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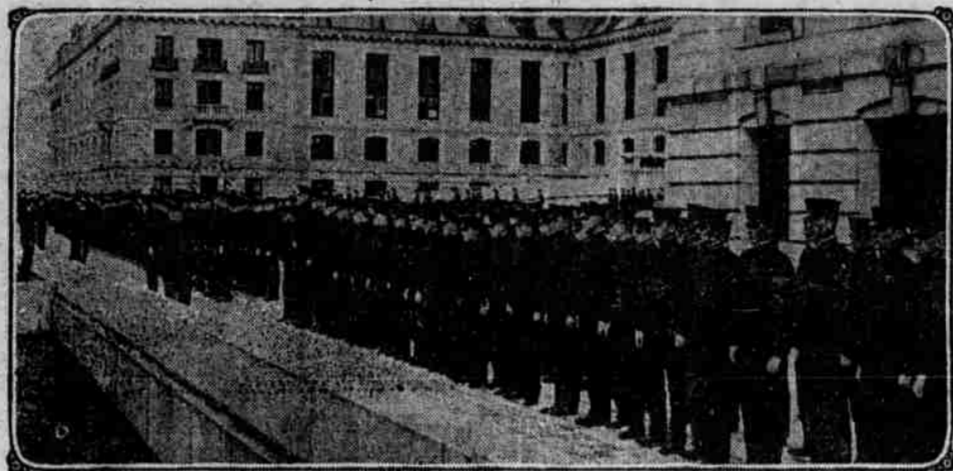


Photo by American Press Association. The 183 midshipmen who were hurriedly graduated from Annapolis Naval Academy as soon as war seemed inevitable were told by Secretary Daniels to select a hero in our navy to admire, especially Admiral Dewey. In the above picture the graduates are standing in front of Bancroft Hall.

MEAT UP TO STAY; U. S. NOT TO ACT

There will be no arbitrary price limit to the American farmer or stock raiser for his hogs, steers or sheep. There will be licensing of packers, and supervision of middlemen's profits, but the price of livestock is to be left absolutely to supply and demand. Which means, in the opinion of government experts, that 20 cent ham and 25 cent porterhouse steaks have gone, probably never to return.

For the world's big meat problem today is not price, but production. For the remainder of the war, and probably for years thereafter, the big fight will be the production of sufficient meat at any price.

Figures show the world's supply of meat producing live stock has decreased 115,000,000 from pre war numbers. There are 28,000,000 fewer cattle, 22,425,000 fewer hogs and 54,400,000 fewer sheep. Hogs and cattle have increased slightly in the United States, but the unprecedented export has more than offset this.

Our average meat shipments for three years preceding the war totaled 493,848,000 pounds annually. In the year ending June 30, 1916, our meat exports 1,512,875,000 pounds—more than treble our normal exports—and the year ending June 30, 1917, far exceeding this, exports of pork alone totaling 1,441,105,000 pounds!

The two things that can relieve the meat situation are: The reduction of domestic consumption, by substitution of fish and poultry and vegetable dishes; increased production of livestock for meat purposes.

The official opinion, however, is that any attempt to fix livestock prices at the farm would kill all chances of increased herds.

The farmer and stockman must feel he has a free market. So far as possible the consumer will be protected by the elimination of speculative profits, of excessive middlemen's charges, and by better distribution.

While urging increasing our meat supply the government at the same time must check the sale of mature animals fit for breeding. Because of high prices, many farms have been stripped of breeding hogs and cattle.

As a result our volume of dairy produce has fallen off sharply while at the same time we must ship increasing amounts of butterfat, cheese and condensed milk to our allies, forced to sacrifice their dairy herds.

Even in the hog raising sections of the Middle West it has been found impossible to get sufficient hogs to consume the garbage of the various army cantonments.

The public's hope, then, of any appreciable or early reduction in the prices of meat, is vain. Meats are high and will continue high.

Dudley—Matlock

Last Saturday afternoon in the Christian church in Walla Walla, the wedding of Max Dudley of Athena, and Miss Viola Matlock of Vancouver was solemnized, Rev. Ross of Milton performing the ceremony. The young couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dudley and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Dudley. They left Saturday evening for Vancouver and Portland for a visit with relatives.

The young lady is a sister of Mrs. George Piper of Helix, and has made her home with her for some time. Max, whose host of friends will extend congratulations, is a well known young farmer and will bring his bride to live in the Dudley home just east of town, where he will farm his father's land. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Dudley going to Portland and California to reside for the present.

Some Hog

A. L. Swaggart lands the prize pig and will add him to his famous herd of Poland Chinas. He received him Tuesday morning by express from the Salem Fair grounds. The pig took first in his class at Spokane, first at Salem, first in the territory, and he and his three litter sisters took the futurity prize for being the best litter. He is the big type Poland China, is now six months old and weighs 240 pounds. His sire, Ike Knox is two years old, weighs 315 pounds and was grand champion at Salem and Spokane over all breeds again this year.

ATHENA RED CROSS DOING THEIR BIT

A visit to the local Red Cross headquarters in the Domestic Science room at the school house discloses a circle of busy women, all intent upon finishing a mountain of work, their portion of the bedshirts and pajama suits designed for the University of Oregon base hospital, to be established in France. Looking at this great pile of sewing, one would wonder where this little band of devoted women will "get off at" for it must all be done by November 1st. Some are taking the work home where far into the evening hours the sewing goes on. Is it just possible that other hands might lend assistance? All help will be most gladly welcomed.

The call for more sewing machines was most generously answered by Mrs. Jackson Nelson, Mrs. E. I. Watts and Mrs. Lloyd Michener, who each donated a machine.

The Manual Training class in the High and grade schools are building a number of work tables for the Red Cross, which will be of valuable service in their operations. Under the direction of Mr. Shaffner, the tables will be ready for use in the near future.

The sum of \$4.00 has been added to the funds by the sale of Red Cross thimbles, and still there are thimbles for sale, at 10 cents apiece. Call on Mrs. Hill, the chairman, and give your mite.

Tomorrow afternoon the food sale will be held in the show window of Mr. Steele's harness shop, which should be liberally patronized.

Want Open Season

There are more Chinese pheasants in the Hermiston country than there are in the Willamette Valley and so numerous have they become that farmers are asking that a short open season be given in order to protect them against the birds.

The birds were planted in this county by E. F. Averill, now inspector of the biological survey here, at the time he was game warden of this county in 1913. They have been given entire protection until at this time they have multiplied to such an extent and are so tame that they have come to be a pest. Their numbers are even greater than the ducks in that section, hunters say.

School Notes

Rehearsals for the play "On the Little Big Horn," which is to be staged late in October, began last Tuesday evening. The members of the cast are working hard to make this the best play ever staged by the Athena High school.

Much interest is being taken by the girls of the intermediate and grammar grades rooms in the learning of the art of needlecraft, under the direction of Miss Wolfe. They have completed making pin wheels and are making work bags at present. Their future work will probably consist of the making of towels, needle books, etc.

Among the many school newspapers received by the Athena High school is the Whitman College Pioneer. In this week's edition it is stated one of the old members of the Athena high school, Wesley Tompkins, is stationed at Billings, Montana, as recruiting officer.

Emery Neal, who was to have been a member of the Athena High school faculty, is at Oakland, California, in a training camp.

Mrs. E. A. Zerba and Mrs. Laura Zerba, a former primary teacher in the Athena school, visited the girls physical culture class Monday.

The second of the series of talks by the High school students was delivered Wednesday at the afternoon assembly, when the Sophomore class gave interesting speeches on Current Topics. Next Wednesday the Junior Class will entertain the other classes of the student body.

Henry Koepke, one of the Manual Training students is constructing a Joke Box, which is to be placed in the upper hall. Students who have jokes to contribute to the "Spectator," are asked to place them in this box.

The boys of the high school manual training class under the supervision of Mr. Shaffner are busily engaged in the making of such articles as work tables for the Red Cross, book racks, taborets and library tables.

Fred Radtke has started to school in Miss Lawson's room.

COLONEL L. FRANK BOYD DIES UNDER OPERATION

L. Frank Boyd, who died in the Deaconess hospital in Spokane, Tuesday morning, following an operation for gall stones, was a son of the late Dr. J. M. Boyd of Walla Walla and a cousin of F. B. Boyd of the Press. Of his death, the Spokesman Review says in part:

Colonel L. Frank Boyd, former mayor of Spokane and twice a member of the state legislature, was widely known in Spokane, having been in political life and in newspaper work for the past 27 years. At one time he conducted a newspaper at Colfax. He was employed in connection with the territorial legislature in Olympia in 1887, and from there came to Spokane and entered newspaper work. He was first a reporter on the Spokesman Review, and later became city editor.

He was a member of the state militia for many years, and at first a lieutenant. Later he was made lieutenant colonel by Governor Ferry.

SECOND GREAT DRIVE FOR LIBERTY LOAN IS ON

Oregon will raise not less than \$10,500,000 as her quota of the Nation's second issue of Liberty bonds, the drive for which commenced Monday and will continue four weeks. This allotment is \$6,000,000 more than the sum collected from the people of this state last June. The amount was over subscribed 30.78 per cent.

Every effort is being made to attain the former high record for Oregon's ability to respond patriotically to the government's call for war revenues. To do so every community in the State will be organized and every element in each community enlisted to put the war loan over according to the financial ability of the people.

Price Still Unsettled

It is impossible at this time to learn anything further regarding the operation of the grain price fixing act, according to H. W. Collins, who has returned from Portland, where he conferred with M. H. Houser, representing the food administration in the grain handling business in Oregon, says the Tribune. Mr. Collins was fortunate enough to leave for Portland on the same train on which Mr. Houser was returning from the east and had the opportunity for a long talk there. They afterward met in Portland for another conference, as a result of which Mr. Hoover wired Washington for enlightenment on some of the problems that have presented themselves to Mr. Collins and other grain buyers and farmers. No reply had been received up to the time Mr. Collins left last night.

In the meantime buyers are taking grain as fast as the negotiations can be completed, under the terms which were announced last week, and nearly all of the farmers appear to be turning loose at least a part of their crops.

While on the coast Mr. Collins made arrangements or storage facilities at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, for the purpose of handling expeditiously any grain that may be ordered by the government and be forced to wait for shipping.

There is not a great deal of danger that the farmers who sold before the Portland price was fixed will lose by the transaction, Mr. Collins believes. He says that most of his customers are protected and he supposes that the other dealers have had an understanding with their customers.

An answer to the requests of Mr. Houser for information is expected at any time and will be given out through the press.

Saturday night in the wee small hours, the town was given a reminder of the good old Centerville days, by some would-be bad men, who proceeded to shoot up the town in true Round Up style. Some street lights on 4th street were shot out, a number of shots being fired.

REGISTRATION CARDS STILL AT LIBRARY

So far, the women of Athena have failed to register, as asked by the Council of National Defense, and this failure is doubtless entirely due to a misunderstanding as to the aims and objects of the registration. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons a few signed the cards, but the number was so small that we hesitate to make it public. However, the chairman of the local committee, Mrs. Errett, has received a letter from the State Chairman, Mrs. Charles H. Castner of Hood River, which will undoubtedly clear up all doubts concerning any undue obligations which might be asked of women. We give it publicity below, calling special notice to the third and fourth statements, as many seem to think that in registering they take upon themselves an obligation to serve, whether willing or not, and would be liable to be sent away from home. The letter follows:

Hood River, Sept. 25, 1917.
"My Dear Madam Chairman:

This is to thank you, the members of your committee, the registrars and the loyal women who signed the registration cards, for your help in making this work a success.

If, for any reason, you have unsigned cards on hand, will you please make arrangements to have them kept in some convenient place where they may be signed? I would suggest the library, rest room, if there is some one in charge, or the post office. Through your newspapers, urge every woman to sign a card, making plain these points:

1. The registration is purely voluntary and in no way compulsory.

2. The purpose is to secure an official record of the woman power of the country, so that, in case of emergency, the Government may know where to turn for needed service.

3. Even though a woman offers her services when she registers, she will not be required to give that service if her circumstances have changed when she is called upon to serve and asked to fulfill her promise.

4. The registration is not designed to take women from their homes at any time unless they are willing to serve away from home.

Your committee was organized to assist in your city upon any call made by the State Council of Defense. County leagues are now being formed and you will be asked to join in a county committee to further the work.

Mr. W. B. Ayer of the Federal Food Administration will call upon you to assist in the signing of the Hoover Food Pledge.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Charles H. Castner
Chairman Woman's Committee,
Oregon Division."

Athena Boys Join Troops
Wednesday, Dr. E. B. Osborne and Arthur Chapman, two of Athena's men in the third call for the selective draft army, left on the morning train to report at Camp Lewis, American Lake, Dr. Osborne has his commission as 1st Lieutenant in the Veterinary corps, and will be in that department. Virgil Willaby, the third member of the call was unable to report, due to his crippled foot, which has not healed sufficiently to enable him to walk.

Dell Brothers Take Trip
Henry and York Dell left Saturday evening for Montana, with a view to looking into land investments. The boys take this as a much needed recreation trip, and whether doing any business or not will derive much benefit from it. After their return they will open up their grocery store, according to reports.

D. Errett, pastor of the local Christian church, will deliver an address at a District Convention in Prescott next Wednesday.

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Ladies fleece shirts and drawers all sizes 63	Misses cotton hose 19 .25	Mens wool union suits 2.95 3.25
Ladies medium weight union suits short or long sleeve, high or low neck 1.19	Ladies cotton hose 12 1-2 .19 .26	Mens silk and wool union suits 4.25
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	Ladies fancy silk hose 1.19	Mens wool shirts and drawers
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