since I lost my husband nothing but suffering. I have left with me three children of four, six and nine years. Jean, that you have done the favor to adopt, is six years old. The past year while returning from school, he injured an eye making him almost blind. For nearly a year I have had a bronchitis that causes me suffering and probably death. Poor little orphans!

Oh, if you could see the poor father as in dying he thought not of his own suffering. His last words, as repeated to me by his comrade in arms, were, "I suffer, but I die a brave soldier. I only wish my wife and my children, my three little darlings, are not unhappy nor in poverty. As for myself, I have done my duty and think not of my pain."

Madame, thanks, thanks for your good deed. How happy I have been made to receive the sum of 45 francs. I have used it to buy shoes for my three children, have received credit on medicine for my children and have eaten a good part (bought food).

Yet again, Madame, thanks. I would do my best for your countrymen. I will always remember to do everything possible. I will make my child write if you permit me. My husband was corporal in 266 and fell the 14th of February, 1915, at the north battle. I wish to extend my sincere thanks. Your devoted MADAME EVE FREAUD.

#### Blaze at Garage.

An alarm of fire was turned in about 7:30 Tuesday morning from the M & M Garage. One of Lou Obermeyer's trucks was being furnished with a supply of gasoline. The tank ran over and a spark from the engine ignited the oil. Prompt application of a chemical extinguisher subdued the flames before any damage was done.

#### A SAVINGS ACCOUNT

"The Habit" After you've started your Savings account, which is a very simple matter as we explained last week, the next thing is to add to it—to make it grow. You know that if you walk down town on the same side of the street each morning you soon select that side unconsciously—it becomes a habit. If you deposit a certain fixed amount in the First National Bank—it doesn't need to be large—in your savings account each week or month you will soon do it as a matter of habit. The savings habit is a habit that not only helps you build a bank account, but the after-effects will be noticed in a more systematic business or home management. Make your savings systematic. Have a plan of saving and stick to it everlastingly. Our next article will be about "Withdrawals."

## COUNTY TAX LEVY IS MADE

### Commissioners Fix Levy at 13.3 Mills—State at 2.2 Mills—School District 6 Mills—Emmett 19 Mills

The county tax levy was fixed at 13.3 mills, the state levy at 2.2 mills, or a total of 15.5 mills, by the county commissioners at their session Monday. On top of this, the city levy is 19 mills and School District No. 9 is 6 mills, making a total tax of 40.5 mills for city residents and 21.5 mills for School District No. 9 residents outside of city.

The county levy is made on a total valuation of \$4,273,867.

The levy and valuation for the school district is as follows:

Dist.	Val.	Levy,	Mills
No. 1	\$ 9,006	10	
No. 2	140,900	4	
No. 3	15,675	0	
No. 4	129,100	7	
No. 5	23,055	9	
No. 6	32,554	0	
No. 7	190,642	0	
No. 8	146,929	4 1/2	
No. 9	2,068,791	6	
No. 10	158,386	5	
No. 11	56,987	5	
No. 12	155,017	4	
No. 13	20,339	11	
No. 14	4 1/2	mills.	
No. 15	6	mills.	
No. 17	0	mills.	
No. 187		mills.	
No. 19	4 1/2	mills.	
No. 20	6 1/2	mills.	
No. 21	0	mills.	
No. 29	6	mills.	
No. 46	0	mills.	
No. 47	7	mills.	
No. 58	11	mills.	

## BORN.

On Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keithley, a daughter. Mrs. Ruth Hunt declares that the young lady has already declared her intention to vote the Democratic ticket. On Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Crete Robinson of Placerville, at a Boise hospital, a son. On Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dayton, a daughter. And Guy says she is a peach. On Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Pell Johnson of Letha, a son.

#### Duck Season Opens Monday.

The duck season opens Monday morning at sunrise, which Game Warden Riggs says occurs at 15 minutes after the 7 o'clock mill whistle blows.

## Weekly Program At IDEAL THEATRE

- FRIDAY, SEPT 13
  - "Mating of Marcella" featuring Dorothy Dalton
  - 2 Reel Keystone Comedy
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 14
  - "Every Woman's Husband" with Gloria Swanson
  - Nestor Comedy
- SUNDAY, SEPT. 15
  - "Man's World" featuring Emily Stevens
  - 2-Reel Keystone Comedy
- MONDAY, SEPT. 16
  - "His Own Home Town" featuring Charles Ray
  - 2-Reel Fox Comedy
- TUESDAY, SEPT. 17
  - "The Two Orphans" Featuring Theda Bara
  - Harold Lloyd Comedy
- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18
  - "A Fight for Millions" Episode No. 2
  - "Britain's Bulwarks" A war picture.
  - "Spring Idyl"—drama
  - "Wild Beasts at Large" Comedy
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 19
  - "Marked Cards" featuring Margery Wilson
  - "Pathe News"