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A trifle over a hundred years ago—April 1816—Stephen Decatur proposed the following toast:

"Our country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."

## ORGANIZE FOR LARGER CROPS

County Association Formed Saturday at Grangeville and Local Organization Be Perfected Next Wednesday.

The meeting called by the county commissioners at Grangeville Saturday in compliance with the proclamation of Governor Alexander for the purpose of forming a county organization to increase the production of grain and other foodstuffs within the county this year was quite well attended in spite of the stormy weather and the bad condition of the roads. The meeting was called to order by John Eimers and a temporary organization was affected by the election of R. F. Fulton as chairman and B. Augur as secretary. A committee of nine was appointed on organization, ways and means, after which the chairman appointed on the publicity committee every newspaper editor in the county and the secretary of the organization. Adjournment was then taken until 7:30 p. m. at which time the committee reported as follows:

"Grangeville, Idaho, April 14, 1917. Gentlemen:—Your committee on organization beg leave to submit the following:

"This organization shall be known as the Idaho County Association on Increased Production. Its purpose shall be to devise ways and means for helping and encouraging a more intensive cultivation of the fertile farm and garden lands of Idaho county.

"The officers shall consist of the following who shall hold office for a period of one year: President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the organization.

"The standing committees shall consist of the following: Executive committee which shall consist of three members appointed by the president and each district or local organization hereinafter provided for shall be entitled to representation of one member upon this committee. The president and secretary shall also be ex-officio members. This committee shall have power to transact the business of this organization for a period of one year. Five members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

"The publicity committee already appointed by the temporary president shall stand as a permanent committee.

"A finance committee of three members shall also be appointed with power to raise money to defray the necessary expenses of this organization.

"The citizens of each locality or community are hereby authorized and urged to call public meetings at their community centers in the county respectively, and to perfect local organizations by electing necessary officers together with an executive committee and a member of the county executive committee, who shall cooperate with the county organization.

"The object of the local organization shall be to increase the production locally by encouraging, assisting and directing the planting of crops for forage, grain and food. These organizations cooperate with the executive committee of the county organization in seeing that sufficient seed and feed and labor for the spring seeding are furnished, and shall at all times furnish any necessary information to the county organization that may at any time be of benefit either locally or generally in advancing the purposes of this organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. LOYAL ADKISON, Chairman.  
Following the committee report

the temporary president and secretary were made permanent officers and John D. Long was chosen as vice-president and J. V. Nash as treasurer.

Messrs. W. W. Brown, A. R. Wiley and Frank McGrane were appointed on the executive committee.

In the discussion of matters at this meeting, stress was laid on the importance of directing the attention of every citizen to the necessity of complying with the requests set forth by the governor in his proclamation and by the government of the United States in this emergency, that all needful steps be taken, whether the necessity for them was apparent to the individual or not. Prof. Curtis, of Whitebird, suggested the advisability of offering prizes to school children, to encourage such work as could be done by them, not only to secure the objects desired by the organization but also to arouse interest at the same time in an educational way. It was also suggested that all proper steps be taken to insure the planting of good seed as far as practicable, and that this question should not be slighted. As the time in which to act is limited, it was urged that every possible step be taken to plant all crops possible as well as perfect all organizations contemplated, and that the present is the TIME TO ACT. The secretary, with the aid of those affording channels of communication, was directed to give every publicity to our proceedings to the end that the organization may fully and completely attain the desired results.

The meeting then adjourned. In line with the above a decision was reached here this week to call a public meeting in Cottonwood on Wednesday, April 25th, for the purpose of organizing a local branch to affiliate with the county organization. The meeting will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall and will open promptly at 11 o'clock a. m. and, after a recess for lunch, will convene again at 1 p. m. It is desired that every farmer and business man of this part of the county who is interested in the movement be present at this meeting to assist in the work or organizing the local association and carrying on the work to a successful culmination during the year. With the backward season and the natural shortage of grain throughout the country due to the small crop last season it will be necessary to get every farmer to plant as large an acreage as possible this year as well as to induce all to grow all the vegetables they can. All points touching the subject will be thoroughly discussed and it is to the interest of every farmer and producer to be present. Come, and bring your neighbors.

### Caught Beneath Flour Pile

George Rustemeyer and Nick Bieren came near having a serious accident, Monday, at the mill of the Cottonwood Milling & Elevator company, when a big pile of flour toppled over on them.

They were engaged in repiling some of the flour and were between the piles when one fell over, pinning them between the piles and with a heavy weight of sacks on them. Owing to the noise of the running machinery they were unable to make themselves heard for some time and they were beneath the pile for perhaps ten or fifteen minutes before their shouts attracted attention.

The sacks of flour were settling slightly all the time and when help finally came to their assistance the boys were about all in from the strain of holding up the sacks to keep from being crushed. They suffered no ill effects from the accident and were soon able to continue work but do not care to repeat the experience.

The creameries and cheese factories along the railway from Weiser to Boise are almost without exception enlarging their capacity.

## Buy It In The Home Town

Suppose the city of Cottonwood should wake up some morning and find itself without a solitary store.

What would the citizens of Cottonwood think?

What would they say?

We should be confronted with stupendous problems like those our forefathers had to meet.

If a package of coffee or oatmeal was required, an order would have to be sent away for it. A week or ten days would elapse before the arrival of the coffee or oatmeal.

In the meantime, the morning cup of coffee or the morning dish of oatmeal would not be had.

If a dress were being made for one of the children for the Sunday school picnic and some trimmings required, instead of being able to secure them at once, the dress would have to go without them or be laid aside until the trimmings came, and not be ready for the picnic.

Imagine Cottonwood without a store.

But each day of each year just such a situation is edging nearer.

Folks who live in Cottonwood are proud of their city; they have a just reason to be; and if anyone wants to commence a heated argument, let him try to knock Cottonwood to any citizen of Cottonwood.

Our spirit is right; but our practices don't back up our spirit.

The majority of us have been doing our best a number of times each year to erase Cottonwood from the map.

How?

By sending our good money to mail order houses for goods which can be bought right in Cottonwood.

Let us give local merchants the same generous deal we give the mail order man, and we'll find that they cannot only match the price when the parcel post, freight or express charge to Cottonwood is added, but he will be able to beat—in the majority of instances—the best mail order price when quality is studied.

Giving local merchants the same generous deal doesn't mean dropping in now and then for a petty order.

It means placing the big orders with them—accompanying those orders with cash just as the mail order house demands, and then waiting ten days.

Sounds unreasonable, perhaps to ask such a thing.

But is it any more unreasonable to do that by your home town merchant which we do by the far-away stranger?

The trouble is, most of us have looked at this matter from only one angle.

We have been accustomed to getting what we wanted when we wanted it from the home town merchant—and in many instances, we have been getting it on credit.

We compare prices—oftimes neglecting to add freight or express charges, but never once have we compared service.

We have taken that for granted.

Isn't it about time we gave the home town merchant a square deal?

Let us consider service along with prices.

Let us stop sending our good cash away.

Let us make a concerted effort to keep it home where it will have an opportunity to fall in our hands again.

Let us make our purchasing slogan: "BUY IT IN THE HOME TOWN."

### Boys of Company E Given Rousing Farewell

Company E, Idaho national guard, was called to Boise the first of the week and left Grangeville Monday morning for the state capital where the boys will be drilled for a time before being stationed somewhere for guard duty. As the train pulled into the local station it was greeted with strains of patriotic music from the local band and perhaps 400 citizens were gathered on the platform to bid the boys farewell and give them cheering words as they departed for duty at the front. Parents, relatives, sweethearts and friends were there and misty eyes were by no means scarce as the train pulled out. The regular train was preceded by a guard train carrying a sergeant, corporal and ten privates and all bridges were inspected before the train was allowed to cross.

On leaving Grangeville the company numbered 94 men and twenty of these were enrolled from Cottonwood, showing that this community is thoroughly loyal and ready to do its full share in support of the flag. The boys who joined from here are:

Orville Kendall	Hugo Funke
Roy Mead	John C. Humphrey
Verne Dye	Frank Blackburn
Gus Maugg	Joe Blackburn
Fred von Barga	Arthur Rice
Vern South	Loran Morgan
Roy Tefft	Everett Huffman
Ira Robertson	Paul Terhaar
Lance McCready	William Asker
Sidney Triplett	Jess Rogers

Richard R. Steen, George Valium and Thomas Carrick have been named by Governor Alexander as commissioners of the Cramont highway district.

### Big Realty Deals Completed

Two real estate deals of considerable size were closed here the first of the week when the E. D. Lamb farm north of town and the Huff farm east of town changed hands. The former deal was put through Tuesday by Felix Martzen and consisted of the sale of the home place of 160 acres to Tony Baune, who recently returned from Montana, at a price of \$80 an acre while Mr. Martzen purchased 80 acres north of the road at \$65 an acre and 80 acres of timber land on the mountain west of the Pierce farm for \$1200.

The second sale was negotiated by H. H. Nuxoll and consisted of the sale of the Huff farm of 320 acres to John Schneider for \$32,000, or \$100 an acre. Mr. Schneider intends moving onto his new place and may later sell most of his present farm, retaining the eighty acre tract lying south of the creek. This will leave him 400 acres of as fine farm land as lies on Camas prairie and a tract that will easily be worth \$50,000 in the course of a few years.

Mr. Lamb does not have to vacate until June but in the meantime will look up a new location in Montana where his son is now residing. Mrs. Huff also intends going to Montana and has a tract of land in view there, the purchase of which hinged on the sale of her property here.

Both of the farms sold were among the best in this locality and the new owners were fortunate in securing them at the prices named.

Don't forget the pure bred Poland-China hogs and Holstein cattle at Mrs. Huff's sale.

## NEWS' AROUND THE STATE

Items From Various Places Reproduced for the Benefit of our Readers—Stories Refreshed from Exchanges.

A car of purebred registered Hereford cattle, consisting of seven cows and 21 young calves and yearlings, has arrived in Genesee for the Platt ranch.

Ten thousand and ninety-four dollars was the price that J. F. Barnes, manager of the Nampa Live Stock & Commission company, received for 103 steers recently.

Seven wireless telegraph plants at Lewiston were sealed late last week by direction of the naval authorities, the precaution being exercised generally over the entire country.

Andrew Stellmon, a well known farmer of the Nezperce section, fell from the loft of his hay barn last week, alighting on the manger and breaking two ribs and suffering other injuries.

Elias Wilson, a Nez Perce Indian, enjoys the distinction of being the first member of his tribe to enlist as a soldier, he having offered his services as a volunteer at Lewiston last week.

The members of the Chinese tongs at Boise signed a peace agreement last week and will not war on each other in future. Any new Chinese entering the city are to be reported to the police.

E. B. Kerr, who was engaged in the seed business at Weiser, was instantly killed last Thursday morning by coming in contact with a broken electric power wire. He formerly resided at Cascade, Ore.

What is believed to be the record price ever paid for wheat in Idaho was received by S. D. Olyear at Lewiston Tuesday when the Lewiston Milling company paid him \$2.09 a bushel for 500 sacks of turkey red wheat.

Six Grangeville young men enlisted in the navy this week and left yesterday to enter the service. They were Albert Richards, John McPherson, Herbert Wilson, Arthur Kelton, Maurice Cone and Norman Jacobson.

A bunch of 520 head of steers, valued at \$30,000, were sold in Weiser last week and shipped to Glenns Ferry from where they were driven overland to the King Hill irrigation district where they



Flag of the free heart's hope and home! By angel hands to valor given; Thy stars have lit the Welkin dome, And all thy hues were born in Heav'n. Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe that falls before us, With Freedom's soil beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us.

will be fed until ready for market.

The \$115,000 bond issue in the Clearwater highway district was defeated late last week by a vote of 104 to 78. The necessary two-thirds vote was not secured, so the bond failed to carry. Citizens of the Lenore section defeated the bond.

Boise has a mother and daughter who recently became soldier brides. They were Mrs. Catharine Wilkinson and daughter, Ruth, and are now Mrs. Leo D. Newton and Mrs. Robert S. Rankin. The weddings were performed at the same time.

Seventy-one hundred head of ewe lambs were last week sold by the VanDeusen Brothers for \$9,230, or \$13 apiece. The lambs were sold for shipment to Illinois and were loaded out Sunday. They were not bought for the packing houses, but will be distributed among the farmers of Illinois and used for breeding purposes. They are only six weeks old.—Emmett Index.

### Benefit Ball a Grand Success

The benefit dance given Monday evening by the members of the local fire company was one of the season's most enjoyable events and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The best of music available on the two prairies had been secured for the occasion and the banquet served by the ladies of the town was a climax of the culinary art. The large hall was crowded with dancers in spite of the bad condition of the roads and dancing held sway until after two o'clock in the morning. The fire company cleared \$125 from the dance which will be used in securing necessary equipment to protect the boys while fighting the flames.

F. G. Nuxoll, and Barney Stubbers were in town Wednesday from Green-creek attending a meeting of the stockholders of the German State Bank.

### PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES OF MUNICIPAL TICKET.

We, the candidates on the Municipal Ticket, all being taxpayers and freeholders, having the best interests of the village at heart, hereby announce the following platform of principles:

1. We stand for progress along conservative lines, taking into consideration conditions at time of improvements.
2. We believe in the upbuilding of our city and the protection of public health.
3. We believe in maintaining the stability of property valuations and the retention of the faith of investors in the future of Cottonwood.
4. We stand for adequate fire protection, thereby reducing the rates of insurance.

We respectfully submit this declaration of principles for the consideration of the voters of Cottonwood at the village election on Tuesday, April 24th, 1917.

JOHN HOENE                      FELIX MARTZEN  
W. B. HUSSMAN                  GEO. M. ROBERTSON  
DR. WESLEY F. ORR