

VOLUNTEERS FROM SELECTIVE DRAFT

The first ten boys selected for service in the National army from Mercer County left this city for Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, yesterday morning.

All of the boys were in high spirits and anxious to arrive at the camp where they will go into training. A good-sized crowd seen them off, and the good wishes of their home folks, which means the whole county, goes with them.

It is to be regretted there was one slipper in the original list. Wednesday evening when the boys reported and the roll was called Charles King, of Burkettsville, was missing. Sheriff Pamphrey was at once notified, and upon investigation the officer found that King had left his home several days ago and his whereabouts were unknown. Hugo Feltz, of St. Henry, next on the list, was selected for the missing man's place.

Mercer's county's first ten in the service of their country in the selected army will long linger fondly in the minds of our people. The Dayton News well says in a leading editorial, "the men who are departing to become soldiers in the army of the United States deserve all the honor that can be bestowed upon them. Upon the National Army will fall a heavy share of the burden of responsibility apportioned to our country in the effort to make the world safe for democracy. In bidding these men God-speed we can do no better than to quote some of the words of the President, addressed a few days ago to the National Army man:

"You are undertaking a great duty. The heart of the whole country is with you. . . . The eyes of all the world will be upon you, because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom."

Following are boys to answer to the first call:

- Edward Sanner, Ft. Recovery
Albert Mullenkamp, Burkettsville
Charles O. Ellis, Celina
James H. Riley, Rockford
Russell Leiser, Rockford.
Laird Fast, Celina
LeRoy Eichler, Rockford
Harvey Stout, Celina
Ellery Miller, Celina
Hugo Feltz, St. Henry

You're American—or Else You're Not

This is no time to quibble or fool; To argue over who was wrong, who right; To measure fealty with a sworn foot rule; To ask: "Shall we keep still or shall we fight?"

WEEKLY WAR REVIEW

Italian forces who are battling their way toward Trieste, the great Austrian port in the Adriatic sea, made further gains on the Isonzo front during the week. A number of Austrian positions were taken, with prisoners, bringing the total for the offensive up to more than 27,000. The Italians also captured additional trench elements on the Carzo and withstood successfully violent counter attacks by the Austrians on the slopes of Monte San Gabriele.

German armies are closing in on Riga, the great Russian port on the Baltic. The city is beset on three sides and its capture is believed imminent. After a heavy bombardment the Germans captured Uxahl bridgehead and crossed the Dvina river fifteen miles south of Riga, and shaped their course northward. Field Marshal Von Mackensen's drive against the Moldavian lines south of Fokshani does not seem to be gaining the force which it promised to attain for a time and press dispatches have reported the Rumanians hopeful of retaining Moldavia in spite of heavy Teutonic pressure.

HIGHEST COURT IS APPEALED TO

A case that was supposed to be dead beyond resurrection, when the Ohio Supreme Court decided against the plaintiffs in the case of Albert Palmer et al., vs. the State of Ohio, has been revived. The decision of the State's highest tribunal affirmed the finding of the Court of Appeals for this county, and was handed down early in last July. It involved a claim for damages for overflow from Grand Lake amounting to \$25,000.

WHY ALLEN WORRIES

A rather innocent looking advertisement in the Standard of last Friday, bearing the ear mark of Allen Ripley Foote, who has been serving mammon faithfully and well these many years, appeared under the caption of "Government Seeking New Sources of Taxation."

If you do not happen to have a Daily Standard, hunt one up and see how sources too cowardly to fight in the open do their work. Remember, first, it is paid matter at a such per cent, and then you will start off with a better view point. Mr. Foote is much concerned about business being taxed—certain business. Keep that in mind too. Notice that he is worried about the single tax. Then he worries about the loss of liquor revenue.

This sort of advertisement in the form of reading matter is offered to every paper in the state that will sell its columns for that purpose. The Democrat has been asked for its rates on the same stuff. But don't let this misleading stuff get you off the track. The whiskey trust and the beer trust want your aid this fall. They think the single tax will scare you to death and make you forget the fight against booze.

Before the campaign ends, patriotic slush will be worked in it and through it to a finish. Manager Turner, of the local Dry forces, as well as the township chairman, should watch for this beer and whiskey soaked advertising. It will be disguised in other ways.

COURT MATTERS

Frank Benke, as treasurer of Mercer county vs. Henry Claus Oil Co., Htnr. Claus and Mendon & Hussey an attachment case filed in Common Pleas Court on the 29th ult., was settled out of court. Miss Mary Aegenbrot left for Akron last Sunday, where she again takes up her work in the public schools in that city.

CLOSE CALL FOR AUTOISTS AT EDGEWATER PARK

Druggist Willshire Hight had his shoulder dislocated and Fred Barr, well known local merchant, was badly shaken up last Tuesday, when an automobile driven by the latter was struck by a W. O. traction car at the Edgewater Park crossing.

IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

Jacob Kramer and Miss Therisa Gels, prominent young people of Granville township, were wedded at the St. Henry Catholic church last Tuesday morning, Rev. Father Kunkler performing the ceremony.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

James Mofford, 48, Naptur - farmer, son of Miles Mofford, and Della Brown, 41, Celina, housekeeper, of C. F. Brown. Dr. W. W. Lance.

FAMILY REUNIONS HAVE THE STAGE

At the ninth annual reunion of the Dehays-Now families in this city, on the 30th ult., which was attended by 120 people, John Now was elected president of the association and Miss Belle Heiby re-elected secretary-treasurer.

PERSONAL

Earl VanTilburg, of Route 6, was among our business callers Wednesday. Our friend Dan Boley, of Washington township, while at the hub Tuesday looking after some business matters, left us a couple big Bryan dollars to push his subscription ahead.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPENED TUESDAY

The parochial schools of this city opened their work for the school year last Tuesday morning, much handicapped for room. The old school building, inadequate for the needs of the growing congregation, was razed this summer for the commodious and modern structure now under construction.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celina Sunday school 9 a. m. Hopewell township Sunday school, 9 a. m. As the pastor accepted an invitation to preach at a mission festival at Xenia, O., next Sunday, there will be no preaching service at the Celina and Hopewell churches.

RED CROSS RALLY SPLENDID SUCCESS

A magnificent crowd was drawn to this city last Sunday on the occasion of the county Red Cross rally, and what is more gratifying it was a very patriotic one and in sympathy with the movement that called it together, and there was not one dissenting voice heard in the big assemblage as the speakers drove home some telling points for which America stands in the world-wide conflict for democracy.

MISS POND TO TEACH IN SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

The Jefferson township board of education, at its meeting last week, employed Sarah Pond to teach in District 1, succeeding Albert Mallick, who takes up work in the Celina public schools next Monday. The board also employed H. B. McMurray to haul the children of Districts 3 and 5 to Celina this year.

ELECTRIFICATION C.H.&D. HINTED AT

With a report submitted to officials upon a survey made of the road beds of the divisions of the B. & O. S.W., formerly the C.H.S.D., rumors are again in circulation concerning alleged proposed extensive changes and modern improvements. Not the least of these is a change from steam to electricity as the motive power for operating the lines.

RALLY OF NEPTUNE GRANGE FRIDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 7

At the regular meeting of the Neptune Grange last Friday evening the following program was rendered. "Why Does the Boy Leave the Farm?" illustrated. This subject drew forth considerable discussion. The illustration consisted in questioning one of the juveniles to get his point of view.

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SOCIAL GOSSIP

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TERRIBLE DEED OF AGED MANIAC

[Wapakoneta Daily News, Sept. 3] Joseph Heston, 82, and his wife Anna Heston, 72, of Union township, are dead, the former a suicide and the latter murdered, and Mrs. Heston's daughter, Mattie Allen, spent a night of horror, wounded in bed from a broken limb, helplessness and suffering, endeavoring to call for help.

RED CROSS CHAPTER ORGANIZED AT WABASH

Several Celina people, headed by Lawrence Schunck, county chairman of the Red Cross organization, were at Wabash Tuesday evening attending a patriotic gathering assembled to organize a chapter for Red Cross work. After talks by Mr. Schunck, I. E. Crampton and Mrs. Anna Ayers an organization was effected by electing James Spriggs chairman; Henry Gibbons, vice chairman; Dr. Fishbaugh, treasurer, and Mrs. L. W. Gibbons, secretary.

NECK BROKEN IN FALL FROM WAGON

A sad accident occurred at Frenchtown, Darke County, last Monday, when Lester Subler lost his life. The lad was driving a team, hauling gravel, and with several others was standing on the wagon throwing stones at different objects when the Subler boy lost his balance and fell backwards onto the road, breaking his neck. He was fourteen years old. His funeral was held Wednesday from the Lutheran church at Versailles.

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