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### NAVAL RECRUITS

It is one of the curious changes of the sea that sailors are no longer seamen. At present, Uncle Sam goes out in the highways and byways of the country and country towns to find recruits for the navy. The "old salt" of fifty years ago is rapidly becoming extinct. Then to be an "able seaman" a man must know how to "reef, hand and steer." Such knowledge would be of no value on board the modern war-ship. A country blacksmith or machinist fills the bill better than a fisherman. There are no sails to be reefed, furled or set, and steering is done with electricity.

A modern war-ship is but a huge machine-shop. In the old days the most contemptuous term that could be applied to a sailor was "haymaker" or "blacksmith." To-day machinists and other shore tradesmen are the highest rated "seaman" on the vessel.

It is fortunate, however, that this is the case, as otherwise Uncle Sam would have a hard time finding men enough to man his navy.

We doubt if there are enough real American sailors afloat either in inland or deep waters to man the U. S. navy, and even if they were placed on board—the great majority would be of little use. The American fisheries have decreased so rapidly during the last fifty years that not more than one tenth of the men are now employed that were in business formerly. The sailing vessel is rapidly disappearing from the great lakes, a "deep-water" American sailing ship is a maritime curiosity, while steam is fast taking the place of the "coasters."

The most beautiful and graceful thing ever made by man was an American clipper-ship under full sail. No business called for so great skill as their navigation. The naval battles of a century ago were fought with canvas fully as much as with cannon.

The ugliest water machine that floats is a modern battleship. Position in battle cuts but little figure, it is just a matter of guns and steel protection—and machinery.

And yet it is just a hundred years ago this month, that a little vessel, one hundred fourteen feet long, sixteen feet wide and seven feet deep made the first trip under steam up the Hudson at the terrific speed of about 175 miles an hour. Some of the modern battle-ships

carry small boats for shore and other service almost as large as the Clermont.

It is a case similar to the horse and the automobile, and we confess that we are sorry for the horse. It is what the world calls and probably is progress, but it spoils all the poetry of motion.

The assessment of grains under the new law this year totals up as follows:—flax, 49,170 bushels; wheat, 1,006,097 and oats, 240,568 bushels. The tax on wheat is fixed by law at  $\frac{3}{8}$  cents per bushel. The total tax to be collected will amount to about \$4,200 which is a very small sum compared with actual valuation, even at ordinary assessment values and the average rate of tax. Most of this grain was in the elevators in cities and towns where the rate of taxation is seldom less than five percent. At a five cent tax and thirty cent valuation per bushel, 100 bushels of wheat would pay \$1.50 in taxes. At the present legal rate 100 bushels of wheat pay  $37\frac{1}{2}$  cents taxes, which is letting the elevators down easy.

### Court.

Court has been progressing very slowly. Up to Thursday afternoon only one case was tried; that of the National Security Co., vs Mager, McMurray and Hornung. The National Security Co. gave a security bond for John Vinen who was employed by the State Elevator Co. at Walthalla in 1904-05 as buyer. Later the Security Co. felt insecure as to Mr. Vinen's management, and notified him that they would withdraw from his bond unless he put up a personal bond from other parties to them. The defendants gave this additional security. In January Mr. Vinen was made to give up his keys and in the accounting which followed, it was found by the Elevator Company that he was about a thousand and bushels short. The Elevator Co., reported to the Security Co., and the latter made up the shortage and now are suing the defendants for their security. The bond of the Security Co. on its face only guarantees the honesty of the agent and expressly says that it will not be good for losses made by the errors, mistakes, negligence or carelessness of the agent.

The defence brought facts showing that the wheat that year was very poor and more liable to shrinkage than usual that Vinen had been drinking considerably, that the scales were not in good order, and pleaded that mistakes and negligence were the causes of the shortage and not the personal dishonesty of Vinen. Messrs Bangs & Cooley of Grand Forks were attorneys for the plaintiff and M. Brynjolfson for the defence.

At four o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury brought in a verdict for defendants. Court is liable to be in session at least two weeks. We understand the Drayton Mill cases will not be tried until next term.

Messrs Sinkler and Myers of Grafton and most of the members of the Pembina county bar have been present all or part of the time this week. Miss Laura Daudenberg of Grand Forks is acting as court stenographer.

### "THE LETTER THAT NEVER CAME."

Office of Superintendent  
O. N. E. S. T. Elevator System.  
Minneapolis, Minn., 3-1-190-  
Mr. A. Steele, Waystation, N. D.  
Dear Sir:—We have just completed checking up your daily reports, tickets, shipments, etc. and find that your purchase of wheat for the season total 27,358 bushels; that you have storage tickets outstanding for 11,300 bushels; total wheat taken in your house, 38,658 bushels.

We also find that you have shipped out 36,560 bushels per state inspectors' weights and still have in store in your elevator, 4,170 bushels, as weighed by our traveling auditor last week. This shows that you have somehow taken in during the season 2,078 bushels more

than you have paid for. The details of these totals showing grades, prices, shipments, etc. are shown on the annexed sheet.

As this company desires to do a strictly honest and fair business with its farmer customers, you will therefore, figure from the average prices paid, and the number of bushels of surplus, the amount due to each farmer that you have bought from, proportional to each, and mail each one a request to come to your office and get our check for the amount due him.

As soon as this is done you will report with your final account to this office, for discharge, as we are of the firm opinion that an agent that will steal from the farmers will also steal from the company.

Yours truly,  
JAS. HONEST,  
Superintendent.

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Your printed and written instructions, if followed, would not allow any such shortage. By due attention to weights and dockage you should always be ahead. This company is not in business for its health. Your shortage has been reported to the surety company who are on your bond and demand made upon them for the balance due from you. Unless you make up the sum forthwith they will be compelled to pay us and criminal proceedings will follow. If, however, you can make up the sum at once, we believe that the experience will qualify you for a job next season, otherwise we shall of course, consider you too dishonest to remain longer in our employ.

Yours truly,  
I. KETCHUM,  
Superintendent.

### County News

Wm. Fowler the Pembina drayman was business visitor in Neche on Wednesday.

Wm. Fraser and wife returned to St. Thomas yesterday from a visit to Pickering, Ont.

James Sabraw of Neche has been setting 'em up in honor of the arrival of a baby girl at his house.

Miss Edna Roadhouse of Pembina, was the guest of her friend Stella Osburne at Cavalier, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Morrison of Drayton returned from a trip through western Canada along the line of the Canadian Pacific.

Nearly half the town of Drayton was out looking for a boy who was quietly sleeping under the covers in a home in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robbie and little child went to Niagara, N. D. to where they will be the guests of friends for some time.

Mrs. Florence Baldwin of Bismarck was in St. Thomas to attend the funeral of her nephew Edward O'Connor. She will remain for a time with Mrs. O'Connor.

St. Thomas relatives have received the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gagnett on Monday at Merriam Park, Minneapolis.

Neil Campbell has resigned as manager of the St. Thomas mercantile company and J. W. Arthur of Glasston has assumed the management of the company.

County commissioner F. C. Myrick of Pembina was in St. Thomas on Tuesday and went out with commissioner Bigwood to look over the sites of some proposed bridges.

Geo. Laney of Napoleon was among those who attended the funeral of Edward O'Connor. Mr. Laney was a former resident of Bathgate and a deputy sheriff when Mr. O'Connor was sheriff. Arthur Enrud of St. Thomas, had

his left foot crushed while operating the township grader near Geo. Smith's farm last Thursday. He sustained a fracture of one of the bones of the great toe.

Eli Beaudry sr., and wife went to Rochester, Minn., where Mr. B. entered the Mayo hospital. Word received since says that the doctors consider his condition very serious. He will undergo an operation today.

The signers for stock in the creamery company have organized in Walthalla and a building will be put up as soon as possible. About three hundred cows have been promised for the next season and this should insure success.

The members of the Walthalla Milling Co., who went below last week to investigate new machinery for the mill, returned Saturday evening. They secured a new boiler of about 125 horse power capacity and arranged for new rolls.

A young man by the name of Aikcn, working under the government direction was in Walthalla this week on a survey trip. His lines ran into the school house yard which he pronounced a trifle over nine hundred feet above the sea level.

J. K. Fairchild of Cavalier arrived from Rudserto spend a few days in the city. He has completed the full fourteen months residence upon his claim in Williams county, as required by law, and expects to get his final proof through at the land office shortly.

A. R. Cathro who was in the employ of Ed. Cull of St. Thomas went to Winnipeg to take in the sights. Instead of taking in the sights he was "taken in" by pickpockets, so that he was obliged to telegraph back to Uncle Sam's country for the where-with-all to get back home.

And still St. Thomas continues to occupy the center of the stage when it comes to inventions and inventors. The last applicant for honors in this line is William Strachen who has applied for letters patent on a jar cover. The cover is a very ingenious device to cover stone crocks containing butter, pickles or preserves.

Olof Steen who resided near St. Thomas, died last week after a short illness of pulmonary tuberculosis. The young man was about thirty years old and had been ill for about five months. His father died of the same disease about three years ago, also a sister a short time ago. The young man was industrious and of exemplary character.

The retail merchants association met at Devils Lake this week with president Charles Full in the chair. The association has honored Mr. Full with this position for a number of years and he has been a faithful and tireless worker for its good. And Pembina county appreciates so able a citizen.—Walthalla Mountaineer.

The annual school meeting for district number 18 was held in the school house last week. A motion to engage two teachers for the coming year was defeated. Last year the enrollment in the west school was 52 and in the east school 50. There is only one grade this year. The present term of school will close on August 2nd, after which the teacher H. Tisdale will leave for Wingham, Ont., where he intends entering school.

James W. Wilson of Neche died at his home on Tuesday of dropsy. He had been ill for some time and as he was 81 years old his death was not unexpected. He leaves a widow and nine grown-up children to mourn his loss. They are Mrs. M. A. Charters, Lillian and Frank of Sellwood, Oregon; Samuel, Lund, B. C. George, Meota, Sask. Robert, Radisson, Sask. Mrs. H. Fitzsimonds, Bay Center; Emma and William, Neche.

Milton Kibler of Cavalier had an accident in Grand Forks which will lay him up for some time. While engaged in carrying express from the dray across the plat form to an express car he was passing a truck loaded high with cases and kegs of beer when the king-bolt of the truck broke, throwing the entire load upon and about him. Upon examination it was found that four or five ribs had been broken in the mix up. The accident will necessitate his laying off from work for some time.

Rev. Father Arsenault, who has had charge of the parish at St. Thomas, Neche, Bathgate and Cavalier for the last six years, has decided to change his pastorage and with the consent of Bishop Shanley has accepted the charge at Williston. Father Arsenault was widely and favorably known as a man of superior Christian character and his removal will be deeply felt and many good wishes go with him. The new field he enters is a large one and there is large field for work in the growing town of Williston and the surrounding county. Father O'Neil will have charge of the work here.

## Maine Glassware Assortment

New designs made of the finest Crystal Glass, polished, carefully finished, good weights, and ornament to any dining room table.

Four piece table sets, at 73 cts.  
Four piece muffed sets at 57 cts.  
Seven piece fruit sets at 79 cts.  
Seven piece water sets at \$1.25.

NOTE, that these prices are much below than regular figures.

We will give with every order for one dollar and over, of the same glassware one of the following pieces:

Tumblers, 15 cts.  
Picks, 20 cts.  
Salt-and-pepper, nickle plated top set 30 cts.  
Pickle dish 15 cts.  
Footed jellies 20 cts.  
Oil bottles 35 cts.  
Six inch comfort 35 cts.  
Large Syrup 40 cts.  
One only tall comport 50 cts.

## This is for Friday & Saturday

We continue to sell our Summer Dress Goods at extremely low prices, as advertised last week. All our goods are nice, new and up-to-date.

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WE HAVE THE BEST  
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In the good, old book, it says to look  
On wine, when red, is a curse;  
But the taty-bug sage, in this modern  
age,  
Swears GREEN is a darn-sight  
worse.

PARIS GREEN is scarce this year;  
don't wait until it's all gone,—get  
it now.

*P. J. Shaw*

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20 per cent off on shirtwaists.  
20 per cent off on Oxfords.  
20 per cent off on Hats.

Fancy Lawns, and silk shadowed stripes and fancy Gingham for pretty summer dress.

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