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## The Yellow Sea

You will not find it marked in the geography—in fact this particular sea exists only at this time of year—the Sea of Yellow Tides waving economy, thrift, saving, from every angle of our

### Great January Sale

Hundreds of eager shoppers have visited our store since the opening day of the sale, and have come away immensely pleased with their purchases and our "Glad Service" every clerk willing and glad to serve you. Shopping here is easy and pleasant, but if you desire rest, allow us to entertain you in the Edison Studio or in the Ampico Room—always some special music on hand. We bid you welcome.

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We will do our best for you this year

Come and see us, consult us; we will do you no harm and we will pretty certainly do you some good whether we sell you or the other fellow. We honestly feel that if you do not come to us

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That Money Buys  
Our Market is Clean and Cool  
Insuring Wholesome Meats.  
**LOGSDEN & MYRICK**  
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## LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS

The 148th Field Artillery, which includes Battery D, of which several Athena boys are members, is being held in quarantine, owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever.

The 148th had embarked once for the trip across, but were unloaded and placed in quarantine when the epidemic made its appearance. The Press is in receipt of the following letter from Sergeant George Winship:

"I have taken over my newly assigned duties as Regimental Ordnance Sergeant, which will throw a change in my address.

"I find this work is going to keep me busy as I have charge of every gun, cannon, and all parts of them, also the handling of all ammunition—have to account for every shell and screw.

"I sure hated to leave the boys from Athena, but in order to progress in the Army, one has to do lots of things he doesn't want to do. I know none of the fellow who work under me, but getting acquainted in the Army is an easy matter.

"It seems that we have quite a bit of trouble in getting our mail. Can't figure out the reason.

"We were loaded out once, but had to unload on account of scarlet fever. Over half of Battery D are in hospital with it.

"Will be a happy boy when we lick the Germans and get back to dear old Athena again."

Maurice Hill writes interestingly of conditions at Kelly Field, San Antonio, where he is training in the Aviation corps. In a letter to his parents, he says:

"I never saw weather change so quickly as it does here. Day before yesterday I was sitting in the tent writing and every few minutes would wipe the sweat off my face, and all I had on my back was my shirt. That evening about six o'clock a terrible northern wind came up bringing all kinds of dust with it and continued all night. They call such storms a "Red-as." In 30 minutes time we had to get out our overcoats and before long it began to hail with the dust, which afterward turned into a sort of dry snow that continued all night. It was cold enough to burst the water pipes in the mess hall and bath house. Last night was even colder. I kept comfortable in bed with 3 blankets under me and 9 over besides my overcoat.

"This has proven a very healthy climate so far inasmuch as it is so dry and the boys do not have to around in the wet and there is not much chance for the camp to become unsanitary. Sanitary regulations are about the strictest orders out and violations are punished very severely.

"I passed the mental and physical examination required, and will be sent to the University of Texas to study for two or three months where I will learn wireless, machine gun construction, all about gasoline motors, signaling etc.

"In the office where I am working we are not kept very busy as yet. I don't mind the work at all. Am a corporal now and receive \$38.00. Being on special duty I don't have to do kitchen work or guard duty, and all of those things coupled with the fact that I have a typewriter to use in writing letters, makes it a good thing to be doing.

"Anything to eat is always welcome as Army grub gets very monotonous."

**Lucile Kemp Married.**

Miss Lucile Kemp, former popular Athena girl but lately of Colton, Wash., where she lived with her parents, was recently married to Roy C. Markes, bandmaster of Oregon Coast Artillery Band, and stationed with his company at Fort Stevens. The wedding occurred in Portland, at the Catholic cathedral on Christmas Eve, and the bride is now with her husband, at Ft. Stevens. The groom is a member of a well known and highly respected family of Roseburg, and the bride, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Kemp, was reared in Athena, where she has a host of friends who will join the Press in well wishes for the young couple.

**Hay Price Lowers.**

The continuation of open winter weather has served to further lower the price of hay. Stockmen in many localities have found it unnecessary to feed hay at all, and in other sections of the state but little feeding has been required. For the most part stock have continued to do well on the range where grass has been growing without interruption.

**Sen. Barrett to Portland.**

Senator C. A. Barrett, accompanied by Mrs. Barrett, left Sunday night for Portland, where he will be under the medical care of Dr. MacKenzie. Senator Barrett has been in declining health for the past year, and in the event he does not find relief at Portland, will proceed to California.

**Tractor to Echo.**

Edgar Forrest has moved his tractor to Echo, near which place he will plow a large tract of land. He negotiated the roads, but as they are, to Echo in twofays, from the ranch southeast of Athena.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Samuel Haworth, on Adams street.

**Not Curious.**

Doctor—What made that mule kick you? Patient—I may look foolish, but I am not fool enough to go back and ask him.—Toledo Blade.

**Coal.**

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## FOOLISHNESS OF WORRY.

Forcefully Set Forth in the French Soldier's Philosophy.

"Everything might be worse than it is," is the cheerful conclusion of the French soldier, according to Kathleen Burke in "The White Road to Verdun." Here is the way she sums up the philosophy of the man in the ranks.

Of two things one is certain—either you're mobilized or you're not mobilized.

If you're not mobilized there's no need to worry; if you're on the front of two things one is certain—either you're behind the lines or you're on the front.

If you're behind the lines there is no need to worry; if you're on the front of two things one is certain—either you're resting in a safe place or you're exposed to danger.

If you're resting in a safe place there is no need to worry; if you're exposed to danger, of two things one is certain—either you're wounded or you're not wounded.

If you're not wounded there is no need to worry; if you're wounded of two things one is certain—either you're wounded seriously or you're wounded slightly.

If you're wounded slightly there is no need to worry; if you're wounded seriously of two things one is certain—either you recover or you die.

If you recover there is no need to worry; if you die you can't worry.

Not bad philosophy, in the trenches or out.

## KILLED HIS TWENTY MEN.

An Incident of the War of the Boxer Uprising in China.

"Speaking of barbaric warfare," said an army officer who was in China at the time of the Boxer uprising, "I remember one day when the company with which I was attached in China was in a position to witness the execution of twenty rebels. The men had been caught with our assistance, and the leader of the Chihmen thought that we deserved the privilege of seeing them die.

"Our commander was particularly impressed with the looks of one of the rebels. He was a fine built fellow, about nineteen years old, and his face, even five minutes before he was scheduled to die, was wreathed in smiles. Our leader determined to save the fellow if possible and asked the commander of the executing squad to spare the young rebel.

"I can't spare him," the man replied. "I have been ordered to execute the whole twenty rebels."

"After much persuasion he agreed to allow the man to live. To follow out his orders, however, he summoned a local policeman, placed him in the squad and had his head cut off with those of the nineteen rebels. He killed twenty, followed out orders and pleased a visitor. He was well satisfied."—Philadelphia Press.

**English Prison Pits.**

Prison pits were vaults in which criminals in England were kept at night, chained together. There was one at Bristol which was in use as late as 1815. Down eighteen steps, it was only seventeen feet in diameter by nine feet high, and seven or eight were consigned to it every night. Even more typical was Warwick jail pit, which was occupied at least until 1797. It was an octagonal dungeon twenty-one feet in diameter and almost nineteen feet underground. In the middle was a cesspool, and beside it ran a stream of water which served the prisoners for drinking purposes. To this awful cell forty-two men were consigned every afternoon at 3:45, to remain there until after daylight the following morning.

**Reindeer of Alaska.**

The Alaska reindeer, which, curiously enough, are wards of the United States department of education, have increased from the small herd brought from Siberia in 1832 until they now number well over 70,000, that, too, in spite of the fact that about 9,000 were killed last year for meat and skins. Two-thirds of the reindeer belong to the natives, for whom they are solving the problems of food, clothing and transportation. The rest belongs to the missionaries, the Lapp immigrants and the government.

**An Isle of France.**

The smallest dependency of France is the Ile d'Hoedie, situated at the east of Belle Isle. Its population is 238. The people do not speak French, but Celtic. Fishing is the principal industry and all the inhabitants are provided with food at an inn managed by women.

**No Shirker.**

"Son, the president of your college writes me that you are not doing much in your studies."

"Don't let that depress you, dad," replied the husky youth. "Just drop a line to our coach and ask him about it."—Exchange.

**No Occasion for Alarm.**

Briggs—I understand that you have hired our former cook. Griggs—Yes, but don't be alarmed. We intend to discount everything she tells us.

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No harm can befall a good man, whether alive or dead.—Socrates.

## GRAIN ELEVATOR TO BE BUILT HERE

As the result of the meeting of farmers held in Athena yesterday, some \$30,000 was subscribed in stock for an elevator to be located on the present site of the David Taylor Independent Warehouse, the sale of the property having been made by Mr. Taylor for that purpose.

Also, the stock subscribed by Athena farmers merges the local elevator into consolidation with the Farmers' Union Grain Agency, which controls the farmers' elevator at Pendleton, and warehouses located at three stations on the Northern Pacific railroad, and which has its head offices in Pendleton.

In other words, the local capital expands the capitalization of the Farmers' Union Grain Agency, which will build the elevator here and conduct it in connection with its other holdings.

As proposed, the Athena plant will be constructed of concrete and will cost when completed, approximately \$35,000, with a capacity of 100,000 bushels. On the Taylor site, it will have the convenience of shipping facilities on both the O. W. R. & N. and the Northern Pacific railroads. The new building will stand between the two tracks on the south of the present Taylor warehouse.

It is understood that several of the stockholders subscribing to the Athena enterprise are already stockholders in the Farmers Union Grain Agency concern, and when the proposition to merge with that organization was advanced, they readily agreed. Others favored making the Athena organization purely local and independent.

With the funds in hand, and the site selected it should not be long before work on the new building is under way, with completion assured in time to handle bulk grain during the coming harvest.

## CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF GOLDEN RULE STORE

H. A. Power, for two years past manager of the Golden Rule store in this city is making preparations to leave the city and to establish a Golden Rule store in the thriving little city of Bend, Oregon.

During Mr. Power's residence in Athena, he has made a host of friends both in business associations and with the public generally. He has been identified with the general welfare of both town and community and leaves here with the record of a "live wire" in all the term implies. Before going to Bend, Mr. Power, accompanied by his wife, will take a short vacation, going to Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., where he formerly resided.

The management of the store here is taken over by Mr. G. C. Taylor, who comes from the Golden Rule store in Pendleton. Mr. Taylor is well known to the people of Athena and vicinity, having for the last 15 years been identified with the mercantile interests of the county seat. Mr. Taylor and family will reside in the residence just vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Power.

## School House Meetings.

School houses throughout the state, in the cities and in the country, are to be used as meeting places in which the lessons of the government war savings thrift stamps campaign may be disseminated. Though the thrift campaign, the importance of making thrift a national characteristic, and the patriotic necessity of buying government thrift stamps and war savings stamps, will be the first consideration of the school house meetings, other issues of the war will be discussed.



THOS. F. RYAN

Who will be a Candidate for State Treasurer in the Republican Primaries

## SOLDIERS ON THE MARCH.

Distances That Trained, Hardened Men Can Cover in a Day.

The Army Drill Book tells that trained and hardened infantry can cover from twenty to twenty-five miles a day when in small bodies. As the size of the command increases the distance covered becomes less, as the rate is lowered and time is needed to get all the units into and out of camp.

With a regiment or less of average troops—regulars—marching over average roads, the rate should be from two and three-quarters to three miles an hour, while a division cannot be expected to accomplish more than twelve and a half miles a day.

Of course, all these figures will vary with different conditions of roads and weather. Untrained troops could not approach them until hardened. Though they might do better for a day or two, they could not keep up the steady pace of the seasoned regulars for a long distance.

Marching with full equipment is hard physical work, and, like every other form of labor, requires a proper period of training. The seasoned force will keep up a steady pace, with ten minute halts every hour, a fifteen minute stop being made at the end of the first half or three-quarters of an hour. Green troops are apt to struggle badly.—Outing Magazine.

## Holland and Flowers.

It was only after the fall of Constantinople in 1453 that Holland became such a gay land of flowers as it now is. Many Dutchmen went to the east during the years of the great crusades, and those of them who loved beautiful things brought many home again with them. Not only did they carry away with them silks and embroideries, jewels, spices and fruits, but in the bottoms of their ships they brought seeds. When these seeds were planted in the rich soil of Holland such wondrous flowers appeared as had never before been seen in that northern country. The people became wildly enthusiastic over the new colors and scents and foliage brought to them from the east, and in Holland they sprang up a great love for gardening.

## Golden's Stand Defeat.

Dr. Grenfell tells an amusing story of the introduction of football in Labrador, when defeat was considered so unendurable a mortification that it had to be mutually agreed beforehand that neither side should win. "We saw," he says, "the unusual spectacle of the side that had been scored against solemnly allowed to walk across the field and kick a goal to save them the feeling of being beaten."

## ROY RITNER FOR STATE SENATOR

Roy W. Ritner, representative from Umatilla county in the last two sessions of the Oregon Legislature, announces that he will be a candidate in the Republican primaries for State Senator. Mr. Ritner is making his announcement through the press of the county this week as follows:

"I have been a resident of Umatilla county for thirty-five years and have been a taxpayer ever since I have been of age. Attended school in the public schools of this county and the Weston Normal. After teaching school for two terms I went to work in the Pendleton Savings Bank, now the American National, and was employed there for ten years. The past ten years have been engaged in farming and expect to remain in the business.

"Have had the honor of representing Umatilla county in the Oregon House of Representatives during the 1915 and 1917 sessions. Have introduced very few bills, but succeeded in passing a law for Eastern Oregon, which is a man's job. Served on the road and highway committee in both sessions and was chairman of the banking committee which handled the rural credit law at the last session.

"If elected state senator will continue to work for the best interests of the state at large and Umatilla county in particular. I believe in putting politics in the background and getting behind the President for the successful prosecution of the war."

## TICKET SELLING DRIVE IS ON FOR RED CROSS

The ticket selling drive is on for the sale of tickets to the High school series of four entertainments for the Red Cross benefit, between the school pupils and the committee from the local Red Cross auxiliary. The telephone has been made use of and a number of orders have been taken by the solicitors in this manner.

Grant Shaffner, manual training instructor in the school has made a large clock face with dial hands which will point to the number of tickets sold by the competing solicitors, while the sale of tickets is on. It has been placed in one of the windows at Ware's Pharmacy, where the tabulation of sales will be made.

It is important that the season tickets, as soon as purchased, be taken by the purchaser to Ware's Pharmacy and have seats reserved. The rivalry between the school and the Red Cross promises to be a spirited one, in the endeavor to secure the honor of selling the greater number of season tickets.

The net proceeds of the four entertainments, which will be given in the High school auditorium, will be turned over to the local Red Cross auxiliary. The first number of the series of entertainments will be on Saturday evening, February 23, when the Rob Roy Quartette will be the attraction.

## Lawson Booher Recovering.

Dr. Aikin, operating surgeon, writes B. B. Richards from Portland that the condition of Lawson Booher is gratifying in every respect. The doctor states that Lawson "is on full rations, half sits up in bed and in a few days will be able to sit in a wheel chair." The operation for amputation of the right limb at the hip joint has proven successful and with the recovery from the operation, the young man's future health is assured. The fund at the bank has increased steadily until now it amounts to \$375, and is still growing.

## Our Every Day Values

J. C. Penney to make a specialty of Merchandise for your everyday needs, and because of our enormous buying power, we are able to give you this merchandise at prices far below our competitors.

Work sox, three pair	25c	Work gloves, gauntlets	1.25 to 1.98	Men's heavy cotton union suits	1.85
Work sox, two pair	25c	Work gloves, lined	.98c to 2.25	Men's fleeced lined union suits	1.95
Work sox, per pair	10c	Work mittens lined	.69c to 1.49	Men's wool union suits	2.25 to 3.98
Mixed wool sox, per pair	10c	Men's winter caps ear tabs	.25 to .98c	Men's silk and wool	4.50
Heavy wool sox, 3 pair	1.00	Men's leather caps	.25 to 1.49	Boys' fleeced lined union suits	.68c to 79c
Extra heavy wool sox,	49c	Boys' winter caps, ear tabs	.25c to 19c	Corduroy pants	2.49 to 3.25
Cashmere hose per pair	49c	Heavy cotton shirts	1.29 to 2.98	Work pants	1.49 to 3.49
Boys' canvas hose two pair	15c	Stag shirts	4.60 to 5.50	Mackinaws	4.98 to 9.90
Men's canvas gloves three pair	25c	Men's heavy 2-piece underwear,		Boys' mackinaws	3.98 to 5.50
Extra heavy, per pair	15c	tan and flesh per garment	49c	Union overalls,	2.49 to 2.98
Leath' faced, per pair	25c				
Work gloves, short	1.25 to 1.98				

Genuine German dyed Overalls, "Pay Day" and "Big 3" \$1.19 — "Underhill" and the "Crown" \$1.29. American dyed Overalls, Boys 49c; Mens 69c and 83c

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175 BUSY STORES