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Saturday the Last Day

Up to December 15, but no later, any man registered under the draft who is not already in the military service or needed to fill a vacancy in the first draft quota, may enlist as a volunteer in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps. After December 15 no man of draft age will be accepted as a volunteer in any branch of the Army service. While voluntary enlistments in the Navy and Marine Corps will still be permitted after December 15, they can be made only if a man is able to produce a certificate from his local board showing him to be so far down the list that he would not be taken on the current draft. But up to December 15, any registrant may volunteer. A special ruling to this effect has just been made by the Provost Marshal General. This ruling includes even men who have been called up for physical examination by their local boards, but have not yet been inducted into the army. In order to keep the State's quota filled on the first draft, a good many more men were called up for physical examination than were actually required. Now they can volunteer up to December 15. Each such man must obtain from his local board a certificate that he will not be needed to fill any deferred percentage of the first draft quota of that board. This certificate must be presented to the recruiting officer. Of course men of draft age who have not yet been called up for physical examination by their boards will not need such a certificate. They can volunteer up to December 15—without it. There is a fine opening just now in the Oregon Coast Artillery for men who wish to escape the draft and get into the army as volunteers. The Oregon Coast Artillery, which is a regiment of heavy artillery, considered the most desirable branch of the service, is stationed for the present in the forts at the mouth of the Columbia river. Colonel C. C. Hamond, commanding, needs 130 good volunteers before December 15. If you want to enlist as a volunteer, you will never have such a chance again to save yourself from the draft and join a fine branch of the service as well. Remember that this chance will no longer be open after December 15. Men who want to volunteer must hurry.—Adjutant General Portland.

It Makes a Difference

When I was young, long ago, I labored on a Kansas farm; and I drove the dun mules to and fro, and whaled them with my strong right arm. I left my couch at early morn, before the darkness passed away, and hushed the yellow ears of corn throughout the sunny autumn day. I sold some corn, not once or twice, but many times, in those past years; twelve cents a bushel as the price—oh, think of that and shed some tears! It took about a ton of corn to get a haircut and shave; the farmer's spirit was so torn, he longed to fill an early grave. And now the farmer drives to town, with load of corn on creaking wain, the purchaser must pony down two bones a bushel for that grain. To one who's sold his loads of maize, his harvest, at twelve cents a throw, these seem the golden happy days of farmers—but they still have woe. Today I talked with David Hale, who bought the farm of Hiram Horn, and he was loaded down with kale, for he had sold a load of corn. "The way they soak a man in town," he said, "just makes a fellow reel; our faces still are tramped down by rank oppression's iron heel. Today I bought a pair of shoes from that old pirate, Godfrey Gough; the price has given me the blues—where does the husband-man get off?"—Walt Mason.

Residents of St. Johns having taxes and city liens to pay in Portland can make their payments without inconvenience by availing themselves of our services. We will pay same and secure your receipt without inconvenience to you. Fee, 25 cents. References: Any St. Johns Bank.—Peninsula Title, Abstract and Realty Co., by H. Henderson, Manager; 402 North Jersey street.

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A People's Choice

There is only one interpretation of the resolutions unani-mously adopted by the committee representing the principal business organizations of Portland in the matter of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. Stripped of their stiff, formal diction and translated into simple, direct English, the resolutions call on the public service commission to permit the company to raise car fare to 6 cents. The committee bases its action on the proposition that the company is entitled to live.

The committee reports that its investigations establish the fact that the company's income, under the new wage scale and increased cost of other operation, is less than its out go. This means early receivership. It is well known that the company has barely been able to make both ends meet the last four years. On the present basis it is losing money every day, and this state of things cannot last much longer without insolvency. Then what? Inevitably, less efficient service, and demoralization of the intra-city passenger traffic. After a recital of seven where-ases, the committee calls upon all the business organizations to urge upon the public service commission that "the P. R. L. & P. be granted such relief as is necessary to justify the maintenance of present wages, hours and working conditions, and discharge the legitimate financial obligations of the company." There is the alternative of a 6 cent fare or receivership with poorer service, but the receiver would not be able to "discharge" the legitimate financial obligations. The Central Labor Council passed similar resolutions urging relief by the public service commission. Do these resolutions fairly reflect public sentiment? The business organizations and club which have joined in a petition for the company's relief include practically every man engaged in business, large and small. The Central Labor Council represents practically the entire body of union labor.

The unanimity with which the resolutions were approved indicates that the people would prefer higher cost of riding to inadequate service at the present rate.

As stated more than once by The Telegram, the present crisis was inescapable from the start. For the people a choice lay between higher fare and inferior service. The choice cannot be deferred longer than a few weeks. It appears now that the choice between two evils leans toward higher cost and away from the threatened crippled service.—Telegram.

Buy at Home

When you want to help your town, Buy at home!
When you want shoes, hat or gown, Buy at home!
Never mind what 'tis you need, Canned goods, collars, chicken feed, Buy at home!
Frame this phrase up for your creed, Buy at home!
Other folks may buy by mail, Buy at home!
Help the home store to a sale, Buy at home!
Every dollar sent away Means a dollar less to pay, What is owed right here today, Buy at home!
Are you for your town or not? Buy at home!
Cheaper elsewhere? Tommyrot! Buy at home!
Home store qualities are true, Home store merchants work for you, Buy at home!
This much, then, you ought to do: Buy at home!

A subscriber once received a dun through the postoffice and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it, and the editor showed him a few duns of his own—one for paper, one for type, one for fuel and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable gentlemen like you to come and help me out, and then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented, paid up and renewed for another year.

War Tax Provisions

The following synopsis of rulings made by the Treasury Department, defining more clearly the provisions of the War Tax Act of October 3, 1917, relating to the tax on admissions: The tax is one cent for each 10 cents or fraction thereof on the amount paid for admissions, to any place, with the following exemptions: Children under 12 years of age who are admitted free. Places where the maximum charge for admission is 5 cent. Admission paid where all the proceeds inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational or charitable institutions. In cases of the exempted classes above mentioned, the word "Proceeds" as used means gross receipts less payment of proper expenses, or in other words "net proceeds." If the net proceeds "inure exclusively to the benefit of religious, educational, or charitable institutions," no tax is collectable on the admissions. Dances—Admissions to dances given by fraternal societies or other organizations where the proceeds are absorbed by the expense incidental to giving such dances are subject to the admission tax. Community club and all other social clubs giving dances and card parties to which payment of an amount mentioned in the invitation or otherwise, are subject to tax. The charge for lessons or instructions in such cases are not subject to the admission tax. The admission tax is upon the amount charged for admission into a place, except where otherwise provided in the act. Admission to dances given by private parties in a leased hall or otherwise are taxable. The admission tax is payable on and after November 1, 1917.—Milton A. Miller, Collector.

A Dollar And a Heart

Oregon's campaign to enroll 240,000 members in the American Red Cross is under full swing. Headquarters have been opened in the Morgan Building at Portland, in charge of C. C. Chapman, as State Chairman and Henry E. Reed as State Manager. Organization has been extended into every section of the State, and there is no doubt that Oregon, as usual, will respond generously to the Nation's call. The campaign is a nation wide movement to increase the membership of the Red Cross to 15,000,000 and provide the United States with a large and effective machine for war relief work. President Wilson has declared himself for a well organized and efficient Red Cross. He says the best way in which to impart the greatest energy to the relief work of the war will be to concentrate it in the hands of a single experienced organization which has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for such purposes. The energies of the campaign in its national and local aspects will be directed towards making the Red Cross larger and more powerful. The particular purpose of the movement is to enroll one dollar members. From the Portland Headquarters the command has gone forth that every man and woman in Oregon must join the Red Cross. The Slogan of the campaign is "Join the Red Cross; all you need—a dollar and a heart." Every member will be expected to wear a Red Cross button on Christmas Day.

Fees Mounting Up

Fees, collected by the motor vehicle registration department this year, up to November 30, total \$196,542.50, according to a statement issued by Secretary of State Olcott. With the increase in fees for motor vehicle licenses, as provided in the law passed by the 1917 legislature, it is safe to predict that the fees for 1918 will exceed \$400,000, which will be used to pay the interest and create a sinking fund for the \$6,000,000 highway bond issue. During November 316 automobiles were registered, this being 59 more than were registered in November of last year.

For student gifts we have fine line of Waterman Ideal Fountain Pens. Currin Sals Co.

St. Nicholas' Aeroplane

Where is St. Nick? Go find him quick— To fly him Santa Claus. He does not do like he used to— I wonder what's the cause! There was great joy for girl and boy The days when we were young, On mantle there, or back of chairs Our stockings up we hung. Go bring him back, with his big sack— Where did he leave his sleigh? As like as not in some back lot, To crumble and decay.

It's no surprise to know he's wise To fly an air machine, He does not need no kind of feed— He now burns gasoline; And with his load he wants no road— He travels in the air. From place to place he leaves no trace, He can go anywhere; No print of hoof upon the roof— His reindeers, where are they? Perhaps sent to some city zoo, Or Northland far away.

While others sleep, the children creep, And dance around in glee, As from each limb, for her, for him, They take things from the tree. Who is it tells he gave his bells To some dime museum show? See those folks smile at his old style That he had years ago. Yes, old St. Nick learnt a new trick, He's master of the game; When in the sky he flies so high, With his new aeroplane.

—O. O. Smith.

Deserves a Medal

A plunge to the bottom of Willamette Slough with a refractory automobile where he rescued his companion, Miss Florence Ford, 28, of 425 Taylor street, from death by drowning, as the climax to Sunday afternoon's holiday for Carl L. Lacey 28, of 13 East Seventh street, a truck driver of the street cleaning department. The car plunged from the Burlington ferry as the boat neared Sauvie's Island, two miles below Linnton, after Mr. Lacey had vainly tried to halt its progress by bracing himself against the hood. Seated in the car was his companion, Miss Ford, and Lacey clung to the top of the car as it dropped into the slough. The car sank in 25 feet of water close to the Sauvie's Island shore. Mr. Lacey, handicapped with a heavy overcoat, struggled in the depths to release the young woman. She was unconscious and had gripped the steering wheel tightly. Just as he was nearing unconsciousness Mr. Lacey freed the girl and he arose to the surface with his burden, where both were rescued. First aid measures were applied to Miss Ford, and she recovered consciousness within a few minutes. Aside from a few bruises they are none the worse for the experience. Mr. Lacey believes that his overcoat caught in the car as he got out to crank it and threw the machine into gear.

Monthly Institute

The monthly Institute of the Multnomah County Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at the Seventh Day Adventist church, Central ave. and Charleston street, next Thursday with Mrs. M. M. Sleeth in charge. The morning session will open at 10:30 with Rev. J. H. Irvine in charge of the devotionals. The morning session will be given principally to Bible study conducted by Mrs. Sleeth; noon-day prayer by Mrs. J. V. Scott. Afternoon session will open at 1:30 with Dr. E. P. Borden in charge of devotionals, after which the afternoon will be given over to various departments of the work of the W. C. T. U. Red Letter days, Sunday School work, etc. Then there will be reminiscences of Miss Willard and other temperance workers. Come and spend the day with us. Lunch will be served at the home of Mrs. J. C. Scott. Bring a sandwich and you will be served with hot food and drink. Every body invited.—Reported.

Amid the maddening maze of things, And tost by storm and flood, To one fixed trust my spirit clings— I know that God is good, I know not where his islands lift Their fronded palms in air; I only know I cannot drift Beyond his love and care.

—Whittier.

Safety Razors, shaving sets and accessories are appreciated gifts for men. Currins Sals Co.

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High School Happenings

The boys are practicing for the coming basket ball season. There is every indication that our team will bring home their laurels.

W. D. Dotson spoke last Tuesday at the community rally in the high school auditorium. His topic was "The Port of Portland, Past, Present and Future."

The defeated team of Junior paper campaign workers are giving a party to their victors on Friday evening. On the same evening the Seniors will give a party for similar reasons, in East St. Johns. Also in Eagles Hall the sophomore girls will be received by the boys.

The Agassiz Club presented an unusually fine program Tuesday afternoon at the high school. Stereoptical views were accompanied by a lecture by the members of the club. The slides were of pictures of Yellowstone National Park and Mt. Hood. On account of its educational value, the meeting was opened to the school.

On last Friday evening the Spanish Club presented a spicy entertainment. The program was opened by a piano selection by Alice Brown. A dialogue, entitled "La Cuidad," or "A Trip to the City," by Raymond Miller and Lewis Clark, was awarded well merited applause. The main feature of the evening, however, was "Desde la Lluvia al Sol," "Sunshine after Rain," a playlet with Gladys Coon as Matilda, Fay Smith as Victoria, Edward Rood as Carlos Asques, and George Larsen as Anselmo. The University Extension Club has requested that a repetition of this latter performance on Friday, Dec. 21, be given at the University Club rooms in the city.

Fine Christmas Program

A Christmas entertainment will be given at the North School on Dec. 21, beginning at one o'clock. The primary children will give the first part of the program, followed by the upper grades. Visitors are cordially invited. The program is as follows:
Play, "The Lost Reindeer," rooms 1 and 2; song, "Santa Claus Land"; play, "Christmas Eve in the Attic," rooms 2 and 3; song, "Santa Claus," recitation, "Christmas Stockings," Esther Lindley; play, "Santa Claus," room 4; recitation, "When the Little Boy Ran Away," Mary Harris; song, "Christmas Bells," Fifth Grade; Dumb Bell Drill, 18 girls, Fifth Grade; play, "A Gay Christmas Ball," Fifth Grade; song, 6th and 7th grade; Play, "Reforming a Careless Boy," 6th Grade; play, "The Christmas Sprite," 6th Grade; pantomime, "Silent Night," 7th Grade; play, "The Bird's Christmas Carol," 7th Grade.

An Unique Plan

In an Irishwoman in China, Mrs. De Burgh Daly tells of an amusing incident that she witnessed on the Japanese ship, Sendai Maru. A young lady, after long seclusion in her cabin, came on deck and walked about a little. Presently the breeze freshened, the ship began to roll, and she turned pale. To my astonishment, says Mrs. Daly, I saw a Japanese sailor go up to her and slap her violently between the shoulders with his open hand. "Oh," I cried to the captain, who was standing beside me, "what a shame! Why did he do that?" "I'm so sorry," said the captain in a small, meek voice, "I told him to do it. We think it such a good cure for sea sickness!" And says Mrs. Daly, it did cure her, for she was so indignant that she forgot her uneasy feelings, scolded the man roundly and felt much better.

Mrs. M. C. Soule states that she has the agency for a most ideal hospital site, upon which is now located a 15 room residence and has beautiful grounds, is easy of access, and may be secured upon very reasonable terms. The house is thoroughly modern, and a full block of ground may be secured with the residence if desired. adv.

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St. Johns' Roll of Honor

Following is a list of those from St. Johns who have enlisted in Uncle Sam's service and who are now at the different training camps. We probably overlooked some, as it is exceedingly difficult to learn them all. So if you know of any overlooked, will you kindly furnish their names, so that they may be added to St. Johns' Roll of Honor.
Taylor M. Whitmore, Athill W. Irvine, Deane H. Knowles, Earl H. Knowles, Theodore Bugbee, H. Byron Poff, Armand Olin, Claude E. Harris, Russell Poff, R. P. Galloway, Chas. E. Garlick, Murne Donaldson, Glenn Haskell, Ray Clark, Benjamin Swan, Hubert Martin, Leon Sorber, Donald Strickland, Lowell Anderson, John LaVillett, Frank L. Thompson, Orin Lear, Hal J. Davis, Donald N. Trowbridge, Bert Larson, Alan Rutherford, Homer Plaskett, Henry Brandenburg, J. W. Welch, David Bove, Clyde Heath, Walter Mayer, Fred Scmalling, John Boggs, Ernest Johnson, Hiram Eater, Kenneth Simmons, Thornton Toole, Eugene Hiatt, Dove Walker, August Jensen, Roy Myer, Walter Pearson, Elmer Maples, Roy Gagnon, Harold and Arthur Holcomb, Lester D. and Basil B. Smith, Bryant Kilkenny, Paul Rude, Emory Gilmore, Lewis Wirth, Harold Meredith, Ray Hawkins, Hugh Ward, Kindel C. Satterlee, Gordon and Wilbur Beilinger, Zelta Rice, John O'Neill, Harry Truman, Frank Green, Walter Rickson, Frank Whitney, Thomas Reynolds, Carlyle Cunningham, Percy Smith, Frank Whitney, Arthur C. Clark, Alphonso Fox, Harry O. Hughes, Geo. Downey, Thos. E. Edward G. and Ingolf Willkisson, F. Edward Isbell, Graham Moxon, G. Lincoln Fassett, Harley Manning.

Will Hold Dance

The Knights and Ladies of Security, St. Johns Council 2775, will give a social dance in their hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th. Everyone is invited to attend and have a good time. First class music will be furnished by Sneed's Orchestra. Two prizes will be given for a prize waltz. The lady will receive a three dollar box of candy and the gentleman two dollars in cash. A prize will also be given for the couple nearest a certain spot on the floor when the music stops. One dollar in cash to the lady and gentleman. Don't miss this as it will mean a good time for every one. adv

Cooley-Choquette

Willis W. Cooley and Miss Ann Choquette were joined in marriage at Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 6th. The wedding was attended by the members of both families. The bride is a St. Johns young lady. Before coming here she was employed in the postoffice at Gervais, and has been employed at the telephone exchange here for a year or more. The groom is a native of Silverton, but had been stationed for some time at Vancouver, being a member of Uncle Sam's aviation corps. The day following the wedding, the groom left for Texas to secure further training in aviation work.

A Slight Mistake

A noted botanist was walking through a park with a young lady of the "gushing" type. He pointed out to her some of the fine trees in the neighborhood. Professing great interest, the damsel cried: "How the noble aspect of beautiful trees stirs up the emotions of the soul!" Then, patting a great rough trunk, she went on: "You superb oak, what would you say if you could talk?" "I believe I can be his interpreter," he murmured gently. "He would probably say: 'I beg your pardon, madam; I am a beech.'"

A full line of Xmas candies, nuts and fruit at Alex S. Scales. Phone Col. 210.

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Social Functions

The Bachelor Club will give their Red Cross dance in the skating rink Tuesday evening, Dec. 18th, the entire proceeds of which will be devoted to the Red Cross fund. This will be followed on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, with a patriotic dance to be given by the Knights of Pythias in the skating rink, the proceeds of which will go toward Liberty Bond contracted for by the dance committee. Both events will undoubtedly be most enjoyable affairs, and lovers of dancing will make no mistake by attending both functions.

The Youth's Companion Practical Home Calendar combines the beautiful with the useful. It is especially sought for by busy people, because it gives at one glance not only the days of the current month, but those of the month preceding and the month following, all on the one leaf. At the same time the calendar is decorative in design and suitable for a place in the best room in the house. It is given to all readers of the Youth's Companion who have paid their subscriptions for 1918.

The American Bible Society "Bibles for Soldiers" Drive for \$15,000 in Oregon takes place December 9th to 17th, by authorization of President Wilson, the Oregon State Council of Defense and Governor Withycombe. The ministers of all denominations are supporting it; the Oregon State Sunday School; Christian Endeavor; the Epworth League, and the Baptist Young Peoples' Unions of the State are actively engaged in making it a success.

When it was predicted by the Review some months ago that the local ship plant would have 1500 or more employes by the first of the year, the idea was scoffed at by quite a few citizens as a "pipe dream," but we understand there are now about that number on the pay roll, with more being added right along. Certainly it is great institution for St. Johns. May it double its capacity within the next year.

Rev. J. H. Barnett, recently pastor of the Congregational church of St. Johns, passed away this Thursday morning at about 6:30, after an illness of two months or more duration. His death is a matter of sincere regret to the people of St. Johns. The funeral services will be held at the home, 405 Alta street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Miller & Tracey, undertakers, in charge. More complete obituary next week.

The fifth number of the free lecture course which was scheduled to take place in the High School auditorium next Tuesday evening has been postponed until after the holidays, definite announcement of which will appear later. The postponement was adopted because of the difficulty experienced by the speakers in making arrangements to appear before the busy holiday season had passed.

The Commission of Public Docks will receive bids until 10 a. m. December 13, for furnishing and delivering electric current for power and light at the St. Johns Terminal. They will also, on December 18, open bids for clearing, grubbing and grading for a spur track, from the O. W. R. & N. Co.'s Troutdale branch to the St. Johns Terminal.—Portland Abstract.

"If any man here," shouted the temperance lecturer, "can name an honest business that has been helped by the saloon I will spend the rest of my life working for the liquor people." A man in the audience arose. "I consider my business honest," he said, "and it has been helped by the saloon." "What is your business?" yelled the orator. "I am an undertaker."

When I see people who are great stickers as to form or attitude in prayer, they remind me of my old neighbor, Saxby, who fell into Bill Smith's well. He said: "The prayingest praver I ever said was in that well standing on my head."—Ex.