

"Ashland Grows While Lillias Flows"  
City of Sunshine and Flowers

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Germans Remain Inactive While  
Allies Conduct Fight On Front

Having been defeated with enormous losses in every phase of the fighting around Ypres, the Germans have attempted no further onslaughts. Inaction prevailed Wednesday before the positions held by the French and British troops. Since Monday what activity there has been was carried out by the British and French, both of whom have materially bettered their positions, the French near Loere and the British at Meteren. On both sectors ground was captured and prisoners taken.

Meanwhile British and French artillerymen are sending a veritable rain of shells on Mont Kemmel. Thus far the allied guns have held back all attempts by the enemy to reinforce his men on the hill and if the good work is kept up the hill top is likely soon to prove to be a death trap for its captors.

Nothing as yet has been vouchsafed regarding the inter-allied war council, which is holding war session at Versailles, which are expected to bring forth decisions of great moment.

Great faith in the ability of General Foch and the allied commanders again has been expressed by M. Clemenceau, French premier, returning from a visit to the front.

The fighting on the other fronts, except in Palestine and Mesopotamia, continues of a minor character. In the latter theatres, however, the British have returned to the attack and

gained successes over the Turks. Progress has been made north of Bagdad, along the Tigris river, and in Palestine several positions have been captured and prisoners taken.

London, May 1.—"The enemy's artillery has been active today against the back areas in the neighborhood of Bethune and has heavily shelled French positions on the Loere sector," says Field Marshal Haig's communication, issued tonight.

"On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report beyond the usual artillery activity and local encounters on both sides."

The number of German prisoners captured by the British armies in France during March was 1061, including 69 officers. In April a further 5241 prisoners, including 136 officers were captured. These figures are inclusive of the prisoners taken by the French.

Paris, May 1.—The war office announcement tonight says:

"There is nothing to report during the day except lively bombardments in the region north of Mondidier."

"On April 30, Sub-Lieutenant Guerin brought down his 20th enemy machine."

"Eastern theatre, April 30.—There was reciprocal artillery activity in various sectors. On the Serbian front in the neighborhood of Vretnek several Bulgarian attacks were repulsed. At the Cerna bend our detachments dispersed enemy patrols."

State Militia Virtually Assured  
At Mass Meeting Monday Night

Ashland is practically certain to become one of the cities in the state to have a National Guard organization. Through the untiring efforts of First Lieutenant P. L. Spencer and Second Lieutenant D. D. Edwards of the Home Guard this movement was virtually assured at the mass meeting held in the armory last Monday night, when the call for volunteers to join the organization brought nearly enough men of the required age to their feet to effect the organization at once. Recruiting has been actively pushed all week following this meeting, and it is expected when Adjutant General Williams comes to this section to muster in the guard a full quota will be awaiting him.

A gratifying number of representative citizens answered the call to the meeting Monday night, noticeably among them men of military age whose presence denoted the interest shown in the meeting. The band gave open air concerts on the Plaza and in front of the armory, which did much to rouse the patriotic zeal of the citizens, and when Second Lieutenant Edwards of the Home Guards opened the meeting, the sentiment was plainly expressed that a National Guard for this city would be forthcoming.

Interesting patriotic addresses were made by Mayor C. B. Lamkin, W. E. Newcomb, G. A. Briscoe of the public schools, and Rev. C. A. Edwards. Several of these speakers have boys already in the service, and spoke from a full heart of the necessity of bringing forth every effort for a speedy termination of this terrible conflict in a victory for the allied troops. The trend of the addresses was an appeal to the people at home to stand back of the boys at the front, and support them in every manner available.

"During the first stages of the war I was a pacifist," was the honest confession of Lieut. Edwards, who was introduced by Mayor Lamkin, and who explained the object of the

meeting. "I thought peace should be made at any price, until the United States entered into the conflict, then I was first and foremost an American. Some pacifists claim they have a constitutional right to go into war or stay out," he further remarked. "I would like to ask, who gave them this constitutional right? It was soldiers with muskets." He then explained the object of the organization of the state militia which, he said, must not be confused with the federal army, and cannot be sent out of the state. After an inspiring appeal he called for volunteers and a large body of men present rose to their feet. They were cheered to the echo.

Recruiting has been kept up actively each night during the week, and it is expected that by tonight or tomorrow night a sufficient number will be ready to be mustered into the state service.

J. E. Thornton, who served the United States during the Spanish-American war, as an officer, will take the captaincy of the new company, and the other officers will be supplied from the ranks of the present Home Guard.

This morning a delegation consisting of Mayor C. B. Lamkin, Capt. J. E. Thornton, F. J. Shinn, W. H. McNair, Lieut. D. D. Edwards and L. A. Roberts went to Jacksonville where they met a delegation from Medford to petition the court in regard to supplying uniforms for the companies in Ashland and Medford. They were successful in their mission and the county will supply one hundred uniforms for each company. Recruiting is being pushed along and it is thought that by next week enough members will be signed up so that the company may be sworn in by Adjutant General Williams some time next week. The regular meeting of the Home Guard will be held next Tuesday night at which the full membership is requested to be present.

One More Big Drive To Face  
During this Coming Year

During the past year we have had many "drives" of one kind and another and the end is not yet in sight. There is no use trying to bury our heads in the sand and say that we are through giving; better far to say that we are glad that we could give as much as we have and hope that we can do still better during the coming year.

Ashland has generously responded to many calls for help and much credit is due the community for the 100 per cent payment of its obligations in these various charitable lines.

There is another matter, however, which is of immense importance to this city, which it seems to us should be met without further delay—the matter of financing the normal school campaign. We have taken care of the other fellow's needs and we have not asked for our own interests—the time has come when we must give to the normal school committee an adequate fund for the purpose of winning this issue in November.

We have advantages this year which we have worked long to obtain: the co-operation of several communities in eastern Oregon on account of the unnamed location of the school in that section of the state will probably mean in itself

several thousand votes; the inadequacy of the one normal school at Monmouth is becoming more apparent to the people of the state at large on account of the increasing demand for trained teachers and the disappointment of local school boards in finding what they want.

Many of our local people have said of their own accord that the more they study the situation, the more they believe that our prospects are more favorable than ever before.

This measure, it is true, will be voted upon in November whether we do a lick of work, but there is no satisfaction in that; with a fair campaign fund we have a reasonable show of passing the amendment; without a campaign, our chances are very much reduced. We must rally to this call for funds as a matter of patriotism to our own town—yes, it is very largely a business proposition but no one need say that it is altogether a selfish matter for if we want a larger motive it is only necessary to remember that in helping the state to get straight on this normal school proposition, we are doing a service to the children of every community in the whole state, a service which is not simply for the day but for years to come. For our children's sake we must make it go.

County Sends Out  
First Drafted Men

A number of Jackson county contingent of drafted men departed from Medford Tuesday afternoon to the various camps where they will be stationed for training to become Uncle Sam's soldiers.

In accordance with a proclamation issued by Mayor Gates, an immense crowd gathered at the station in Medford to speed the boys on their way. The Jackson county boys left for Camp Lewis on the troop train going through at about 3:30, after having taken luncheon in Ashland, and were as follows:

Homer Pellett, Fred Elden Lewis, L. L. Davis, Orville H. Gaines, Robert Middleton, Bruce Otto Force, Albert E. Jackson, George W. Williams, E. E. Brown, W. Ray Davis, Dave Griffiths, Clarence A. Keizer, Lee O. Walker, Silas B. Morgan, Charles Francis Rosecranz.

The following drafted men left Medford Wednesday morning for Fort McDowell, Cal., where they will be trained for the cavalry and artillery:

Leland C. DeCarlow, Fred Lester Luy, Hiram James Arnold, Lester Harvey Wertz and George Lewis.

Market Report in  
Union Stockyard

During the past week cattle receipts at the Portland Union stockyards are not at all adequate to the demand. Anything that looks like a cow is getting past at almost ridiculous prices in some cases. Cows that sold at 8 cents are selling better than 10 cents at present. Hog receipts are not keeping up with the demand in any better way than the cattle receipts. The quality of hogs coming in is very good and the tone of the market is firm. There is no great deal of demand for prime spring lambs, although some are bringing as high as \$20. Heavy lambs are selling as high as \$18 with the supply very light. Other sheep are steady.

East Side Market  
Has Changed Hands

J. E. Barrett has transferred his Kingsbury springs ranch to A. R. Brown for the East Side market. The latter intends to devote his entire time to cattle and ranch interests, while Mr. Barrett will take personal charge of the outside work of the market, such as buying and killing stock. The retail department will be in charge of B. F. Storm, a capable meat cutter. The transfer took effect yesterday.

Troops Appreciated  
Gift of Flowers

One of the days the troops were passing through this city, Mrs. O. Winter sent a large basket of flowers to the canteen station, thinking perhaps the soldiers might enjoy them as a bright little memento of their stay in this city. These were called for with avidity by the soldiers and the supply was very soon exhausted. The boys were delighted with the thoughtful attention and all were anxious to receive a portion of Ashland flowers to help cheer them on their way. Flowers are one of the things Ashland is never lacking, and when troop trains go through here no finer tribute can be paid the passing soldiers than to give them flowers with a hearty Godspeed to accompany them on their journey.

Write American on  
Soldiers Letters

The postal authorities at Washington have issued the statement that mail addressed to members of the American expeditionary forces in France should have the word "American" written or spelled in full so that in the address the designation will be read "American E. F."

The new order is deemed necessary in order to distinguish American mail from that addressed to the expeditionary forces of other countries.

Commercial Club  
To Elect Officers

An important meeting of the Commercial club will be held in the city hall next Monday evening at which all members are urged to be present. The semi-annual election of officers will take place. An excellent program of talented speakers has been arranged, the band will furnish music and refreshments will be served.

Fred W. Weeks  
For County Coroner

Fred W. Weeks, of the Weeks & McGowan Furniture company of Medford, was in Ashland Thursday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for county coroner. Mr. Weeks has been a long resident of Jackson county and is widely and favorably known. Formerly he was engaged in the manufacture of furniture at Phoenix, and for years has been in the furniture and undertaking business in Medford.

The Camera Exchange for Film.

Ill Health Causes  
Man To Shoot Self

Despondent over ill health of several years' duration Paul F. Biltz, 40 years old of Medford, committed suicide Tuesday afternoon by shooting himself through the head. The tragedy occurred at 3:30 o'clock in the apartments occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Biltz over the Mail Tribune building, and death was instantaneous.

The suicide was apparently planned, as Mr. Biltz requested his wife to go out and witness the departure of the drafted men at the S. P. station. She had barely left the room when a shot rang out, and hurrying back to her husband she found him on the bed, breathing his last with a bullet through the temple. Mr. Biltz was injured in a railroad wreck at Elsinore, Cal., four years ago, and had been an intense sufferer ever since. Several months ago Mr. and Mrs. Biltz came to Medford, hoping the change of climate would be beneficial, but the unfortunate invalid grew worse, and suffered intense pain, and it is supposed that he became discouraged and decided to end it all.

The remains were shipped yesterday to Los Angeles, the former home of the deceased, for burial. Mr. Biltz was a brother-in-law of Mrs. O. T. Bergner.

Infant's Death Was  
Purely Accidental

A thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of the 12-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cavin who met a tragic death under the wheels of a fast train at Talent last Friday, resulted in the entire exoneration of the train crew, and no inquest was held. Funeral services were held Tuesday from Perle's chapel in Medford, and burial was made in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Cavin is a logging engineer employed at the Applegate Lumber company's logging camp near Jacksonville, and on Saturday he rented a house at Jacksonville where he will move his family because of the dangerous proximity of their present home to the railroad.

Ashland Women Glad  
To Serve Soldiers

When the members of the Civic Improvement club arranged to feed the troops of drafted men that passed through this city four days beginning Saturday, it appeared a fearful undertaking. However, the women attacked the project with the same vim and courage with which their boys will go over the top when they meet the enemy in France, and what was regarded with dread became an occasion of great enjoyment to those who participated in serving the meals.

The boys were good-hearted, lively American youths and the mothers of Ashland could see in the greater part of them her boy who had gone out to face danger and perhaps be cared for by strangers, so these brave Ashland women took the California lads to their hearts with a right good will and mothered them in the same manner they hope other women will render service to their boys.

And that the boys appreciated the service was demonstrated in the hearty manner in which they cheered Ashland and the people who tried to make their stop here pleasant.

Tuesday, when the last contingent took luncheon here, as a pleasant diversion Mrs. Perry Ashcraft and Mrs. Julia Hockett, accompanied by Mrs. Parsons, sang to the boys while they ate. This was enthusiastically received, especially when Mrs. Hockett sang "Where Do We Go from Here," when the entire company joined in with good will.

With hearty thanks and handclaps the boys departed, all looking forward to a speedy chance to "get" the kaiser.

Heroic Treatment  
Given Sick Cow

Isaac Bailey tried in vain the other day to relieve a clover-bloated cow by using various remedies suggested by neighbors. Finally he hit upon the simple expedient of puncturing the paunch of the suffering animal. Instant relief resulted, but the released gas smelled bad enough to sicken a hundred huns. Bailey says he would like to perform a similar operation on the cruel kaiser.

Great Picture To Be  
Shown Next Week

The will back of Germany's war and the ruthlessness of German war methods will be brought home to citizens of Ashland as never before, when "The Kaiser, Beast of Berlin," is shown at the Vining theatre, in this city Monday and Tuesday, May 6 and 7.

This production comes to this city almost first among the cities west of the Rocky mountains, thanks to the promptness and enterprise of Manager Bergner in booking it to his theatre almost as soon as it reached the Portland exchange.

In this seven-reel super-production with Rupert Julian playing in the role of the kaiser, audiences will see the private life and character of the autocrat, with all his mad vanities and ambitions and cruel selfishness, laid mercilessly bare.

They will see in a terrific review, the massacre and sack of Louvain and they will see German ruthlessness at work in Belgium, even as it hopes some day to be at work in America.

They will see the decoration of the kaiser placed on Captain von Neigle, commander of the U-boat that sank the Lusitania, and will see how the captain went mad with remorse over the crime he was ordered to commit by Europe's "man with a withered soul."

They will see him fall, and will see the prediction of the end of the war and the end of the kaiser, and his imprisonment in Louvain, the first city to fall victim to German aggression.

In connection with the present big drive in France, and the Liberty loan work, the picture assumes a new interest, and gives one an especially vivid glimpse of the actual forces against which America is arrayed in this war for freedom from the curse of autocratic ambition.

Error Made in Call  
Of Young Dentist

Dr. R. L. Burdick, who recently married Miss Olive Thorne in California, prior to leaving for the army, discovered on returning home from San Francisco that an error had been made by the county board, and that he was not included in the list of men ordered to report immediately to Camp Lewis.

Dr. Burdick is in class 1-B of the draft, and by mistake a call was made to him for class 1-A. On reporting at Jacksonville he learned that he would not be called at present, and could not even enlist at this time.

He will reopen his dental office here and await a further call. Mrs. Burdick, who is teaching school at Antioch, Cal., will conclude the present term, after which the young people will reside in Ashland.

Nat Goodwin doesn't seem to be able to impress his wives with the seriousness of the matrimonial tie.

Subscriptions Are  
Still Coming In

Following is the additional list of Liberty loan subscriptions made at the banks in Ashland during the past week from April 23 to April 30, inclusive:

\$5000 Subscription  
W. C. and Verna Saunders.  
\$1000 Subscription  
Jud V. Miller.  
\$800 Subscription  
Emma A. Adams.  
\$500 Subscription  
Clara Taylor.  
\$300 Subscriptions  
Paul Held, Wm. H. McNair.  
\$200 Subscriptions  
Neil Purves, Jack True.  
\$100 Subscriptions  
Wm. G. Rush, Geo. A. Anderson, James Glencross, W. T. Cochran.  
\$50 Subscriptions  
Ed F. Wolter, S. R. Jeter, Muriel H. Gibson, R. U. Chambers, C. L. Miller, Martha Pierson, Oscar A. Cooper, James Whytock, W. Herndon, O. H. Johnson, L. L. Roberts, Minnie D. Shaw, Francis W. Shaw, David G. Howard, John E. Patterson, John F. Rocho, Katherine Heberle, Bertha E. Whited, Lloyd Porter Crowson, Bertha L. Smith, S. J. Evans, C. A. Shotts, Frank L. Colvig, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Norris, A. J. Bush, Joseph Zeigler.

Relief Plans To Be  
Settled at Meeting

At the meeting held in the city hall last evening to discuss the project of establishing an Ashland Patriotic fund, a good sized assemblage of representative citizens was present, and seemed to take an interest in the plan.

Mayor C. B. Lamkin acted as chairman of the meeting and F. E. Watson served as secretary. E. V. Carter presented the plan as outlined in Monday's issue of the Tidings. All present seemed to fall in with the project, as there was no dissenting voice against it, and the subject was thoroughly discussed and all questions asked in regard to the plan were made clear.

It was unanimously agreed to place the details of the project in the hands of a committee consisting of E. V. Carter, G. A. Briscoe and F. D. Wagner, who will work out the plans and formulate all necessary arrangements to be presented at a public mass meeting to be held in the Chautauqua building next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when the completed plans will be presented to the public to be voted upon.

This meeting will be a general one, and the citizens of Ashland are urged to be present to make the final decision on this plan which will undoubtedly mean much to the city in the way of settling the means of meeting all war relief funds.

Miss Edna Dougherty is clerking in Whited's jewelry store for a short time.