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The Pledge.

I pledge my allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PREPARING FOR THE CALL.

Apparently everything is ready now for the calling to the colors of the men needed to fight Germany. Within but a short time the list of men selected at the first drawing will be published and the board provided will pass upon their cases.

According to the regulations there has been every effort made to keep the drawing free from favoritism. There is apparently no chance for political or personal "pull" to relieve a man of his duty and thus graduate him into the slacker class.

In this instance, too, the fate of so many men rests in the hands of the board that every citizen who has a member of his family liable for service, will follow the action of the board carefully, for if an underserving man seeking to fraudulently escape from service succeeds, one of his kin may have to go in his place.

Were a cry of favoritism in the selective service to be raised no member of a local board could ever live long enough to get over the effect such a cry would have on his political fortune, if it could be substantially proven. The members of the boards all realize these things. They know that on them will be centered the attention of all people and were they not inspired with the spirit of patriotism which has marked every step so far taken by the authorities of Oregon, they would still hesitate before trifling with the law.

And this is as it should be for not a breath of suspicion must follow any action of the boards thruout the nation to uphold "untarnished the honor of the nation."

THE WORLD'S GREATEST LOTTERY.

The drawing of the names of a million men to serve in army under the selective service law will be, indeed, the greatest lottery the world has ever known.

Fortunately the drawings will all take place in Washington, D. C., and in the great marble walled government buildings, away from the crowd the jury wheels will turn and the numbers which will call men in every precinct in the 48 states will be turned out. On every turn of the wheel, perhaps, the lives of a thousand men will hang. Talk about high stakes, can one imagine a greater game? Vivid imaginative romancers who flippantly tell of the high rollers at Monte Carlo waging millions on the turn of a card, or the spin of the roulette wheel never imagined a game so great, with stakes so high as the lives of millions of men.

And yet it is the fairest system ever proposed in a democracy. Its fairness appeals, too, to men who are liable under the law, also reflects the true do you suppose we would be at peace within our borders today? If it were not fair the men liable would not tolerate its enforcement.

The attitude of the average man liable under the law, also reflects the spirit of the game, for in discussing it with one of these such expressions as these are common: "It'll be just my luck to be drawn," or "well, I'm willing to take a chance," and "if the little old box rolls out my number, I'm ready." This is the language of the game, and it reflects the attitude taken by practically every American. Even if they have not previously volunteered men who take that attitude will play the game to the limit until Mr. William H. Hahnemann will feel the yank in Yankee.

Speaking about dust the city council at its meeting Monday night discussed various means of "laying the dust," and may resort to sprinkling.

A MATCH FOR SATAN

By MARTHA V. MONROE

One night at a masquerade ball two persons appeared, a man and a woman, who excited considerable interest. The man represented Faust, the woman Marguerite. Presently a third person entered, representing Mephistopheles. The interest was heightened by Mephistopheles and Faust talking together, both at the same time casting glances at Marguerite.

"That girl will lose her heart," said a guest representing Rob Roy to another dressed as Martha Washington. "The fellow got up as Faust is a lady killer."

"And I know the girl," said the other. "If Faust tickles her she'll make him regret it."

"I'll tell you what you do. Tell Marguerite to go for Faust. I'll tell Faust to go for her. I'll bet you a dozen pairs of gloves against a box of cigars that I win."

The bet was made, though it was expected that it would result in a draw, for it was not likely that a definite result could be obtained. Faust naturally gravitated toward Marguerite, and the two disappeared in an unfrequented part of the house, where occasional passers saw them sitting tete-a-tete, unmasked. They seemed very much absorbed in each other.

Faust left Marguerite to keep an engagement to dance—he had broken two engagements for Marguerite, but the woman with whom he had the third came for him—and Mephistopheles joined her. When Faust finished his dance he came back to continue the tete-a-tete and, finding Mephistopheles in his place, scowled. Mephistopheles scowled back. Marguerite gave the latter a nod, indicating that she preferred the former, and Mephistopheles went away sullen.

Later Marguerite danced with Mephistopheles, while Faust was seen standing apart, evidently in no good humor. Whenever the couple whirled by Faust Mephistopheles gave one of those "ha, ha's" for which the devil is famous. Faust involuntarily fingered the jewel lilted dagger in his belt.

By this time this version of the poem of "Faust" not intended by the author began to attract the attention of a small coterie who were in the secret of the bet.

Those who knew Marguerite best were of the opinion that she would plunge Faust down into the fiery furnace without the slightest injury to herself, and there were those who considered her a match for the devil.

It is astonishing how man, when made mad by woman, will forget that he is an intelligent human being. And there are cases where no time is required to turn his head. By common consent Marguerite was left to her lover of the poem and the party to whom he had sold his soul. To all appearances Faust seemed to be playing his part well, but Mephistopheles was evidently paying more attention to Marguerite than does his prototype in the poem or in Gounod's famous opera. Faust, instead of being under Mephistopheles' influence, seemed to be antagonized by him.

It was shortly before the first glimmer of dawn, when the dancers were at their gayest, that Marguerite went up to one of the men and excitedly whispered something in his ear. The man calling another, the two hurriedly left the ballroom in company with Marguerite. As soon as they were out of sight and hearing of the dancers she said to them hurriedly:

"Those two men are going to kill each other!"

"The devil!" exclaimed one of the men.

"Yes, the devil and Faust—Mr. Burnett and Dr. Wells."

"What for?"

"Well, I suppose it's about me. Go quick! Stop them!"

"Which way did they go?"

"They're out on the tennis court."

The two men ran out through a back door. It was just light enough to see two dim figures on the tennis court backing at each other with the short knives they had worn in their belts during the evening. The two men and the girl ran to where they were, and the combatants, seeing that they had attracted attention, desisted. One of those who had interfered took Faust by the arm, and the other, a large, powerful fellow, took Mephistopheles by the ear and led them back to the house and into the ballroom.

The dancing had ceased, and the dancers were promenading or resting. On seeing Faust and Mephistopheles led in like two naughty schoolboys there was a shout of laughter. Marguerite made for a door, but she was caught and brought back.

Even the absurdity of the situation did not prevent the rivals from scowling at each other, and Mephistopheles was unconsciously playing the part of Satan to perfection.

"Hello, Jim!" said one of his chums. "When did you come up front below?"

Jim cast a malevolent glance at the speaker, but made no reply.

"Kate," said the lady who had made the bet, "I knew you were a match for any man, but I didn't think you were superior to Satan."

"Come to the supper room!" cried the man who had lost the gloves. "I've a toast for you all."

The rivals and the girl they had fought for were pushed into the supper room. Fresh champagne was opened, and this was the toast given:

"To the only girl that ever lived who has been too much for the devil."

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Just to let the city council realize that there is a war on and that fuel oil is in demand the Standard Oil company informed the city fathers that they would have to look elsewhere for material with which to lay the dust.

How to make one city dollar do two dollars worth of work on the streets and crosswalks seems to be the problem which is giving the council trouble.

STATE OFFICIALS VIEW SNOW-MOODY IRRIGATION

Attorney General Geo. G. Brown, State Engineer J. H. Lewis Superintendent of Banks C. H. Sargent, with Attorney Claude C. McCulloch of Portland, attorney for the district, came to Ontario Tuesday to investigate the Snow-Moody Irrigation system which is seeking to re-issue its bonds. Under the new law the three state officials form a "Blue Sky" board and all bond issues must have their approval before being issued.

With the state officials was Otto C. Miller of Dead Ox Flat and Mr. Miller of Portland a bond buyer. After leaving Ontario the party went to Vale and then to Nyssa.

JUNE EXAMINATIONS INCREASE GRADUATES

The following are the pupils in the various school districts who succeeded the solving the mysteries of the eighth grade examinations given in June.

- Dist. No. 46—Howard Hatch, Edith M. Swiger, Walter Scholes, Irene Webb. Dist. No. 3—Alice Stovell, John Azenuza. Dist. No. 49—Harold Gribbin, Donald Joseph. Dist. No. 38—Nettie Crosby. Dist. No. 5—Raleigh Van Buren, Ivy Wise. Dist. No. 3—Lillie Craig, Floyd Christiansen, Henry Johnson, Homer Maddux, Catherine Elizabeth Nebb. Dist. No. 15—Jay Kimball James McCombs, Mildred Gilham. Dist. No. 64—Elizabeth Marie Keller, Ocie Bellie Hickoy. Dist. No. 36—Robert Long.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an execution in foreclosure duly issued, by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Malheur County, State of Oregon, dated the 2nd day of June, 1917 in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said county and state, wherein Crystal District Improvement Company, a corporation, recovered judgment against C. T. COULTER and ROBERT COULTER, for the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty Six Dollars, with interest thereon from the 27th day of January 1917, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and for the further sum of One Hundred Dollars Attorneys fees and for the further sum of Twenty Seven and 60-100 Dollars penalty, and for the further sum of Twenty Two and 70-100 Dollars as costs and disbursements herein.

Therefore, Notice is hereby given that I will on the 10th. day of July, 1917, at the north main entrance of the court house in Vale, in the said county and state, at the hour of 2 O'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property to-wit:

All of the Northwest quarter of section Nineteen (19) Township (16) south Range Forty Eight (48) East of Willamette Meridian.

Taken and levied upon as the property of said C. T. Coulter and Robert Coulter, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment in favor of Crystal District Improvement Company, and against said defendants, with interest thereon together with all costs, penalties, and disbursements that have or may hereafter accrue.

Dated this 2nd. day of June, 1917, at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon.

BEN J. BROWN Sheriff By E. H. TEST Deputy

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