

Death of J. P. Vollmer

John P. Vollmer, age 70, the prominent pioneer citizen and financier of Lewiston, died at his home at 5 o'clock Monday-afternoon, after an illness covering a period of months. The malady which caused his death was pronounced by his physician to have been chronic myocarditis, an inflammation of the muscular structure of the heart. His death came peacefully and his mind was clear to the last.

For years he has been prominent in the business affairs of Idaho and though the many demands made upon him by his varied business associations occupied most of his time he was yet able to take active part in many plans for promoting the public welfare.

John P. Vollmer was born in Germany, but came to this country when a boy, reaching Walla Walla in 1868 and in 1870 coming to Lewiston, where he remained. He first engaged in the merchandising business, establishing a string of stores throughout what is now Idaho, Nez Perce and Latah counties in Idaho and Asotin county, Washington. In 1885 he entered the banking business and organized the First National bank, the oldest in the city.

His banking interest developed until he had the controlling interest in a number of institutions throughout the territory tributary to Lewiston. He organized the Vollmer-Clearwater Grain Company, among the largest operators in grain in this region as also is the Lewiston Milling company and associate mills at Kendrick and Asotin, which annually put out an immense tonnage of flour, feed and cereals.

His land holdings multiplied until he was among the largest holders of lands in this part of the state. Mr. Vollmer, while public spirited, never entered public life nor held office, although at times mentioned as a candidate for governor and United States senator. He paid taxes on 50 sections of agricultural land, which requires about 300 miles of fence to divide it into quarter sections.

Mr. Vollmer was also identified with several transportation companies. He was connected with the Walla Walla & Columbia River Railroad company and in 1877 was made agent for the Oregon Steam Navigation company. He acted for Henry Villard in the deal by which the last named company was absorbed by the O. R. & N. Company, which latter company Mr. Vollmer represented until 1883, when he became financially interested in the Northern Pacific and was one of the leading promoters of that line.

He built the first telegraph line in northern Idaho in 1874. Four years later he established the first Bell telephone exchange on the Pacific coast. He was prominent in the organization of the Sweetwater Irrigation & Canal company.

He was married at Walla Walla in 1870 to Sallie Barber, a native of Kentucky and a granddaughter of Judge Duvall. To this union seven children were born.

Florence-McKeever

Miss Grace Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Florence, and Harry McKeever surprised their many friends here by being quietly married at Lewiston last Sunday, by Rev. R. D. Snyder of the Methodist church. They returned Monday and will make their home in the Helpman house.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McKeever are popular young people who are always active in the community interests. Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.

Save \$3,000,000 a Day

There is one item in the conservation of foodstuff that our dear Governor has overlooked in his numerous proclamations. It remains for a Kendrick man to originate and promote a plan where a saving of millions of dollars could be made annually. The scheme if properly worked out and followed to the letter would make it possible for a family even in moderate circumstances to eat eggs three times a day the year around. Following is the plan, worked out in detail:

Taking Kendrick as a basis for our estimates we will say there are about two dogs for every family. For fear that all towns in the United States are not so fortunate we will cut our estimate 300 percent and say that every two families own a dog. This would give us 10 million dogs as the total canine population. Now the amount of table scraps consumed by this army of quadrupeds is almost beyond human comprehension. Assimilating the figures by degrees we will say that the amount of feed it takes to maintain one dog would keep a dozen chickens. This may seem to high at first thought but when you take into consideration the amount a hound dog can eat the average is conservative enough. We are also basing our figures on leghorn hens as they do not eat very much, spending most of their time laying.

We do not want to make extravagant statements so we will say that each hen lays only one egg a day. We had ten million dogs to start with. Twelve hens for each dog gives us 120 million hens and 120 million eggs a day. At the present market price of 30 cents a dozen these eggs would be worth 3 million dollars daily. Each hen would raise ten chickens a year making a little side issue of 1200 million chickens that could be fed on the surplus potato crop that will be harvested this next season.

Another little item, rather a delicate subject but still very practicable, is the sausage that could be made from the ten million dogs.

Flag Raising Today

In compliance with the Governor's proclamation, there will be a flag raising at the town park today at 2:30. A parade will be formed at the school house by the school children who will be joined on Main Street by members of the Red Cross, the Band and other organizations. They will march to the park, where a program will be given and a flag raised. Members of the Red Cross, Queen Esther Girls, Camp Fire Girls and Boys' Brigade are requested to assemble at the Kendrick Auto Company's garage and the band will get together at the Gazette office. H. P. Hull, as marshal of the day, will have charge of the parade.

The program will consist of patriotic selections by the band, male quartet, an address by N. E. Ware and the flag raising. While the flag is being raised the flag salute will be given and the audience will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" accompanied by the band.

Boy Scouts

The Boy Scouts met in the City Hall on Friday night with every member present excepting those out of town. Patrols were organized as follows: Wolf, Black Bear, Silver Fox, Eagle and Beaver. Patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders were elected by each patrol. A committee was appointed to arrange for an entertainment and ice cream social. The boys are progressing rapidly in military drill under the able instruction of Mr. Barnum.

BRITISH USE DOUBLE-DECKED STRETCHER



A double-decked stretcher is the latest invention being used in the British hospitals to save time and trouble. Where formerly two men were required to carry a wounded or sick soldier on a stretcher, they now transport them around the wards and courts by means of wheeled double-deckers, as shown above.

Southwick Patriotic

On Saturday evening, May 5, the citizens of Southwick met at the corner of Main street and, keeping time to Dr. Smith's big bass drum, marched to the school house to complete the organization of a home guard and an auxiliary Red Cross chapter, which had been temporarily formed on Saturday, April 28.

Much interest was shown and after the house was called to order by Chairman W. F. McClelland, some of the questions for consideration were discussed and voted upon.

It was decided to admit, as members, no one under the age of 16 years, but as an auxiliary to the guards, a chief of scouts was appointed who can engage the services of boys and girls who may serve as his assistants.

The election of officers then resulted as follows:

Captain, Lee H. Davis; first lieutenant, Wm. C. Jacks; second lieutenant, L. J. Southwick; first sergeant, Walter J. Harris; quartermaster, George Baker; commissary sergeant, J. A. Woods; duty sergeant, Nels Longteig.

Captain Davis called for a meeting of the officers for Thursday, May 10, to consider some matters of importance pertaining to their duties, and announced Saturday, May 12, as the date for the next regular meeting of the guards.

The Red Cross chapter did not complete its organization, but after electing the necessary officers appointed a committee to secure some further data and to meet again on the 12th inst.

Officers of the Red Cross auxiliary were chosen as follows:

President, Mrs. Walter Harris; vice president, Mrs. R. G. Farris; secretary, Helen Woods; treasurer, Mrs. L. J. Southwick.

Kendrick Wins Game

The first baseball of the season was played on the home grounds last Sunday afternoon between Leland and Kendrick. Owing to the cold weather neither team has been able to indulge in much practice so the errors were rather frequent, but on the whole the game was good. Leland has a bunch of good hitters and they landed on the Kendrick pitchers in good shape.

In the absence of the Leland catcher, George Carlson caught for Leland. McDowell, Walter Thomas and O. K. Hill pitched for Kendrick. Kuykendal did the twirling for Leland. The final score was 16 to 6 in favor of the local team. Carl Brown umpired the game.

Larson-Silflow

The marriage of Miss Iona Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Larson, and Fred Silflow occurred at the Cameron German Lutheran church last Thursday, May 3, at 2:00 p. m. The entire community and some outside friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

The bridal party was brought in automobiles from the Larson home and entered the church to the strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Joseph Schultz. Little Walter Silflow, as ring-bearer, led the party to the altar.

The bride was beautifully clad in a white silk crepe de chene and wore a veil of silk net held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white bridal roses.

The brides' maids, Miss Martha Silflow and Miss Bertha Wendt wore white dresses trimmed with light blue ribbon.

Mr. Alex Larson and Mr. Herman Silflow stood up with the groom.

After Rev. Finke had performed the ceremony and the bride and groom had received the hearty congratulations of all present, all departed for the Larson home where a splendid reception and dinner were given.

The evening was spent in dancing and other merry-making and old and young participated until the dawn of day.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

The groom is a prosperous young farmer of this community and the happy couple will make their home on the groom's farm here. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy married life.

Work on Elevator Started

Excavating began Wednesday on the addition to the Kendrick Rochdale Company's elevator under the direction of the contractors, Alloy & George. This is the same firm that built the main elevator last summer and the fact that it was again given the contract for the addition, speaks well for the work done.

Four more tubes the same size as the ones built last year, will be added to the elevator, more than doubling the capacity. This will give a storage capacity of 135,000 bushels and will be divided into twenty bins in order to facilitate the handling of different varieties of grain. When completed it will be one of the largest, if not the largest, concrete elevator in the state.

Home Guard Meeting

The Home Guard at the regular monthly meeting Monday night, decided to erect a temporary flag pole in the Park and have a flag raising Friday (today) at 2:00 o'clock. A program will be given and the school children will be present in a body. H. B. Emmel was appointed chairman of the committee to arrange for the program.

Martin Thomas offered to furnish a flag pole as a gift to the town providing the Home Guard would furnish a team to bring the pole in from the woods. The offer was accepted and a collection of nearly seven dollars was taken up among the Guards. This amount will be increased by some of those who were absent so that the flag pole for Kendrick is assured. The roads are in such condition that it will be necessary to wait a few weeks before the pole can be brought in. For this reason it was thought best to erect a temporary pole to be used until the other is ready to be raised.

After discussing minor business matters the meeting adjourned and the usual military drill was conducted in the Kendrick Rochdale Warehouse.

School Notes

The narrative of the Passion Play given by Mr. Weber Monday night at the Grand Theatre netted the school about \$11.50.

The commencement week plans are in making. The first meeting will be that of the Baccalaureate service, which will be held at the Presbyterian church on the evening of Sabbath May 20. The second meeting will be the Class Night exercises, held at one of the theatres on the evening of Thursday May 24.

To this an admission fee will be charged to cover a number of expenses. The third meeting will be the Commencement exercises, on Friday evening May 25, at which the diplomas will be given to the graduates of the eighth and the twelfth grades.

Further announcement will be made concerning the exercises, including the name of the commencement speaker.

The school will take part in the flag raising exercises this (Friday) afternoon.

May Form Club Here

Miss Fowler of Boise, assistant supervisor of the Boys' and Girls' club work for the state, County Superintendent Winifred Calkins and C. B. Wilson of Moscow, were in Kendrick Wednesday for the purpose of organizing a boys' and girls' club here.

The idea was suggested to unite the Camp Fire Girls and Queen Esther Girls in forming a canning club this summer; to form an agricultural club among the boys with local directors for both boys and girls and under the supervision of experts from the University of Idaho. Mr. Wilson has been put in charge of the agricultural clubs and is the county supervisor for Latah county. He would spend probably three or four days a month in Kendrick to see that the work was progressing properly.

Clubs have been formed in all other towns of the county and the work is being taken up by the boys and girls with much interest.

Chamber Of Commerce

Business meeting Tuesday, May 15 at 8:00 sharp. Meet at the City Hall. Business of importance to be discussed. Every member expected to be present.

Boys' And Girls' Club

In the campaign for increased food production to meet the present national crises, a resource not to be overlooked is the labor of the boys and girls of the farm and town who are too young or inexperienced to take the place of regular farm laborers and yet are capable, if properly directed, of contributing very materially to the total labor resources of the nation. This juvenile labor should be utilized in the most efficient way and yet so as not to jeopardize the permanent welfare of the children. Fortunately the machinery for its utilization is already in existence in the form of the state and federal organization of Boys' and Girls' Agricultural clubs. Of this work, Mr. O. H. Benson, Agriculturist in charge of club work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has the following to say:

What is Club Work? Club work is the performance of a definite farm, garden, or farm-home interest enterprise, and is based on the best economic practice of the farm and home. It aims to teach better methods of agriculture and home economics. When co-ordinated with school it serves greatly to increase interest in all the school studies and other activities. Children from 10 to 18 years old are organized into local clubs, and these clubs are federated in a county, state and national organization.

The Work of the Clubs. Club projects are usually outlined to cover a season's work of from four to ten months. The club work may be closely correlated with school exercises and made to cover the entire year. Corn, potato, alfalfa, home garden, and canning clubs represent various types of club projects. When possible the members of the clubs are allowed to receive and keep the net profits resulting from club work. The work requires careful study of instructions, the making of observations, keeping of accurate records, making exhibits at fairs, and the grading, crating and marketing of the products.

Objects of Club Work. The principal objects of club work may be listed as follows:

1. To offer to the young people careful guidance which will lead to a better type of farmers and home-builders.
2. To demonstrate through the boys and girls the best farm and home practices.
3. To enlist the interest and efforts of the boys and girls in problems of efficiency and economy.
4. To illustrate the best methods and to prevent waste in orchard, field, and garden through canning and better systems of marketing.
5. To offer the young people the proper incentive for their own personal conservation and the conservation of American country life.
6. To establish in boys and girls habits of industry and thrift.

Plans are under consideration for materially increasing the force of club supervisors in Idaho this year; if possible one is to be placed in each county. There is every encouragement and inducement therefore for school officials and interested citizens throughout the state undertaking the organization of clubs in the various communities. Clubs should be organized at once if effective work is to be done.

Manager Wilcox has scheduled another baseball game with Leland to be played on the local diamond Sunday afternoon. The Leland team is coming down with the avowed purpose of securing revenge for the defeat it suffered last Sunday at the hands of the Kendrick boys. A strengthened line-up will no doubt make a very interesting game.