



Williston Graphic

Our Country! In Her intercourse with foreign nations may She always be right. But our country, right or wrong.—Stephen Decatur.



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WILLISTON, WILLIAMS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1917.

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COMPANY E MEN GOING HIGHER UP

TWO CANDIDATES WIN COMMISSIONS AT FORT SNELLING CAMP THIS WEEK

FIVE MORE MEN CALLED

ARMY CALL FOR MORE OFFICERS INVADES RANKS OF BUSINESS IN WILLISTON

Williston is going to do its full bit in furnishing officers for the American army in Europe if returns from headquarters this week turn out correctly because at this time no less than a dozen well known men of this city have already qualified and been given commissions or have been chosen for the training camp which will begin late in August to fit the men who will direct for the lines the big fighting force that is now being raised from conscription.

Returns from the training camp this week indicate that several men from here—in fact all the candidates—have received commissions following the training camp. This news was just preceded by notices from five of the best known young men of the city to report at Fort Snelling August 26 for a three-months course to fit them for officers in the draft army.

In addition to the honor that has come to the city comes the word that Arthur L. Knauft, the organizer and one of the first captains of Company E of this city had passed the training camp in fine style and was commissioned a captain and assigned to immediate duty with the regular army. The other commissions which came to Williston men was to Herbert A. Metzger who was made first lieutenant and assigned to the officers reserve corps, George F. Wilkinson, who was made second lieutenant with the reserve corps and to James L. Theisen who was made second lieutenant with quartermaster's corps. The commissions are all to date from August 15 and it is expected that Lieut. Theisen at least will be called for immediate service. The Williston men made a good showing at the camp Lieut. Metzger being one of ten North Dakota men to land a first lieutenancy.

In addition to these men who are commissioned officers Williston also has Captain Evans of Company E and Capt. Jeffrey on the reserve list, and Lieutenants Carl Erickson and Jeffrey, also of Company E, Capt. J. W. Jackson who is now in service with the regulars at Fort Keogh in the quartermaster department. Then there are Drs. Jones, Strong and Skovholt who have been commissioned, the first being a captain and the latter two lieutenants. This makes a list that the city can well be proud of and in the list there are men who with an even chance will distinguish themselves in service before the war is over.

The call to five more men this week indicates that the city is going to be called on heavily before the war is over.

Thomas M. Cooney, E. A. Lohrke, Glen R. Townsend, George Harvey and George Mize are the successful applicants for the next training camp who took examination at Minot some weeks ago and who have been ordered to report. They will commence training August 26th and will take a three months course before they complete their work. All passed good physical examinations and their

Opened 'Steen Gates On Auto Trip East

Then Came Home And Invented Contraction To Put Joy In A Motor Trip

L. O. Higley, a prominent resident of this city is either a lazy man or a genius and he has a patent gate at his home in the west end of town to prove it. He refuses to say whether it was his own laziness or other people's that he was catering to when he made the gate but then you can't expect a man to convict himself.

The gate in question is one that is absolutely no bar to the man with a motor car. A trip which the car runs over as it approaches opens the gate and a similar trip on the inside of the gate shuts the same automatically.

The entire contraption is built on a little eccentric hinge and patent clasps at each side do the rest of the business. Mr. Higley has submitted a model of the gate to the patent office.

Now this great piece of work is the result of a trip to Wisconsin by the Williston man recently. In going through the cattle districts there he found a gate every other minute. Realizing that Williams county is soon to be as big a cattle center as Wisconsin Mr. Higley got powerful busy and he is now ready for the gates to "come ahead."

friends believe they will have no trouble in making good now that they have opportunity to render higher service in the war.

DAWSON REPORTED KILLED AT FRONT

A. J. Arsenault received word yesterday that his brother-in-law Tom Higgins had been wounded while in battle during July and is now in a hospital in London. Mr. Higgins was a sergeant and altho he is recovering he will not be able to join his company again.

Rumors have been persistent in Williston this week that Louis Dawson, a soldier in France who was a well known Williston man a short time ago had died in the service. Friends here refuse to believe the rumor as no direct word has been received. Louis was injured this spring in the Vimy Ridge drive on Easter day but was coming along all right when last heard from. A number of the boys about town made up a good sized package of the "makins" a short time ago and sent them to him and they are awaiting his word of receipt of this to make sure that he is still on the job.

MOTHER LOSES LIFE IN BURNING HOUSE

Williston friends were shocked the first of the week when news came here of the death of Mrs. Harry McKay, former resident of this city who was burned to death when their home in Dutton, Mont., took fire and was burned to the ground. Details of the accident are lacking but from word to relatives here it appears that Mrs. McKay lost her life in an effort to save her children. There are four ranging from 12 years to 5 and all escaped without injury. Mrs. M. J. Partridge of this city is a cousin of Mrs. McKay and left for Dutton on receipt of news of the accident. Mrs. McKay was about 35 years of age and the family left here about five years ago.

AMERICAN SAILORS WARMLY GREETED IN PARIS



Photo by American Press Association. Paris is enthusiastic over the American sailors and soldiers. The visitors are free with their money. In the accompanying photograph American sailors are shown in front of a theater in Paris.

LEAN YEAR HAS NO TERROR FOR N. D. PIONEER

NEW MILL AT CIRCLE TO BE BUILT BY M. S. WILLIAMS

Reorganization of Independent Elevator Company Effected And Now Ready For Potato Business

That an occasional lean year has no terrors for the pioneer of this country is indicated in the announcement this week of M. S. Williams that he has completed arrangements to establish a new Marvel Midget at Circle, Montana, one of the richest territories in this vicinity.

Mr. Williams already has several successful mills and the building of a mill at Circle will be a fine point for it will give farmers for a large territory the opportunity of selling their wheat at home where now they have to haul many miles to ship by rail. Mr. Williams is a firm believer in the marvel midget mill as a good proposition for any community and his success with them is proven by his growth of business during the past few years and taking in new territory.

In addition to the new mill Mr. Williams has just completed the reorganization of the Independent Elevator which will now be known under the new name, Independent Elevator and Trading Company. The firm has arranged its affairs so that it is able to buy and sell all kinds of produce and grain and a potato warehouse 48 x 46 is a new feature that has been provided by an addition to the building this summer.

The elevator business is owned by Mr. Williams and Gerald Miles and Mr. Miles is the active manager. He has been getting along in great shape and the broadening of the business will give this institution an opportunity to become very important in Williston's affairs.

400 HORSES FROM WILLIAMS COUNTY

Estimated That This Number Will Be Taken—Farmers Get \$60,000—Carload Ready Soon

County Agent E. W. Hall, who is assisting the farmers of the county who desire to sell horses to the government finds that there will be a big bunch of animals go from here and estimated today that about 400 head with a money value of \$60,000 would go from this county.

County Agent Hall has not yet indicated when he will have enough animals listed to have a government inspector here but will make announcement as soon as possible.

Through the office of the Better Farming Section of the Agricultural College has been located in different parts of the State. Any of the farmers who desire to purchase hay or any Farmers' organization that wants to go together and buy hay in carload lots will be able to receive information as to where they can buy hay at a reasonable price through the County Agricultural Agent.

The County Agent advises that the farmers do not sell their cattle until they have investigated the chances for buying hay. We believe that it will be to the advantage of the farmer to buy enough hay at least to carry their cattle through until sometime in January, rather than sell them with the low market prevailing at the present time. It is also entirely possible in many cases to herd these cattle on speculators' land or on some of the fields on which the crop is a total failure. Do not be stampeded by the poor prospect for feed and pasture until you have fully looked into the possibility of holding the cattle until Christmas or January.

The County agent is listing all horses which will meet the government specifications for the army and as soon as a carload can be arranged for in any one point the government officer will be notified of the same and he will set a date for inspection and purchasing.

Charles Broderick of Lineville, Ia., is here this week the guest of his son Will and family.

GOVERNMENT NOW TAKING STEPS TO TAKE OVER CROPS

FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION WILL CONTROL

Prof. E. F. Ladd Honored By Food Director Hoover With Place On Board

Washington, Aug. 16.—The food administration with President Wilson's approval has announced the formation of a corporation to take over the control of the country's grain supply. The executive officers are Herbert Hoover, chairman; Julius Barnes, of Duluth, president; Gates McGrath of New York, treasurer; F. G. Crowell of Kansas City, vice president; Edward Chambers of Chicago, transportation director; Curtis Lindley of San Francisco, counsel, and J. W. Shorthill of Nebraska, secretary.

The wheat price finding commission includes President Garold of Williams College, chairman, and Edward F. Ladd president of the North Dakota Agricultural college.

The milling interests have named a committee to cooperate with the food administration in negotiating a voluntary registration of the milling industry, with Ames Bell of Minneapolis, chairman; Albert Loring, of Minneapolis, representing the northwest; Samuel Plant, representing St. Louis and Illinois; Bernard Sekhart of Chicago representing Chicago and Milwaukee.

The corporation is capitalized at \$50,000,000. It is the intention to take over the entire crop if necessary to maintain fair prices. The food administration will open agencies in all the principal wheat terminals, dealing with the usual sources.

H. E. Foley and wife of Ray were business callers on Wednesday.

NEAR MURDER RESULTS WHEN MEN QUARREL

GRENOIRA SCENE OF SHOOTING EARLY SUNDAY MORNING—GAMBLER VICTIM

HARRY BRIGGS IS HELD

DISPUTE OVER \$1.50 MAY COST MAN'S LIFE—BOOZE WAGON FIGURES

KISSED WIFE GOODBYE

After an all night poker game in a tent at Grenora Harry Briggs went to his home and kissed his wife and babies goodbye, telling Mrs. Briggs that he was going to shoot a man. He took the gun and a short time after shot John Brown. Brown was still living yesterday but in precarious condition.

Grenora people say that Briggs has been under charges of this sort before. There is little sympathy for him there tho the people of that town took up a collection yesterday to keep the family from starving. It is understood that the family is to be sent to this city to be cared for by the county.

Some smuggled booze in bone dry territory and a card game in a tent wound up early Sunday morning in a row in which John Brown, said to be a traveling sporting man was shot in the head by Harry Briggs. Brown has been at the point of death since the shooting and Briggs has been held in the Williams county jail since the shooting pending the result.

The affair happened about 8 o'clock Sunday morning and altho Sheriff Axel Strom has made a thoro investigation into the affair he believes there is still some mystery connected with it and for the past several days he has been making a still hunt for a partner of Brown but he has been unable to find anyone who knew the man well enough to tell his name.

Sheriff Strom went there Sunday afternoon as soon as the affair was reported here. He found that the shooting took place after Briggs had gone to his home to procure a shotgun following an argument with the gambler over \$1.50. Brown still refused to give up the money and Briggs leveled the gun at him and let him have both barrels. The man was horribly mutilated about the head, one charge having scalped him as cleanly as if the work had been done by a Comanche. The other load lodged in his neck and may prove the more serious wound to deal with.

Constable Harry Hentges arrested Briggs after the shooting and brot him here. He got to the scene after it was all over and the players had disappeared. No one has been anxious enuf to tell the details to become implicated in the muss and since the wounded man's partner left him as good as dead on the field the officers are in a manner up against it. It is believed that the partner of the wounded gambler left at once for Montana and indications are that he also took with him all the money that Brown had because when he was

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Battalion Parade Feature To Be Given by Boys of Co. E

Company E and the Williston band is going to offer Williston people something in the way of military maneuvers Friday, Aug. 24, that the people here have not had a chance to see for some time and after the company goes may not see again until the war ends and the boys are home again.

The feature will be a battalion parade and it will be held on the Old ball grounds. The company which now has over 150 men including those held in reserve for other companies will be formed into smaller companies and battalion officers appointed from the company staff now. The non-coms will all be given new commands for the feature and in addition to being good entertainment for the people it will be good drill work for the boys. The Williston band will act as regi-

mental band for the affair and the entire review should be very interesting to Williston people and the town is invited to the parade.

The boys have been getting full value this week out of baseball equipment that has been given them by the Elks and U. C. T.'s out of the proceeds of the ball game several weeks ago. The first game was played several weeks ago with a bunch of traveling linemen and the soldiers won out in good style.

The baseball equipment provided for the company is complete and in addition there was enough left over to get a good football and Secretary Rourke remembered the autumn days to come and let 'er go.

The boys received their final treatment against contagious disease this week and every man in the company is showing fine physical fitness.

Williston Library To Do Its Bit

(By Bessie R. Baldwin)
The American Library Association has been asked by the War Department to assume responsibility for providing adequate library facilities in all cantonments and training camps. Thousands of books are needed at once to meet the requirements of officers and men. The experience of the men in the trenches, an dthe service which both the Allies and the Germans have rendered through their collections of books should inspire us to do our utmost.

As a member of the American Library Association and as one of the representative institutions of the City of Williston The James Memorial Library is glad to "do its bit" for the boys in camp by making itself a gathering place for all the books and magazines that you will bring to it, providing you will take pains to see that they are worth bringing. Whether our own boys of Company E get these books or whether they go to some other camp is immaterial; somebody's boys will get the benefit of them and somebody's books will reach

our boys. The question of transportation is in the hands of the national association.

Please remember that poorly printed, uninteresting, obviously out-of-date books are not worth shipping to the men. The type should be good and clear and the books in fair condition.

As to the kinds of books wanted, bring plenty of good stories, books of adventure, sea stories, detective stories, historical novels, and collections of short stories, especially humorous ones. Such authors as Kipling, Doyle, McCutcheon, O'Henry, Stockton, Bindloss, Tarkington, Honkinson Smith, Oppenheim, etc., have proved popular among men. Take those novels that have been accumulating on your shelves and which you have read all you ever will and pass them on, providing they are not something decidedly out-of-date.

Stirring poetry is in request—Service, Kipling, etc.—as well as good drama. Foreign language study books, especially French grammars and dic-

tionaries, are much needed—possibly more than any other non-fiction books. In one camp nearly one-fifth of the men are studying French. They should have easy readers and stories besides their text-books.

Books of travel and history, especially in the countries at war; lives of heroes, especially famous contemporaries; ethical books on patriotism, courage, good citizenship, why America is at war; direct, simple non-sectarian devotion books: all will find use. Put in the personal narratives of men who are at present on the front.

Technical books on aviation, wireless telegraphy, submarines, automobiles, signalling, first aid and hygiene, drawing and lettering, these will find many students.

All grades of men must be helped by these libraries. Some may never have formed reading habits. Popular books and boys' books, books that are simple and easy in interest and style will be useful, too.

Fresh attractive magazines are greatly desired—especially magazines

like the American, Everybody's Literary Digest, Popular Mechanics, Scientific American, Saturday Evening Post. Only the last two years of these would be suitably fresh. Current numbers can be sent to Fargo by placing a one cent stamp on them, as explained elsewhere in this issue, but files of back numbers can be sorted and boxed at the library.

If you cannot bring what you have to the library yourself let us know by telephone or post card and arrangements will be made to get them. Don't put it off, because the opportunity isn't going to last indefinitely. The boxes must be ready for shipment within a comparatively short time, and the need is great right now in the camps. Absolutely every suitable book obtainable will be needed. This is a nation-wide movement and a chance to do another "bit." Do it to-day. Minot and Fargo are doing splendid work already, and so are other cities in the state. Williston is only waiting for the chances we are confident.