

AMERICANISM AT MANILLA

Whole Town Ablaze With Patriotism When Meeting Is Held for Young Men Who Enlist.

TWO HISTORIC MEETINGS HELD

Special Representative of State Daily Newspaper Present and Gives Publicity to the Gathering

(By James B. Weaver in Register.) I have today seen the great American melting pot in action, and this is how it came about: They modestly phoned they were to have a patriotic rally at Manilla in Crawford county, and would I come out by the 5 a. m. train and join the people in bidding goodby to the recruits who were to leave by the 9:30 train for the Denver training camp?

Of course I would, and did, and I count it a morning beautiful to hold in memory. But I balked at that 5 a. m. arrival and went Sunday evening, arriving at Manilla (population 1200) at 9:30 p. m. None knew of my coming, so I walked up through the park to a brilliantly lighted corner, surrounded by automobiles, for Manilla is in the heart of a rich German farming district.

Rally in Germania Hall. On that corner stood a great two story double front frame building that was at the moment ablaze with light at every window. I glanced at the broad front of the building and saw there in large letters, "Germania Hall, 1899." As I looked, there came from the building a great chorus, and they were singing, as only those to whom music is a racial instinct can sing—"The Star Spangled Banner." It was the finale to an evening's program, and as the strains of the band and chorus died away and the meeting dispersed, I sought the hotel murmuring to myself, "Well, God bless Germania Hall!"

But let me tell you about that meeting. It was a union church gathering. The business men met Friday to get ready to bid the boys goodby. They appointed a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer in good, business like fashion. They called the meeting for Sunday night at Germania hall. The Rev. Geo. H. Mitchell, Presbyterian, presided. The speakers were the Rev. Father Francis McNeil of the Roman Catholic, the Rev. A. K. Miller of the Methodist and the Rev. H. W. Wolf of the German Lutheran.

Never to be forgotten. There was the band of twenty pieces, five of whom were enlisting. There was congregational singing of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," and five old soldiers sat on the platform with the enlisting youths. The evening was one never to be forgotten by Manilla.

I went to my hotel, but at 5 a. m. I was fairly blown out of bed by giant dynamite blasts, one for each of the forty-eight states and not a soul in Manilla slept after the first shot.

I dressed and went out upon the main street at just 5:30 a. m. and even then they were busy getting the hall ready for the morning's exercises. I walked about with Mayor Saunders and was introduced to the business men. We then gathered at the hall where a splendid breakfast was served to the recruits and the members of their families. It was a breakfast never to be forgotten, the tables were surrounded by the ruddy faced youths, 17, 18 and 19 years old, their fathers and mothers, their sisters, big and little, the members of the committee and myself.

The boys ate ravenously as boys must, but the mothers and the little sisters were thinking of the separation but an hour away. The boy soldiers seemed very young but I remembered that the boys of 1861 were no older.

Personnel of Recruits. But let me give you the names of these patriotic young Americans who have answered the nation's call. Note the racial suggestion in these names: Robert and Allen Hird, twins, sons of Isaac Hird, contractor. Gifford and Victor Theobald, sons of Edward Theobald of Manilla National bank.

Max and Frank Borkemeier, sons of H. Borkemeier, implement dealer. George Gaumer, son of W. N. Gaumer. Lyon McCracken, son of James McCracken, stockman.

Bryant Conner, son of Henry Cooper, mail carrier. Leo Perion, son of James Perion, manager Green Bay Lumber company. Allen Saunders, son of Mrs. Ruth Saunders, farmer.

Leslie Currier, grandson of V. Soules, old soldier. Ed Algeo, son of W. E. Algeo, and two others who left a few days before. The hall was filled to overflowing by 8 a. m. the band playing patriotic airs, the white places alive with expectant humanity. We formed in line, the recruits in advance and with the chairman, the mayor and the few old soldiers, we marched to the platform amid deafening applause. There were the prayers for the boys so soon to go, and for those who are to do the waiting in the anxious months just ahead.

Mixture of Races. The audience arose and sang "America," and I shall not soon forget that mixture of races that faced me as I arose to speak.

The serious faces, the sense of union of races from all over the world gathered to offer their sons upon the altar of the nation's need, the presence of the old soldiers, the waving flags, combined to remind me of the days of '61,

of which mother has told me, days remote and half unreal, but here and now this April morning in this Iowa town became very real indeed.

Three of the boys were given their diplomas—graduated before time, by virtue of a short cut to immortal service.

March to the Train. The speaking ended; we all sang "The Star Spangled Banner" formed in line and marched to the train. There were the inevitable sad partings, the great surging crowd as the train moved away, the boys leaning far out of the windows for one last goodbye wave of the hand—and they were gone. But with them went, as far as Omaha, a score of citizens and, better still, with them went the tears and prayers of all those Germans, Scotchmen, Irishmen, Scandinavians—all now for once under the fusing force of freedom's call, Americans under one flag.

If we all did as well as Manilla, Iowa would be sending today 270,000 men to the colors. God bless Manilla, the melting pot, with its militant Americanism!

FACE POSSIBLE FOOD FAMINE.

Great Shortage of Foodstuffs Means Possible Famine if Crop Production Follows Normal.

To emphasize the seriousness of the food shortage in the country, the War Emergency Food Committee of Iowa issues the following statement prepared by Deaf C. F. Curtiss, of Iowa State college:

Corn production on farms March 1, 1917, was 101,355,000 bushels as against 244,448,000 bushels the year previous. On March 1, 1917, there was in country mills and elevators in the United States 91,000,000 bushels of wheat as against 155,000,000 bushels on March 1, 1916.

Corn reserve on farms March 1, 1917, in United States, 789,416,000 bushels as against 1,116,559,000 bushels the year previous.

Average condition of wheat in United States April 1st was 63.4 per cent as against 78.3 per cent last year and 86.2 per cent for ten year average.

In 1915 the United States produced 10,000,000 bushels of wheat per capita. In 1916 it produced 2 1/2 bushels per capita, and consumed 3 1/3 bushels.

Serious crop failure in Argentina has left little if any surplus and an embargo has been placed on some food stuffs.

The United States potato crop in 1916 was 24,000,000 bushels less than in 1915 and 14,000,000 bushels less than in 1914. Early potato crop in Texas has been injured by frost which will curtail production there.

Production of wool in the United States was about 285,000,000 pounds. Annual consumption in the United States about 600,000,000 pounds.

These facts, according to the food committee, mean nothing less than this: The prevalence of a famine is a grave possibility for this country if this year's crop production as a whole fall much or even below normal.

IOWA DOING BIG BIT IN WAR

Iowa State College Force Works Night and Day on Food Problem—Attacks the Labor Problem.

To give the people of Iowa an idea of just what has been done in the state toward increased food production, Iowa State college reports the accomplishments to date of the agricultural extension department and experiment station staffs, which have been working day and night to complete organizations and plans along this line.

They are attacking the labor problem with especial vigor. Many public schools have already been interested and boys and girls are enlisting to do their bit to increase the food supply.

Newspapers of the state have been supplied with full information to date and will be provided with definite means to assist in enlisting workers. The county agents in the 27 organized counties are devoting their full time to the labor and food question. In many of the organized counties the county superintendents are attacking the labor and home garden problems.

Twenty thousand posters calling for helpers in the field will be distributed this week through the state. Thousands of enrolling workers have been organized and volunteer workers organized and placed through the department.

In promoting home gardens the college has already printed and distributed 60,000 practical bulletins on this subject and has 25,000 more on the press. Thousands of additional boys and girls have been enlisted for club work. A men's acre corn contest has been organized and entries are coming in by the scores. Two issues of the college newspaper clipping sheet have been devoted entirely to the home garden and increased food propaganda. The college experts are working overtime to meet the demands of the requests for information in gardening and for assistance in organizing city and town garden movements.

The Nipa Tree. The palm-like nipa tree of tropical Asia has a sap exceedingly rich in sugar, but so salty that its utilization has not been found profitable.

BOYER ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wainwright, of Arion, were visiting at the home of her parents recently.

Henry Thompson and family visited at the Charley Kropf home Sunday. Henry Thompson was at Vail shopping Thursday.

Mrs. Lew Wright and Henry Thompson were in Omaha a few days last week.

DENISON'S FAREWELL TO SOLDIERS

Banquet Tendered Young Recruits at Hotel Denison Thursday Evening, Followed by Exercises at Theater

SENATOR CASWELL CHAIRMAN

Denison Furnishing More Men Per Capita Than Any Other Town in the State of Iowa.

Denison's farewell to its young men who have enlisted in Co. B, 2d Iowa Infantry was given last Thursday evening. While the young men have not been called as yet, it was thought advisable to have the exercises as soon as possible for the call might come at a moment's notice and there might not be time to arrange for a public gathering. All arrangements for the farewell were in the hands of the commercial club, Pres. J. B. Lyon, together with the members of the club, arranged the program which was so successfully carried out.

At 7:30 o'clock a banquet was tendered the recruits at the Hotel Denison. The band boys, together with a number of the business men, were invited to attend the affair, which was a most enjoyable occasion. The feast was prepared by Mrs. Thos. Nielsen, and the table fairly groaned with good things.

Following the banquet, the recruits, together with the band boys, marched in a body to the Germania theater, where the exercises were held. Notwithstanding the threatening weather the theater was packed.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lyon, who turned the meeting over to Senator G. L. Caswell, who acted as chairman. Mr. Caswell remarked that the gathering showed the usual Denison spirit and was in keeping with the many great strides made by our city. He stated that Denison is furnishing more men for the various branches of the government service per capita than any other city or town in the state of Iowa. Sloux City with its population of 65,000 had only furnished 50 volunteers. He congratulated the young men on the step they had taken and said that the people of Denison will hope and pray that their services may be beneficial to the country.

Mr. Caswell told of his trip to the border last fall and of seeing the national guard camped near Brownsville. Here they were drilled from late in the morning to late in the afternoon. Sanitary conditions at the camp were ideal, and he made the statement that the men who went there returned better men, both physically and mentally. Senator Caswell said the 2d Iowa infantry was recognized to be the best drilled on the border and that Co. B had the honor of being the crack company at Brownsville. He said the Denison boys would only help Co. B to maintain that reputation.

His address was followed by a chorus of school children under the leadership of Miss Wilfred Wright. This was one of the features of the entertainment and was enjoyed by all.

John Shawan was next introduced, and gave the Denison recruits an exceptionally good talk. He told of the causes of war and in going through history it is noticed that the United States only engaged in war on the side of righteousness. The United States is a pioneer of liberty, said Mr. Shawan, and the secret of our strength is liberty. While we are now engaged in the greatest war in history, said he, with all its sacrifices, we will emerge victorious. We are not wishing goodbyes, he said, but God-speed and while they are away the thoughts of every man, woman and child in Denison will be with them and they will know that a country with one hundred million population is placing its faith in them. His speech was full of good points forcibly brought out and brought forth hearty applause.

The male quartet, made up of Lester Schlumberger, Herbert Cushman, Marcus McCord and Lenihan Lally, sang a beautiful selection which was encored.

Judge Conner was then introduced by the chairman. Mr. Conner stated that the meeting was personal in character and not to stir up enthusiasm. The enthusiastic meeting was here, he said, but tonight we are here to pay our respects to the young men who have enlisted. "Speaking to the recruits he said: "No doubt you feel honored, but you are no more impressed than the people who are in attendance at this meeting. You have taken a step not taken by every bodied man, and have distinguished yourselves. You have solved the question, 'Does My Country Need My Services?' and you have done the noble thing, for yourselves, your families, friends and country. "Soldiers who fight for their country demand the respect of their country," said Mr. Conner in conclusion.

Representative F. J. Klinker, who is a German born American, next addressed the recruits. He said that he believed the Germans in this country are misunderstood. While it is true many of them have sympathized with Germany in this great war, it was to be expected for many had brothers and cousins fighting in the trenches and of course their hearts went out to them. Mr. Klinker told how his mother, Miss Myrtle, as bridesmaid, and Mr. Eggleston by Mr. Mat Doherty. After the ceremony the bridal party, relatives and a few friends adjourned to the home of the bride's parents, where a bounteous three course breakfast was served. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McMahon, of this city. She is a lovely young woman and a fit mate for the

fatherland. But now all ties are cast aside; WAR has been declared, and all of the Germans are with this country, said Mr. Klinker. This is a war which we hope will go away with all wars, he said. In concluding he said that the Denison boys who had enlisted had shown their patriotism when they offered their lives to their country and hoped that every one of them would return to their homes.

Miss Söllinger, of the college, gave a reading which brought forth outbursts of laughter. Miss Söllinger is always welcome to Denison audiences.

Mr. Jacob Sims addressed the meeting and in opening said patriotism seemed to be in the air these days and that it could be seen everywhere over our broad land. Mr. Sims stated that he had lived through two wars and was stirred today as never before. He stated that the present war is one that is being made by nations who are progressive and know that the old ideas must be done away with, such as the divine right of kings. While no one likes war everyone knows that the old form of government must be thrown into the scrap heap if the people of Europe are to live a life of usefulness, he said. The Denison boys will do their duty when called upon, said Mr. Sims, and will make a record that we can all be proud of. It was his wish that each of them might return home stronger.

The last speaker of the evening was Hon. Carl F. Kuehnle. In speaking of the Denison recruits he termed them the soldiers of liberty and defenders of honor. He impressed upon them that all citizens of Denison sympathize with them and hope that they will return healthy and strong. Mr. Kuehnle said that up to a few weeks ago he had not been a believer in war but now that war had been declared he was in favor of conscription so that every man would do his share. Here in Denison at the first call for volunteers some of the best young men of the city and vicinity have offered their services, some perhaps, that have business interests hard to leave, he said, but that they had willingly offered their services. Mr. Kuehnle paid his respects to the new recruits and said that every man would do his share. Here in Denison at the first call for volunteers some of the best young men of the city and vicinity have offered their services, some perhaps, that have business interests hard to leave, he said, but that they had willingly offered their services. Mr. Kuehnle paid his respects to the new recruits and said that every man would do his share. Here in Denison at the first call for volunteers some of the best young men of the city and vicinity have offered their services, some perhaps, that have business interests hard to leave, he said, but that they had willingly offered their services.

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VERY SUCCESSFUL RELIGIOUS RALLY

Young People of Des Moines-Western Association Met in Denison on April 20-22.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS PRESENT

Interesting Programs Carried Out at Each Session and Much Interest Manifest Throughout.

The young people of the Des Moines-Western association held a very successful rally at Denison from April 20th to 22d. The rally was undertaken to carry out the plans of the Young People's association, of which Miss Susie Craft of the Denison society, is a member, and to her great credit is due for the success of the undertaking.

Sixty-five delegates from out of town were present, besides a very good attendance of the local young people. Carroll, Kiron, Rockwell City and Lake City sent the largest delegations. Logan, Sac City, Kirkman, Churdan, Boone, Grand Junction and Ft. Dodge were also well represented.

The sessions of the association were held in the Baptist church which was appropriately decorated with flowers, plants and flags.

Friday Program. The meeting opened Friday evening with an enthusiastic song and praise service led by Miss Margaret Pearson, of Denison. Mr. Elliott, the efficient president of the local society, gave the delegates a royal welcome to which Miss Pettit, of Carroll, responded. At the close of her short talk the delegation from her city arose and sang a clever original song praising Denison.

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ELDER BARRETT IS THE GUEST

Brogren Family Tendered Farewell at Same Gathering—Will Remove to Minnesota Soon.

DELOIT, April 24—Special—The Dick Brogren home was the scene of a double surprise party Wednesday evening when about fifty members and friends of the L. D. S. church met for a reception for Elder Barrett, who has recently moved here from Lamoni, Ia., and also for a farewell party to the Dick Brogren family who will leave soon for Minnesota. The ladies brought well filled baskets and after spending the evening in a social way refreshments were served, after which Willing Workers presented Mrs. Brogren with a beautiful bouquet of carnations. At a late hour, all departed with the best of wishes for both families.

Mothers Council held its first regular meeting at the school house last Thursday afternoon. After the business meeting the girls' glee club sang two very appropriate selections. Mrs. Jacob Sims, of Denison, then spoke to the ladies on "What Various Mother Clubs are Accomplishing." Lieut. Scout Master Webster, displayed his Boy Scouts in real manner, after which Mrs. Wiley and Miss Morris served a delightful lunch. The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 3. As this is a business meeting every member is requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Abbot and Mr. Jed Abbot spent Sunday with friends in Jackson township. Later they all drove to Brogan to see the dredges.

Mr. Loyal Van Fleet and family moved to town Monday occupying the Jed Abbot house Saturday.

Walter Williams, of Brogan, while unloading rails, had the misfortune of having two rails fall on his hand cutting off a finger. He left Monday for the hospital at Fort Dodge where he will stay until he is able to use his hand again.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKim were Denison callers Saturday.

Dr. V. K. Graham and O. W. Wier were business callers at Denison on Wednesday.

Mrs. James Abbot was a Denison shopper Saturday.

Miss Etta Stubbs and Dr. V. K. Graham were Denison visitors Thursday.

Mrs. Jessen, of Schleswig, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Herman Grill.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Browne and daughter, Miss Edna, were Denison visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newman, of Boyer, Sundayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Campbell. Mrs. Nancy Dunbar after a week's visit at the Campbell home, returned with them.

Elder Barrett filed the Denison pulpit Sunday morning and the Deloit pulpit in the evening.

Aunt Mary Newcom came to Deloit Saturday to do her usual trading for the first time since Xmas. She reports Uncle Joe to be feeling quite well.

The boy scouts are now wearing their uniforms and are very busy making their camping and parade grounds north of the Grill Hall. When the camp is completed the boys will spend part of their nights in camp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Spence, of Boyer, and Mr. Francis Webster took Sunday dinner with the Joe True family.

Mr. Arlo Mason was entertained at Sunday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brogren departed Monday evening for a six months sojourn with friends and relatives in Minnesota.

Mrs. Carl Streeter has been confined to her home for several days suffering with rheumatism, but at present is much improved.

Little Lyle Worley has been absent from school the past week on account of tonsillitis.

The ladies' aid