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### The Chances of War.

Report comes to us that our Holt county boys, Company I, will soon be on their way to France, and in due time will be on the firing line. The gravity of the national emergency has been impressed upon these selective conscripts, and it is now well understood that unless the war comes to a sudden and unexpected termination before next spring, they will go to the trenches and fight shoulder to shoulder with the American troops already there and their French and British allies. Today there are many thousands of anxious hearts about American hearths, for the sons and brothers and husbands and fathers are going into a war that has already claimed millions of human sacrifices. But while there is hardly a bright side to war, it should be impressed upon both the members of the national army and their relatives that considerable comfort may be derived from the mortality statistics that come from the trenches.

Never before has science played such an important part in the prosecution of war. While methods and devices for killing have developed to an unprecedented extent, soldiers have never had a better chance for life in any war than they have today. We read of appalling losses in the fierce fighting along the western front, but these losses are really only appalling by comparison. So many men are involved that the fatality ratio is really low, notwithstanding the dreadful totals of the killed and injured. Not long ago a statement was given out from Paris and under government authority that the number of all kinds of losses—killed, captured, missing, and disabled—aggregate but 3 per cent of the effective forces engaged, per annum.

No quite so encouraging, yet confirmatory of the French estimate to some extent, are the figures given out by a Boston statistician, and published in the Scientific American. This authority finds that about 60 men per 1,000 are being killed, and 150 being wounded, and that a very large proportion of the latter return to the trenches. This, observes the Scientific American, naturally is not to be compared with the normal death rate in time of peace of men of military age, which is but 8 per thousand per annum, but it is immeasurably better than our amateur and professional pessimists would have us believe, and a vast improvement upon the showing of any previous war.

In considering the hazards of war, it must be kept in mind constantly that it is more the concern of commanders to save men than to sacrifice them. Indeed, the whole trend is toward keeping men from needless exposure to danger. Every possible device is now used to protect them, in and out of action.

Wounds that formerly were always incidental to trench fighting are now reduced to a minimum by the use of masks, helmets, shoulder arms and shields of various kinds. Bullets, shrapnel and gas attacks now claim fewer and fewer victims. And wounds that would have meant inevitable death a few years ago, are now so scientifically treated that the percentage of complete recoveries is very large.

Perhaps, however, more real progress has been made in the direction of army sanitation and hygiene than in any other. Disease has been almost eliminated, so that, as one authority puts it, "a sick soldier is a curiosity." Everything a soldier wears, handles, eats, and even the air he breathes, is subject to scientific scrutiny. Perfect physical care keeps soldiers in a condition that makes them almost immune from either infection or contagion. If a soldier becomes sick, his perfect physical condition enables him to throw off the disease. So that, in a general review of the matter, it is easy to understand why so-called trench mortality is so low. The soldier now going forth to war does so under the most favorable condition that can be contrived by the learning and experience of the world's foremost scientists and physicians. That there is a great danger cannot be denied, but the best authorities tell us that the enlisted man's chances of returning home are better today than ever before, and there is real ground for comfort in such facts as are here presented.

### Poultry Raisers, Attention!

A poultry expert from the U. S. Department of Agriculture will address a meeting of the farmers and poultry raisers of Holt county at the court house in Oregon, on Thursday, December 13, 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the subject of "Poultry Raising." You can aid in winning the war by increasing the production of poultry. All interested in the cause are urged to attend. C. D. ZOOK, Chairman Holt County Council of Defense.

### FRANK PETREE, Secretary.

### Closing Out Sale.

Having sold Walnut Meadow Farm, located three miles west of Bigelow, we will sell at public auction, on Wednesday, December 12, 1917, 15 head of horses and mules; 25 head of cattle; 90 head of hogs, and a large assortment of farming implements. Watch for detailed description in next week's paper.

### LOT BROWN & SON.

### Notice.

As we have dissolved partnership, we ask all persons indebted to us to call and settle immediately.

### MOORE & KREEK.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker returned Monday, from a visit with friends in St. Joseph.  
—Alma, daughter of Mrs. O. W. Simerly, of this city, and Fay Denny, of Andrew county, were married at Savannah, Wednesday, of this week, November 28. A splendid young couple, and they will start life together on a farm near Wyeth, in Andrew county.

—Frank Castle is home from Kansas City, on a brief visit with his mother and other kindred. He has applied for appointment in the quartermaster's division of the army, and should he lose out he will go in the navy. He will try to get somewhere in this world wide turmoil.

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### Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, County of Holt—ss. In the Probate Court, Holt County, Missouri, November Term, 1917. Nov. 20, 1917.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mrs. Mary A. Riffe, James B. Robinson, Executor.

To Mrs. M. J. Medis, Charles Lee Medis, John Leonidas Medis, The Missouri Wesleyan College, Earl Riffe, Nellie Riffe, Mrs. Rachel Smith, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mound City, Mo., and the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mound City, Missouri.

Now on this day comes James B. Robinson, Executor of the estate of Mary A. Riffe, late of said county, deceased, and presents to the court his petition praying for an order for the sale of certain real estate of which said Mary A. Riffe, died seised, described as follows:

The southwest quarter of section thirty-six (36), township sixty-four (64), range thirty-five (35), except the south quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of said section, containing 150 acres, situated in Nodaway county, Missouri. To pay the debts and legacies of said estate; which said petition is accompanied by the accounts, lists and inventories as required by law showing that said estate is indebted and that said debts are unpaid, and that there is not sufficient assets on hand to pay the same.

On examination thereof, it is ordered by the court that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased be notified that application as aforesaid has been made, and that unless the contrary be shown on or before the first day of the next term of this court, to be held on Monday, Dec. 31, 1917, an order will be made for the sale of the real estate in said petition described, or as much thereof as shall be sufficient for the payment of said debts and legacies.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in a newspaper published in said county of Holt, for four weeks prior to the next term of court.

Witness my hand as judge of said court and the seal thereof. Done at office in Oregon, in the county aforesaid, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1917.

HARRY M. DUNGAN, Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk of Probate Court.

### Trustee's Sale.

Whereas, Martha E. Proffit and Lewis Proffit, her husband, by their certain Deed of Trust, dated the 14th day of March, 1917, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, of Holt County, Missouri, in Book 135 at Page 337, conveyed to the undersigned Trustee, the following described real estate, situated in Holt County, Missouri, to-wit: The south half of lot four (4), block one (1), Pinkston Addition, an addition to the town now city of Oregon. In Trust however, to secure the payment of the promissory note therein described and the interest on said note; and whereas, the principal and interest on said note is past due and unpaid and in default and the legal holder has requested me to sell said real estate.

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the power in me vested, I will on Monday, the 24th day of December, 1917, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the court house door, in the City of Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, sell said real estate at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash in hand to pay said note and the interest due thereon, and the costs and expenses of executing this trust.

H. T. ALKIRE, Trustee.

### Program.

Fortnightly Musical Club, at the home of Mrs. G. L. Cummins, Dec. 4, 1917:  
Roll Call ..... Current Events  
Piano Duett .....  
Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Kunkel.  
Reading ..... Miss Botkin  
Piano Solo ..... Mrs. Pierce  
Vocal Solo ..... Miss Deaver  
Vocal Trio ..... Mrs. Henninger, Mrs. Hand, Miss Greene.  
Leader ..... Mrs. M. R. Martin

—The Sunday Chums, of the Evangelical Sunday school, will hold a bake sale at Lester Pettijohn's Furniture Store, Saturday, December 8. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of a carpet for the church.

### BIGELOW AND VICINITY.

The Most Important Local Events Which Have Transpired The Past Week.

(By George A. Conaway.)

—Felix Gambrel is down in Kansas, this week, looking after a farm he owns there.

—Miss Goldie Crow, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, returned home the latter part of last week.

—Mrs. J. H. Bennett left the latter part of last week for Fort Sill, Okla., to be with her son, Ed, for a few days, he having undergone an operation for appendicitis some time ago.

—Dave Romine left one day, last week, for Blunt, S. D., where he will visit a few weeks with his brother, Jim, and family, and look after a large ranch that he owns there.

—Frank Walker, one day last week, shipped a carload of 15 tons of alfalfa hay to St. Joseph that netted him \$450, no doubt bringing the most money of any car ever shipped out of Bigelow.

—D. W. Jessup returned home last Sunday morning from his Colorado trip and was very well pleased with the country. Mr. Jessup says they raised good crops there, and he may decide to locate there.

—Mrs. L. Willman, of Dunnigan, Calif., who has been visiting with her brother, George Harper, and family, in the Bethel neighborhood for several weeks, left last Sunday afternoon for Edgerston, Ohio, where she will visit with relatives the balance of the winter.

—The committee who were appointed to solicit funds for the Red Triangle subscription, have to the best of their ability completed their canvass, and desire to thank those who have so liberally contributed to the cause of providing clean, wholesome surroundings for the boys at the front.

—The meetings under the direction of the Misses Power and Walker are still in progress at the Christian church and will continue throughout this week. Considerable interest is being taken and the lady preacher seems to be able to explain the teachings of the Bible better than the average speaker.

—Charley Long came in one day last week from Fargo, N. D., and will spend the winter with relatives here and at Falls City, Neb. Charley says when he left Fargo there was lots of snow on the ground and the weather was pretty cold, and that he would much rather spend the winters farther south. Mr. Long will return to Fargo in the spring.

—W. L. Schoonover, a former Bigelow resident, was visiting with relatives and friends between trains here one day last week. Lloyd is local commercial manager for the southwestern Bell Telephone Company, and for some time has been located at Brookfield, Mo., and is now being transferred to Chanute, Kans., with a substantial increase in salary.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Brown left last Monday afternoon for Phelps, where they will visit with Mrs. Brown's relatives for several days, after which they will go to Murdo, S. D., where they will make their home. Mrs. Brown, formerly Mrs. Hancher, has resided in Bigelow for the past 15 years, and has made friends with everybody in this vicinity, who are sorry to have her leave.

—Dick Dudley, having secured a good position with one of the leading garages of St. Joseph, will move his family to St. Joseph one day this week; his mother, Mrs. G. M. Larraza, will also move to St. Joseph with him. The Larrazas have lived in Bigelow for the past 15 years, and during that time have made many friends, who are sorry to see them leave. They will rent their property on Main street.

—Felix Gambrel recently sold to R. J. Taylor the old Nathan C. Wanaley farm of 192 acres for \$30,000. This is said to be a mighty good farm, and one of the best in that vicinity. Mr. Taylor has this farm rented last year, therefore knows just what he has purchased. Mr. Gambrel has the old Charley Chunging tract of 200 acres of land left and will probably live on that farm, as he likes the farm life too well to quit the farm.

—Farmers are busy gathering their corn, some is being brought to the elevator here at \$1.10; there is lots of soft corn in this vicinity; more than ever known before. Some think the corn took a second growth—the reason for it being in such bad shape. Almost every one has to sort their corn as they gather it, in order to feed the soft corn first. The wheat is needing moisture badly; the ground is very dry and a good rain would be welcome.

—The news of one of the worst accidents that has taken place in this vicinity for some time, was told over the telephone early last Monday morning. About 6 o'clock Monday morning, Oren Hayes went out to the old house that is used as a storage house, and stands near his dwelling house, to get a shotgun that he had borrowed for a few days before from J. E. Slater, expecting to take the gun home. The gun was in a rack over the door, and in reaching up in the dark to get it, he unconsciously placed the two front fingers of his right hand over the muzzle of the gun, and with his left hand, feeling in the dark some way, struck the trigger, discharging one barrel, and tearing off two of his fingers. Dr. F. E. Hogan was called, who gave him temporary relief, and about noon, assisted by Dr. J. L. Hogan, of Oregon, amputated two fingers just above the second joint; the third finger is bruised and torn more or less, but it is thought it will come out all right. Mr. Hayes did not know the gun was loaded, which accounts for him not being more careful in taking it down. Oren is one of our most prominent and respected neighbors, and has many friends who sympathize with him in the loss of his fingers, yet the accident might have been worse, as it is he will have a very sore hand for some time, and also will miss those two fingers.

—Thirty-four different races of people bought bonds of the second Liberty Loan issue.

## At A Bargain

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1 GOOD UPRIGHT PIANO—And Bench

1 GOOD SECOND HAND PIANO

1 SQUARE GRAND, 2ND HAND

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CAREY E. BUNKER  
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—A good bear to sell—Ed Brodbeck.

—Emil's is the place to buy Furniture.

—Link Bucher has a five room house to rent.

—Ford Touring Car for sale.—T. A. Clagett, Oregon, Mo.

—Good Sorghum Molasses for sale. Call on I. S. Stull, Forbes, Mo.

—Thoroughbred Toulouse Geese for sale.—Henry Deglow, Forbes, Mo.

—For Rent—Good barn, room for four horses.—See Dr. Keller, at Dr. Kearney's office.

—Single Comb Brown Leghorn Roosters for sale.—Mrs. Nelson Noland, Route 3, Farmers' Phone.

—No hunting or trespassing allowed on the Frank Morgan farm.

HENRY FRIEBE.

—For Sale—Some Short Horn Bull Calves. Call on or address Chas. Wood, Forest City, Mo. Farmers' Phone.

—Oregon Tire Repair Co. Vulcanizing Casings and Tubes. Out-of-town work solicited. Old Post Office Building.

—The children of the Christian Sunday school will render the cantata, "Giving Advice to Santa Claus," Christmas Eve.

—The Junior is improving—he has been confined to his home the past two weeks, suffering with his customary aches and pains.

—Mrs. Lin Abbie and daughters, Pauline and Prudence, of Villisca, Iowa, were here Saturday, guests at the W. S. Holgin home.

—My interest in the Geo. Banker's estate for sale for the next thirty days; bargain. GEO. CARTER, Bigelow, Mo.

—Teams and single men wanted, for slip work; wages 30 and 60c an hour. For information call Louie Stalcup, Oregon, Mo.—Both Phones.

—Dr. Edwin V. Osborn, of Mound City, has been made a first lieutenant in the dental division of the Medical Department of the army.

—Dr. Hogan says Adolph Sommer is behaving quite sensibly, even if he is the papa of a fine baby boy, presented him by his wife, November 24.

—The Oregon Canning Company closed their packing season last week, having put up 4,000 cases of corn and 2,500 cases of gallon cans of apples.

—Mrs. Clara Keller, the Eye Sight Specialist, who is now with Dr. Kearney, went to St. Joseph, last week, to fill engagements with some patrons there.

### NOO/TIER KITCHEN CABINETS

### SAVE MILES OF STEPS

—Charles Anselment and wife left Tuesday for Los Angeles, California, where they will spend the winter with his brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Kyle.

—Mrs. India Price is in Kansas City visiting her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Caskey, and family. Mr. Caskey came up last Saturday and she accompanied him home.

—Charles King and wife, Mrs. Lulu Edwards, and Mrs. Frank Lynch drove over to Maryville last week and enjoyed a day at the state Sunday school convention.

—Joe Schell and wife, of Forest City, are down at Columbia for a visit with their son, Bernard, who is a University student. Of course, they took in the football game between Missouri and Kansas.

—Messrs. Nat Massey, E. A. Dunham, W. H. Hodgins and Geo. S. Lukens have just returned from Tulsa, Okla., where they have oil interests. They are well pleased with their trip and their prospects.

—The Sunday Chums, of the Evangelical Sunday school, will hold a bake sale at Lester Pettijohn's Furniture Store, Saturday, December 8. Proceeds will be used for the purchase of a carpet for the church.

—William Joseph is traveling through the county with a large line of blankets, sweaters, underwear, clothing, dress goods, all grades, linen goods, etc. Prices right; worth your while to examine the same.

—The 1917 potato crop is estimated to consist of 453,000,000 bushels, or half again as much as last year. Reports from the commission on car service indicate that more than 750,000 cars will be needed to handle it.

—County Clerk Dan B. Kunkel and wife are home from Clayton, Missouri, where they attended the annual convention of the state county clerks. They took in the sights of St. Louis before their return. While gone Harry Pollock and wife looked after their little girls.

—Donald Jackson, in the employ of Charley Zachman, was taken to a St. Joseph hospital, Wednesday, of last week, by his physician, Dr. J. L. Hogan, and on the following day was operated on for appendicitis; he is reported as doing nicely.

—Mrs. Geo. F. Barnes, of St. Joseph, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. L. I. Moore, and other relatives. Tuesday, she and Mr. and Mrs. Moore went down and had a good visit with Uncle Phillip Kolmer, who, if spared until December 6, will be 91 years of age.

—Frank Loucks and wife, of the Crossen district, accompanied by his son, Charles, and wife, of Mound City, and Mrs. Rosa Appar, of Centralia, Illinois, were the guests of John H. Kunkel and wife, on Monday, Mr. K. being a brother of Mrs. Loucks. Charley Loucks is assisting County Assessor Alf Meyer.

Richville.  
—Rev. Johnson preached at Nickel's Grove, Sunday night.

—Miss Maude Stafford visited with friends at Stong Point, Sunday.

—Harvey Proffit, Sr., and wife were transacting business in Mound City, one day last week.

—Work is progressing nicely on the Linn Derr house, the interior work nearing completion.

—Rev. Meyer preached at the M. E. church Sunday night; prayer meeting every Friday night.

—Mrs. Weakly Cole, from Fillmore, visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Cropp, the latter part of last week.

—Miss Nannie Cropp returned from St. Joseph, Saturday evening, where she has been receiving medical treatment.

—Robert Kneale is quite sick at this writing. He is threatened with pneumonia. We hope for his speedy recovery.

—Born, to Adolph Sommers and wife, Friday evening, a big bouncing boy; Dr. Hogan was the attending physician.

—The sawmill was moved from Ground Hog Hollow the latter part of last week to somewhere in Upper Nodaway.

—John Allen, from near Cracker Neck Bend, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Feaster, at Richville Peak, Sunday.

—James E. Taylor moved from Sleepy Hollow, Tuesday last, to his other farm, just south and east of Richville peak, known as the Weigle farm.

—Lewis Opel, from the Alberta Province, Canada, was visiting friends in this locality last week. Some years ago he used to reside in our midst.

—The cornhuskers are quite busy gathering corn; they are early risers, too, for we can hear the cobs bumping the boards in the gray of the dawn, long before we arise.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chris-Lens and sons, Charles and Joe, and daughter, Mrs. E. G. Bahler, and son, Glenn, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams, in Mound City, Sunday morning.

—The Farmer, Telephone Co. are repairing their line east of Richville. This has long been needed. It might be possible that they will have to tunnel through in a place or two.

—Dear Reader, in Upper Holt: In reference to what Richville is—will just say to you the next time you come to the metropolis of Holt county (Oregon), cast your eyes eastward. Unless the horizon obscures your view you'll see crowning a distant hilltop the village hamlet called Richville. Space won't permit or we would surely tell you what it is.

—Any one wishing any nuptial knot tied or wanting to travel the path to Hymen's altar should consult our J. P. Jesse R. McIntyre, who is a specialist in pronouncing the nuptial rites. All calls will be promptly attended to, or call in person at his office, first door north, at the entrance of Sleepy Hollow. Ring ceremony a specialty, and a handsome parlor furnished for the ceremony.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaempf, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stadler, son and daughter, Carl and Pauline; Mr. and

Mrs. Herman Schanks and daughter, Clara; William Schaff, Jacob Fink, Ernest Oppenlander, Louella Vogel, visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egger, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Egger has been suffering from a stubborn case of typhoid, but has recovered sufficiently to sit up and to get around a little in the house.

—The following pupils were awarded perfect attendance certificates from the temple of knowledge, Friday last, being the end of the school month: Nettie Bisig, Frank Oliphant, Emmet Proffit, Raymond McIntyre, Willard Stafford, Glenn Bahler, Delbert Phillips, Harold McIntyre, Glenn Proffit, Eugene and Linville Lark, Mary Allen, Agnes Proffit, Ralph, Earl and Ethel Kneale, Frances Bahler, Maude Stafford, Evert Proffit, Ida Proffit, Paul Weaver, Allena Phillips.

### EMANON.

Highland.  
—Mrs. James Hines, of Mound City, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John Meek, and family.

—Mr. Albert Maguire and family, of Mound City, spent Sunday with Joseph Stansberry and family.

—Mrs. Lela Fancher, of Oak Grove district, spent Sunday with her uncle, Mr. Joseph Stansberry, and family.

—Edwin DeVoras, of St. Joseph, is spending Thanksgiving holidays with his aunt, Mrs. Harry Hanna, and family.

—Miss Alma Bradley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Misses Susie and Maribelle Fancher, of Oak Grove district.

—Clarence Bradley came home Monday from St. Joseph, where he has been employed on bridge work for some time, to gather his corn.

—W. P. Way, of St. Joseph, came up from St. Joseph, Wednesday, to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with his sister, Mrs. Harry Hanna, and family.

—Henry Deglow and Marion Dick, of St. Joseph, went to Arkansas, Monday, of last week. Mr. Dick, we understand, is looking for a good location—none better than Old Holt.

—Miss Minnie Foster left, Friday morning, for Cameron, where she will visit with her aunt, Mrs. J. M. Thompson, and family. Mrs. Foster accompanied her as far as St. Joseph, where she spent the day shopping.

—Mrs. John Meek and son, George Bradley, returned Saturday from St. Joseph, where they were called by the alarming illness of Mrs. Meek's mother, Mrs. Drake, who we understand is very much better at this writing.

—The Ladies' Club met at the home of Mrs. Roy Grimes. Those present were Mesdames Jane Kelley, George Taylor, Roy Culp, Henry Deglow, Earl Benton, James Cordrey, Will Prussman, Harry Hanna, Boone Fancher, Russell Cunningham; Misses Adrian Stansberry, Stella Cordrey and Minnie Foster. Mrs. Boone Fancher, a recent bride, was given a miscellaneous shower at this meeting. The club will meet with Mrs. Russell Cunningham, Dec. 5. There will be roll call; we hope for a full attendance at this meeting. Be prepared to answer with a verse talk, or reading on "Thanksgiving."

BETTY BLUE.