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WAR WITH AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

The passage in President Wilson's address to Congress which transcends all else in importance is that in which he proposes a declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. It expresses the President's stern purpose to execute the will of the American people that this war be fought with "every power them, while they refuse to fight, but and resource we possess" until Prusstay here for tileir own profit? sian autocracy is beaten down. proves his readiness to "face the facts as they are and act upon them with-

This recommendation, which will certainly be followed within a few days, falsifies forecasts of the President's intentions and is proof that there is to be no flinching on his part. It is a plain intimation that the United States is to give military aid to Italy as well as to France. This conclusion may also be drawn from his proposal that declaration of war on Turkey and Bulgaria be deferred because they the necessities of this war carry us." direct invitation to Austria to emanci-

pate herself from vassainge to Germany when he says: We do not wish in any way to impair or to rearrange the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It is no affair of ours what they do with their own life, either industrially or politically. We do not purpose or desire to dictate to them in any way. We only desire to see that their affairs are left in their own hands in all matters, great or small.

That provokes speculation as to the President hopes, by of Italy and then, by these assurances, to induce them to make a separate peace and to leave Germany to fight alone, since the Kaiser would in that of a state. event be cut off from Turkey and that country has followed in Russia.

But how can the war be ended in accordance with American principles of democracy if the Austro-Hungarian empire be not impaired or rearranged? Its very existence is a direct negation se principles, for it has been formed by gathering together by force Bohemians, Poles, Serbs, Croats, Rou-

The President may look for the reorganization of the dual monarchy strong a Slav majority that it would be distinctly anti-German and own, or, indeed, of theirs, so long as would constitute an impassable barhe believed in them and their good

The Governor of Massach would constitute an impassable barrier, together with the adjoining Bal- will and good faith.

kan states, to the German thrust eastward. But the same end could as well be gained by uniting each of the severed nations under one government, face to form such a confederation, which might include the German remnant of Austria and the Magyan remnant of Hungary, Such states, with all frontier questions permanently settled, would naturally draw together for common protection in commerce. state of war with Austria will

in the United States. It has been candor, optimism and personality were amply proved that Germany has used among its chief assets subjects of her ally to commit esplonage under cover of their im- He will, indeed, be missed. munity from treatment as alien enemies. They have acted as our memies while we have treated them as friends. Now the same treatment can be extended to all alien enemies alike within our borders, for there he closely watched.

strive to render humanity and democ- not enough cars are available to carry racy, of our purpose toward Germany, coal as well as other commodities. and of the necessity that we deal with spokesmen of the German people in do not need to curtail their use of colleges and universities compiled by are, in fact, fighting for their waiting to be used. emancipation." Such truths are dan-

With what fine scorn does the President dismiss "the clamor of the noisily dent dismiss "the clamor of the noisily duces itself. When applied to generate than 18 per cent, and that, counting dent dismiss "the clamor of the noisily duces itself. When applied to generate the strictly men's colleges and thoughtless and troublesome," and ation of electricity, waterpower emthose who "fling themselves in imploys few men and few railroad cars, the drop at the ploys few men and few railroad cars, four college men is in some way or potent disloyalty against the calm, while a million men are engaged in another in the service of his country indomitable power of the Nation!"
How forceful is his contrast between in running coal trains, and 35 per "those who desire peace by any sort cent of rail freight tonnage is coal." 'those who desire peace by any sort cent of rail freight tonnage is coal. When we recall for-

he has progressed under the inspiraof mankind.

Those "certain other acts of legislation which," he says, "seem to me more to speed up industry for the gi-to be needed for the support of the gantic task of war than the passage of not been lacking. The call of patriotwar and for the release of our whole these bills. force and energy" cover practically the whole field. We need laws not only to restrain after enemies and to prevent war profiteering, but to develop water power and other natural do resources, to improve railroads and other transportation lines, to promote foreign trade, and, more than ever when our annual expenditures run into tens of billions, we need a budget system. Under the urge of war Congress is called upon to settle in one session controversies which have daugged through decades. The resistless urge Postage Rates—12 to 16 pages, I cent; 18 to 32 pages, 2 cents; 38 to 48 pages, 2 cents; 36 to 48 pages, 5 cents; 50 to 60 pages, 4 cents; 62 to 46 pages, 5 cents; 75 to 82 pages, 6 cents; 62 to 46 pages, 5 cents; 75 to 82 pages, 6 cents; 75 to 82 pages, 1 cent; 18 ternal affairs in order, that we may overcome the enemy. When it is ended, we shall be a Nation whose life has been quickened, a Nation made over.

WHAT REASON?

The Oregonian would like to know how many male aliens of conscription age who have not declared their intention to become citizens there are those voting thereon. in Oregon and other Northwest states, and what they are doing.

The conscription law requires them to register, but does not require them school teacher on a nut sundae jag. to enlist, or to perform any other service for the United States in the war. Some of them, indeed, have war. volunteered. But how many? Senator Chamberlain has a bill to

require aliens not alien enemiesserve in the Army or Navy on the same terms as citizens. Is there any reason why Americans should fight to make America free for

well with the great mass of humanity, new responsibility for careful and would govern him now in wish and he thought first of others and last vigitant investigation."

But not the least interesting phase their suppression if he were alive. and Bulgaria be deferred because they "do not yet stand in the direct path of our necessary action" and from his statement that "we shall go wherever personal esteem The reason is not have the constitute of her had the extra- any affront to a state. He declares supplied a million soldiers with meat or five and a half months, speaks with the authority of experience in But the President seems to offer a seem to emanciate herself from vassalage to Gerate herself from sued his aims without spite or rancor by saying: toward anyone, and bore himself with unfailing cheerfulness and courage. True, he has no hesitation about criticism of individuals if it seemed to him merited. He found himself often in opposition to important citizens, and he had so high a sense of duty to his cause, whatever it was, that he gave no thought of any consequence.

Contempt for the law does not concern the showed that whereas 178 in 1000 died in 1912 and 169 in 1913, only 49 dled in 1912 and 169 in 1915, or only 62,690 in all these in another state against the Italians; in another state against the Chinese; in still another against the latter year, as complications of the state who come from Japan; and the had so high a sense of duty to his cause, whatever it was, that he gave no thought of any consequence. American participation in the Italian gave no thought of any consequence campaign, to drive the Austrians out to himself. Because his ideals were

The published photographs of Mr. Bulgaria. By that course he would turn-against Germany the policy which flection of a clear, cheerful and un-dismayed soul. He had a living creed to which he always adhered—to make West. But in the instance in point, it the most of life, never to werry, to is reaping the whirlwind sowed by a believe in himself, to trust his friends, neighboring state in the South. Susto love his family, and to fear only picton of lawlessness is contagious, but the worst enemies have been God. It is easy to suppose that, in the just as lawlessness itself is contagious, dense brush, insects, heat and disease. past few weeks, when he must have not only Georgia, but West Virginia known the last call would soon come. he was calm, strong and sure, for he themselves, it would seem, before the manians and Ruthenes under the rule of a German-Magyar minority. The subject parts of those races cannot be united with the independent parts, as they desire and as they have a right to be under the principles for which we are fighting, unless the empire is seriously import lot of others less able to buffet.

He was calm, strong and sure, for he was fortified not only by his own seriously between the states will have its old force.

It will not be wished that finy general spirit of jealousy between the states shall be fostered by refusals of personal hardships or troubles; but he never ceased to complain about the hard lot of others less able to buffet. paired, even to the point of dismem- hard lot of others less able to buffet hard lot of others less able to buffet sition works well and serves the ends the adverse tides of fortune or circum- of the law-abiding by aiding in the stance. He was their friend, and they punishment of criminals. But it knew it, and they relied on him, at clearer that the community with organization of the dual monarchy knew it, and they relied on him, at into a confederation of states divided times to his disadvantage; but he did on national or racial lines and having not reproach others for any consequence to himself or any act of his

Mr. Carroll had a long career as a journalist in several states of the Middle West, and, lastly, of Oregon. He was a thoroughly qualified re-porter, editor, publisher. Where he served others it was honorably and well, and where he worked for himself-as he did as publisher and part owner of the Evening Telegram-he pursued the same honest and disinterested methods, for he looked upon a war and for common extension of newspaper as a means of service and not an agency of personal profit. The Evening Telegram through him was greatly simplify the work of protection against the crimes of allen enemies partments. His experience, honesty,

acts of destruction, conspiracy and will be missed; yet that is exactly so.

FUEL FAMINE AND ITS REMEDY. At every city in the United States where electric current is generated by steam power, the Government has called for reduced use of electricity in are few Turks and Bulgarians in the order that coal may be saved. Fewer decrease in the number of new stu-brawn. Their turn will probably streetcars must be run, less electric come later, and, meanwhile, they can power and light must be used because not enough coal is produced to keep colleges are furnishing a large num-The President is at his best in his factories and shippards running at re-statement of our cause for war with war speed, and to keep trains running of the service which we to carry war material, and because

order to obtain a lasting peace. Noth- electricity, because it is generated by could have more telling effect on waterpower and therefore does not the German people, if it could reach involve consumption of coal or employ hem, than his description of the isola- freight cars. But millions of water- are 102,253, a decrease of 20,944. tion into which they would be thrown horsepower are going to waste which "if they should still, after the war is might be used with the same benefiover, continue to be obliged to live continue to be obliged The German government Mountains to the Pacific Coast and can be trusted to keep these from the many in the South might be turned cluded in the list, and these by thempeople, as well as the statement that by waterpower. It is here, simply

Millions of horsepower have gone gerous to the despotic rulers over even and are going to waste, but, unlike leges and the coeducational institu-the most docile people. cosl, which, once used, is gone for-"fling themselves in im- ploys few men and few railroad cars, the drop is 25 per cent. One in every

of compromise" and the great body of the American people, who "desire peace by the overcoming of evil, by waterpower to development on any outcome of the war. Experience has the defeat once for all of the sinister | terms except those which are dictated | indicated that when "hard times" forces that interrupt peace and render by a little knot of doctrinaires. The tervened to recast the family plans, it remedy for the fuel shortage is self- was the boy who received his educa-

power industry and to the public of the though higher education may be tion of this final conflict between con-scienceless might and the moral sense provided in the Shields and Walsh not so seriously affect her career. But

HOW RECKLESS!

After straining for several months The initiative and referendum a gnat. amendment finally adopted looks small and pitifully weak beside the Oregon system.

The Massachusetts plan requires 25,000 signatures to start a constitutional amendment on its way. The amendment must be approved by not submitted to the people. The Legissplit the majority if the majority happens to be favorable to the principle

In the election an amendment must obtain at least 30 per cent of the total vote and the affirmative majority of And Massachusetts thinks it has played the dickens. The conservative old state reminds us of a Sunday

JOHN F. CARROLL.

John Francis Carroll was an optimist, always, yet he never reduced his philosophy of life to the sordid principle to have his neck stretched."

"liable to have his neck stretched."

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"lable to have his neck stretched." that "all is best in the best possible of worlds." He knew that all was not well with the great mass of humanity, new responsibility for careful and impelled him to seek to recover them

son why he attached people so strongly of the matter, from the lawyer's point to him. Men who had known him for of view, is Governor McCall's assergears were his friends; none who knew tion that refusal to grant a requisition him for any length of time could hate is no new thing, nor does it constitute personal esteem. The reason is not had its own requisitions refused, wel-

high, and his purposes unselfish, he may be influenced by its geography. of this highly important department retained to the last the respect of all Its is at the gateway between the of food conservation. It will take opponents and the rising confidence tradition of the South which pre- but meanwhile it should not be serves the death penalty for the particular crime with which the negro in this case was charged, and also, as Governor McCall points out, it is on the dividing line between East and

> reputation for injustice is going to suffer its punishments, too, and that storekeepers are regular profiteers. those who urge comity must be pre-

cluding words of his letter, in which he says that when we are nobly contending to make the world safe for democracy there is opportunity also for us to show our spiritual fitness safe for common justice." In other words, there is a special call for us now to be law-abiding in a more or less lawless world, and it is a duty not only for the individual but for the community. The prime necessity for an inspiring example permits no exception to the rule.

Opportunity is just being given to It is trite to say that Mr. Carroll analyze the figures of college enrolfment for the current year, and they are disturbing as showing a larger falling off than was expected, in view of the appeal quite generally made by leaders in education to young men to fit themselves for the exacting requirements of the future. But there is one ray of light in the gloom. The dents is smaller than the decrease of all students registered. While the ber of young men to war work, there is evidence of at least an effort on the tinue the plans they had originally made.

> the Boston Transcript show that there were last year 123,327 students, and in the same institutions this year there the Fall of 1916 51,409 students entered these same colleges, while this year the number is 28,041, a decrease of 3378-not so great in proportion but a decrease, nevertheless. But there are nine women's colleges inselves showed an increase in enrollment from 8467 to 8621. This means that, considering only the men's colthe men's departments in the others.

mer utterances of Mr. Wilson and evident. It is to pass laws which will tion at all costs, and the giris' schools compare them with this call to empermit development of waterpower battled democracy, we see how far on terms which are just both to the

No one act of Congress could do more to speed up industry for the gi-

ism has been paramount.

There is another side to the question, however. There is widespread testimony to more serious purpose the Massachusetts constitutional convention has succeeded in swallowing a gnat. The initiative and referendum college authorities much concern this year. Even the minor forms of hazing are going out of vogue. Students who remain know more nearly what they remain know more nearly what they have come to school to do. Class attendance is higher and there is closer application to studies. It is wholly conceivable that this may result in less than one-quarter of all the a net gain for education as a whole members of both branches of two legislative sessions before it can be sors in the past to induce their studies in the past to induce the past to fature may then submit along with it the precious years of youth. If this dents to take their work seriously in attention. competing, conflicting or alternative has been accomplished, the loss of 25 have, that some men do not find their its compensations.

The right of publication existing in the ownership of private correspondence will come up for discussion anew and outdoor sports, all of which are The right of publication existing in the ownership of private correspondwith the revival of a rumor that a taxed, but in running for office. budget of letters written by James Senator, seems in turn to afford amuse-Whitcomb Riley, which has fallen into the hands of a collector, will soon be printed by him "for private circula- didates apparently for no other cause tion only." The question will naturally be raised how far the limitation of circulation takes the edge from the still obvious fact of the betraval of their followers. There is an echo of the Leo Frank still obvious fact of the betrayal of case in the refusal of Governor McCall, inmost secrets, for the letters in quesof Massachusetts, to permit the extra- tion were written by Riley to a school dition of a negro to West Virginia, as teacher to whom he was engaged to be requested by the Governor of the latter married. They cover a period of eight state. The defendant was accused of years, from 1877 to 1885. The rothe crime commonly believed to be the most productive of lynchings, but there entered into the Massachusetts Governor's refusal a grave doubt as to the with which she did not comply. Her to the prisoner's guilt, and also a claim to sympathy may seem to be would govern him now in wishing

The Department of Agriculture, in pointing out that the loss from hog cholera last year was sufficient to have with the authority of experience in counties in nearly as many states showed that whereas 178 in 1000 died to co-operate cheerfully in every pos-West Virginia stands in a peculiar sible measure, including local quaranposition, so far as its social conditions tine, which will advance the interests North and the South, preserving the many years to stamp out the plague, mitted to gain a new foothold in the country.

The last of the German colonies being conquered, British and Belgian troops can now be concentrated in the main field of operations. It has been a long war in German East Africa, dense brush, insects, heat and disease.

Every man likes to have his wife have some religion. Secretly he is proud of the fact. Sometimes, perhaps, some wives have too much to suit husbands, but it is a poor specimen who objects. He is of little resource.

So now I open cupbeard door With and and doubling glancs, And smile with give if aught there be To "make" a dish, by chance: I mix and stir, and whisk and whit, And use up this and that, And when it's done I dish up some And try it on the cat!

—GRACE E. HALL.

A grower who sold some apples to a retailer at 75 cents a box because he did not consider them of the first WHOOPLA, Or., Dec. 1.—(To the Per class, dropped in an hour later and ipterous.)—The articles by the editor saw his apples marked "\$1.56." Some of The Oregonian and the New York

The Governor of Massachusetts puts in the recommendations by the Mult-the issue on a high plane in the con-nomah budget committee. Many taxpayers are making the old things do for another year and hope the county can do as well.

The suggestion from Pittsburg to "by leading the way to make America shut down all manufacturing plants from December 22 until January 7 needs an additional suggestion-to shut down eating during the period.

> The bread price will drop next week, and while the saving is slight on each purchase, it amounts to some thing in a year, which is the way to figure on all expenses.

The experience of a Portland man who was robbed of much money while drunk in Clackamas County Sunday may teach him to obfuscate nearer home next time.

Those shippard workers who insist on meat on Tuesday will be helped by eating fish if they but know it They need brains mixed with their

Not many know it, but more are learning that cottage cheese is an excellent side dish. It carries the pro-tein needed for "ginger" in the day's

German raiders will have to learn some new tricks in order to trap American ships. Fake fires are "old stuff.

The new republic in the Crimea gets in in time to participate in general reorganization of the map by and by. ____

The difficulty in convicting a bootlegger lies in getting a jury wholly of prohibitionists, which cannot be done. This city just now needs a land-

scape architect as much as a needs help to get her horns on straight. Silver helped save the Union in the '60s, and may do the same again.

It is a cold day when Russia does not slough off a new republic.

Perhaps Judge Mackintosh can keep Seattle out of the wet. War with Austria lets us into Italy,

where we are needed. No Rose Festival next year? Well,

perhaps and possibly. Crackers must follow bread in price

The Peripterous. eripterous—A Structure Having Rows of Columns on All Sides—Dictionary

(Synopsis of preceding synopses.) (Synopsis of preceding synopses.)

The Oregonian, a great morning newspaper, employs a distinguished literary architect to construct a peripterous.

He does it. It has rows of columns on east, west, north and south.

The Peripterous becomes a Free Auditorium for the expression of incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial opinions, news, verse and anecdotes.

The Peripterous discount management of the peripherous discount management of the peripherous discount management.

Exciting Pursuit of Tax Dodgers. Senator Gluten's proposal to correct an important oversight in the war tax on amusements and to enlist the support of a patriotic public in behalf of an amendment is attracting widespread

Senator Gluten says that he has obgreatest amusement in phonographs, plano players, theaters, moving picture

Ex-Representative Heehawtery, the well-known candidate for re-election, observes that conditions are still desperate. He has read the proposal of Senator Gluten and believes the remarks of the Senator are directed spe-

cifically at him.

Mr. Heehawtery asserts that the poli-Mr. Heehawtery asserts that the policies advocated by Senator Gluten are so amusing that all who read them ought to pay an amusement tax.

Seriously speaking, continues Mr. Heehawtery, the only amusement devo-Seriously speaking, continues Mr. Heehawtery, the only amusement devoees who have escaped the war tax are the habitual patrons of the newspape the habitual patrons of the newspaper comics. Inasmuch as dolls and toys are taxed, argues our most vigorous perrennial, thus affecting the little children of the land, and also inasmuch as even the amusement found in chewing gum pays tribute to the Government, why not make the why not make the persons who guff-haw over the comics do their bit?

"Father of Four" writes to say that he has just completed the fourth read-ing of the Sunday comic supplements in response to vigorous and insistent demands. He thinks the readers of the comics are taxed enough already.

The End of a Hoover Day, come to the end of a meatless day, peacefully lying in bed, My thoughts revert in a musing way
To the food which today I've been fed.
When I think of the cheese and the beans
and the fish
And oysters I've had to eat,
I've no regrets for the "good old days"—
I really didn't miss the meat!

have come to the end of a wheatless day, I have come to the end of a wheatless day,
I have eaten no cookies or ple.
I have had no bread that was made with
wheat:
It was made out of corn or rye;
And I liked it so well, that when war is past
And a glorious victory won.
I'll keep on observing "wheatless" days,
And I'll eat "corn pone" for fun!
—Ocanto (Wis.) Enterprise.

Aftention! Humane Society.

I took a course at cocking school

Not many years ago,
And learned to make those desinty things
That tempt the palate so.
From soup to nuts, I learned it all—
Except comomixing;
Farewell, ch. cakes, desserts and pics,
We now are Hooverising!

Dh. sweet cream plet you were our fee, For gastronomic reason;
But still, 'tis true, we long for you
Both in and out of meanon!
Oh, salads and desserts of old,
Te mixtures that delighted.
Today if we indulge in thee
By Hoover we're indicted!

The Charge of the County Ford. Post, summing up the Eaton incident, ber 15? are fine. However, they omit the real ulmination of the affair, his Fairmount Church meeting. That feature demands heroic verse. Hence these lines:

AT FAIRMOUNT CHURCH.

A War-Time Ballad.
The year was nineteen-seventeen,
November was the month.
Gld Time, who's always humple',
Had reached the twenty-oneth,

It is the Fairmount Church Wherete the neighbors haste. Some people blame their motives. I only blame their taste.

For Eaton had explained, Explained it all at first, And then five times explained, Each explanation was the wo And now we're on West Ninth, The scene has changed a bit, Chamber of Commerce seethes! Ten members in a lit!

What arroke their reason cleft And brought this wracking pain? It was the fear, the awful fear That Eaton would again explain!!

O stricken, stricken Ten! There on the floor they lie! Some for the dector cail, But the steward winks his eye.

And to the phone he goes:
"He, central! Twenty-six!
Ah, Parker, hither, quick!
The Chamber's in a fix!"

The Sheriff is a kindly man. As any one may sec.

And though no Greek he knows,
He's up politically.

He looked upon the wretched Ten, Their grief unnerved him quite, But to his aid the old line came, 'Curfew shall not ring tonight! Straight to the phone he strode.

The Ten their mouning quit, And on each face was that Which seemed to say, "We're it!" "Ho. Elking, ho!" the Sheriff cried,
"The county Ford prepare!
And make the old thing hum,
Your motto, 'Get there! Get there!"

I've read of Gilpin's ride, And that of Paul Revere. For old-time runs they're good, But wholly out-classed here.

Down Pearl and out Thirteenth The maddened Ford ker-chugged. ometimes mid-street it went, Sometimes the curbing hugged. And to it clung the wretched Ten, But quiet now and caim of face, And all because they knew That their loved and was safe.

The Campus now is passed!
They may not note its desolation,
Nor that sad student cry,
"Lost, lost, my art appreciation!"

The meeting hour has come! The town clock sounds for eight! The Ten they bat no eye For oft is Eaton late!

And now the church is reached! The neighbors throng the door, But when good Eaton comes. Stout Elkins holds the floor!

We know what Sherman said. And Eaton knows it well! e's bursting with that speech,
Ah, yes, it must be hell!
E. Z. ENTHUSED, DEAN,
Department of Camoufings.

DO DRAFT REGULATIONS PUZ-ZLE YOU?

In a desire to be of assistance men of selective draft age and to promote the smooth working of registration and classification. The Oregonian has equipped itself to answer questions concerning the new regulations.

The Oregonian will make a spe-cial effort to print promptly re-plies to any questions submitted, but it cannot undertake to send

any person wishing to have some points elucidated is invited to present the question to The Oregonian. It is especially urged that the name and address of the correspondent be enclosed with question, but such name and address will not be published when dress will not be published when the answer is printed if the cor-respondent expresses that prefer-

ence. The reasons for requesting names are that an evidence of good faith is desirable and that sometimes questions must be re-turned to the writers to have them more clearly expressed.

The Oregonian will also print answers to inquiries concerning soldiers' insurance, compensation for soldiers' death or disability, and family allotments.

WAIVER OF DEFERRED CLASS

Registrant Not in Current Quota May Enter Service on Own Request. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Does the new arrangement mean that no one can enlist in any service after December 15 or just those who are drafted in the next draft?

(2) I am now preparing myself as a draftsman at the university for Government service. Will the rule have any bearing on my getting a place?

(3) Can you let me know even approximately when the draft after December 15 will come and it to December 15.

(1) A registrant whose order number is so low that he is not in the current local quota may be inducted im-mediately into the National Army on his own written request and by filing waivers of deferred classification. If his class and order number are not in Farmer Can Sell His Wheat Only at the current local quota he can enlist in the Navy or Marine Corps.
(2) The question is not clear. So long

as you are not called into service you can pursue your studies and obtain a position. Necessary employes of the United States go into class III. Your qualifications as draftsman might cause your assignment to some special military duty if you were in the draft

čall. (3) There is no draft announced for December 15. The approximate date of

Status of Shipyard Employe. PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)—I was examined and certified in another state, an alternate in the last quota of the first draft, but was not taken. I am now employed in a ship-yard. Can I be exempted? B. H. MOORE.

If you are employed in the building or fitting of ships under the supervision of the Emergency Fleet Corporation a request by the principal representative of the Emergency Fleet Corporation in your shipyard will put you in a special class and you will not be the wheat farmer for feeding wheat to regarded as available for military his horses? We have the largest corn service so long as you remain in such crop this year ever harvested in the class. Without such a request your United States. Give it to us at reasonclass. Without such a request your employment will not be regarded as ground for deferred classification. If the yard in which you are work-

If the yard in which you are working is not engaged in Government work we get the Kniser on St. Helena.

You might claim deferred classification. tion on the ground that you are a nec essary laborer in a necessary industrial CHIVALRY OF MIDDLE AGES GONE enterprise. If the claim is allowed you would go into class II.

Enlistment After December 15. PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—(To the Ed-or,)—Will it be impossible for a man f draft age to enlist after Decem-A SUBSCRIBER.

Voluntary enlistments will be per- war? mitted after December 15 only in the Navy and Marine Corps and then only if a registrant's class and order number are not within the current local quota. Specially qualified registrants may vol-unteer for the medical department. A If we find the spirit of it in certain registrant —hose order number is so nations and individuals, why not registrant -hose order number is so nations and individuals, why not low that he is not within the current among all claiming to be leaders in quota of his local board may be immediately inducted into the National

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)—Please advise whether or not a man who was sent to Camp Lewis and discharged on account of physical disability can apply for entistment in Navy or aviation before December 15. A SUBSCRIBER

We know of no rule that prohibits his making the effort to enlist, but, of unnerved? course, cannot say whether he would be accepted. Physical requirements for ing on now on one of the battle fronts. enlistment in the aviation corps are very rigid.

Draft of Austrian.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 3.—(To the Editor.)

-Kindly inform me if a man, having first papers but born in Austria and not first papers out over here, is subjecting quite five years here, is subjecting J. KNAPP.

At the present moment he can be drafted. If the United States declares war on Austria, as recommended by the President, he cannot be drafted thereafter.

PC TLAND, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Is a person who registered June 5, but becomes 31 years of age before the questions are mailed to him subject SUBSCRIBER. He is.

Civil Service Examinations. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 3 .- (To the Editor.)-Kindly tell me where and when the next civil service examination will be held in Oregon. Also, who can I

write to for full information? SUBSCRIBER. Write to M. K. Wigton, Civil Service

Exchange.

Since the United States entered the war against Germany 470 of the 1200 Americans who were living in that country March 1 have left, either for home or for neutral countries. More than half of those remaining live in Berlin. It is said that Americans are not molested by German officials, be-ing subjected to no more restrictions than neutrals.

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of December 5, 1867. London.—A dispatch from Sligo, Ireland, announces the capture of torious Fenian, General Nagle. of the no-

London.-All the cabmen have struck requiring them to attach lamps to their

All the Union papers in California support General Grant for the Presidency.

"A Grand Cock-Fight"-such was the prominent heading of posters about town yesterday, which stated the re-fined entertainment would take place at a saloon on the corner of Front and Stark streets last evening. attend the "grand" inauguration of the sporting season.

London.-Dispatches from India report disaster from cyclones in Bombay and vicinity. Crops were destroyed and great damage done to shipping.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Gregorian of December 5, 1802. New York.—The funeral of Jay Gould will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It will be as quiet as possible and so in line with Mr. Gould's unostentatious preferences.

Vienna .- A dispatch from Turin says that Louis Kossuth is dying.

Work is going ahead on the concrete foundations for the new union passen-ger depot. Some of the walls are up five feet.

Miss Julia Marlowe will be seen in repertoire at the Marquam Grand, com-mencing tonight. She will be here for four performances, all from the pen of Shakespeare. The condition of Union avenue, on which most of the business of East Portland is done, has stimulated some

enterprising citizens to get it paved with asphalt from East Oak street to Sullivan's Guich. The work of circulating a petition will be started today. Memorial day of the Elks was ob-served yesterday by Portland Lodge No.

142 with appropriate ceremonies. PRICE CONTROL STOPS TOO SOON

Less Than He Must Pay for Corn. NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 3.—To the Edi-tor.—Why has Mr. Hoover not fixed the price on corn, rye, oats and barley? It seems to the onlooker that failing to do so has, to a large extent, neu-

tralized the result aimed at in fixing the price on wheat.

Of course, we all take our hats off to and admire Mr. Hoover for the great work he did in Belgium and what he is doing here in the conservation of food. would not for one minute criticise or

find fault. I try my very best to obey December 15. The approximate date of the next draft is said to be February 15. Whether married men will be taken will rest upon the dependency of their families.

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(4) Class IV. were not Hooverizing one little bit, for they were eating the finest of wheat, and all they wanted, too. Can you blame the man? It takes a pretty pa-triotic farmer to haul his wheat 10 to 15 miles to market to sell it for \$3 or \$3.25 per 100 and buy corn at \$4.50 to take back home to feed his hogs, especially when he feels that the wheat farmer has been discriminated against, When I reached home I felt like tak-

able prices and we can save enough wheat to feed the allies and also have some few millions of bushels left over

Practices on One of War Fronts Go

Back to Dimmer Antiquity. PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—(To the Editor.)—We are told that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Can any nation clai-ing to be thus enlightened assume Can any nation claimattitude directly opposite in time of

Contrasting as we do, this 29th century, with that of the Middle Ages, it might be supposed that the civilized world had advanced somewhat. Un-doubtedly it has along many lines, but

enlightenment and culture? The knight of old was required to diately inducted into the National Army on his own written request and by waiving claims of deferred classification.

Enlistment After Rejection.

The DALLES Or Dec 3 (To the service read over him; for further use in his profession, he was considered practically dead. Is it not inconceivable, unthinkable, that the knights of old could have placed innocent women and children in their front lines, as "shields" from the enemy, or for other purposes afterwards, or in order that they might be killed, or that the enemy thus become demoralized

This disgraceful act is said to be godred years? LOUIS G. DRAKE.

Thankful, Though Son Is in Army. CLATSKANIE, Or., Dec. 3 .- (To the Editor.)—One little editorial paragraph h. The Oregonian, November 30, goes to show that even some editors have a

You referred to the home that has an absent son, and the bravery shown in trying to be cheerful. When an old couple gets along several milestones beyond 60, as we are, there is perhaps not much bravery left, but our Thanksgiving did not hear

any regrets, either expressed or in thought; no, our baby son responded to the call and we hope he will do his You often refer to a service flag, kindly let us know through The Oregonian where to get them.

This is just a personal word from an old Portland man who is doing his "bit" down here making cheese. R. ROBINSON.

Portland department stores carry service flags.

. Water Barrel Wonder.

Pathfinder. Perhaps the most notable specimen of Clerk, Postoffice building, Portland, stating the kind of work in which you have had training.

Americans Not Molested.

Exchange.

form contains something like 96 per cent of pure water. Address of Colonel Disque. AURORA, Or., Dec. 3.—(To the Edictor.)—Please state the address of Colonel Disque. HOME GUARD.

ably arranged that the pulp which they

Colonel Brice P. Disque, Yeon boulding, Portland, Or.