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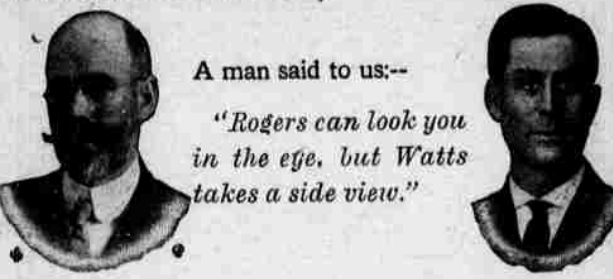
You probably expect an early Spring this year—why not be prepared for it? The first fine day you'll want to get out into the garden—are you amply supplied with garden tools? We have some remaining over from last year on which the prices have not been advanced.

For Your Spring House Cleaning

You will need O' Cedar Oil, or Liquid Veneer. Old English Floor Wax. New Aluminum Cooking Utensils, Odd Pieces of Furniture, perhaps a new Rug, a new Range—we will make you a liberal allowance on your old range.

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LETTERS RECEIVED FROM OVER THERE

Athena people this week received letters from their boys near the front, and have kindly given them to the Press for publication. As was conjectured by local people, our contingent were undoubtedly in the convoy which accompanied the Tuscania, as plainly indicated by the following two letters, passed by the censor:

"On Active Service with American Expeditionary Force, Feb. 8, 1918. Dear Mother: We are here in England, safe, after some excitement but nevertheless, all together. We slipped something good over on Kaiser Bill, but not as yet what it was but will give you all the details when I get back. Maybe he thought we were asleep, for he sure got a surprise, for we got one of his U-boats. You have maybe seen it in the papers by this time.

"We are not going to stay long here, just a few days, then we go over to France to train. We will all be glad when we get to the front. We have been talking with some of the boys from the front. They think the Artillery is the only branch of service to be in.

"We had a good time on the boat, plenty to eat and not a great deal to do. We had boat drill every day, so if anything had happened to us we could have gotten off in a few minutes. We saw some great looking country coming overland, but they are a hundred years behind the times. Believe me, there's no country as up-to-date as the good old U. S. A.

"I suppose you got the card I sent from the port of embarkment. We were allowed to say only that we were going. I got the sweater O. K. and the boys sure thought it was great.

We were in quarantine up to the day we left and did not get a chance to get a glimpse of little old New York before we left; but we will sure let them know we are there when we get back. I think we will go to the same place Ernie Boynton and the rest of the bunch are. Sam Starr, "Windy" and all of the bunch are feeling fine. As for myself, I could not feel better. Tell all the gang hello for me, and be sure and tell Father O'Hagan I got a glimpse of the Emerald Isle.

Edward Sebasky, 148 F. A., 41 Div. A. E. F., Sergeant Winship Tells Story.

"Somewhere in England, Feb. 7. Dear Mother and all: Arrived in England yesterday and sent you a cablegram from (deleted) so suppose you know that I am safe by this time; am lucky in not being hit by a submarine, for they sure tried to get us. Was on the ocean 16 days and sure did get tired of it; did not get sick, though lots of the boys did, and they were very sick. Rode on a train all night, and had a two and a-half mile hike to camp this morning in the mud. The trains here are queer looking, one of our coaches would make four of these. Only eight can ride in a compartment and the engine looks like a toy, by the side of ours.

"The buildings here are of the old model and streets set in odd ways. This is a large camp, but don't expect to be here long. We are allowed a bucket of coal every 24 hours and a pound of wood a week. That has to do for 30 of us.

"I have lots to tell you but am not allowed to write it. The weather is warm here now but it is raining. Soldiers from all parts of the world are here, and German prisoners also.

"We will only have field rations from now on, but if others can live on it, I sure can, for believe me, I could stand anything now. Send mail via New York City, A. E. F. Ord. Sgt. Winship, 148 F. A., 41 Div."

Dr. Plamondon Writes. Dr. Plamondon, writing from France to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Watts, under date of Feb. 6 says:

"Today I am in receipt of the fine package of cigarettes and tobacco that you were so thoughtful as to send. You could not have selected anything more appropriate, for American tobacco is very hard to get here.

"The winter has been very disagreeable but not so very cold, and not to exceed six inches of snow at any one time. Unfortunately, I had an attack of acute bronchitis that got me off my feet for some time, but after about two weeks in the Roosevelt Base, I was greatly improved and have been feeling fairly well since.

"Have been busy all the time and was detached from my own organization for about five weeks and given an opportunity to visit other organizations so as to become familiar with things medical and surgical as they are done over here. It was a valuable experience both for this work and civil practice.

"Thanksgiving I was attending an officers' school near the front; Christmas I was with the medical department of a heavy artillery regiment, and New Year's day I was traveling back to my own company, so you see my holiday season was rather an unusual one, to what it has been in the past.

"When I have a little more time I am going to write you something of what we are doing and about conditions here. Lieut. Jas. D. Plamondon, 167 F. H., 117 S. Tr., A. E. F."

Offered a Lieutenancy. Glen Dudley, who is serving in the ordnance corps, recently left the school at Eugene and has reported for service at Benicia, Calif. Glen was offered a Lieutenancy in the army, but having qualified for the ordnance corps, declined the commission.

DR. HENRY VAN DYKE



Dr. Henry Van Dyke, former United States minister to the Netherlands and one of the most noted literary figures in the country, is now serving as chaplain at the Charlestown, Mass., navy yard.

CAUSED BY WEIGHT OF SNOW

Simple Explanation of Odd Shapes of Trees, That Has Been a Mystery to Many.

To the person who is not versed in forest lore the grotesquely bent tree trunks that are to be found in almost all woods are mystifying, and wonder is often aroused as to the cause, remarks the Popular Science Monthly. Foresters will tell questioners that in the case of trees in mountainous country and other sections where the snowfall is heavy, the weight of snow is responsible in most instances for the queer twists they assume. When a tree is young the weight of snow that falls on its branches often bends the trunk over until it is flattened to the ground. Sometimes it is buried under six or eight feet of snow and held in that position so long that when warm weather comes the tree falls to spring back into its normal position. The summer sun causes the tip of the young tree to turn upward and if it manages to withstand the weight of the snow of the next winter, that portion of the tree will, as a general rule, continue to grow in a normal way. "Hairpin" bends and other odd shapes result. A curious tree stands on the top of Tunnel hill, Johnstown, Pa., about four miles from town. It is a sugar maple about one hundred years old which has prolonged its own life by grafting a branch into a much younger tree.

BECOMES IRKSOME AT TIMES

No Matter What the Nature of One's Occupation, Its Routine Will Occasionally Weary.

Are there times when your work becomes intolerably irksome? Yes? Well, don't jump at the conclusion that you are in the wrong place when this happens once in awhile. That will be true whatever work you choose. No matter how well adapted you are to your occupation, there will come times when your thoughts will wander, and the routine will weary you, and you will feel that any other work would be preferable to that which you have chosen. One of the best-known woman writers of the last generation wrote an impassioned warning to literary aspirants, telling them to do any work, even scrubbing floors, in preference to taking up a literary career. Undoubtedly she wrote at a time when her chosen work seemed unspendably irksome, but if she had been cornered, she would probably have acknowledged that the profession of authorship has considerable to commend it when compared with scrubbing floors.

This occasional impatience with our vocation is inevitable. No matter how congenial it is, there are times when it will seem a burden. The people who change their occupation every time it begins to bore them, are the tramps of the business world.

As Remarkable Longevity.

We have all read of Thomas Parr, who lived to be one hundred and fifty-two. Likewise of the countless of Desmond, one hundred and forty-five; Margaret Patten, one hundred and thirty-seven; Thomas Dammie, one hundred and sixty-four; John Rowin, one hundred and seventy-two; and Peter Burton, who reached the age of one hundred and eighty-five. But these cases of extraordinary longevity lack proof.

In the days when those persons lived no accurate chronological records were kept, and dates of occurrences were usually fixed by associating them in memory with other events believed to have happened about the same time. A man's identity was liable to be confused with that of a grandfather of the same name.

Nowadays nobody lives to any such ages. Why imagine that the extreme limits of longevity have shrunk within the last two or three centuries?

Winter's Discipline.

He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter. It is true the pomp and pageantry are swept away, but the essential elements remain—the day and the night, the mountain and the valley, the elemental play and succession, and the perpetual presence of the infinite sky. In winter the stars seem to have rekindled their fires, the moon achieves a fuller triumph, and the heavens wear a look of more exalted simplicity. Summer is more woolly. . . more versatile and human, appeals to the affections and the sentiments, and fosters inquiry and the art impulse. Winter is of a more heroic cast, and addresses the intellect. The severe studies and disciplines come easier in winter. One imposes larger tasks upon himself.

How to Tell Age of Eggs.

There is a simple method of ascertaining the age of eggs, based upon the fact that the airy space at the broad end of the egg increases with its age. Now, when the egg is placed in a tumbler of water in which any amount of common salt is dissolved, it will, with increasing age, tend ever more to assume a position with its longitudinal axis in a perpendicular direction. A fresh laid egg will lie horizontally on the bottom of the vessel. An egg from three to four days old will rise with its broad end, so that its longitudinal axis forms with its horizontal axis an angle of 20 degrees. At the age of eight days the angle increases to 45 degrees, at the age of two weeks to 60 degrees, and at the age of three weeks to about 75 degrees. When the egg is more than a month old it will float perpendicularly on its small end.

SCHOOL BOARD RE-ELECTS TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR

At a meeting of the school board held at the office of B. B. Richards Tuesday evening, the following teachers were elected for the coming school year: Miss Brierley and Miss Grant, High school; Mr. Gribble, 8th grade; Miss Lawson, 3rd and 4th grades; Miss Maud Sherman, primary grades.

Prof. Russell tendered his resignation as superintendent, after two years work here, and what his intentions for the future are, is not known at this time.

Miss Wolff, 5th and 6th grades, has resigned and Mr. Hubb, late of Morrow county, will take her place, beginning Monday morning. The teachers chosen at the meeting of the board Tuesday night have all been connected with the school this year, and individually, their salaries have been increased \$10 per month for next year's work.

It is likely that the manual training department will of necessity be dispensed with until after the war. This action appears to be imperative because the instructors employed in this department are usually within army draft qualifications, especially in aeroplane construction, to the extent that all schools supporting this department are finding it impossible to secure efficient instructors.

Trees for Ship Pins.

Athena property owner have given up their locust shade trees generously to the government shipbuilding interests, and racks of wood cut into suitable lengths are now being hauled to the railroad tracks for shipment to Portland. The thinning out process still leaves plenty of trees for shade purposes. The timber is used for pins in constructing the frame work of wooden ships.

ANOTHER ELEVATOR TO BE BUILT HERE

Work will begin soon on another grain elevator of 100,000 bushels capacity in Athena. The Preston-Shaffer Milling company has selected a site for the big plant on the north end of the mill, and the contract will be let for construction at once, so that the elevator will be utilized for the coming crop.

W. B. Shaffer, president of the company, was in the city Tuesday in company with Engineer Young, of the Fred A. Wilson Engineering Co. of Seattle, the result being that the proposed site on the west of the milling plant was given up for the one on the north end. The site selected will place the elevator on both the Northern Pacific and the O. W. R. & N. railroads, which will add materially to efficient and convenient shipping facilities.

The construction of this elevator places Athena ahead of any town in the county relative to capacity in handling bulk grain. The Farmers Grain Agency is now well on its progress toward constructing a 100,000 bushel capacity elevator on the south side of lower Main street. The Preston-Shaffer plant will be of concrete as is that of the Farmers elevator.

The Preston-Shaffer elevator will contain six main tanks with interior connecting bins. A conveyor system will be used to carry grain from elevator to mill. The plans and specifications are for a modern structure in every particular, which is assured by the prominence of the Wilson Engineering company, which furnished the plans for one of the most modern milling plants on the Pacific coast, that of the Fisher company at Seattle.

Mrs. Lillie Miller announces that she is retiring from business, and will have a sale of all past season hats, both summer and winter, next Friday and Saturday. Everything goes at a figure far below cost. Now is your chance to Hooverize on millinery.

MRS. O. W. B. ZERBA IS CALLED BY DEATH

The death of Mrs. O. W. B. Zerba occurred at her home in this city yesterday morning, at 4 o'clock, after a lingering illness of five years. Her bedside was surrounded by members of her family who were present, being Walter and Ernest Zerba, sons; Mrs. A. O. Schubert, Mrs. D. Ferris and Mrs. H. B. Duggar, daughters, and the aged husband. Other children surviving her, are Mrs. Volweiler of Kennewick, B. J. Zerba of Baker, A. O. Zerba of Kennewick, and Mrs. J. A. Downing of Wallawa.

The funeral will be held in the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon, with Rev. W. S. Gleiser officiating, interment being in the Athena cemetery.

Katherine Amanda Law was born in Pennsylvania, July 8, 1841, and moved to Wisconsin, where she was married to Mr. Zerba on July 28, 1861. In 1876 they moved to Oregon and settled on a farm near Athena. Ten children were born to them, nine of whom are living.

Upeidee Club Dance.

Tomorrow night the dance given for the benefit of the local Red Cross takes place in the Athena opera house. The young ladies of the Club have made arrangements for the entertainment of the large crowd that is expected to attend. A feature of the occasion is to be the splendid music which will be furnished by Fletcher's jazz band, of Pendleton. Tickets to the dance are \$1.00 each and the young ladies have been canvassing the city for sales, with encouraging success.

Hawks Sells at Astoria.

Byron N. Hawks has sold the Owl Drug Store at Astoria, which he purchased and has been conducting since leaving Athena. For a time Mr. Hawks was in poor health after going to Astoria, but has recovered. He writes that he has several locations in view, which he will investigate before purchasing another store. Mr. and Mrs. Hawks are expected to visit friends in Athena soon.

Re-Opening of the
Peoples Theater
Saturday
Night, March 9

Ed. Arnold in
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"Military Madness"

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Silk Dresses from	\$14.75 to 27.50	New Coats from	\$17.50 to 35.00
Serge Dresses from	9.90 to 25.00	New Dresses from	14.75 to 37.50
Silk Poplin Dresses	6.90	Misses and Children Coats	2.98 to 7.90

Just received by express ladies' new silk Dress Skirts, \$4.98 to \$8.90. We now have a nice showing in Sells Underskirts, all the new shades and priced within your reach—\$1.98, 2.98, 3.98 and \$4.98.

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