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REGISTRATION DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH

Every young man in the United States who has passed his 21st birthday since Registration Day for 21-year-old men last June 5, must register for the draft on Saturday, Aug. 24.

By proclamation of President Wilson, just issued, this call includes citizens as well as non-citizens. The only men of the age specified who will not have to register are those already in the military or naval service.

This call should not be confused with the big Registration Day, to be held some time in September, for registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

This Registration Day just ordered is exclusively for men who were not yet 21 years old last June 5, but who have become 21 years old on or before August 24. Every man of them must register.

As before, registration will be in charge of local draft boards. The registration places will be open from 7 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock at night.

No excuse will be accepted for failure to register. The time remaining before Registration Day is so very short that every man who comes within the call should arrange his affairs now so he can go to the registration place on August 24 and register.

Failure to register is punishable by imprisonment up to one year, and followed by induction into the service.

Even sickness will be no excuse for failing to register. Any 21-year-old man who is ill should send some competent person immediately to his local draft board, which will explain what to do.

Men who will unavoidably be away from their home precincts on Registration Day, should proceed at once to the local board nearest the place where they may happen to be, and ask for instructions for registering by mail. Prompt action is of the utmost importance, for all mail registrations must be received by the proper local draft board by Aug. 24.

The purpose in requiring at this time the registration of men who have become 21 years old since last June 5 is to keep Class I filled until congress can pass the new law raising and lowering the draft ages.

Let every man subject to the coming registration make note of and remember these important facts:

Registration Day is Saturday, August 24.

Time for registration, 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Place for registration, with local draft board.

MARRIED

Miss Theresa Weinreb, sister of Mrs. A. L. Nietling, and Mr. Phil Van Homison, were married at Portland on Thursday, August 15th., at 9 a. m. The couple left for a honey moon trip for a short time and will be at home to their friends at Portland where they will reside. Both the contracting parties are well known in Stayton and have a large number of friends who join with the Mail in wishing them all the pleasures of a happy wedded life.

The coliseum, which is being constructed at the State Fair Grounds, will be the second largest in the United States, according to Governor Withycombe.

The building will hold 10,000 people and will make a successful state fair possible regardless of weather conditions. It will be completed in time for the state fair this year, though the seating arrangements will be temporary.

The dimensions of the new building are 299 by 300 feet, making it 50 per cent larger than a Portland city block. Unofficially it is said to have the longest wooden truss span in America. It is the only important public building ever built in the state without a special appropriation. The local cost will be over \$30,000, and the members of the state fair board have advanced \$15,000 of their own money, confident that the receipts of the fair will be sufficient to reimburse them.

The Voice of the Rising Sun

The chorus of praise drawn from our allies by the gallantry of American troops in France sounds almost like the concerted finale at an opera. Among the paeans of appreciation we hear a full-throated tribute from a vocalist whose tones are a little different from the rest. It is the voice of our old friend, the Mikado.

He has a style of his own, has Yoshi. Many of the most eminent in European strategy and statecraft have handed it to us on a plate. We got it in a ladle from the Eshuist of the Isles.

The tributes of statesmen and generals—French, English, and Italian—have often been triumphs of literary grace. But for polished verbiage give us the Mikado, or some other cultivated Nipponese. At throwing verbal confetti they are the fair-haired boys.

Even more engaging is the note of sincerity that we observe in the royal message. The foreign policy of Japan has often seemed something of a problem, and the attitude of the Island Empire toward its allies has not always been easy to define, but in his latest utterances the Mikado has unreservedly committed himself.

It is well that the military weight of America is being rightly estimated in Tokyo. The praise of Japanese warriors is the praise of experts. It is better to have them with us than against us, and their exact striking power is always an unknown quantity.

How Japan stands on submarines, on aeroplanes, on tanks, on machine guns, is a baffling riddle and we can depend on her to keep the riddle unread. It is not long since Nippon was regarded as America's greatest danger, and the time that we have taken in raising and equipping an army proves that we were anything but secure. Japan now realizes the value of our friendship when she sees that our fighting strength is more than a mere potentiality.

If the proof of it—in national preparedness—had been shown to Germany two years ago, we would probably have never been obliged to go to war at all.

Thots on Things

by the Editor

If one may judge by the newspaper reports the gentleman known as Yankee Doodle Dandy is now in France and is in great form.

Mr. Hoover's trip to Paris is probably for the purpose of securing the latest fall modes in food conservation.

The full sugar bowl has been dismissed from restaurant and hotel tables to the Land of Past Things. Probably it has come across the family butter plate there and is visiting happily with it.

When the U. S. army takes the field it not only takes it but holds it. Of late it has been a French field.

English and Canadians in the United States who have always enjoyed our climate may begin this fall to feel the effects of the drafts.

When pay day comes so out and revel in thrift stamps instead of shows. There is no war tax on thrift stamps, and the after effect of even a debauch in them is perfectly harmless.

When a conscientious objector receives a sentence of from fifteen to twenty years at hard labor he must wish that he had either objected less or been less conscientious.

The man who has been considering his car as an institution for pleasure now looks upon it with awe as an institution for the production of unexpected taxes.

If the young men of nineteen and twenty are included in the draft the colleges next year will be empty, but the school of experience in life will be full.

"The Six Safe Sons of the Kaiser" sounds like the title of a German fairy tale. But it is no fairy tale either.

In his usual clever manner, Cecil B. DeMille, the noted producer, under whose personal direction Mary Pickford's newest Avicraft picture, "The Little American," was staged, presents a remarkable conference between the head of the Prussians, his Admiral and his Commanding-Officer. The types selected to portray these characters are so strikingly like the real personages that the incident, when thrown on the screen, is most startling. Various other impersonations of particular effectiveness are disclosed in the new Pickford picture coming to the Star theatre next Sunday night, August 25.

Mike, the shaggy Irish terrier who would come bounding into the street

SOME HISTORY CONCERNING SEPARATE COMPANY "A" STAYTON OREGON GUARDS

A few weeks ago the official call was sent out urging the organization of State Guards over the United States. Our governor, urged by the citizens of Oregon, asked for the organization of State Guards in our state. This call of our people was answered.

Stayton and the adjoining vicinity sent forth a full company of physically and patriotically fit men. This body of men elected in their Captain, L. S. Lambert, a man of very considerable military experience. Capt. Lambert some years ago worked himself up from the position of a private to that of a captain and has served as such for three companies. He has a very able representative staff to help him in developing the efficiency and military value of the company.

The first attempt at drill was certainly an evening of discouragement, for it did not seem that the company would ever be able to even form a straight line. The work was unknown to nearly every member. However, a few weeks later, after a few weeks of thorough and well attended practice on the drill grounds, Company "A" of Stayton, with a number of other representative companies of the State passed official review and inspection at Salem and was highly commended for being the best drilled company passing review.

This certainly speaks volumes for the men who have left their regular vocations in patient attempt to attain perfection; for the local business concerns that have unselfishly given their full encouragement; and for the local public that has attended on drill nights to cheer and encourage these men from the side lines and bleachers. At this time it is well to say that every citizen of this community can help Company "A" in many ways. Come out on Monday evenings and watch your company drill. On appropriate occasions applaud, and let your automobile talk in shrill tones; and then watch the boys double their efforts to do a little better for they know, then, that you and all of us appreciate the serious efforts they are making for the good of the world's cause.

Drafts and enlistments have worked a continual drain upon Company "A" by taking a number of men from its ranks for service in our national army; but as fast as the men are called away other men, prompted by patriotic convictions, have called upon the company for admission to enlist, and thus Company "A" has and will continue to maintain its full company quota.

Company "A" of Stayton is a military body as much as any other. As such it is governed and disciplined by the military laws of Oregon and of the United States in so far as the latter does not conflict with the sovereign power and rights of the State. Company "A" is not a "Home Guard." A Home Guard is not governed by any particular military law and therefore lacks the very first essentials that tend to military efficiency.

When the men of this community were first inspired to present themselves as a company in answer to the call of the people of our state, it was slightly queried that there was very little necessity for such organization. This doubt was very possibly caused by a momentary reluctance in giving up the set habits for that which was entirely new. Since that time many things have happened to convince all of us that such organizations are every state in the Union is an urgent necessity.

The time was when every living person had an individual personal object for which that person lived. The time now is that every humane individual

regardless of whether he was entering a "set" or not. In fact, he seemed to know when the camera-man was grinding, and to try to get "into pictures." His efforts are rewarded in "Molly Entangled," in which he is given a rather prominent part which he carries off with credit.

Mt. Angel College, St. Benedict, Ore., the place for your boy. Address T. I. Myer.

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POSTAL ZONES

You have heard of the postal zoning system. It is a scheme by which the distance of a town from New York increases the expense of transporting magazines and newspapers to it from the metropolis. It is a part, and perhaps a necessary part of the revenue program.

The further a town is situated from New York the less effectually it is served with periodicals on which it has depended to keep it in touch with vital developments in our national life. Communities like ours are the bone and sinew of the body politic, and depend on metropolitan distributing centres for the links which bind to similar communities and to the great republic of which we are all a part.

This journal will do its share in plugging the gap. We undertake this duty in no spirit of presumption, but in humble appreciation of the privilege which the responsibility confers, with a firm resolve to avoid any change in our fundamental character: It is our aim at all times to maintain the best qualities of a country newspaper, reflecting in every printed line the sterling spirit and individual quality of the district which it is our privilege to serve.

Our connection with metropolitan services enables us to keep our readers posted on the latest developments in state and national policies, as well as in our relationships with those other peoples to whom the links of federation bind us ever more tightly in our struggle to make world-democracy an abiding fact.

The alive-to-the-times parent gives his son a college education. Mt. Angel College, St. Benedict, Ore. Address T. I. Myer.

Recruiting vs. Draft

The government has closed the recruiting stations.

Opinions differ as to whether the government should close the saloons. But there will hardly be any divergence of opinion about recruiting.

"Treat us all alike" is true democratic philosophy. "Don't penalize the loyal enthusiasms of a section of us for the benefit of those who are less patriotic. Don't appeal to our emotions, or stimulate them into sacrifices for the advantage of those whose emotions are less volatile."

But there are other considerations than these. Abolition of the recruiting system is not merely an expedient for protecting the enthusiast, the altruist, the devotee. Under the old system many a man felt a strong impulse to enlist, but controlled it. He felt no fear of Ludendorff, but he was a little afraid of the man next door.

Jones wanted to enlist. He did not feel that his wife was entirely dependent on him. She had some money, and her folks were willing to look after her. So were his, for that matter. He had just enough of the ingredients of an exemption claim to put it over, but he didn't think he ought to.

Smith worked with Jones on the same job. He had as good a claim to exemption as Jones, and no better, but he was less Quixotic. He means to use it.

If Jones went to the front for three years Smith would stay on the job, and through the scarcity of hired help would get many promotions. When Jones came back to the job—if it was still open—Smith would be his boss. And Smith's wife would take care that Jones' wife didn't forget it.

So Jones stayed at home—and you can't blame him.

By the new arrangement the government gets both Jones and Smith. It will probably get all the Smiths and Joneses pretty soon, unless they are under eighteen or over forty-five. Some of us are too short-sighted to shoot, too bow-legged to march, not heavy enough to sit down on a Boche and squash him cold. But Uncle Sam will come for us and ask us a few short questions.

"Did you ever run a lathe?" he will ask. "Ever dig coal? Or use draftsmen's tools, or surveyors? Or work as a diemaker, a molder, a puddler, a chemist, a bookkeeper?"

"Don't be bashful, dear friends. We can most of us do something—even editors. And we had better not try to fool our loving Uncle."

What your son needs is a college education. Mt. Angel College, St. Benedict, Ore. Address T. I. Myer.

DRAFTED MEN WILL BE CALLED WHEN NEEDED

By their action in cutting off enlistments, the War and Navy Departments have greatly simplified the problem for the young man who wishes to know how he can best serve the country. The danger of the depletion of the source of the trained men to win the war and strengthen the nation in peace times has been to a considerable extent removed. Hereafter until further notice the departments will take the men only as they need them.

One question remains to the young man: What shall I do between now and the time that I am called to the service? For those of college age the answer is strongly suggested by the war department, "Go to college."

This movement is not suggested for the purpose of keeping young men out of the war as long as possible, but rather for the purpose of keeping them out until they are of an age and training to give a higher grade of service. The formation of the Students' Army Training Corps in all colleges where one hundred or more men enlist in it is the war department's way of working out this problem. This corps will provide, under the direct supervision of army officers, the maximum of military training the student can reasonably absorb along with scientific and other collegiate instruction which will fit him for special lines of work both in the army and in civil life after the war. This is real conservation of the nation's brains.

On reaching the draft age the members of the S. A. T. C. who, though having the status of members of the United States Army, subject to immediate call for active service, will have to register, being considered on inactive service. They will then be placed automatically in Class 5-D by the local draft board and allowed to continue his college work and his training in the Students' Army Training Corps until he is called to active service by the department.

It is urged that those contemplating joining the Students' Army Training Corps do so promptly, as with a probable early lowering of the draft age, there will be no way of entering the S. A. T. C. save through the draft board.

Six weeks during each summer the members of the S. A. T. C. go into an instruction camp. They are then considered on active service and receive the pay of privates during their time in camp.

The course suggested by the Government to the youth is, that he go to college, join the S. A. T. C. immediately, pick out a stiff line of collegiate work in addition to his military training, which will be made sufficiently stiff; then work hard, quit worrying and wait for the call to service which will surely come soon if the war continues as now seems probable.

Those wishing to join the Navy, it is learned from the War Department, will be released to that arm of the service and not compelled to serve in the Army at the end of their period of college training.

The whole plan is being carefully worked out by the War Department, and before college opens every doubtful point will have been settled and the young man will know definitely and exactly just what he ought to do in the existing situation. The Government has already moved to prevent his rushing into the service before he is called.

New Garage And Repair Shop Next Spring

The Mail has been informed that a new garage and blacksmith and general all around repair shop will be erected here in the early spring. A new fire-proof building will be erected and will be built along lines suitable for storing and repairing cars. Just who the privates are that are back of the movement, is not known, but we were given to understand that the deal was under way and that ground had been leased for the building site.