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## YOUNG MEN OF 21 REGISTER THIS WEEK

All young men, who have reached 21 years of age since June 5, 1917, must register for the selective service army on next Wednesday, June 5. There will be registration places in each community. Absence from the territory of the home exemption board and illness, regardless of its seriousness, will not be accepted as excuses, and all who fail to register will be confronted with the penalty of spending a year in jail. The only ones exempted from registering are those already in some branch of the military service. Registrants on June 5 will be made the subject of a classification lottery as the first registrants of last year were, and later will be required to fill out the same questionnaire it is said. They will be classified and attached to the end of the present list of available men in the classes in which they are placed by their local or district exemption boards. Thereafter they will be subject to the same selective service regulations that have governed the men registered in the first draft.

## APPLES GIVE WAY TO WHEAT NEAR DALLAS

Dallas—Peter Springer, who several months ago, bought the 200-acre ranch of Ewing Brothers located a short distance from this city, has grubbed out about 90 acres of the fine apple orchard on the place and sown the ground to wheat. The Ewing apple orchard, consisting of 100 acres, was considered one of the best cared for orchards in this part of the state. Mr. Springer, who comes from Eastern Oregon, has had very little experience with orchards and believes that wheat would be a better paying crop than the apples. About 10 acres of the orchard has been spared for home use.

## ODD FELLOWS GIVE BROTHER A ROUSING FAREWELL

Thirty Odd Fellows went to the House home, south of Independence, Friday night plentifully supplied with refreshments and gave their brother and honored member, Howard A. House, a rousing farewell reception as the young man departed the following day for Camp Lewis where he took up the patriotic duty of an American soldier. Howard is the first member of Valley Lodge to enter the service.

## O. P. HOFF IS NOMINATED FOR STATE TREASURER

O. P. Hoff has won the Republican nomination for state treasurer over T. G. Ryan by 118 votes. Hoff belongs to the progressive wing of the party and it is believed he will side with Secretary of State Olcott on the state board of control, leaving Governor Withycombe in the minority. Present State Treasurer Kay has joined with Withycombe.

## I. M. SIMPSON

I. M. Simpson has received the nomination for county commissioner, the best thing that ever happened to Polk county if its voters realize it sufficiently to elect him. Polk needs his kind greatly. He is progressive and economical and not a bit of sectional prejudice in his make-up. Put Simpson on the job and you'll always be pleased that you did it.

## CORVALLIS IS DEMANDING LOWER INSURANCE RATE

Corvallis—Since the agitation for a mutual insurance company in Corvallis to carry its own insurance, the insurance agents of the county have sent the home companies requests for lower rates. All the insurance men of the city have joined in the requests to the different companies and have sent them data of the low losses in the city for the past three years as a basis for lowered rates. The business men of the city are earnestly seeking lower rates.

## "OFFICIAL ORGAN" SPURNS PART OF COUNTY TICKET

Dallas, June 3—(Special)—Big Moses and little fishes what is the Democracy of Polk county to do? The heretofore official organ, "the only Democratic paper in Polk county" has boldly proclaimed right next to a column of pure reading matter that it will not touch its horn for certain Democratic county candidates this year. There will be Demos on the official ballot for judge, clerk, sheriff, commissioner, representative and surveyor and rumor has it strongly authentic that three of them are not slated to be helped over the hill by the official organ of the principles of Jefferson and Jackson. The official organ is all "het up" over something, no Democrat appears to know what. Then rum, or strongly authentic again has it that the three, who have suddenly been found wanting, are not disposed to crawl around and oil up the torrid place and spread any salve where the sore is. The Polk county Democracy en masse will be without newspaper support this fall, the rumor strongly has it for the third time that the youngster, The Post, looks very affectionately upon at least three of the six. My isn't it awful cruel for the official organ to publicly proclaim that it proposed to play with only half a deck?

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY WHEAT BADLY BITTEN BY APHIS

Portland—Severe damage to the wheat crop of the Willamette valley is reported in private advices received by the Journal from its special crop correspondents. The ravages of the aphis is said to be undermining the entire fall wheat crop in several sections of the valley and already the damage is said to be beyond repair.

## Eclipse On Saturday Will Be Wonderful

One of the most spectacular events of history will take place next Saturday, June 8, between 3:30 and 4:30 in the afternoon. In this section, the eclipse will lack but a small percentage of being total. The "total" belt thru the United States is a strip about forty miles wide starting near the mouth of the Columbia river and going diagonally across the continent to Florida.

It will be so dark during the eclipse as to necessitate the "lighting of the lamps"; chickens will go to roost; cows meander toward the milking place. There is something about an eclipse that gives humans the "creeps" and it is always the occasion for a number of sects to predict the end of the world.

There will not be another phenomena like it for 99 years and for those beholding its grandeur, it will be the thrill of a life time.

A rather interesting article written by the well known astronomer, William A. Luby, is published on page two of this Post.

## BRIDGE DEDICATION AT SALEM IS ANTICIPATED

Salem—Progress made in construction of the new Willamette river bridge between Marion and Polk counties at Salem indicates that the bridge will be completed ahead of schedule time, possibly by the middle of July. Dedication of the new structure is to be on an elaborate scale, under the direction of Willamette chapter, Red Cross. A committee on program, consisting of citizens of both counties, has been appointed.

## HUGH MILLER SEES PLACES HISTORICALLY FAMOUS

Cambridge, Mass., May 26, 1918—Dear Mother—Today I went out to a big government arsenal near here. It must be a mile long and just built since the war began. You may believe it is well guarded I couldn't get permission to go thru it. Later my room mates and I went out to Lexington and Concord. First, we saw the old inn where a British officer stopped the evening before the battle of Lexington and Concord. In this inn while at dinner he was stirring his punch and remarked that in just such fashion would he stir the blood of the Yankees that night. I later saw the old North bridge where the Yankees "fired the shot heard around the world." A statue of the Minute Man is now erected at the place where the shot was first fired. Across the bridge is the grave of the British troops who fell there. It is decorated with flowers today. I even saw a bullet hole in an old house which has stood since the first battle of the Revolution. Just to the left of the old North bridge is the home of Hawthorne. I also saw the homes of Whittier and Louisa M. Alcott. Later, a little girl guided us thru "Sleepy Hollow" where we saw the last resting places of Whittier, Hawthorne, Alcott and some lesser celebrities. The Boy Scouts of Concord are always on the alert to show an uniformed man about. At Lexington on our way back to Cambridge we saw the spot where twelve hundred minute men under Colonel Parker met and held the British after they had driven the Yankees back from Concord, and the American blood was not so stirred as the British officer had predicted. I assure you I have improved my stay here in viewing historical scenes. Too, I must tell you about a little woman whom I met at the Y. M. C. A. last week. She was so much like Aunt Jennie Johnson that I was startled. She was leaving the following day for France as a Red Cross nurse and you may believe she was popular with the fellows. It is the finest of our young women who are going to France. The time of test shows up the true quality and sham so rampant ordinarily and leaves us all in our nakedness so that all may see us as we are. So far as I know there is no dearth of candidates for the Red Cross. The American women at least do not have to be drafted. I am enclosing herewith the first (Continued on Page 3.)

## ORIGIN OF MANY MYSTERY FIRES IS ACCOUNTED FOR

Salem—"Records or the last month, as indicated by clippings of items from the newspapers, reveal some surprising and startling facts concerning the destruction of farm houses by fire thruout the state," says State Fire Marshal Harvey Wells in a statement just issued. "And only an unknown percentage of these losses, in the aggregate, is given publicity thru the medium of the press. Many of these farm houses were not insured. Those that were insured covered by a small percentage of the loss. There is always a reason for every fire, and careful investigation leads to the conclusion that in the majority of these farm houses the fires started from defective flues and sparks upon the roof and could have been avoided. The washing of the rains upon the roofs create a settlement of dust-like wood particles in the cracks and at the ends of the shingles. During the dry weather, this lint or other substance becomes dry and easily ignited. The best remedy for the elimination of this spark hazard is to sweep the roof or paint it. If every farmer will examine the flues of his building carefully, he will find much need for correction of defects and improvement which, if followed out, will regulate the draft and avert disaster and consequent regrets. As long as people persist in building brick flues on brackets fires from this source will occur. The constant vibration of a house from the moving of furniture, closing of doors, gusts of wind, etc., jars the chimneys on brackets and produces defects which, in turn, are responsible for the destructive fire of 'unknown origin.' Stovepipes projecting thru wooden partitions are a constant menace and the source of many regrettable and preventable fires. As an effective means of preventing this useless waste and destruction of farm property, an especial appeal is hereby made to the farmers to make careful and thorough inspection of their houses and buildings and head the fire demon off by removing the possible source and cause.

## LINN COUNTY TEACHER IS GREATLY EMBARRASSED

(Harrisburg Bulletin.) A pretty young Linn county school teacher told in strict confidence the other day to her bestchum the following incident: "I was trying to teach little Tommy to spell and pronounce the word 'feet'. After many trials I succeeded in teaching him to spell it but to save my life I could not teach him to pronounce the word. In despair I said, 'Now, Tommy, what is it that a cow has four of, and of which I have only two?' The answer was prompt, the pronunciation perfect, but oh, it was unexpected, and I wished the floor would open and swallow me up to hide my embarrassment as the entire school tittered at Tommy's unexpected reply."

Oregon Summer Best  
Virginia Southern says that Oregon's has 'em all beat.

## Confessions of a German Deserter :::

A thrilling story of the pillaging of Belgium as told by a young Prussian officer who participated and who, escaping after the battle of Mons, made his way to America and is now registered as an alien enemy.

Be Sure to Read This Remarkable Narrative In This Newspaper

## POLK COUNTY'S SHARE OF JUNE DRAFT FORTY ONE

During the five day period between June 24 and 29 Oregon will send 2309 men to the national army. Of these 2000 will go to the various camps, not yet designated, and 309 will be sent to schools, where they will be qualified for places on the front and behind the lines which require skilled men. This is Oregon's quota of the 612,053 men who are included in the second call. These men are being supplied at the rate of about 300,000 a month and it is likely that July and August will also see Oregon sending about 2000 men to the army. Polk county will furnish 41 men in the June call.

## WAR IS BROUGHT TO AMERICA

The Huns have brought the war to America. Their submarines have appeared on the Atlantic sea coast and made their presence known by sinking a number of America vessels. As yet no large ships or transports have been sunk. It is surmised that the enemy is attempting to force the return of America's fleet from European waters. The Huns have been checked on the West Front.

## ROY WHITEAKER LIKES IT FINE IN SUNNY FRANCE

On Active Service with the American Expeditionary Force, May 2, 1918—Mr. Ecker—We are still doing military police and all well that I know of. We like it fine. The largest Y. M. C. A. in France is here at this place. There are about twelve Y. M. C. A. girls here from the states and are doing wonderful work. They entertain the soldiers. Games are played at night and mountain trips and boat riding in the day time. We are located on the largest lake in France. I have noticed that the French people are very friendly. The women and girls do all the work now. All farm work is done by oxen. All French soldiers we see are cripples. All French people think we are rich. They have got another guess a coming. We have fine weather now and everything is in bloom. We buy all our tobacco at the Y. M. C. A. as the stores do not sell it. ROY WHITEAKER (The censor got busy with the scissors, and left a large portion of Roy's letter in France.—Ed. Post.)

# Wallace Reid

—IN—

## "The Hostage"

Military Setting  
Interesting

# ISIS THEATRE

## Wednesday, June 5

## Canning Season

is approaching and the far-sighted housewife will this year above all others buy her requirements early.

We advise that you do not delay in buying all of the jars that you need as a traveling salesman told us that only about ten per cent of the glass factories in the United States are running. We have quite a generous supply on hand and are selling Mason's for—

- Pints ..... 85c dozen
- Quarts ..... \$1.0 dozen
- ½ Gallons ..... \$1.25 dozen
- Zinc Caps ..... 30c dozen

Yours Truly,  
**JOHNSON & COLLINS**