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ON BEING CALM.

The late Democratic Governor of Oregon and the late Democratic candidate for Governor of Oregon, who spent each a few hours at Camp Mills. through the convenient and sympathetic medium of the Democratic newspaper organ of Portland describe reports of bad conditions as greatly exaggerated, and say that they heard no complaint from the soldiers; and one of the two solemnly warns the fathers and mothers of Oregon against "hysteria."

Let us first assure our Democratic friends that the Democratic Administration is in no serious danger of overthrow from the exposure of the bleak and chilly unsuitability of Camp Mills as a Winter rendezvous for soldiers. Not at all. Nor are the soldiers said by anybody to be complaining They are soldiers.

But the fathers and mothers are complaining. It is natural enough that they should be disturbed over the unnecessary hardships imposed upon their sons by their assignment to a camp which the War Department admits and says is not fit for Winter It is a way fathers and mothers have. It is of course easy for those persons who have no sons in camp to be quita calm and to adjure the fathers and mothers also to be

Well, they have not been calm, and their refusal to be calm appears to created an uneasy feeling at Washington that something ought to be done to calm them. The commandant of the camp has been asked for a report. When in due course he reports that the soldiers who are said by sundry agitated parents to be suffering haven't said a word about it to him, their superior officer, and that everything is as good as could be expected in a camp located in the sandy mud, with cold winds, drenching rains, zero weather, no good fuel, no sewerage, and other natural discomforts, no doubt the War Department will settle back into its historic pose of indurated coolness and say that Camp Mills is all right, and the patriots who selected it and got somebody at Washington to sand, or the mud. To prove it all they are abandoning the camp. Doesn't that show that it is all right?

There is one Portland citizen of repute who spent two weeks at Camp methods for its success Mills, visiting his two sons. There is one other reputable citizen, with two soldier sons there, who also passed about the same period there. They unite in their testimony that it was no fit place for either soldier or citi-They, too, heard no complaints from the soldiers, but their eyes were open and their minds were receptive and they are not candidates for office They support entirely, from their own The Oregonian correspondent who is on the spot, and who is not dependent on the casual inquiries of chance vis tors who saw nothing wrong, be-

But let us be calm. The boys are be neglected again by officialdom. We tastic and unauthorized claims made know they will not be neglected or in their behalf. forgotten by their anxious fathers and mothers.

It is hard for fathers and mothers, are fathers and mothers.

HOGS AND CORN.

Opening of various corn shows in Oregon co-ordinates nicely with the call by the Department of Agriculture for an increase of 15 per cent in pork production during the coming year. The Department has assigned quotas prevail, and only a few will benefit, the consumer suffering from the high prices and a shortage of necessary animal fats.

Corn is not indispensable to the pro duction of pork, as individual farmers have shown in Oregon, but it is highe ly useful and economical, and it cor There is no betserves other grains. ter pork-producing feed, where it can found among the opponents of the by the public library. The food conbe grown advantageously. Consum- teaching of the German language in servation and home gardening moveing corn on the ground saves transportation and labor and makes meat at minimum cost. The Northwest now recognize the principle that solidarity prospective soldiers have been helped prospective soldiers helped prospective soldiers have been helped prospective soldiers have been helped prospective soldiers helped prospectiv tation and labor and makes meat at minimum cost. The Northwest now the finishing touch of excellence

corn shows this year are the demonstrations of what the boys and girls can do. Dayton and Salem and Eugene and the rest of the state are Vienna. swake to the importance of enlisting their youths. Seed corn stringing contests and seed-testing competitions have their places beside the pig-feeding clubs, which are growing in popu-Hogs and corn larity everywhere. are as closely associated in the popular mind as Damon and Pythias or

Darby and Joan. Raising both hogs and corn is. therefore, not only likely to be prof-itable, but certain to be necessary if far to explain the attitude of Bohem-is being done will wish it to be conthe country is to extend itself in wag-It is a patriotic duty,

farmers and their boys and girls.

WHOLESOME TRUTH.

The American people are to learn many unpleasant and startling facts through the Congressional investigation into the conduct of the war.

They have already found out that only half as many rifles are being manufactured for American soldiers as were being made in America for foreign armies when the war began Thousands of soldiers in cantonments have no rifles; and the weapons

they have are not the type to be used in France. No ammunition is available in canonments for target practice.

guns, no model of a machine gun was terms of adopted until June, 1917, and not a natural new machine gun has yet been delivered to the Army. The delay is due to disputes in the War Department.

The American forces in Europe are to use French machine guns and artilfrom America.

The new American machine gun has never had a field test under war con-The emergency fund of \$100,000.

These are the concrete facts of unpreparedness, inevitable in a country which does not expect war, does not get ready for it and must learn how to wage it when it comes. There will be other disclosures, many of them. They will not strike the country agreeably, but it is well to know them now, so that mistakes may be corrected, red tape, sloth, incompetency and inexperience understood and cured, and fit men put on duty.

We are to find that fighting the most powerful military nation in the world, even with strong and valiant allies, is no business for amateurs or politicians, or self-seekers, or chair-

warmers.
President Wilson has problems at home not less grave than the problems abroad. The country has unlimited confidence in his patriotic purpose and it expects him to act; and undoubtedly he will act where errors are discovered and incompetency ex-

Congress has determined to learn the truth now, not when it is too late It is not a partisan but a non-partisan investigation which it is conducting. It has not escaped the notice of the country that the leaders in the demand for the facts are members of the President's own party.

DR. STILL.

The death of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still, widely known as the "father of osteopathy," at the age of 89, will recall to the public mind a man who labored assiduously and sincerely found a new school of health, and who in his lifetime overcame a good deal of prejudice and opposition, and lived to see his work widely extended. is said that there are now some 8000 doctors of osteopathy in the United States, the product of less than thirty years of growth. Legislative hostility has been generally overcome and the school has won recognition in most of

the states. The theory of which Dr. Still was the exponent found fertile soil which to sprout because of deepening belief of many persons that the dominating schools of healing were placing too much reliance upon the therapeusend a lot of shivering soldiers there habit of the American people seemed of War is not responsible for the weather, or the winds, or the fogs, or results obtained. Extremes always prepare the way for reaction, and Dr. Still crystallized a sentiment when he proposed a system that looked to other

Scientists of the older school will be slow to concede that it was the inabout, but it is probably true that less today than was the custom when Dr Still began to practice. If mankind has not begun to throw physic to the dogs; it at least is more discriminating in the use of it. And, measured by the testimonials which they are able independent observation, the report of to exhibit, Dr. Still's followers would seem to have been able to desseminate much comfort in a world of nate much comfort in a world of Ayer indicate that since 1914 there gloom. It is to the credit of the has been an increase in the circulafounder himself that he'did not preach tion of books from 1,284,502 to 1,582,cause they were shown nothing wrong, the dogma of finality. He believed and who heard no complaints from himself to be only on the edge of the were increased from \$157,208 to \$160, great discovery. It is fair to him and 560, or only 2 per cent. And it is also to osteopathy to absolve them from gone somewhere. We hope they won't responsibility for many of the fan-

Dr. Still's age at the time of his death is particularly interesting. If it is not conclusive, it is at least coneven in war times, to forget that they tributory, evidence that a good deal can be done to prolong life and health without drugs. Many influences are in operation to modify our deas as to the preservation of good health, and there is no doubt that Dr. Still's has been one of them.

CZECH SUSPICION OF GERMANY.

The statement by Dr. Alois Rasin, to the various states and expects them a leading Czech politician, in Geneva to respond with results. "If the recently that the success of Pan-Gerfarmer-breeders of the various states," manism would mean the death of says the Department, "do not reach all hopes of a Czecho-Slovak nation the quotas set for them, a more acute and that the Czecho-Slovaks would shortage of pork products will result see their last drop of blood shed raththan now prevails, extremely high er than "see a realization of the Gerprices for hams, bacon and lard will man plan of a Mittel-Europa," gives voice to the feeling of Bohemians generally that their interests do not lie with the success of the Austro-Hungarian empire, with which we are

> The Czechs have good reason for their suspicion of Prussian intentions, hostility of Prussia, exercised through

"No duty," said a noted German writer, "is more sacred than that of ble, for which full credit is its due. forcing the German language upon the world." And "I have no more And "I have no more sacred conviction than this, that the has "been subordinated to the dehigher kultur of humanity depends upon the spreading of the German tional institution which has so di language," was said by the same German. This is not an argument against the teaching, in its place, of a useful ficiency, of the people. Those who

There is no danger that German compensated, and certainly not per-

which, judging by the large attendance will be made to supplant English in mitted to languish in the mistaken at the corn shows, is fully realized by America, but the Czechs see the disappearance of their language if Prus-only tas sia succeeds in its ambitious designs of war. to convert Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria into a highway for an imperialistic march across a continent. The attempts to suppress the language the Bohemians were only part of the long-cherished scheme to make the world into a Germany.

LANE REVOLTS AGAINST PINCHOT. Secretary of the Interior Lane is too thoroughly a Western man to have people how it has been done. remained indefinitely under the Pinchot spell, and his report on Alaska is a declaration of revolt. He accepted the Pinchot system by indorsing the leasing law for Alaska coal Although we had the warning of land, but after trying to apply it for the Mexican War, when we had to hearly four years, he has found that to buy from Great Britain 350 machine it will not work. One can lay down terms on which capital may develop resources, but one cannot make it develop them.

The situation with regard to Alaska coal is that the Government, has spent millions on a railroad to haul it and will be ready for business next lery, with ammunition, until supplied Fall, but so far there is precious little coal to haul. A scanty few men have begun to mine coal, but there is unlimited demand for it on the Pacific Coast, and the law stands between the would-be producer and the 000, passed before war was declared, would-be consumer and prevents them has even now only been partly used. from coming together. The coal which we fain would burn is most ef-

ficiently reserved a la Pinchot. So, also, as regards oil, which abounds in Alaska. Existing oil supplies are being perilously reduced by the enormous demands of war, but the great tracts of oil land from which that supply could be increased are reserved until Congress passes a law which will permit their develop ment. That is true of continental United States as well as Alaska. Mr. Lane says, it is "practically of no more use to the people than if the oil lands were at the North Pole.'

He at last sees how alone they can be made of use-by permitting the pioneer in the Far North to win his reward, as the pioneer in the Far West won his in the mid-nineteenth century. If the West had been reserved, as Alaska now is, it would have been almost as completely a wilderness as Alaska is. Not having of the employer. been reserved, but having been thrown open to the pioneers, it now sends hundreds of thousands of sturdy sons millions of dollars in bonds and vast supplies of food, minerals and other

materials to fight for democracy. If now Congress will pass liberal laws under which the coal, oil and other resources of Alaska may be developed, it will greatly increase the ability of the entire Pacific Coast to Sontribute to the Nation's military effort and it will build up two or three wealthy and populous future states in the Far North. If it will pass similar laws with regard to the coal, oil, phosphate and water power of the West, it will enable this section to add vastly to the supplies of fuel, food and munitions for which both this country and Europe hunger.

The necessities of the time demand that Pinchotism be thrown on the scrap-heap and that development take Until that is place. shall not have staked all that we have on the cause of liberty.

WORK OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. This year's report of the Library Association of Portland will be read Ayer, that "during the period of the Nation. war all effort, both public and private should be subordinated to the demands of the Nation" but it will be contended by only a very small constimaterial curtailment, of educational ing? fluence of Dr. Still that brought it about but it is probably true that less is undoubtedly a necessary educational institution. In a high sense it Death is not taken the street of the formal control of the formal contro complements the work of the formal schools; it also reaches large numbers who have passed the classroom age but who do not regard themselves as

too old to learn. The statistical showing made by our library in Portland is indeed gratifying. The figures summarized by Mr true, as Miss Isom, the librarian, says that the principles governing a commercial institution are not necessarily those which would produce best results with a library.

Greater "output," at lower would mean to the stockholders of a steel company, for example, undoubted if compelled to kiss the Russian peaceimprovement in efficiency, while as institution, unfortunately, decreased expenditure more generally means neglected opportunities, poorer equipment and a lowering of the intellec-tual tone." The Portland Library, enjoying the blessings of excellent management and a capable staff, has fortunately been able to preserve the nice balance between economy and efficiency which is so much to be desired, but the possibilities of retrenchment have definite limitations. The people, looking to the future, ought not to require that economy be car-

ried to the extent of parsimony. well-conducted libraries, ours in particular, have played an im- ical. portant part in war work. vidual citizen would find it feasible to keep pace by purchase alone with the informative and inspiring literature which the war has produced, ac quaintance with which is necessar; and it is for this reason that many of to intelligent patriotism. This need them in the United States are to be has been supplied in large degree produces so many desirable foodstuffs is more often brought about along by access to military manuals and elefor "keeping the hog growing" that lingual than racial lines. This policy mentary books on the French language. it should not handicap itself by lack was followed in Alsace-Lorraine, and And there is no doubt that events have of grain with which to give the pork it was felt with especial force in Bo- moved many persons to read, and the finishing touch of excellence.

hemia. In the latter country efforts through reading to reflect, who previously features of the Oregon of the Czechs to keep alive their landously had not been so moved. Not guage and to foster their literature alone by the circulation of books bearhave long been handicapped by the ing directly upon our war, but by opening the way to reading of every educational sort, the library has been an ever present help in time of trou-One would be inclined to say that "all effort, both public and private, mands of the Nation" by an educa

rected its energies as to increase the

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only task required by the exigenci-

WAR EFFICIENCY IN INDUSTRY. The British nation has proved that KERRY, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Edi-in less than three and a half years it tor.)—(1) Is a physical examination has become the most efficient for war in the world, not excepting Germany. This being a war of mechanics, Britain must excel in that particular, and a British mission has been touring the United States to tell the American

One of the principal means has been government control of both the profits of manufacturers and the wages of Strikes and lockouts have been made illegal, and the government raises wages in proportion to increase other respects to insure justice to both.

Skilled men have been recalled from the army because they give better war service in the factory than in the trenches. Skilled labor has been diluted with half-skilled or unskilled. Women have in some cases supplanted men, but in many more cases have supplemented them. The result has been that man-power employed in munition manufacture has been increased 50 per cent and woman-power per cent, and that the weight of munitions fired since April has been double that fired in the battle of the

By adapting British practice to merican conditions, this Nation can get like results. It can recall from workmen who would be more valuable already in military service the principle which is to be applied in classi- is not a disqualification. fying men for further drafts. require dilution of skilled labor with the unskilled, and of male labor with female labor. It can substitute mediation and arbitration for strikes and advisor. ockouts as the means of adjusting wages and working conditions. It has already gone far to limit profits of manufacturers by fixing maximum prices and by taxation, and is disposed to follow that policy to the full, thus removing cause for complaint on the part of labor that the concessions made by it would inure to the profit

Miss Tatiana Romanoff, daughter of the ex-Czar of Russia, said to be trying to make her way to America is sure of a welcome on our shores, but she is likely to have difficulty in preserving an incognito, even if she desires to do so, Grand Duchesses are not entertained by Americans every day, and the novelty of it is quite likely to overbalance any lack of democracy that may be implied by the harmless rebestowal of her title upon her. This asylum of the oppressed of ours is big enough even to harbor oppressed Grand Duchesses without danger of contamination, and stripped of their titles. "Grand Duchess Tatiana" will be even more interesting than plain "Miss Romanoff" and in the event that her income should be cut off will be able to we make a good deal more money vaudeville.

It may be only a coincidence that one of the Twin Cities, where a gen eral strike has been declared while the country is at war, was the scene with especial interest because of the unusual circumstances under which the work, in common with all other for a technical right. Men would not public activities, has been carried have been so ready to strike if they forward. There is much to be said in had been convinced that we are fightsupport of the suggestion of President ing for our existence as an independent

hurry to be spent in a hurry, but it is being spent at leisure. Is the Unittuency that even though we are at ed States to prepare at its leisure war there should be suspension, or white other nations do all the fight-What kind of a figure do we

> Death is not taking unusual toll, for Portland is a large city, but recent cases of affliction have been around the age of three score and are emphasized by the prominence of the men in civic life.

The German negotiators for an envoys uttered their shibboleth. Even Prussian could scarcely keep a

tion, but the jaded appetite can be stimulated by serving them in a variety of ways. They are fine with but- if he agrees to it. If he does not want termilk, for example. The Germans will put it in the bill

Potatoes are in excess of consump-

Ordinarily such makers. peace.

It is nothing new for the love god

The woodbox just aches with full- ury Department, Washington, D. C. ness in the home of the family that has a boy, a peculiarity this time of year.

No more wasting liquor by pouring it into the sewer. Government wants and it for war purposes, purely mechan-

the mercury 20 below at Sloux City. A package that does not reach an Oregon soldier at an Atlantic point

In the cafeteria milk is "fed" into the coffee before serving and why not the same with augar? Recruits for the engineers' regi-

will follow him to "Somewhere."

ments thronging the city are a husky set of Hun hunters. The "boys" from 31 to 45 will get theirs in the United States Army,

new organization.

You cannot convince an old fellow that ice freezes as thick as it did when The storm felt as though the equioctial had slipped a cog and

catching up.

peace,_

OUESTIONS ABOUT SELECTIVE SERVICE ANSWERED

Various Features Relative to Cinsaffication Set Forth in Reply to Inquiries

When Physical Examination Occurs. equired at time of answering the nev draft questions I am soon to receive?
(2) Will a person with varicose veins pass at present? (3) How many double teeth is a man required to have in each jaw and on each side of jaw? (4) If no medical examination is required, can a person answer the questions at home. a person answer the questions at home r is it best to secure advice? (5 aking the jobs you have held in en years, if you don't know, v hould the answer be? (6) The s question in regard to the last year's wages? (7) If I have one stepchild among my children, what compensation does United States allow, if any, in event of my being drafted?

A READER (1) You will be classified first and will not be called up for physical examination unless you are in class I or until your class is reached by the

draft (2) Pronounced varicose veins of the ower extremities, especially when attended by edema or marks of ulceration, is a disqualification for full mili-

tary service. (3) Eight serviceable masticating teeth, either bicuspids or molars, four above and four below opposing. There must be one molar above and one below on one side which occlude; the remaining six opposing masticating teeth may be either bicuspids or molars. The the Army to industry those skilled registrant must also have six serviceable natural incisors or canines, three in producing munitions and ships than above and three below opposing in fighting, thus applying to the men When dental work will restore this condition, failure to meet requirements

(4) If you feel able to answer with out help, go ahead, but advice is free. (5) You may have a misunderstanding of the questions; consult some legal

(6) You will have to figure it out the best you can. (7) If a member of your household a stepchild is rated the same as one of your own issue.

What Dental Student Should Do. PORTLAND, Dec. 12 .- (To the Editor.)—We, as members of various classes of the North Pacific College f Dentistry, desiring to give our country the best that is in us, and country the best that is in us, and feeling that we can accomplish the greatest amount of good through that branch of the service embodying our ofession, we are submitting to the following questions which we trust may appear with answers as soon as

(1.) If a student enlists in the Med- aside from my brother's wages.

(2) If a student does not enlist in the Medical Reserve Corps before December 15, 1917, will he have an opporting the United States who are now tunity to get into the Medical Reserve is so sure of its own ground that it Corps afterward, or is he subject to will not need to insist that they be conscription to any branch of the Army service to which he might be assigned
(3.) Does the Navy provide any dif-(3.) Does the Navy provide any dif-ferent opportunities from the Army? (4.) What would you advise a med-ical student to do who has completed his High School course, also a four-year pre-medical course at the Univer-sity of Oregon, and is now a freshman at the University of Oregon Medical College in Portland? STUDENTS.

(1.) Voluntary enlistments in the Medical Reserve Corps by students are limited to hospital units when needed That is to say, they would be taken into active service as soon as admitted. Students can probably get into the regular Army Medical Department, but support. In this case, provided he alwould have no opportunity to continue lotted \$15 a month from his pay as a

their courses. (2) He can reserve corps under regulations yet to be promulgated by the Surgeon-Gen-ered; also whether you could be reasoneral. He will then not be called out ably expected to contribute anything; until he has been graduated. The also whatever small living needs the president of your college can give you as much information as is now available on this point.

(3.) Choice between Army and Navy s almost wholly a matter of individ ual preference. (4.) The United States National Service Handbook advises medical students to continue their courses.

Father May Insure Son MYRTLE CREEK, Or., Dec. 12.—(To the Editor.)—Can a parent carry any armistice with the Bolsheviki needed insurance on a son in the Army? I admonition not to smile when Lenine's so, what steps should be taken to obso, what steps and cost per \$1000? JAMES HARMAN.

Yes, you may apply for insurance n his name and, if the application is granted, pay the premiums. The application, or a copy, however, will be orwarded to him to be signed by him training (although in good health), defending on my labor for support.

I am employed in spruce lumber mill, foreman of the shock department.

A READER it he can say so, and if this happens make out his own application. If after February 18, and within a time to be fixed by the bureau, he can still agree mainly dependent upon your labor for Miss Isom observes, "in an educational ought to produce riots rather than to your application, but has the right support would result in your being the amount of insurance, or both. The are a necessary skilled laborer in to defeat the war god in a race. He could always outrun the lumbering creases progressively with higher age. The rate at 31 is 70 cents. Write to tigl, integral part of a necessary Industrial integral i

Man With Mother and Sister. PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Edi-tor.)—Please state under what class a young man of 25 years would come who is the sole support of a mother of 48 years and a sister 17? The mother does not look her age and could not be called infirm. The sister is going and be assigned to your present posi-They are going to cut their ice in the Missouri before New Year's with pared to take position.

to business college and taking up a branch of work in which there is a branch of work in which there is a in the field.

In the field.

It is a case which would be decided by the local board in accordance with its own best judgment. Broadly speaking, if it found, after considering all reasonably certain sources of income including what you could be expected to contribute from your pay as soldier and the family allowance made by the Government, and also the possible earnings of your mother and sister, that your removal would deprive them from his insurance there are compensa of reasonably adequate support, it would place you in class III.

When Man's Parents Are Dependents. TRAIL, B. C., Dec. 11.—(To the Editor.)—(1) Kindly advise which class of registered men subject to draft my of registered men subject to draft my brother may be placed. He is a single man, 22 years old; parents are both living but both have poor health; fath-er is 54 years old and has been in feeble health for the past 13 years as the result of a sunstroke. They have a small place (six acres) near Gaston. Father works when he is able, which is not very much as he is never able to A German naturalized in Canada cannot kick off responsibilities at the border.

In the holiday season "Made in Germany" is good enough for Russian peace.

Father works when he is able, which is not very much, as he is never able to do a full day's work and only able to work a few days in succession and at different times during the past three years has been unable to do any work of any kind for several months at a time. Mother is 52 years old and unable to do any work outside her household duties. They have no inpeace. ome or means of support whatever dustrial enterprise,

THINGS EVERY REGISTRANT SHOULD KNOW.

The first of the new draft questionnaires will be mailed by local boards to draft registrants this coming Saturday, December 15. naires will be sent out on De-cember 15 and 5 per cent on each day thereafter, not including Sundays and legal holidays, until all are mailed.

Draft registrants have just seven days from the time their questionnaires are mailed - not from the time they are received, but from the time they are mailed out by the local board— to fill in the answers and return them to the board.

Failure to receive a question-naire will not excuse a registrant for not returning it to his local board within the seven-day time limit. This should be clearly un-

If the questionnaire is not back

in seven days the registrant may lose all his rights to claim de-ferred classification. The great importance of sec-ing that his local board has his correct address should thus be plain to every draft registrant. If a registrant has moved, he should see to it immediately, in his own interests, that his new address is received by his local board, as every day's delay in

the delivery of the questionnaire counts against him in the seven-day time limit. The questions in the questionnaire and their correct answers are very important, for on these answers, supported by affidavits, will be based the classification of all men registered for the draft and the order in which they will be called up for military

To answer the questionnaire In order to assist every regis-trant who desires aid, as well as to safeguard his rights, the Gov-ernment has arranged for free

legal advice for him.

Lawyers will be at the headquarters of each local board to
give this free advice and assistance to registrants. If a registrant lives some distance from
the headquarters of his local
board he can ask any lewyer near board, he can ask any lawyer near him for assistance, as all law-yers in the United States have been asked to render this patriotic service free of charge

tical Reserve Corps before December works at any honest labor he can find to do. He is uneducated. Besides those tinue his school course until completed? If he be a first-year man will he be shown the same privileges as a senior?

of the United States who are residing in Canada will soon be pelled to return to the United States. Is this report true?
(3) Have United States citizens liv-ing in Canada who are of the registration age been compelled to register?

(4) We have resided in Canada for the past two years. My husband is 42 years old. Should we desire to return to our former home in Oregon would we have any difficulty in crossing the international boundary line? We have

been told that American citizens are

not now permitted to recross the lin CANADIAN SUBSCRIBER. (1) The board would place your brother in class III on the ground of dependents only if it found after full investigation that his removal would deprive them of reasonably adequate soldier to them, they would receive an additional \$30 a month from the home place could be expected to produce in event the registrant were taken into the service. It is impossible

to give a definite answer. (2) There is no existing law making such requirement. Some reciprocal ar rangement may in time be adopted by the allies for the drafting of men of selective service age who are residing in countries of which they are not cit-

(4) No bar has been raised by this country and we know of none by Can-

Spruce Work With Dependent Wife. RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—What class in the draft would I likely be placed under the following rcumstances? Have a wife who has no commercia

A READER

Definite showing that your wife i to change the beneficiary or cut down placed in Class IV. Showing that you rate begins at 62 cents a month per necessary industrial enterprise would III rating. One of the latter classifications would not effect your other classification in Class IV if claim of your wife's dependence were allowed.

If you failed in all these claims and your work includes getting out aeroand be assigned to your present posi-

War Insurance and Compensation PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—A man in military service has applied for \$5000 war risk insurance. If he should be killed in action what benefits would his wife receive from the Government when there is one chil 3 years of age? A SUBSCRIBER. The insurance would be paid the benefficiaries in monthly installments of to the local board. It is then up to

\$28.75 for a period of 20 years. Apart the district board to pass on his case. tion payments in event of his death suffered in the line of duty amounting in this case to \$35 a month, payable until the wife dies or remarries. When the child reaches the age of 18, or marries, the payment is reduced to \$25.

Marine Engineer on Inland Waters PORTLAND, Dec. 18 .- (To the Editor.)—(1) Is a marine engineer ex-empted; that is, one who is licensed to operate on inland waters only (2) Would a license tim? cember 15 exempt him? (3) What class would be be placed CURIOUS. (2) Would a license issued after De-

 There is no special classification.
 No.
 If actually employed in that capacity he might be put into Class II, but it would depend upon whether the district board found him to be a neces-sary skilled lahorer in a necessary inWord to the Boys in Stag Pants.

Old Logger Talks War to Mates From Foreman to Whistle Punk.

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 .- (To the Edior.)-Permit me, through The Oregonian, to address the Pacific Coast log-gers: Boys, have you read Colonel Disque's appeal to us for more aero-plane and ship timber material? I have spent \$7 years of my life in the woods with you and I'm still some man and I want to ask you boys, with the stag pants and cork shoes, if you are going to pass up this appeal or are you going to stand by him?

Tom and Joe and Ben and Harry and a host of our numbers who used to work with us have quit their \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8 a day and joined the service for \$30 a month and are already over there in our old element (the mud) to their walsts with no chance to get out

until they are told to.
Boys, let me tell you that Wilhelm is some goer and we've got to fight like hell to whip him, but we are not going to try to whip him, we are going to whip him and you can do just as much here to do it as the boys can who have gone over there and I'll tell you how

First, Mr. Foreman, every time you turn the crew out you are starting over

the top.

Second, Mr. Hook Tender (excuse me for calling you Mr.), every time you grab that haulback and start over the hills around a bunch of logs you are going over the top. You rigging men are helping to do

it and every time you chokermen put a choker around a log you are putting three or four pairs of wooden shoes f business.
Donkey Driver, every time you pull that throttle you are heading a cannon ball straight at that accursed Kaiser and his hell-bound bunch of

murderers. Mr. Gang of Fallers, every time you drop one of our forest kings you are planting 40 or 50 more sauerkraut caters, where they will never sprout again.

You buckers, monkey flunkeys, bull cooks, whistle punks, cook house and blacksmith outfits are doing just as much for your country as though you wore the shoulder straps of an officer.

If I ever write you again I am going to tell you how to handle the Kaiser's bull cook when he starts trouble in our ranks. But, above all, let us help this man who has come among us to get these timbers. We may never get a military funeral, but let us show the world that we are game. Let us stand by Colonel Disque and President Wil-Let us stand by the Grand Old until her colors spell the word "freedom" to every nation on the face of the earth. OLD TIMER, L. L. L.

In Other Days.

Half a Century Ago.

The Oregonian of December 14, 1867. Girls' boots are quite agonizing these days. What, between high and colored heels, extraordinary fastenings and tassels and being carried half way to the knees, they are quite beyond criticism

Washington.-The Senate held a searet session. Finance bills mostly were discussed.

New Orleans,-The convention has adopted an ordinance forever forbid-ding capital punishment. A negro member named Cromwell in a speech said: "We will rule till the last one goes down, for the nesroes are going to have their rights in spite of John-son or any other man." He said the negroes were ready for revolution. Annegroes were ready for revolution. Another negro member got up and said the idea of a war of races was all

Rev. I. D. Driver will address the Oregon State Bible Society at the Presbyterian Church tonight.

The First National Bank has been designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as the depository of all the disbursing officers of the U. S. Army in the Department of the Columbia.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of December 14, 1892, Hartford, Conn.—The Times has a Washington special disptach saying that James G. Biaine will, if he has not aiready done so, become a member of the Catholic Church within the next 10 days. His son, in published dispatches,

Blaine residence in a purely personal Representatives of the silver mines in Colorado report that unless the Brussels money conference or the American Congress shall do something to raise the price of silver some of the large mines in Colorado will have to

denies the report and says that Cardi-nal Gibbons and Dr. Ducey called at the

The monument ordered by the executors and residuary legatees of the late Ella M. Smith was placed in position over her grave in Riverview Cemetery She left \$125,000 to yesterday. Portland Library Association, all but \$17,000 of her \$200,000 estate going to charitable, benevolent and educational

The Portland Art Association was incorporated yesterday by H. W. Corbett, Henry Failing, W. M. Ladd, Holt C. Wil-son, C. E. S. Wood, W. B. Ayer and T.

L Eliot.

WALLA WALLA, Wash, Dec. 12.— (To the Editor.)—Please advise me in what class in the Army draft two young men would be who leased 640 young men would be who leased 640 acres of raw land last Spring in Montana and are cultivating it as fast as they can? They have already plowed and seeded 110 acres in Winter wheat and expect to be able to get in 75 acres more in the Spring. They do all their own work and expect by another year to have in a crop of over 200 acres, principally wheat. One of these young men is 25 years old, the other 19 years. Both are unmarried and American citi-Both are unmarried and American citi-

We would like to have your idea as to when those in the second, third and fourth classes will be called.

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(1) The younger is not subject to draft; the older can file claim as a necessary associate manager of a necessary agricultural enterprise for classification in Class III and submit proof We assume that a well-conducted going wheat ranch producing, or about to produce, an appreciable crop for mar-ket will be considered a necessary agricultural enterprise. The board then determine whether the registrant is necessary to its conduct and operation. The rules governing such an inquiry were published in full in this column Thursday, December 13.

(2) We would not hazard a guess.

When Appendicitis Disqualifies. PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—(To the Editor.)—I have tried to enlist in the Navy and was rejected by their three doctors for chronic appendicitis. Two outside doctors have found my case the same. Will they take one in the Army if they find my case to be as found by the other doctors? INTERESTED.

Pesent symptoms with a history of appendicitis are a disqualification for full military service.