

County Line

Mrs. L. H. Bennett has been very poorly the past week.

J. Charlson had in a car of lignite last week, which he sold at \$4.00 per ton, it was a fine lot of coal.

Geo. Pilgard, one of our boys, who has been serving Uncle Sam on the waters, returned to Tagus last week Monday, and on Wednesday another one of our lads, Robt. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, returned from New York, from where he would have sailed for France, November 15 had the war not come to an end as it did. Needless to say we are all glad to see the boys come home, and we believe the boys are equally glad.

A large crowd attended the L. A. S. at the E. W. Parker home last Thursday afternoon, instead of at the H. L. Johnson home as we mentioned in last week's items by error, but the next meeting will be at the Johnson home on the 20th.

We understand that J. Charlson, lost a horse recently, the horse just up and died, poor fellow. He likely knew that mill feeds have gone up to \$5 to \$60 per ton, and the chances are he died of heart failure.

C. R. Loegering was at Minot last week Wednesday on business.

Geo. Lindsay went to the coal mine for coal last Friday.

Some of our young folks from here attended a dance at Blaisdell last Saturday night.

The Norsk L. A. S. will meet at the H. J. Bugge home on Thursday the 27.

A dance which was billed for the old Circle B. B. ranch last Friday night was postponed because of some of the Myer family being ill with what was supposed to be the flu.

The Lutheran people had church services in the English tongue at school No. 3 last Sunday forenoon and at Tagus in the afternoon.

Some of the Twin City papers are lamenting over the awful state of affairs (politically) and wind up with a "Thank God; it is in North Dakota, but why shouldn't they be thankful, when say, 90 per cent of North Dakota's population, is thankful for the same reason.

Drady

Again the people of "Burt" gathered for a good time. All eyes were on the hall, on the morning of February 8 and as soon as smoke was seen ascending from the chimney, into their rigs the farmers bundled their families and grub boxes and away to the second Community Day gathering. This was even better than the first one. In addition to everything else, there was a very good program consisting of songs, dialogues, recitations and instrumental music. Harry Blom made the hit of the afternoon in his vocal solo. We hope for a similar one at the next

meeting. Miss Heard's pupils pleased their audience with their dialog, "Where's My Cake?" and a dramatized story "The Pancake." Messrs. Richardson, Ranstrom, Warner, Erickson and Underdahl gave several vocal selections which were well received. Misses Head, Underdahl, Thelma Tidje and Mrs. Tresland contributed to the afternoon's entertainment in their usual pleasing manner. The president of the club in a few well chosen words announced the next meeting on February 22, when a program arranged by the same committee will be given. The dance in the evening was well attended and was a great success, old and young joining in the festivities. Among the returned soldiers in addition to those previously reported were; Matt Young, Elvin Christensen, Mr. Johnson of Des Lacs and Myers of Logan. May we see you all again February 22, both in the afternoon and also in the evening.

The Drady basketball team defeated Des Lacs, at Des Lacs last Friday evening to the tune of 23 to 18 and a week previous they trimmed Norwich and are looking for more teams to conquer.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hunt and children have returned from Oklahoma and are settled again on the Hunt farm.

Minot 19; Donnybrook 18

The basket ball game at the high school auditorium Friday night between the very fast Donnybrook team and the local team, resulted in a victory for the home boys 19 to 18. The game was so close that Minot is not doing a great deal of crowing and the visitors received many compliments for the excellent game they played. Donnybrook rather expected to beat Minot, inasmuch as Donnybrook beat Kenmare recently, and Kenmare defeated Minot.

Burlington Man Building Up Fine Shorthorn Herd

Julius Rue, who owns a nice herd of registered Shorthorn cattle at his farm south of Burlington, is preparing to buy a Scotch Shorthorn heifer or two, paying up towards a thousand dollars apiece for them. Mr. Rue visited Iowa last year and bought a dandy Scotch Shorthorn sire, an animal that tips the scales at a ton and besides he has a number of high class Registered cows. He built a pit silo last year and the ensilage has kept perfectly. He put the pit down 20 feet and will build thirty feet on top of it next year. Mr. Rue plans on keeping a year's supply of feed ahead all of the time in this way. Mr. Rue was raised in town but he takes to farming like a duck does to water.

M. Samuelson has returned from Crane Valley, Sask., where he spent two weeks at the home of Amund Balerud, a former Minot resident. Amund is making money hand over fist in Canada.

RECORD PRICE FOR SPEECH

Chauncey Depew Tells of Occasion When a Few Spoken Words Were Worth Much Money.

In commenting upon the death of Mrs. Russell Sage, Chauncey M. Depew, who knew Mrs. Sage for 40 years and was an intimate associate of her husband for a longer period, told how he made a \$120,000 speech at her suggestion.

Mr. Depew stated that although Mr. Sage accumulated a vast fortune he rarely gave away any money, adding that the reason for this was the confidence which he reposed in the judgment of his wife as an able and experienced philanthropist. He said that years ago he received a letter from Mrs. Sage inviting him to make an address at the Emma Willard school, at Troy, N. Y., upon the occasion of the donation by Mr. Sage to the school of a large sum of money for use in erecting a building. This was the school of which Mrs. Sage was a graduate.

"I replied," said Mr. Depew, "that I was so overwhelmed with engagements to speak that it would be impossible for me to accept the invitation. In answer I received by special messenger a note from Mrs. Sage, saying: 'Russell is going to give \$120,000. He will not give one cent unless you make the speech. This is Russell's first excursion into this field. Don't you think he ought to be encouraged?'"

"My immediate reply was: 'I will make that speech.'"

COMPLETE CHAOS IN RUSSIA

Inevitable Anarchy as the Result of Insufficient Supplies of Food for the People.

By far the most terrible toll of the Russian winter will be taken in the peasant villages, the home of nine-tenths of Russia's 180,000,000. Oliver M. Sayler writes in the Saturday Evening Post. The sullen and defiant muzhik, who has planted for himself and only for himself, hasn't taken into account the possibility that superior force from the city or from his own or a neighboring village may seize his grain. When the calamity befalls, an endless train of disaster and bloodshed and starvation will follow in its wake.

Reprisal on some weaker peasant will be the next step, and from that the flame will spread to virulent border warfare with whole villages on the trail to plunder the grain bins of others or intrenched to protect their own. In some districts, even before I left, this most cruel form of civil strife had broken out.

I contemplated returning from Petrograd to Moscow by sleigh overland in case the German advance enveloped the railroad outlets. Careful investigation, however, disclosed the fact that machine guns, brought home from the front, were mounted on all the roads leading into many villages and travelers approached them at their peril.

'World's Greatest Troopship.'

One of the devoted women who have not spared themselves at the emergency aid rooms told this story among the flying needles the other day to her co-workers. A letter from the front has brought the intelligence:

A pompous German major had fallen into the hands of our valorous Pennsylvania troops, and after they had questioned him, he ventured to ask them for information.

"How many men have you on this side of the water?" he inquired.

"Two million," answered a young lieutenant.

"How did you get them over?" was the incredulous query of the Hun.

"One boat brought them all over," was the answer.

The German stared. "How so?"

The American gave the German a searching look. "The Lusitania," he answered, quietly.—Philadelphia Leader.

Tallow Dips in Denmark.

Denmark has a lighting problem so serious that the Danish government recently purchased 400 tons of tallow from which to make candles. Commercial Agent Normal Anderson reports from Copenhagen.

"There is a scarcity of kerosene also, and electricity is, of course, not available to the isolated farmhouse," says Mr. Anderson, who quotes from the Tidsskrift for Industri, which, in discussing the possibilities of acetylene and alcohol illumination, states: "Acetylene may now legally be used and may be included in fire insurance risks. As a result the manufacture of acetylene lamps has flourished greatly and at the end of the year 1918 types had been put on the market."—Exchange.

Yperite, New Poison Gas.

J. Bandaline and J. de Pollakoff (Bulletin de l'Academie de Medicine) call the reader's attention to the efficiency of hot air in the treatment of burns caused by yperite, a gas used by the Germans in their offensive of March, 1918. These burns, even when very small, cause extremely sharp pain and sleeplessness. A number of cases were rapidly healed by hot air after various treatments had failed.

Oh, Boy!

The war department recently invited bids for the following to supply 125 regiments: Seventeen thousand five hundred sets of boxing gloves, 7,000 baseball bats, 24,100 baseballs, 35,000 playground balls, 3,000 rugby footballs, 7,000 soccer footballs, 350 volley balls, and 1,750 medicine balls.

JAMES KNEW IT WAS COMING

So, Contrary to All Precedent, He Pleaded With His Mother to Administer the "Dose."

James, his mother called him, but he preferred the name of Jimmie, by which the neighborhood knew him. He also preferred rough-and-tumble clothes to starched clean apparel—the movies to Sunday school—and almost anything to grade school, although he had given it only a few weeks' trial, the Kansas City Star says.

While his father is overseas with a government permit to hunt the Hun, the mother adds to the family income by working in an office close to home. James had made it a custom to meet his mother at the closing hour and accompany her home.

Early one morning James started for school dressed in a clean new suit. That evening an almost unrecognizable six-year-old youngster awaited his mother at the office. Immediately upon her appearance he stepped forth with the explanation, forestalling anything that might be said or done on her part. "I didn't go to school. I went riding with the coal man. I 'spect you're going to whip me." Placing a smuggy hand upon his mother's arm, he continued: "Come on, let's hurry home and get it over with."

PROBLEM FOR ART EXPERTS

How to Save Masterpieces of Painting Is Matter Which Puzzles Authorities in Italy.

A heating apparatus powerful enough to force heat through a pile of sandbags 12 feet thick and to dry without scorching the wall behind is needed to preserve one of the world's masterpieces, "The Last Supper," of Leonardo da Vinci, which is painted on the wall of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie at Milan, Italy. The dampness which accumulates in the sand necessary as a protection from air raids is fast fading the colors of the picture, already damaged by time. The restoration necessary for Leonardo's picture is unsuited to the frescoes of Luini and other masters painted on the same wall. How to give each set of masterpieces the treatment required is the problem. So far the experts of the Italian ministry of the arts have been unable to find a solution.

Hereditary Hay Fever.

Dr. W. Scheppergrell, president of the American Hay Fever Prevention association, has recently made an analysis of 415 cases treated in the hay fever clinic of the Charity hospital at New Orleans and elsewhere in that city in order to determine the influence of heredity on this disease. He finds that in more than one-third of the cases the patients had a father, mother, brother or sister who was a victim of the disease. Probably the influence of heredity is even greater than indicated by these figures, as specific susceptibility may exist indefinitely without developing hay fever, by reason of insufficient exposure to the pollens that cause the malady. The question of the development of a natural immunity from continued exposure to the specific pollens is, says Doctor Scheppergrell, a difficult one to settle, on account of the difficulty of eliminating the question of decreased exposure.—Scientific American.

Japan Larger Than Germany.

In the World's Work there is a chart which shows a comparison of Germany and the Japanese empire. Japan is the greater of the two both in territory and population. Germany's area (exclusive of colonies) is 208,780 square miles, while that of Japanese empire is 260,738 square miles. This includes the peninsula of Korea, which is a part of the Japanese nation, but it does not include Manchurian and other Asiatic territory in which Japan has secured ninety-nine-year leases of ports and railroads as well as business advantages of all sorts and mining rights. Germany's population at the beginning of the great war was about 67,000,000. There are now 71,000,000 people living under the Japanese flag, and there are also great numbers of them scattered over the islands of the Pacific and in foreign countries.

Material for Explosives.

As to the source of the tallow needed for explosives, it is pointed out that there has been recently a great increase in the number of by-product coke ovens in this country. However, says the Scientific American, if 20,000,000 tons of coke are made in these ovens during the present year we shall get from this source only 10,000,000 gallons of tallow, which is about one-fourth as much as the government estimated it would need for munitions. Another promising measure recently inaugurated is the stripping of city gas of this material, which can be spared without any serious detriment to the gas, and amounts to about .04 gallon for each 1,000 feet of gas. It is estimated that ten of the largest city gas plants of the country will yield about 10,000,000 gallons of tallow.

Talked Too Much.

Joe had been instructed that if he did not stop running away he could not go to the movies. Supposing the day's slate was clean, Joe's mother was taking him to a show. As the two reached the door Joe said: "Just running to the bridge wasn't far, was it, mother?" Joe was turned homeward, and put to bed. Hearing the little fellow talking to himself a few moments later, mother caved-dropped: "There's one time, old man, you talked too much."

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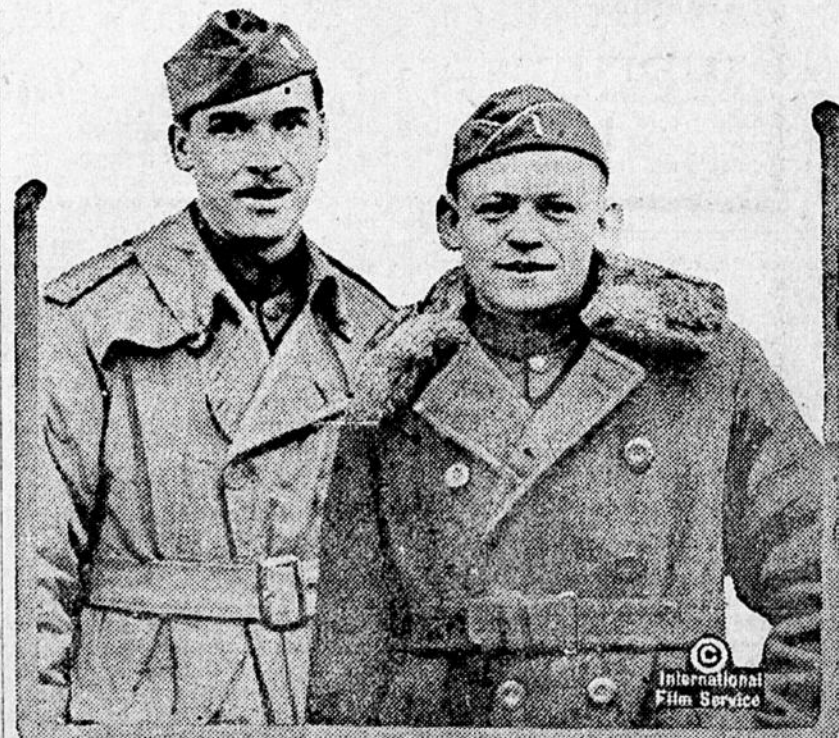
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THEY DOWNED TWELVE HUN PLANES



Lieut. O. P. Johnson of Des Moines, Ia., and Lieut. O. A. Ralston of Lincoln, Neb., two of Uncle Sam's fighting aviators, have returned to their native land after many experiences in France. Lieutenant Johnson is officially credited with downing five Hun planes and his pal gets seven to his credit.

SAWYER NEWS

Sunday afternoon, February 2 at 5:30 p. m., occurred a very quiet but solemnly beautiful wedding when Miss Mabel B. Moxness, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Moxness became the bride of Mr. Edward J. Booth.

The marriage took place at the home of Rev. Spacht with only the near relatives being present. Miss Moxness' many natural charms were accentuated in her lovely gown of palest pink silk crepe over silk of same shade. The bride wore a becoming hat of pale pink.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Booth who are numbered among the earliest settlers of McHenry county. He is a prosperous farmer of that vicinity. At present Mr. and Mrs. Edward Booth will make their home on the groom's parent's home one and a half miles from Sawyer.

On Monday evening, February 3rd Mr. and Mrs. Edward Booth gave a very enjoyable party to 28 guests. Late in the evening a three course luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. Booth were assisted by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Booth.

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