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FLU BAN LIFTED IN COTTONWOOD

**People Rejoice That Restrictions are Removed
Schools Open.**

People of Cottonwood generally rejoiced Monday when it was announced that owing to the great improvement in influenza conditions in the city the ban which has been on practically for forty days would be removed and permit the general resumption of business again.

The city council met Monday afternoon and decided it was no longer necessary to keep the ban on as there has been no new cases of influenza for two weeks and all the old cases reported out of danger. Father Willibrord of the Catholic church and Professor Lustie were appointed by the council to act on the health board in conjunction with the city council.

The ban was raised on everything. Schools opened Thursday morning and the Catholic school will open Monday. Poolrooms opened also on Monday and Sunday the moving picture shows will start, opening with Douglas Fairbanks featuring in a good reel.

This is more than good news to those who have been practically tied down and their movements restricted to a limited amount of business which was considered absolutely necessary. However, everyone should yet use some caution and try to prevent as far as possible another spread of the epidemic. They should refrain from expectorating on the sidewalks or in other public places—if you must spit do so in the fireplace or stove. When unnecessary people should not crowd together and expose themselves.

Be Able to Handle Ford

J. B. O'Neil, quite well known in this section, writes from Spokane and said he was going to an auto school and among other things he would learn something about the electric starter, generators, storage batteries, magneto, timing of valves, transmission, differentials, bearings and piston fittings. He added that by the time he had successfully mastered these branches of motordom he would perhaps be able to drive a Ford.

Prosperous New Year to all.

Chronicle Celebrates its Twenty Seventh Birthday

With this issue the Chronicle starts on the twenty-eighth year of its career as a journal in Cottonwood. The first number of the Chronicle appeared January 27, 1893, under the caption of the Cottonwood Report, published by Elmer Waldrip and E. T. Tannant and was a very creditable paper, having been issued on short notice and always under a great many disadvantages. It is apparent that from the very first the paper was received with warm welcome and received the undivided support of the public and the town generally which it has continued to enjoy continuously since.

Like most country publications the paper has had its ups and downs and has frequently changed management, but has always emerged victoriously every time from beneath and has kept on top, sailing gracefully over the turbulent waves of diversity which often threaten the destruction of the most promising journalistic crafts during their life.

Today the Chronicle greets its readers with the same cheerful message which its columns carried twenty-seven years ago, that of fulfilling its mission as a journal for the promulgation of the progress and general upbuilding of Cottonwood and community.

From an observation of the files of the Chronicle it is apparent that each helmsman who has had the guidance of the destinies of the paper has lived up to their promises and have made bright, clean papers, each striving to score higher than their predecessors. Result is the Chronicle has kept abreast of the times and progress of the town and community which it represents and will compare favorably with any newspaper published in a country town the size of Cottonwood and in many instances it is far ahead of many.

Governor Broke

Yesterday morning the big governor of the level sifter broke in the mill of the Cottonwood Milling Co. and laid them off until repairs were made. This governor is some governor as it weighs 840 pounds. The parts were repaired here in Cottonwood, being welded together by the oxyacetylene process.

Rev. E. L. Tabor and wife expect to go to Lewiston Monday to attend the district meeting which is to be held in the M. E. church at that place.

Out of Commission.

The city pump in the northern part of town has been out of commission part of last week and part of this week and has been undergoing repairs. The other pump is still working but is inadequate to furnish sufficient water and as a consequence the pressure has been light on the high places. Water in the streams is also low on account of the freezing weather. Many water pipes have been frozen up. Tuesday morning nine degrees below was reported in town and in some parts of the country a few miles out as low as 15 below. At Howard McKinley's ranch only four degrees below was reported.

The Force Observes

Of course the office force observed New Year's Day. They heard it was coming so they quit work and "rubbered" as it flitted by. They say it was a beautiful sight. This week the paper has been issued under some difficulties. One of the employees was laid off last Friday by illness and the editor also has been gone, leaving us somewhat handicapped. Any noticeable shortcomings in the appearance of the paper this week may be attributable to the above reasons.

Saw the Sights at Capitol

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Dear Folks: Well I suppose you are wondering what I am doing. I am in Washington, D. C. and believe me it is some fine place. I got a three day's pass—wish it was three months as there is so much to see here. This morning we went down to the Museum which was built in 1879. It sure is great and grand. This afternoon we hired a car and went through the park and around the capitol and the White House. This is a great Christmas for me. There are six of us boys, so we are going up to the capitol to a big Xmas tree tonight. Wish I had the old Buick and you folks, we sure would have some time. I guess I am the only one of the family who ever saw Washington. There is one more place I am going to see before I return home and that is Yellowstone Park. Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Prvt. Lessley S. Huffman, Co. F, Twelfth Inf., Newport News, Va.

To Preach Funeral

Rev. E. L. Tabor was called to Canfield, Idaho on the Domancq Plains yesterday to conduct the funeral service of Charles Clark who died Monday from an attack of influenza. Deceased leaves a wife and three little children. The trip is a rough one, part of it having to be made over trails on horseback.

Red Cross Meeting Called

At the business meeting of the Red Cross called a week ago, Mrs. McKinney resigned her office and the resignation was accepted. Home conditions that prevented her giving the proper amount of time to the work made her resignation necessary.

A meeting for the election of a chairman to fill this vacancy is called for Saturday afternoon at 3:30. All members of the local branch are urged to be present.

Will Raffle Off Property

W. R. Rogers will raffle off his house and one and one-half acres land in the near future. He will be selling chances on the property at \$2 each. Good opportunity for some one to get a home if they are lucky enough at a reasonable figure.

F. VON BARGEN WRITES PARENT

Sees With Own Eyes Results of Cruelties Practiced.

With American Exp. Forces, France, Nov. 24.—Dear Dad. We received word last night that we could write home and tell our whole history. We left Hoboken last November, I think it was the 20th and we landed in St. Nazarre fourteen days later. We had quite a time dodging U-boats. At times we would be sailing back toward the United States. The sea was quite rough most of the way over and most of the boys got very seasick.

From St. Nazarre we went to a little town close to the foothills, where we remained a little over a month. Then we moved to a place called Seller su Chare; there we stayed for about a month and from there we moved to Angers and have been here ever since.

At St. Nazarre the regiment was split up and about half the boys went to the Second U. S. Engineers on the front to take the place of a lot of the boys who had been killed. The boches caught them without their guns while they were working, and they had to fight with whatever they could get hold of. It is a known fact that one of the Yankees killed eight boches with a pickhandle.

I have never been near the front. I have tried hard time and time again but the answer was always no. Our duties since we landed here was to train troops for the front. I have had as high as 50 squads since we arrived here. Our work consists of infantry, engineer, wire entanglements, trenches, demolition, camouflage, machine gunnery, dugouts, map reading, drawing, pontoon bridges and gas. I am now working on a bayonet course and physical training. It consists of a 3-hour course of physical exercises and two hours of bayonet drill.

This camp is called the West Point of A. E. F. We have all West Point officers here and I am telling you they know their business. We get all the recruits from the states and break them in here and send them to the front.

There are sure some pretty girls here. A fellow could take back a dozen if he wanted to. They sure think a lot of the U. S. soldiers. The night the armistice was signed the people were so thick that a fellow could walk no direction except the way the crowd was going. I never saw anything like it. They almost went wild. They were all yelling "Hurrah for the U. S. A."

You people at home might think the war was terrible but these poor people sure know what it was. I will not mention in this letter some of the terrible things these inhuman brutes have done to the female class, but I will tell a little. They would take the French soldier's wives, mothers and children and place them in front of their machine gun and artillery fire, or they would take the little children and put their helmets on them and hold them up over the trenches to be shot, or they would take the little boys and cut the muscles out of their arms so they could not become soldiers when they grew up.

That is not what I heard—it is what I really seen. Things sure looked mighty bad here last spring up until the U. S. marines

and the Second Engineers turned the tide. The boches got all that was coming to them when the Yankees got there. Those boches thought they had the world whipped until they run into the Yanks. They were getting it so hard that they put the Prussian Guards against them, but they couldn't do anything either.

Many of the boys have started home. All the fellows who have had feet or anything wrong with them go back first. I see so many men coming in from the states and they usually are bothered with the same complaint—homesickness, but they are put to drilling so fast they don't have time to think of anything but sauerkraut Bill. He is the one man that everyone curses. Every time it rains they curse Kaiser Bill. I have not taken my furlough yet—don't think I will now. Corp. Fred Von Bargen, Co. E. 116 Eng. A. E. F.

"Slacker Marriages" Now Bearing Fruit

The "slacker marriages" performed by thousands in the early days of the selective service law are beginning to bear fruit in the form of deserted wives and children in every quarter of the United States. A Chicago judge disgusted by the many tales of woe related by war brides, who have haled slacker husbands into court, announces that he will see that as many as possible of the culprits are sent to jail.

When the selective service act came these fellows hurried to get a marriage license and then pleaded that they had dependent wives. Now they are showing their real calibre by deserting the women who kept them out of the war.

The judge said the increase in complaints against slacker husbands had been alarming. In December, 1917 there were 34 such warrants. In December thus far there has been 280 in Chicago alone.

In many instances young men who sought to evade service in the army in their haste married on short notice just anything in the shape of a woman. Now, that hostilities have ceased and there is no immediate liability of service these spineless creatures seek to avoid the burdens and responsibilities of family life and would desert their wives and children, leaving them dependent upon the mercies of the public. Many of these "brave" fellows before the selective service act had not the remotest intentions of marriage—it suddenly dawned upon them that they "needed" a wife.

Hub City Is Gaining Great Deal of Notoriety

Spokane is gaining more or less notoriety as a city for wife hunters, and Bonners Ferry is also coming in for its share as a good place for husband hunters. If a Bonners Ferry man suddenly feels inclined to enter the league of Benedictine he has only to go to Spokane, open a matrimonial office, insert an advertisement in a paper, establish office hours then sit down and wait for results, and judging from the success they are meeting with they do not have long to wait. Recently a Mr. Perry of Bonners Ferry, following the lead of another Bonners Ferry citizen who found a wife in a short time in this way, opened up his office and told of his wants in the advertisement. The same day thirty different applicants answered by calling up the office and it was necessary for him to discontinue his advertisement. The former Bonners Ferry resident only remained two weeks at his office, being so successful that he found a suitable partner and returned to his home. There is also a moral to this story: It pays to advertise.

Has Hand Injured.

Felix Martzen has been suffering with a painful hand this week as a result of coming in contact with a cogwheel at the city water pump Friday. After finishing a job of repairing he was preparing to leave when he accidentally put his hand on the wheel, receiving a severe wound on the back of the right hand.

Raising Range Fees Hits Wool Industry

The sheep and wool industry is hard hit by the proposed advance in range fees on the forest reserves. There was an advance of 25 per cent in range fees in 1917 and now it is proposed to add another big increase in rates.

The charges for running sheep and livestock on the forest reserves have been profitable to the states and nation. There is no excuse for advancing the charges at present when sheep and wool prices are on the decline. The only effect in the opinion of the Idaho Woolgrowers Association will be to shut out the little herds: Hugh Sproat, president of the Idaho Sheepman, is authority for the statement that if the rates are raised there will be none but 100,000 head herds in a few years—a government monopoly.

A Checking Account at the First National



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