

Press Paragraphs

For Sale.—Alfalfa hay in the stack. Mrs. Ethel Scott.

Virgil Willaby is home for a few days furlough from Camp Lewis.

For Sale.—For good turnips, write to Carl Bratcher, Weston, Ore.—Adv.

Mrs. Jesse Myrick and Mrs. Robert Beckham motored to Walla Walla Wednesday.

Wanted.—Man for general farm work, and woman for household work. Phone 3115, Athena.

Miss Mamie Sheard is the recipient of a handsome souvenir pillow top from France. It is hand-made of silk and ribbon, and is indeed a thing of beauty.

Mrs. R. B. McEwen and little sons, accompanied by Mrs. H. A. Barrett and Mrs. F. B. Boyd, motored to Walla Walla Wednesday where they spent the day.

Stephens' Pure Food Grocery handles only the very best in fruit and vegetables. For instance, look in the window at the display of head-lettuce and celery.—Adv.

The D. B. Banister family have received the sad news of the death of Winona, little four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Banister, at Paisley, Oregon.

Friends here have received news of the death of Mrs. J. C. Smith, wife of a former physician of this city, who died at her home at Grants Pass recently of Spanish influenza.

The Athena branch of the Red Cross sent in to headquarters at Pendleton Wednesday, ten complete layettes for Belgian Relief, made and donated by

the people of this city. Upon inspection they were highly praised at headquarters.

A thoroughbred White Leghorn cockerel, presented to the Red Cross by Mrs. J. R. Mathers, is being carefully kept and will be disposed of to the best advantage. He may prove to be a nucleus for a general Red Cross sale for Athena.

Sidney S. Murphy, Flying Cadet in the Aviation training camp at Mathers Field, Sacramento, California, recently passed his examinations and received his commission as Lieutenant. He has received the highest classification in his branch, that of pursuit pilot.

Dr. Fred Lieuaellen, who was recently reported wounded, writes his wife in Portland: "Am slightly gassed, and it affects my eyes, head and nose, but not the lungs. While quite painful there will be no after effects. The thing that bothers me most is the fact that I can't see, but the specialist assures me that my eyes will soon be all right."

The cartons for Christmas packages to be sent overseas have arrived at the local Red Cross headquarters, and a committee headed by Mrs. J. A. Kirk will have the matter in charge. The Red Cross rooms will be open for distribution of cartons, on the following dates, from 2 till 4 o'clock: Saturday, November 9th; Wednesday, the 13th; Saturday, the 16th; Monday, the 18th; and Tuesday, the 19th. No Christmas parcels will be accepted for shipment after the 20th. On receiving a Christmas parcel label, it should be presented at the local Red Cross where the holder will receive a carton, with instructions. When packed, the box unsealed and unwrapped, ready for inspection should be taken to the nearest collection station, designated by the Red Cross.

Elmer Taylor is reported critically ill at his home in Idaho.

R. A. Thompson transacted business in Pendleton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kirk of Umapine were in the city Tuesday.

Wanted.—To exchange good bureau for mattress. Inquire at this office.

Miss Holdman of Pendleton, was a week end guest of Mrs. Orel McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Warren were in the city Wednesday, from their home near Helix.

Miss Marguerite Hopkins of Walla Walla, was a guest Monday of Miss Pauline Myrick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tompkins drove over from their ranch Wednesday, and spent the day in Athena.

Misses Maude and Velva Mansfield came over from Walla Walla and spent Sunday with Athena friends.

Mrs. Robert Beckham and Mrs. Jesse Myrick went to Walla Walla Wednesday, and spent the day with friends.

Ira McDonald, whose illness was reported in the Press some time ago, is now at the home of Mrs. Donald McDonald in Walla Walla.

Mrs. Charles Grant and Mrs. Vernie Grant and baby daughter of Condon, are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boomer.

There are eleven women, in the business houses and offices on Main street, in Athena who are doing their war bit by filling places generally occupied by men.

Lost—A thoroughbred Lincoln ram strayed from my place west of Athena and I will pay liberal reward for information leading to its recovery. Bern Banister, Athena.

A. B. Steele has been confined to his home this week in incapacitated condition as the result of a carbuncle on the right knee. It is evident that for once at least, Allyn is amenable to the dictates, desires and wishes of his better half.

Mack Cockburn, flatteringly fluent with republican election lore, pestered the Press office with his corpulent presence Wednesday morning while en route from Milton to the county seat, where we suppose, he felicitated with Tom Thompson Frank Curl and the rest of the bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foss and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Taylor returned Tuesday evening from an automobile tour of Central and Western Oregon. After visiting at the John Foss home at Moro and the L. J. Foss home at Terrebonne, they went to Eugene, via Bend. From Eugene they drove to Portland.

Louis Stewart is one of fifteen students at Willamette University to be selected for a four months' term of instruction at the officers' training camp at Camp McArthur, Texas, and left Salem Tuesday night of this week for the camp. Another of the Willamette University students of the fifteen selected, was Royal Emmel, brother of W. C. Emmel of this city, and who worked for Alex McIntyre during harvest.

R. A. Thompson has taken territorial agency for one of the most popular cars on the market, the Stephens Salient Six. He is exhibiting a fine model of the machine at his vulcanizing plant on Main street. Mr. Thompson has leased the building located first door west of his vulcanizing shop, and will be in a position to offer storage facilities for a limited number of cars.

Ray LeGrow and Homer Watts returned Saturday from their Montana hunting trip, and as usual each secured an elk in the fastness of their Rocky Mountain hunting grounds. They were accompanied this year on the hunt by E. A. Leonard of Walla Walla, and Lawver Thomas of Walla Walla. On the return trip, they encountered snow and a raging blizzard while crossing Gordon Pass into the Swan river valley. One pack horse, losing its footing, tumbled down the mountainside, sliding for several hundred yards. It was recovered next morning practically uninjured, but in its descent had stripped itself of the pack of elk meat, which was recovered, also.

Miss Lula Tharp has been in a very critical condition at Hot Lake, with pneumonia, all during the past week, when for several days her life was despaired of. At last reports, her condition was slightly improved.

FRANK P. WOODS



Congressman Frank P. Woods of Iowa was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee.

NAME GUNS BETSY AND ELSIE

Yankee Artillery at the Front Follow Gallant Custom of French Cannoneers.

Following a gallant custom of the French artillery, the boys of Battery B in one of our own F. A. regiments, decided to name their guns after those whom they considered the outstanding figures among the patriotic women of American history.

Many were named but two were chosen. The first, according to Stars and Stripes, France, was Betsy Ross, who, in her little house in Philadelphia, made the first American flag. The second was Elsie Janis, who, in the little huts of France, made the first hit of the A. E. F.

"These guns are of the railway artillery," the captain says, "and among the most powerful in France, and the names selected are now painted on the carriages, where they will be constant inspiration in the future, and, we hope, a credit to their namesakes."

One of these two namesakes, who probably never thought of herself as a figure in American history at all, is just back from a tour of the front where she had a good many thrills, including the thrill of finding her name in divisional general orders.

There she delighted one of the bands by turning drum major throughout a long march, cheered up some young German prisoners by talking to them in their own tongue, and came away much pleased by the news that Elsie Janis II had just raised merry h— with a German machine gun emplacement.

WEARIED OF CONSTANT BRAY

Spaniards Make Offer to Exchange Mules for Something That Has More Musical Sound.

A little while ago it was reputed that the army mule in France, invaluable for transport, was making himself obnoxious by his propensity to bray when in close proximity to the enemy. And now, according to advances received by the National Piano Manufacturers' association, the Spaniards are anxious to dispose of their mules to us and to obtain in return pianos and other musical instruments.

Evidently what Wordsworth calls "the hard, dry see-saw of his horrible bray" is no better relished by the esthetic consciousness of the Iberians than by the valorous gentlemen of France. It is doubtful whether even an implacable futurist in music like Leo Ornstein or Arnold Schoenberg derives genuine satisfaction from the student cantatas and blatant oratorios of the mule. Some cynics have detected a resemblance between the voice of the baggage and the mule's spontaneous lyricism, but this is a libel.

With patience one can detect a definite melody in the Scotch pibrochs and strathspeys, whereas mule music like the world in the making, is without form and void. As long as Spain is not at war she can afford to dance the fandango and play the mandolin. When by the logic of events she is swept out of her neutrality into beligerency and has to haul cannon and wagons, she will wish she had the mule.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Saccharin Not Injurious. Some quite unfounded statements have been made to the effect that saccharin disturbs the digestion, injures the kidneys, or is even responsible for gastric carcinoma. There is no evidence that saccharin or its allies have effect whatever on the economy when it is used in quantities larger than are required to sweeten foods and beverages to suit ordinary tastes. And this, in spite of the fact that saccharin has been in use for more than a quarter of a century.

The mere fact that it is an artificial substance remotely derived from coltar does not necessarily render it poisonous, as some seem to suspect. At the same time it is, of course, valueless as a food in the sense in which sugar is a food, and even as a flavor it to most tastes is inferior to the natural substance.—British Medical Journal.

Rubber in Japan.

The rubber manufacturing industry in Japan has developed greatly within the past year in the scope and variety of its products. In the export trade, too, its importance is increasing. The growth of the industry may be seen from the steady increase in the import of crude rubber. The official trade returns state that the import in 1917 totaled 9,680,632 yen over the figure for 1915. Formerly most of the automobile tires used in Japan were imported into that country, but now the greater part of Japan's needs are supplied by domestic manufacturers. The export of automobile tires has also begun with the development of rubber plants in Japan.

Mine Wrecks Garden.

While sitting on the back porch of her home, Mrs. William Dolmetsch of the 700 block, on North Bromley avenue, Scranton, Pa., saw the rear portion of the yard sink into a mine working, exposing numerous mine props, while a short distance away a similar settling exposed men at work in the mines. In each case the gardens have dropped about 15 feet. The home of Matthew Scott has escaped damage, but the earth on all sides has sunk, making the residence appear as though on an island.

Few streets in the city are suffering worse damage from mine caves than Bromley avenue. Gardens, posts, trees and sidewalks have fallen in.

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