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## SEVENTEEN MILLION AVAILABLE FOR WAR

That Was the Number of Males Listed by Adjutants General.

Washington—In 1910, when the last census was taken, there were 20,538,347 males of available military age in the United States. This number has probably increased to 25,000,000 in the last six years. The adjutants general in 1915 reported to the militia division that the number available was 17,049,068. Pennsylvania ranks third in number available for service with 1,154,607. New York is first, with 1,616,609, and Illinois second with 1,256,072.

In 1915 the total strength of the state militias was 129,398. This number has increased and threatened war Pennsylvania's militia strength in 1915 was 11,028; that of New York, 16,609; New Jersey, 4472 and Delaware, 490.

The following shows by states the number of males available for military service as reported in 1915 by the adjutants general and the number of males of military age, 15 to 45 years, inclusive, according to the census of 1910:

State	Males available by adj. gen.	Males of military age by census 1910
Alabama	852,779	401,146
Arizona	60,795	58,962
Arkansas	327,743	311,972
California	396,189	665,522
Colorado	133,756	203,982
Connecticut	159,144	203,982
*Delaware	32,490	44,634
Dis. of Col.	80,325	78,349
Florida	205,250	171,688
Georgia	500,038	497,095
Hawaii	14,966	64,663
Idaho	34,004	86,384
Illinois	1,256,072	1,320,566
Indiana	564,709	580,557
Iowa	324,816	475,829
Kansas	386,935	370,227
Kentucky	462,497	457,493
Louisiana	346,286	328,343
Maine	104,764	151,325
Maryland	132,073	271,373
Massachusetts	592,622	760,324
Michigan	521,911	616,729
Minnesota	238,507	491,113
Mississippi	401,205	345,745
Missouri	604,099	721,166
Montana	58,208	128,332
Nebraska	132,593	267,497
*Nevada		
New Hampshire	41,414	90,357
New Jersey	670,893	597,513
New Mexico	55,911	73,097
New York	1,616,609	2,156,361
North Carolina	317,020	392,192
North Dakota	75,732	145,628
Ohio	928,043	1,076,928
Oklahoma	321,094	357,933
Oregon	136,726	190,553
Pennsylvania	1,154,607	1,788,619
Rhode Island	138,496	125,213
South Carolina	217,075	276,788
South Dakota	81,042	140,635
Tennessee	376,746	423,088
Texas	502,236	804,980
Utah	40,598	84,440
Vermont	50,803	73,685
Virginia	401,903	298,728
Washington	286,316	340,872
West Virginia	226,724	275,048
Wisconsin	441,763	497,922
Wyoming	42,632	64,664
Totals	17,049,068	20,538,374

\*No organized militia.

## WESTERN PACIFIC AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Oakland, Cal., June 29.—The Western Pacific railroad was sold to the reorganization committee of the road yesterday for \$18,000,000 at public auction. The amount paid for the Western Pacific was fixed by the federal court and paid in first mortgage bonds turned into the reorganization committee by their holders to forward reorganization.

There are those who wear the flag on their coat lapel and then there are those who wear it on the heart.

Sometimes the girl who marries for a home is paying too much rent.

## HUGHES DELIGHTFUL SAYS 'FRISCO WOMAN

California Delegate to Republican Convention Likes Candidate.

"My impression of Hughes was that of a genial, gracious gentleman who will win his way into the hearts of the American people," said Mrs. Abbie E. Krebs, delegate at large to the republican national convention upon her return to her San Francisco home from Chicago, New York and Washington, D. C. Mrs. Krebs spoke enthusiastically of the sentiment for the republican nominee in the east. She met many social and business associates in New York and they were all strong in their feeling that Hughes would win.

"He was the best governor the state of New York ever had," was the comment everywhere," said Mrs. Krebs at the Palace hotel, "and I can well understand his strength after the meeting which I had with him in New York where I went to pay my respects to the party's candidate.

"There seems no doubt there as to his election. My associates were well satisfied and I heard many other expressions of satisfaction in the east. Among my friends in Washington, not in the so-called official set, I found a marked opposition to President Wilson.

"Any idea that we might have had of Hughes' austerity has been eliminated. I had been told that he was 'just ice.' Let me say that he is nothing of the sort. He is a fine American citizen, and he has not only the qualities of a splendid American type, but he has a personality which entirely allays any fear that we might have had of his inability to meet the people. Let no one continue to carry the impression that Hughes cannot meet the American people.

"Not only can he do that but he can do it in such a way as to win them. I was most agreeably surprised, and my experience will be that of every citizen who shall be fortunate enough to come into contact with him during the campaign."

## MANY NEWSPAPER MEN ENLISTED

If the reports are true, the newspapers of Idaho and printing plants have furnished far more men to the national guards, in proportion to their total numbers, than any other class of citizens.

There are now a little over 1,000 men enlisted and it is said that nearly one hundred of these have gone from newspaper offices. The Leader-Herald has furnished its share, Harold Jenness, Lyle Taylor and Harold Johnston having enlisted.—Nampa Leader.

## VALUABLE ORE NEAR HUNTINGTON

A chromide ledge of from one to four feet wide has been discovered on J. Ingenthron's farm near Huntington. Chromide is worth \$100 on the market today, and is used mostly to harden steel. A sample of the ore sent to Chicago assayed 48 per cent pure.

Jake says it looks now as if he will be able to find a girl to dally around with him in the Ford.—News.

## INTERURBAN SERVICE STARTED TO WILDER

Caldwell—To the delight of people living along the line and tributary to it, motor car service was inaugurated Monday afternoon on the Oregon Short Line branch between Caldwell and Wilder, a lease upon which has been procured by the Caldwell Traction company.

## THE FOURTH IS DULY OBSERVED IN THIS SECTION

The Fourth was observed by the Ontario people, most of them going to Payette, while others scattered.

William Laxon took his family to Big Bend and reports a large crowd and a splendid time. He is very enthusiastic over that section and the fine park they have.

The Ontario band went to Huntington where Wm. Plughoff was the marshal of the day and he made them stand around some. The boys say they had a fine time were treated good and the people seemed to enjoy their playing. The solos by James Smith were particularly well received.

The ball players were at Payette and it was necessary to send an extra train to carry the crowd there. The town was filled up and the people well entertained while there.

The picnic on the island at Weiser also caught a few.

Many went to Boise, where there was a varied line of attractions. The nine hundred soldier boys appealed to many, especially those who are from this section, many relatives going up for a last farewell.

The races at the fair grounds were attended by over 25,000 people and naturally they could not take care of the crowd.

One of the big features of the afternoon was the race between Al. Boshek in his aeroplane and Mrs. Nelson in her King eight. They circled the track three times at a terrific pace, the machine leading in the straight-away courses and the aero-

plane on the turns. Mrs. Nelson won out, covering the three miles in 3:40 1-2. Mrs. Nelson made her fastest mile in the second lap, covering it in 1:12.

Koenig, the Ontario high school sprinter entered some of the races and took first in the 220 and 440 yard dashes and second in the 100 yard dash. He also was in the winning team of the relay race, but they barred him out because he did not belong to Boise. The only wonder is that they allowed him to win any of the events, because the Boise bunch is the poorest lot of sports in this section. The high school boys who won medals there last spring have not been able to get them but that is the Boise way when prizes are won by outside people.

The parade is said to have been especially good, many of the floats being original and very handsome. The fireworks in the evening were a fizzle.

Most of the people who went there complain about not finding any accommodations. All the rooms at the hotels were taken and the eating places were not able to care for the crowd.

Miss Emma Clark, Miss Platt, J. R. Blackaby and Lorne Blackaby went to Jordan Valley where they had a regular western celebration with a large crowd and splendid sports.

There were many picnic parties along the river and out in the country.

The day was an ideal one.

## THE MEXICAN MUDDLE AWAITING MORE LETTERS

The Mexican muddle is still far from settled, but there does not seem to be much prospect of immediate action.

The American troopers who were taken prisoners have been turned over to the American authorities and others of the two companies are straggling in, several are reported to be at Mexican cities and will be sent to the border in a few days. Carranza seems to be anxious to avoid war and it is possible that an agreement can be fixed up, but it will likely be only temporary.

The Oregon troops have all gone to the border and are stationed in California not far from San Diego.

The Idaho troops are not ready to leave and internal dissension has arisen in the regiment which will do much to unfit the men for service because they have no confidence in the man appointed over them.



John Harrymore in "The Incurable Duke" at Dreamland, Saturday

## BILL HANLEY NOT GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

Is Acquitted When Charged With Violating U. S. Court's Orders

San Francisco, July 2.—William Hanley, holder of large acreages in Eastern Oregon and candidate for the United States senate from that state last year, is not guilty of contempt in making use of the waters of the Silves river for the irrigation of his lands, according to an opinion handed down today by the United States circuit court of appeals. Hanley had been adjudged in contempt by the United States district court of Oregon for alleged violations of that court's decree, in a water rights controversy between Hanley and the Pacific Livestock company of Eastern Oregon.

## BARRELS MUST HOLD FULL THREE BUSHELS

Washington, June 30.—The new federal law fixing a standard size for barrels, which is the first piece of national weight and measure legislation enacted by congress in 125 years will come into operation tomorrow. The new law specifies that barrels used in the sale of fruits and vegetables must contain 7056 cubic inches, which means 105 quarts or approximately three bushels. The dimensions of the barrels may differ, but they must hold the proper cubical contents. Fines of \$500 or imprisonment for six months are the penalties provided for violations of the law, which is to be religiously enforced in all the states.

In the past all sizes of barrels have been used, with the result that fraud and deception was so prevalent that the change became necessary. With the new law in effect and its enforcement by federal, state, county and city officials of weights and measures with the co-operation of the trade—the so-called "standard" barrel as provided by the law will become a fixity in trade channels.

## COUNCIL TRANSACTS ROUTINE BUSINESS

The meeting of the council on Monday evening did not take up much time as the members were all anxious to get away to attend to business.

There were two applications for sewer connections. The owners of block 39 were granted the privilege of connecting up with the trunk sewer on payment of \$5.77 per lot and paying all the other costs.

Dr. Payne and D. M. Nichols were granted permission to connect up with the old sewer in block 109.

A petition signed by Mrs. A. Gramse, Mrs. C. E. Secoy and L. Belle Lees was presented asking for the privilege of erecting a drinking fountain at the southeast corner of Oregon and Nevada. The petition was granted.

The semi-annual report of the recorder was presented showing the receipts and disbursements from the several funds. The total receipts were \$16,129.25 and the disbursements \$16,066.78.

The report is very complete and showed the source of all incomes and the particular fund it was paid out of.

June was a lively month at the Portland Union Stockyards, with a gain of 61 cars in receipts over the same month last year. As in the earlier months of the year, the best showing was made in hogs, but there was also a liberal increase in cattle movement. Sheep also registered a gain over the corresponding months last year, though for the year to date sheep arrivals show a material decrease. The hog run for the first half of the year is nearly 54,000 head in excess of the same period of 1915.

## 18 BILLS WILL BE ON 1916 BALLOT

Nine Amendments Are Proposed to Constitution for Voters' Action.

Salem, Ore., June 29.—Eighteen proposed measures—nine constitutional amendments and nine bills for laws—have been approved by Secretary of State Olcott as to form. All petitions for the initiative measures must be filed with the secretary not later than July 6. Arguments in behalf of the measures must be filed with him not later than July 15, and arguments opposing them not later than July 25.

Three of the nine constitutional amendments were referred by the last legislature, and the remaining six are initiated. The amendments referred by the legislature are: An amendment investing the governor with power to veto single items in appropriation bills; an amendment providing that all ships of 50 tons or more capacity, engaging in either passenger or freight, in coasting or foreign trade, whose home ports of registration are in the state, shall be exempt from all taxes, excepting state taxes, until the first day of January, 1935; and an amendment repealing a provision in the constitution forbidding suffrage to negroes, Chinamen and mulattoes.

The six amendments being initiated are: "The people's land and loan law," proposed by the Oregon State Federation of Labor; an amendment allowing the manufacture of beer in the state and its sale in original packages, proposed by the equal rights for home industry committee; an amendment prohibiting the importation of liquor into the state for beverage purposes, proposed by the Oregon Prohibition state committee; an amendment establishing a normal school at Pendleton, proposed by the Commercial association of the city of Pendleton; an amendment restricting all tax levying agencies to an annual levy that shall not exceed the levy of the preceding year by more than 6 per cent, proposed by the State Taxpayers' league, and an amendment providing for a system of rural credits, proposed by the Oregon Referendum league.

Following are the bills for laws that have been approved as to form: A law providing for one day of rest in seven, proposed by the Weekly Rest Day league; a law, prohibiting compulsory vaccination and medical treatment, proposed by Laura C. Little; a law, repealing the Sunday closing act, proposed by the Independent Retailers' association; a law forbidding fishing for salmon with seines, traps or fish wheels in the Columbia river or any of its tributaries after the first day of January 1917, proposed by the Clackamas County Fishermen's union; a law regulating the admission to the practice of professions relating to the public health, proposed by V. A. Fitzgerald, Portland; a law authorizing a bounty on jackrabbits and sage rats in Crook county, proposed by Newsome Creek Rabbit club, of Post; a law authorizing a bounty on jackrabbits in Lake county, proposed by J. D. C. Thomas and others; a law removing the county seat of Jefferson county from Culver to Madras, proposed by the "Madras for County Seat" club, and a law locating the county seat of Jefferson county at Metolius, proposed by the Metolius Commercial club.

## ANOTHER FLOWING WELL AT LETHA

Letha comes to the front again this week with another flowing well. The well is on the R. L. Batton ranch and was struck at a depth of only 68 feet. The well is now flowing ten gallons a minute and the water raises six feet above the ground. The land owners in that section are all jubilant over this remarkable showing and are preparing to sink a number of wells this summer.