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EARLY SHOPPING

Holiday shopping is now on with a rush. Let us mingle consideration with our Christmas purchases. Many are so situated that they can shop in the morning. If those who are would do so, they would relieve congestion at the stores and secure better service, more attention. The clerks at the stores are the ones who need consideration; they are the ones who bear the strain. If we can make their work any easier, let's do it cheerfully and gladly.

While the East is in the grip of winter, the weather is mild and balmy in Eastern Oregon. And every mild day means dollars to the stockmen.

It should not be forgotten that the late W. T. Wright was once county clerk of Union county and one of the best we ever had.

General Kiddle and his infantry are going over the top.

The Red Cross drive is a real Christmas drive.

Unique Challenge Made By Miller to Disprove Claims of Pugilists

Walter Miller, who will defend the title of welterweight champion against Chris Gesek at the Arendt December 27 in a finish match, is the author of a very unusual challenge which appeared in the Bellington American-Revellite, of a recent issue.

Walter Miller, world's champion welter and middleweight wrestler, who will enter in the national army in a short time and probably will be assigned as wrestling instructor, believes that wrestling knowledge is far more beneficial to a soldier than boxing tricks as a means of coming out winner in a hand-to-hand engagement, thus disputing views taken by Robert Edgren, an Eastern sporting writer. According to the clever mat expert, a boxer stands no chance with a wrestler in a fight for life. To prove his assertion Miller declares that he is willing to meet any three middleweight fighters in the world, including Willie Ritchie former light-weight champion and now boxing instructor at Camp Lewis, all the same

evening, but one at a time. He guarantees to make them quit within forty-five minutes, giving each of them fifteen minutes. So far as is known such a challenge has never been known in the history of sports before.

"Wrestlers get to an opponent faster than boxers," says Miller. "The mat game requires more skill and science as the good wrestler must be capable of applying hundreds of puzzling holds while many of the best fighters get by with a few different punches. A boxer is like a child in a wrestler's hands."

"In the ring referees force boxers to break clean in a clinch but this sort of attack would be useless in a hand-to-hand struggle with a German. In such a fight the knowledge of wrestling would prove the life saver."

"To prove my point beyond a doubt I will meet any three middleweight fighters in the world, including Willie Ritchie, and promise that no one of them will last longer than fifteen minutes," asserts Miller.

DEATH OF GOTCH COMES AS SHOCK

Jack O'Neill Had Known Him for Years—Had Been His Training Partner.

The death of Frank Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, comes as a great shock to Jack O'Neill who has known him intimately for years. O'Neill was Gotch's training partner when he prepared for his match for the world's championship contest with Tom Jenkins, which he won on January 27, 1904, at Huntington, Wash.

Gotch was 41 years old, although some record books give his age as 38. He was born April 27, 1876, on a farm three miles south of Humboldt, Iowa. He died December 16,

at his home in the same town. His health failed in the summer of 1916 when he was making a tour of the country with a well-known circus. Late in the season he was compelled to return to his home on account of stomach trouble. He never regained his health fully, although he later rejoined the circus, being compelled to leave it again when he injured his ankle. The following winter Gotch spent some time at Hot Springs, Ark. Early last October he became seriously ill and was removed to a hospital. In November he was taken home to Humboldt, Iowa, and gradually grew worse, finally succumbing to miliary poisoning. Gotch built up a fortune in wrestling and by investing his earnings in Iowa lands. His estate is variously estimated at between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

From Our Exchanges

Leaves for Rochester, Minnesota Mrs. J. T. Mulverhill of Haines, who formerly resided here, and her daughter, Mrs. H. F. White of North Powder, left this week for Rochester, Minnesota, where they will consult the Mayo brothers in regard to Mrs. Mulverhill's health. It may be that an operation will be necessary. The many friends of Mrs. Mulverhill here will hope she may be benefited. They will visit with relatives in Iowa and in Chicago before their return.—Union Scout.

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The poem follows:
The Launching of the Oregon
 Oh, ship, like crested Pallas armed;
 Oh, bride, the hoary god hath charmed,
 Leap to his strong and proud embrace—
 In Freedom's squadron take thy place.

Northward, in sheen of crystal mail,
 A scarf of cloud upon his breast,
 Our mountain monarch, Hood, will hail
 The mighty daughter of the West,
 And hail, with broad uplifted shield
 The sea, thy home and battlefield,
 While the vast hosts of plumed
 Swell the deep son of worshippers.

That brow of prescience wreathed in dreams,
 The mist through which his grand-
 our gleams
 In storm and calm has brooded o'er
 The hardy few that erstwhile came
 And wrought, in tears and blood and flame—
 So stripes might stream and stars
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 The glory of thy chosen name!

Launched on the golden-gated bay,
 Be thine a royal bridal day,
 And with the wave's exultant kiss
 Comes dreams of olden Salamis,
 When Greece was life's white morn-
 ing star;

Come, welcome to a scene like this,
 The memories of Trafalgar;
 And Erie's crash of thunder, telling
 How Perry's warrior heart was swell-
 ing;

Come, throbbing through the dusk of years,
 Decatur's drumbeat in Algiers,
 And from a hero's frosting lip
 The whisper, "Don't give up the ship!"

To greet the nuptials, here behold,
 While o'er enchanted streams and woods
 October's misted splendor brands,
 Our forests lit with lamps of gold,
 And many a leafy mountain shrine
 Washed with the red Autumnal wine,
 For thee a symbol and a strain
 Of faith serene and trust unfeigned.

Oh, swift and strong and terrible!
 Go forth to guard our cherished shore
 Till all thy fated days are full
 And war's hoarse call is heard no more!

Go forth O warrior of the free,
 Till cape and bay and cliff and reef
 Flash with the story of the flag,
 Triumphant yet on land and sea!
 And oh, guard well the gleaming strand
 Of this, our fair Arcadian land,
 When in the storm of years come by
 With stain of heart and wound of hand,

When men could dare and do and die,
 Be worthy of thy mistle name
 "Thou matchless valen and mount-
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 The peaks our hoping children know
 A welcoming to thee will glow;
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 And Jefferson, with brow beamed,
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 For lo, upon the radiant main,
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Clothes and Camouflage

You've probably seen pictures of the armies in Europe making a formidable fortress on a bare hill top, with dummy cannon and pasteboard men.

It's Called Camouflage

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SECOND DAY OF RED CROSS DRIVE IS ON
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willingly give this added bit. There will be no more solicitation for members until next Christmas.

Some Trace of Treason.
 Workers make no further report where it is evident that the parties are financially unable to give, but where manifestly the person is opposed to helping the Red Cross endeavor, the facts and circumstances are noted and as was the case in one instance yesterday where the objection is so strong as to smack of treason and disloyalty the matter will be taken up and investigated by the proper officers of the department of justice, the workers simply doing what any patriotic person should do—report the facts and let the government do the rest.

There is a great scramble to get the Red Cross service flag into the windows. In many blocks there is an unbroken string of them—and in others conspicuous absences are noted.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Garfield King claim to have the youngest twin members in the Red Cross. The whole King family, including the twins Jean and Teddy, joined this morning.

RED CROSS DOES GREAT WAR WORK
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hospital, Dr. Sedgwick told the United Press today. Otherwise they are content to take their lot until the end of the war. Their babies are safe.

So far the big Red Crosses painted

on the roof of the baby home have given it immunity from the enemy birdman, many of whom pass over it daily. It's the only good word to be said for the Germans in this part of the Vosges.

Ready Now at Old Price.
 Fresh lot (just received) of Foley's Honey and Tar are selling at before-the-war prices. This puts a well-known cough medicine, ready to use, in homes at less than it costs to buy and mix the ingredients yourself and saves the bother and fuss. Mrs. Mary Kisby, 2523 Princeton, Ave., Spokane, Wash., writes: "I was sick in bed with lagrippe. I coughed very badly. I took Foley's Honey and Tar. It stopped my cough and

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