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"ASHLAND KNOWS HOW"

"ASHLAND knows how" was the catch-line over the red, white and blue posters announcing a pugilistic carnival as part of the patriotic celebration at the lithia city on the Fourth of July.

However, as it is almost as long a time between bouts as it is between drinks in the Rogue River valley in these haleyn bone-dry days, and the squared circle recalled fond memories of other times, before we lost our pep and went to wearing halos, of the good old days when Bud Anderson as village hero was cleaning up the brush-wood boys, we were willing to take Ashland's word for it—at a cost of \$6 per ringside seat for the two exhibitions.

The great fistic program was advertised to begin Tuesday afternoon, July 3, at 4 o'clock—but the day before the hour was switched to 10 o'clock in the morning.

So again in the afternoon the Medford ring enthusiasts made the trip—but the Roundup artists were bulldogging, and again there was no crowd for the pugilists.

A third time the Medford sports made the trip to the ringside. They were getting rather weary—but not near as tired as they were after the conclusion of the bouts, which were presented minus the advertised preliminaries, before a small but extremely select audience.

And now comes the real Eddie Burns, who indignantly denies that he was ever knocked out, or furthermore, that he ever fought at Ashland. He declares the bout a fake and a plant, which is very inconsiderate of the feelings of the city that "knows how."

Present at last night's scraps at the Association club was Eddie Burns, the welterweight, and Eddie climbed into the ring and made a speech, and it was an angry speech at that.

It is unfortunate that Ashland's otherwise creditable celebration should thus be marred. It is a result of commercializing the nation's birthday.

STOP LEAKS TO THE ENEMY

THE Germans, before America entered the war, must often have laughed at England and France. Since we entered the war they must often have laughed at us.

Some of the things Germany needed most to keep it from starvation, to keep its munitions supply and cloth its troops have been obtained from this country.

Even a casual study of the exports of this country to the neutrals close to Germany will reveal the facts with startling clearness.

For instance, Denmark in 1913 took 415,479 bushels of our wheat and in 1915 took 2,754,746—nearly seven times as much.

In 1913 Denmark took 108,515 bushels of our rye. In 1916 she took 2,047,562—nearly twenty times as much.

In 1913 Holland took 6788 pounds of brass in bars, plates and sheets. In 1916 it took 1,950,943—over 250 times as much.

In 1913 Sweden took 9,080,914 pounds of our copper. In 1915 she took 34,545,504—nearly four times as much.

In 1913 Switzerland took 2699 pounds of leather. In 1916 she took 1,553,936 and all other neutrals took similar large quantities.

In 1913 Norway took \$4743 worth of miscellaneous chemicals. In 1916 she took \$350,806 worth.

The figures cited for the selected individual countries are typical of all these neutrals. Allowing for the fact that these countries were cut off from Russian and Argentine wheat, from Russian leather, from German chemicals and from European brass and copper supplies, allowing for the fact that they, therefore, turned to America to make up their deficit—there still remains so large an increase in their imports as to preclude the belief that all they have bought within the past three years has been for home consumption.

The conviction will not dawn that they have acted as purchasing agents for Germany.

To that extent these neutrals were not neutral. They were assistants to Germany. They helped her circumvent the blockade. They sneaked to her products that were contraband of war. They made use of the war by piling up their war profits.

And that is where the new exports council appointed by President Wilson under the espionage bill will be of enormous service to the cause of America and her allies against Germany. Its first job will be to stop the leak to the enemy.

EXTENSIVE FRUIT MARKETING SYSTEM OFFERED GROWERS

Every intelligent grower in the northwest knows what it the matter with the fruit industry. It is not necessary to remind either the grower or the consumer that it is not a question of production, but one of distribution.

This is just what the Earl company has done for other localities and what it will do for the growers of the Rogue River valley. With its 117 salesmen covering every city and town in the United States, Canada and the principal ports of Europe and England, it certainly is in a position to know when, how and where to secure the best and highest markets.

The Earl Fruit company of the northwest will not consign a single box of fruit to a commission house, nor will they sell fruit which is under contract to them in any other manner than F. O. B. shipping point if it is humanly possible to do so.

General PARKER SUCCEEDS PERSHING

COMMUNICATION.

TO THE EDITOR: I have heard several people mention the "wonderful coincidence" as shown in Mr. Carsten's letter published last evening in the Mail Tribune, referring to date of birth, age, date of taking office and time served of the various rulers.

If one takes the date of birth and adds number of years lived, it of course makes 1917. The same with date and time of serving. It is simply taking a date twenty years ago (1897) and adding twenty years, which could make nothing else than the present year, or 1917. Take my own case:

Was born 1878  
Came to Medford 1903  
Have lived, years 39  
Years in Medford 14  
3834

If this figuring had been done last year the result would have been twice 1916, or 3832, and if it is done next year the result will be twice 1918, or 3836. There is no coincidence about it, but is a catch by jumbling figures.

Very truly yours,  
A. H. MILLER.  
Medford, Or., July 7, 1917.

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MILLION GAIN IN NUMBER AUTOS DURING THE YEAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—In 1916 there were 1,067,332 more motor cars registered in the United States than in 1915. This was an increase of 43 per cent. The gross total of registered cars, including commercial cars, was 3,512,996; the number of motorcycles registered was 250,820.

Recent years have shown an increasing tendency to put the spending of the motor car revenues directly in the hands of the state highway departments. Of the total amount applied to road work in 1916, 70 per cent, or \$16,411,520, was expended more or less directly under the control or supervision of state highway departments.

Automobile Notes

J. C. Power leaves Sunday for Portland on business and will drive a new Buick back.

One of the largest tire companies has found on investigation that in 1913 Canada had increased its number of registered cars 16,780, or 38 per cent, as against the 1912 registration, and during 1914, 22,070, or 36 per cent, as compared to 1913.

No trouble was met by a big one and a half ton White truck on the drive from Portland to Crater Lake, according to a letter sent to the Automobile club by Louis Siegelman, who will be in charge of Crater Lake Lodge this season.

There is more Catarra in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable.

Mr. and Mrs. Siegelman have charge of the Crater Lake Lodge for Mr. Parkhurst this year.

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Willard. Ready! In nine cases out of ten, a dead battery means a dead car, for the battery is the source of ignition in 90 per cent of the 1917 cars. If you're one of the nine, when you want battery service, you want it at once. And we're always on the job to give it to you. No matter whether you came in to have your battery merely tested, or completely rebuilt, we're there with men and equipment to take care of you. If your battery needs repairs or recharging we have a rental battery for your use, whatever make or model of car you own. Willard Service is complete, it's always ready. The Electric Shop. Free inspection of any battery at any time.

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ROOKIES FAILING FOR COMMISSION GET NEW CHANCE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.—The race for commissions at the reserve officers' training camp here is nearing the home stretch. Something like a month remains before the commissions are announced, and that time the student officers will have to work as they never worked before.

There are only a certain number of commissions, and more than enough prospective officers to fill them. What the government will do with the men who complete the camp course successfully and who will be denied commissions because of the scarcity of these honors, is a matter of deep conjecture.

Can Join Next Camp.

They will doubtless have an opportunity to join the next reserve officers' training camp, and will have a distinct advantage in training for the officers camps which will be held when the draft armies are in their respective cantonments.

The government has announced that the men with the highest ratings will get the commissions in this camp. The commissions will be given out according to these ratings. For instance, if there are 400 commissions for the grade of second lieutenant, the 400 men in the camp who the officers think best qualified to fill these posts would be given the straps. The same system will obtain in regard to giving out the other commissions.

It is presumed that the army in encampments for the training of officers after the draft army is mobilized will favor those of the officers' reserve camps who did their work well, but were denied the initial commissions. All members of the new army will also be entitled to try for commissions in these future camps, but will be absolutely denied to citizens by a ruling of the war department.

Hope Deferred.

So the rookies who try but fail here are not going to lose hope by any means, as it probably will not mean a commission denied, but merely deferred. The army opened these camps to a large number of men in order to have a wide field to select from in bestowing these initial commissions, which call for line officers particularly.

In preparation for this final dash for commissions the officers are accentuating personal neatness and soldierly bearing at all times. Those rookies who are still affecting white collars are being encouraged to wear nothing but the regulation apparel, and particular stress is placed on cleanliness. Men who must lie in the dust a good part of the day in the rifle practice have no excuse. They must show up for inspection just as clean as any signal corps men. Those whose hands are covered with trench grime are given to understand that they must be spotless when they show up for mess. Blouses must be worn at all times on the outside, except when the men are engaged in particularly heavy work.

AUSTRIAN EMPRESS FAVORABLE TO FRANCE

LONDON, July 7.—According to Daily Express, a personal friend of the Empress Zita of Austria has informed certain members of the house of commons that the empress is exerting herself strongly in the interests of France. She is credited with sufficient influence over Emperor Charles to induce him to try to withdraw from the Austro-Hungarian alliance with Germany as soon as Austria-Hungary is enabled to take such action.