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PATRIOTISM IN A CRISIS.

Is it better to send our soldier boys competent, or incompetent, and let through the ranks. them suffer the consequences?
Or is it better to insist, now, when

the leaders of the Army are being chosen, that they be of attested merit, tha the boys being sent France, for service in the deadly trenches, and the fathers and mothers sured, so far as may be, that their

Is it better to scrutinize the quality

in the high art of making ready for the zone system. war are thorough, energetic, wise and

arms sounds? Is it better to know, so bill. far as careful inquiry and a complete

by men who spoke openly and acted 5-cent fare is confiscatory. resolutely, and whose institutions are something he already knows?

Or is it better to go forward in the full light of day, raising billions of for the benefit of a close-in, more money, training millions of men, emlions of women, building thousands of ships, forging the instruments of war-fare in thousands of factories, turning every available agency of peace to the uses of preparedness, educating a people to their new occupation—all the enlightenment of an enemy who professes to despise us as well as

of our own citizens? Is not less a democracy because it is outlined. at war. It cannot at once, or ever, be converted into an autocracy where the rule of a Kaiser is supreme and where it is deadly sin to commit less majeste. That is not the way to win the war.

It is the American way to challenge the right of its rulers to rule by That way will not be abandoned now; it is treason to the ideals, traditions and practices of America even to suggest it.

patriotism-the highest patriotismboth to the preparation for war and the making of war.

HELP FOR THE FARMER,

Secretary Baker is said to have under consideration a plan for releasing ing in the cantonments and have at times when outdoor work is less Society, asks if it is not "our foremos shown a degree of efficiency which it agreeable. The department is wise, duty to analyze bravely our own weak is believed will not be seriously impaired by leave of absence. The plan refrain from entering the field of correct them?" He depleres suggested is that the men shall retoo protracted periods, upon showing ence and possess especial facilities. is an invisible censorship, more work has been offered to them. and that it is necessary to production of the Nation's food crop.

It would be a relief to the farmers of the country to receive assurances of definite help, especially in planting and harvest time, but there are many considerations involved, and it will be well not to expect too much full advantage of the experience of sense disaster creeping upon them."

For example, it would not be advantasuccessful local gardeners, from whom Out of a committee of citizens "passreous to release men who are not speciany fitted for agricultural labor. The time has passed when any man with a strong back and two arms was good for the farm. The farmers themselves have made a good many costly experiments with unskilled help which in most instances is not worth its sait. Farming is taking its place propriate occasion. It is not only a ately busy, but most of the activity among the skilled vocations. Willingness alone is not a sufficient qualifica-

So, while the farmer stands in the position of welcoming all the competent help he can get, he should proceed to organize his business so far as possible with a view of getting best already begun preparations for the yards outbidding each other for men in sight. It has already been pointed is not nearly so advanced as on the taking men away from private muni-out by various departments of the Pacific Coast. A complete survey of tion factories at work on Government Government that machinery should be vacant tots has been completed, preconserved and utilized to the limit, cinct committees have been appointed that the seasons should be watched to arrange for teams, wagons and with a view of getting the benefit of plows, so that work can be done most every working day, and that much in- economically. Distribution of the comdoor work should be out of the way ing crop is being planned, so far as ing no general policy and no co-opera-by the time Spring opens. Most farm- possible, in advance. ers know this. A few do not. But all Notwithstanding the large produc- So with allens. The following state- are to go up.

will profit, and the country will profit. by the special emphasis placed upon the prime necessity of good labor management at this time.

THE MAN, NOT THE SYSTEM.

Contrary to general belief the fuel crists is not due to decreased production of coal, says the Financial Chronicle, for there was an actual increase of 60,000,000 tons in 1917 over 1916. up of manufactures will explain the 3.50 scarcity. It places the blame on inscarcity. It places the blame on indiscriminate issue of priority orders
by the Government to railroads, causing congestion and tie-up of cars
which prevented delivery of coal, and
to the failure of Fuel Administrator
Garfield "to provide for proper and
sufficient distribution of coal at New
York and other terminals in advance
of the arrival of the extremely cold

No person says that Government food the citizen fifty years age. No one ject we are told: control has broken down. The rea-son is that the man in charge had MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. Broved that he knows his business. It be neutral in the issue. He was for the Union or against the Union, and operation of railroads has broken there was never a mistake about it.

down, for Mr. McAdoo has been on Naturally, there were strong per the job only a month, during the All rights of republication of special dis-aiches herein are also reserved. whole of which traffic has been blocked by an unprecedented series of blir Experience has proved that zards. PORFLAND, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1918. success depends on the finest judgment in picking the best man and on following that judgment, uninfluenced by personal or political considerations.

In normal times personal and politito France with blind confidence in cal considerations are rarely excluded, their leaders, whether competent, half and weakness at the head goes down

LET'S HAVE SINCERITY. It strikes one as a cruel thing to encourage persons of moderate means

Generals know how to fight and direct it. That jitney competition will cause light? In these same armies to fight?

and measure of our preparation for war now, when mistakes may be retrieved, inefficiency corrected, weak-lings retired?

Or is it better to require silence and unquestioning trust now and learn lief, judging from what the Commission. That retired came to Oregon and he soon the commission of the comm later, in the test of dire conflict, sion said in its findings and order in found his place. He was a Repubwhether the men who are mostly new the 6-cent case, will be application of lican from tradition, from observation

tavilla and other outlying districts a a local leader, and soon a state, and is it better to know—to insist upon 5-cent fare. It is more likely to give even a National leader of his party. knowing—that the thousands of sol- them a fare in excess of 6 cents. The He was elected to the State Senatdiers who are to fight for their lives close-in residents will then reap all within three years after he first and for their country, are well equipped, well fed, well officered and well trained before the actual call to folks who live far out will pay the believe, than any other, with a single

It is opportune once more to call course to the United States Senate, attention to Section 61 of the Public He was defeated at a time when party Or is it better to take for granted Utilities Act. Under that section the ties had begun to fall away from many that everything is all right, even upon 5-cent fare may be imposed by ordi-the assurance of authority at Wash-nance voted by the people, and the dered notable service both in the state ington and elsewhere, and await the outcome to prove it?

Is it better to talk in whispers, in change it is a court of justice, and it his valuable experience and acknowlcountry whose liberties were won can do so only if it be shown that the edged fitness was both a mistake and

If the men are sincere who are proliterally founded on the right of free claiming that 5 cents is ample fare on on Mr. Fulton's party association and speech, free opinion and free action, the streetcar, why do they not propose service, let it not be understood that for fear that the Kaiser may hear a method just to all for getting back it is intended to intimate that he was to 5 cents?

The suburbanites are being "worked"

son to begin work now. A good many for the stimulation and encouragement of the preliminaries can be disposed of, the ground cleared of rubbish. Now, of course, a democracy at war seeds ordered and the general plan There will be scarcity of both seeds

and fertilizers this year, and gardeners should hear this in mind. It will be well for them to order their sup-plies so far as possible in the towns in for it carmed be done. That is the way for mear which they live, in order to to lose the war; it is the way that, in relieve the aiready overtaxed mail the end, even Germany will lose it.

NOT ORGANIZED FOR WAR.

Every change made in the organization systems. able it will be well to make a list of man at the head with power to raditions and practices of America requirements, and it is regarded as a patriotic duty not to buy more seeds it is for this reason, as William Hard than probably will be required. This says in an illuminating article in the America preserve its freedom, assure will effect a desirable economy, but New Republic, that the word "coits safety and perpetuity, at any cost wide scarcity of many varieties. We nostrils of the people at Washington. of life or treasure—and it is—it is also have been dependent upon foreign Nor does the effort at co-ordination countries for some of our seeds in the go far enough. Secretary Baker, by he can use and leave the rest for his his bureaus, but no person has real

sirable opportunity for pruning and the Shipping Board, the Railroad Di spraying. There have been a good rector or any other department which many days and parts of days in the has to do with the war, directly or past month which could have been indirectly. soldlers for work on the farms, after employed advantageously in these ceive furloug'ss for definite and not less they have had practical experi- on this subject, and avers that "there

> beginner. Co-operation is desirable and essen- Although this Nation is "support ject. The duty of the more experi-enced to help their neighbors help themselves is not less plain. There put it through, there have been delay

tion of vegetables last year and the ment makes our Government large quantity canned for Winter use, ludicrous: it is the belief of experts that the deit is the belief of experts that the demand in 1918 will be greater than ever. And with the experience gained in 1917 home gardeners should not find it difficult to increase production executive. tion accordingly.

EX-SENATOR FULTON.

Charles William Fulton was a boy, eight years old, in Iowa, when the war Postage Rairs 12 to 19 pages, I cent; 18 of the arrival of the extremely cold weather." It draws the inference that to 60 pages, 5 cents; 2 to 62 pages, 5 cents; 2 to 62 pages, 6 cents. Foreign stage, 6 cents. Stage, 6 cen Is it not rather the truth that the wrong man has been put on the job?

No person says that Government food

No person says that Government food could escape the contagion of duty, sacrifice and service. Nor could one

father did, and as he saw many others

but others did, and they brought home stories of valor, of suffering and of death. Who that saw, even as a little boy, the moving panorama of the great war could ever forget it? who live in Montavilla and similar had worn the blue, he would have outlying districts to believe that they quickly come to be an officer, probwho consent to their going to battle can get relief from the 6-cent fare by with a powerful, unscrupulous and thoroughly equipped army, be reas
Montavilla never had jitney service following their natural bent of leader-

and cannot reasonably expect to get ship, achieved distinction through vastreetcars is more than doubtful. reis, were honored by their grateful if the street railway company is states with high position—became

and from conviction. In the develop-The zone system will not give Mon- ment of his active career he was first exception-and he was elected in due

a misfortune. If emphasis has been placed herein in any narrow sense a partisan. He was, it is true, a party leader of a kind now somewhat gone out of fashion; haps the Germans did not profit. but he was more, much more than that. He was a fine lawyer and advolarger personal and political following home garden during the coming sea- than any other now living in Oregon. Men believed in him, in his fair intent, in his high ability, in his effectiveness, in his personal worth. will grieve that he is gone, and they will long remember that a political or legal contest with him meant fair play, honorable dealing and a good fight.

Seasonable attention to the compost ments is designed to promote co-ordiheap will reduce the need of more ex- nation, but efforts at that desirable; any person explain the fact that Abe quiring proof, or a showing, of their pensive fertilizers to the minimum. As end have failed in every instance soon as Spring catalogues are avail- where the President has not put one to insist, now, that America through past, and the normal domestic supply the appointment of Mr. Stettinius to its leaders, from the highest to the lowest, do its best through its best. The gardener should buy only such as War Department, seeks to co-ordinate. authority to co-ordinate the War "Open weather" also furnishes de- partment with the Navy Department

Raymond B. Price, in a pamphlet they have received preliminary train- tasks. Garden tools can be overhauled published by the Patriotic Education agreeable. The department is wise, duty to analyze bravely our own weak-we think, in advising householders to nesses and make unrelenting effort to commercial vegetable production un- valling unwillingness to speak frankly Commercial market gardening is no gerous than one enacted into written job for a novice, but home gardening law, that muzzles brave men, is highly attractive work even for the while the fale of the world hangs in beginner.

tial to best results. The present is a to base its greatness upon the indigood time for the formation of local vidualism of its citizens, those citizens garden clubs. Beginners should take best informed maintain silence as they they can obtain many hints as to local ing along worthy ideas" might we not conditions which will not be found expect "the creation of a planning readily in books on the general sub-

is an inspiring freemasonry of the soil and confusion all along the line. which should be invoked on every ap-, Everybody in Washington is desperduty, but a privilege, to pass along the is lost motion. In the ninth month of results of experience, which may save the war we had barely got down to another from error and increase his steady work on shipbuilding, though chances for success. We should point shipping is our weakest link and our out the "don'ts" as well as the "dos." first necessity. Labor is called "the The department tells of the example unsolved problem," with 3500 to 5000 set by a city in Iowa, which has strikes since the war began, with shipsaible results with that which is now Spring campaign, although the season with Government munition factories every few weeks and with eight de- day coming first. partments maintaining independent bodies to deal with the problem, each conflicting with the others, there be-

This in face of the facts that onethird of our population is of foreign birth or parentage; that about 14,000,-000 are of German birth or descent; that over 3,000,000 cannot speak Engnor does it believe that the speeding up of manufactures will explain the was twelve years old when it ended. This simple statement of a single fact are everywhere liable to become the

The situation is no better with reweather." It draws the inference that these days of world war, we landy gard to the secret service, which "Government management and control guid, it is doubless because there is should be charged with the uncovertion of crime and with protection of person and property, for on that sub-

There are in Washington at least eight secret service or intelligence functions, each headed up to a Cabinet officer and all unco-ordinated save through gentlemen's agreements and individual co-operation. Jealousy exists not only between the individual organizations themselves, but the Cabinet officers cannot agree upon a plan of co-ordination.

Some of them did not come back;

confusion and offers means of putting fare with gusto, light tasks are available, for which liberal compensation is blocking the machinery, distorting the truth and unjustly reflecting on a competent official! competent official!

States, by destructive methods employed in the handling of their garment too scathing, let us pry into the matterial which could be used advantaged by ridiculous anomaly. The Nation is not yet invested to the war and its received with their activities.

Yet before we indulge in an indictional country of the causes of this apparentiation of the causes of the part and its received to the causes of the part and its received to the causes of the caus tageously now. This is estimated by soap-making material. There is food prisal have sought to convince the central powers of their own baseness and than 100,000 population to produce 120,000,000 pounds of pork a year, worth \$20,000,000 in the wholesale markets. The value of the wasted mamarkets. markets. The value of the wasted manitroglycerin for use in making high explosives.

body should work full time every day. It is the penalty of unpreparedness.

That two steamships loaded with

At least Senator Chamberlain has stirred Secretary Baker into action against cruel Army doctors who let sick soldiers die of neglect. Doubtless Timberworkers Who Understand Questhey are few, but they should be weeded out without delay.

One of the niceties of living in a big city is the distinction of owning the same name of the person held for a crime. It never works the other way, when something great is done.

By what process of reasoning can

Rustein was admitted to the honor gang at the penitentiary after he had violated his parole? Rather odd that the disqualified will get a medal, while the man fit to go

will earn his for bravery. They be different, however, with a significance. The finest fighters on earth were

fed up on potatoes, and if the tuber was not named for them somebody missed at the christening. Before a man regulates his connu

bial affairs with a gun be must be sure of the existence of an ancestor who was crazy. When Chamberlain stands for effi-

clency the people stand by him, if messages of indorsement go for any-We owe at least one thing to the

Bolsheviki. They have enriched the American vocabulary with their name. The little chap who consumes vic-

tory bread and eats the crust will be a smashing soldier when big enough.

near making something out of nothing as any plan ever devised.

One million rifles have just been

ordered by the

Chamberlain right?

American people are due to learn of the goodness of foods heretofore War Department, Washington, D. C. unknown to them.

Lincoln's birthday is the next holl day, but do not overlook groundhog Every housewife is a special officer

to enforce the new rationing. Only the air is left, if water rates

ment for Spies and Traitors. PORTLAND, Jan. 26 .- (To the Ed-To such a power matters so trifling as the destruction of food warehouses and I canno

more tragic, the warnings of yesterday we now know as prophecies.

The Secret Service is not idle; each day adds to the long roll of those who for the last time have served the sinister genius of Wilhelmstrasse. This alertness is laudable, yet what penalty is meted out to discourage a menacy which thus so effectively renders flabby the sinews of the Nation? We have erected for our captive Teutonic spies and asbotage devotees pleasant, commodous internment camps, replete with conveniences and dedicated to the convenience and dedicated to the sure, some of the more persistent and least wary of the Teutonic photographers who feast their souls on the beauty served the sine with convenience and dedicated to the sure, some of the more persistent and least wary of the Teutonic photographers who feast their souls on the beauty served the sine with convenience of those they house. To be sure, some of the more persistent and least wary of the Teutonic photographers who feast their souls on the beauty served the sine and the outcome." He said, "I will, mother." That is the reason conditions were tolerated at Camp this morning shortly before 11 o'clock. He had been sick a long time and the boys are soldiers and would not complain. One man said, "The boys did the had been sick a long time and the boys are soldiers. It is the business of those at the heads of the departments to soldiers. It is the business of those at the heads of the departments to soldiers. It is the business of those at the heads of the departments to said was quiet and peaceful.

At the high school last evening the members of Company, were the recipients of a handsome squvenir in the shape of a fine silk flag from the girls of the beath of a son and sent the body should be a short of the sure and the convenience and dedicated to the convenience and dedicated to the sure and the soldiers. It is the business of those at the heads of the departments to soldiers. It is the beatiness of those at the heads of the sentence of the sentence of the sentence of the Naturally, there were strong partisans and bitter partisanship, and instricted and purpose united to promote their common aims, and there were lasting attachments both to individuals and to principles, policies and parties.

If "Charlie" Fulton had been old enough he would, of course, have followed the flag to the front, as his father did, and as he saw many others

Naturally, there were strong partisanship, the death of a son and sent the body least wary of the Teutonic photograph-the death of a son and sent the body least their souls on the beauty of the sunset, near our coast fortifications, are put into prison. But this shock not only Congress but the American conscience. Go on further down those who are caught red-handed of the more persistent and least wary of the Teutonic photograph-the death of a son and sent the body show wrapped in a sheet. The Senator says, "If I were to print all the letters of the sunset, near our coast fortification, are put into prison. But this shock not only Congress but the American conscience. Go on further down those who are caught red-handed. Otherwise they are viewed as suspicious and sent to the aforementioned detention camps, with the slim changes of detection, prison does not loom up as a particularly threatening father did, and as he saw many others. roved inefficient, even in times of loom up as a particularly threatening deterrent. In order that our honored And when a Senator uncovers the guests may partake of their splendid had been a few such cases, but they had been remedied. How do we know proved inefficient, even in times of loom up as a particularly threatening peace. Twenty-five cities of the United tates, by destructive methods em-

not yet inured to the war and its nectageously now. This is estimated by a Government statistician to include \$2,400,000 worth of grease, \$1,000,000 worth of tankage, \$,000,000 pounds of glycerin and 200,000,000 pounds of prisoners and their opposition to re-

markets. The value of the wasted material in war time is shown in the esti-torial in war time is shown in the esti-mate that, among other things, it even more than his share of romantic would furnish 8,000,000 pounds of mystery. One might also find in the policy a foriorn echo of a no less for-lorn hope that through our moderation Germany might be spurred to something approximating a sense of Effect of the fuel shutdown in the cency in her treatment of captives. Im-East is shown in graphic siyle by the agine the treatment we know is given thickness the court boys who are Hun prisoners and ruary is published with all idle dates then that accorded Huns who are our canceled. To the four Sundays are own prisoners! All these and many added the four Mondays on which more thoughts which spring to deliberation indicate a certain genial lethers. added the four Mondays on which factories are to be idle and two public holidays—Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday. That leaves only eighteen working days in the but we ascribe to them the character twenty-eight, at a time when every- of exceptions. This attitude will cease when, as soon will come to pass, the sleek jowls of peace have become thoroughly the tanned, lean, square-

jawed aspect of efficient warfare.
Then if good-natured internment or That two steamships loaded with and ammunition cleared for Copenhagen that two steamships loaded with ammunition cleared for Copenhagen that the family allowance of \$20 given by the Government of the vigilance of New York port authorities. There is no report, however, of reaching destination, and perhaps the Germans did not profit.

Then if good-natured internment of trivial prison sentences are insufficient, what should be done? Strike vigorously with the mace of capital punishment! Nothing less severe, less terrifying to contemplate can serve. The penalty inflicted must be made so drastic that every potential menace to our National health shall be forced to recognize that the law of self-preservation parents' needs.

Then if good-natured internment of trivial prison sentences are insufficient, what should be done? Strike vigorously with the mace of \$20 given by the Government to dependent parents, together with the requisite half of your soldier's pay, would be sufficient for your parents' needs.

The magic formula 16 to 1 appears has asserted itself as a factor to be again, but now the extremal parents as a factor to be again, but now the extremal figured that the family allowance of \$20 given by the Government to dependent parents, together with the requisite half of your soldier's pay, would be sufficient for your parents' needs.

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spies. EIGHT-HOUR DAY IS INOPPORTUNE

tion Oppose It at This Time. HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 26 .- (To the the Editor.)-What has the Northwest done those who occupy the seats of the mighty, that the lumber interests should be given a death blow? From the beautiful for soldier boys. the Nation's headquarters for many days the Northwest has been urged to speed up the lumber industry that ships which the Government needs so much could be built, and in the face of that great need an attempt is being the could be built, and in the face of the could be built and in the face of the could be built. made to discriminate against the North-

This magnificent Northwest can furnish enough lumber, and more, to build the greatest fleet that was ever launched, if it is given fair treatment, but if the eight-hour day should become a fact, the millions of feet of lumber now standing in the trees of Oregon and Washington will remain in Now I hate to chieft. Oregon and Washington will remain in Now, I hate to object,

Do you ask why? The answer is mple. The lumber industry of this simple. country will be put out of business. It will kill all of the small lumbering concerns, and so cripple the large ones concerns, and so cripple the large ones that they will curtail their output. That is not all. The thousands of men now employed in the mills and logging camps will find themselves out of employment. Many of these workmen have families, and when the wages of the heads of the families is cut off, it will then not only be a meatless and wheatless day, but an eatless day seven days of the week. Speaking from the standpoint of a laboring man, I wish to say that I would much prefer to work eight hours

a day than nine or ten, and I would a darned sight rather work 11 or 12 hours a day than see my family go without the necessities of life. I feel that I can say without fear of successful contradiction, that there is not one workman in 50 in the Northwest, who understands the question, who is not opposed to the eight-hour day. Ple is an American food. If the
American soldiers abroad cannot get
it one way they will in another.

They are beginning to leave Camp
Lewis in resiments, destination un-

Address of Retired Officer. Indian meal can be made into itor.)—Kindly advise whether there is deserts so good that everybody will a way of finding the whereabouts of any retired United States Army officer? SUBSCRIBER

> War Department. Is the Editor. Please say who wrote the Song, "Break the News to Mother," and present address will be found in Who's what year it was written. Who at the Public Library. If not, communicate with Adjutant - General,

> > Two Helpful Suggestions. DORENA, Or., Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.) — Why not everybody work 10 hours or more during the war? It would create a surplus of labor for some of the less desirable work. Our soldiers are not on an eight-hour basis. And why not find out how many dogs Major-General Scott wants and let oregon furnish the bunch?
> >
> > FRANK McINTYRE.
> >
> > Yes, if of draft age. Oregon furnish the

Seem LENIENCY WITH WAR OFFENDERS WOMEN CALLED ON TO PROTEST It Must Give Place to Capital Punish- Soldier's Mother Would Back Chamber-

lain in Fight for Betterments. CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Jan. 25 .- (To or.)-A military juggernaut, domi- the Editor.)-Permit me to say a few nated utterly by one unholy purpose, words as a "silent patriot" and mother finds no insuperable obstacles in sol- of an only son who enlisted in Battery emn treaties, dictates of National honor B of Oregon, 147th Field Artillery, 41st or recognized international obligations. Division, as a volunteer, at the age of

If years.

I cannot help but believe Mr. Cham- and husband of the first-named priswar-service plants, with their civilian workers, and the poisoning of bandages must seem measures of a mild-ness unwonted. Because we who honor sons to our country, and only ask in best

but he might be mistaken, or misin-formed, just as he was when on the witness stand? He said that all sol-

witness stand? He said that all soldiers were fully equipped, but Mr. Chamberlain's investigation proved that they were not.

My appeal is to the mothers and women of all Army organizations as a patriot and daughter and granddaughter of patriots. Let us make sure that our boys have proper care and aid and do as Mr. Chamberlain suggests—write to the President of the United States and demand that they have proper treatment. If such conditions exist in the United States, what will it be like in France? like in France?

I am a resident of Portland, but temporarily absent on my ranch.

MRS. LEANDER MARTIN.

Appeal for Classification BUXTON, Or., Jan. 25 .- (To the Editor.)-I am of draft age, am em-ployed in a mill cutting lumber for the United States Government: my wages have gone and are still going to the support of my parents, who are largely dependent on me for rupport. After sending in my questionnaire stating the above facts I am placed in Class I. Division A. It seems to me in all fustice I should have at least been placed in a deferred class. Pleake advise me what course to pursue. I am not a slacker in spirit, but believe my first duty is at home.

A READER

duty is at home. A READER. You had five days in which to appeal to the district board. Your questionnaire notified you of this right; your classification card does likewise. After expiration of five days there is nothing you can do regarding dependency claims unless you can induce the stood and did most everything you told local board to reopen your case. Pos- them, while others could get dogs out sibly the board figured that the family of the same litter of pupples and they

My farm I neglect, I'm going in rags and uncombed; The washing is out,

Oh, what will become of my home! For Betty, my wife

The star of my life, Is knitting for soldler boys;

Still knitting for soldier boys.

Said Betty: "My man, Like knitting for soldier boys."

Or make her neglect Her knitting for soldler boys; Am I "doing my bit"

Then hurrah for the soldier boys! ORPHA COLLINS. Rank In Army and Navy.

EDDYVILLE, Or., Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Please publish the names of the officers in their order of rank, both in the Army and Navy.

L. F. ROBBINS.

Army rank: General, Lieutenant-General (active list discontinued), Major-General, Brigadier-General, Colonel, Lieutenant - Colonel, Msjor, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant. Navy rank: Admiral, Vice-Admiral, Commodore (active list abolished), Captain, Commander, Lieutenant-Commander, Lieutenant, Lieutenant Junior Grade, Ensign.

Weight of Soldiers. SHERWOOD, Or., Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me the weight required of a man to join the Army, SUBSCRIBER.

It depends on his height. Standard Lewis in regiments, destination unLewis in regiments, destination unknown, but easily guessed.

Lewis in regiments, destination unis want to ask, as bleeding France has
asked, "How and will it be until the
United States can do her part in this
Variations down to 110 pounds at 61
inches and 175 pounds at 78 inches are not disqualifying under certain conditions, nor are over weights unless sufficient to interfere permanently with

> Old Song Is Traced. MONTESANO, Wash., Jan. 26 .- (To

normal physical activity.

"Break the News to Mother" was written, words and music, by Charles K. Harris and published originally in the year 1897. The song had wide pop ularity during the Spanish-American War.

Neutral With First Papers. PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(To the Editor.)—With only the first paper, will a person of neutral nationality be sub-

George Zeller, proprietor of a grocery store at First and Columbia streets, was injured in a runaway yesterday.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian January 28, 1893. Seattle.—Mrs. Minnie B. Yesler, Dr.

J. Eugene Jordan and Dr. H. Martin Van Buren were arrested at 5 o'clock

yesterday morning on a charge of stealing and concealing the will of the

Ella Wheeler Wilcox is one of the

best dancers of her "set." She is a poetess of motion as well as of pas-

From The Oregonian January 28, 1868. A late Danish paper says of the treaty between that country and ours that the substance of the sale and the contract concluded is the sale of all their lands for \$11,750,000. however, having a right of pre-emption to St. Croix, the sale of that Island is dependent on said right not being en-forced. The contract, therefore, is preliminary and only valid as to the islands of St. Thomas and St. Johns which the purchase money is \$7,500,-

We have received the first number of the Daily Democratic Tocsin, a campaign paper published at Salem. Jernegan & Co. are named as publishers.

J. N. Dolph, chairman, has announced an adjourned meeting of the Union State Central Committee for Feb-ruary 13.

The Alert made an attack on the ce in the river yesterday and opened ice in the river yesterday and ope the river from Albany to Portland, Ex-Governor Gibbs will deliver a

WHY SOME DOGS ARE WORTHLESS Trainer Must Have More Sense Than

the Dog, Is Secret of It. TURNER, Or., Jan. 26 .- (To the Editor.)—I used to know an old sheep man who invariably had two or three dogs that were real dogs. They under-

dog, you've got to know more than the I think this will explain the worthless dogs we hear so much about.
No, my dog isn't very well trained,
but I'm learning, and I think after a

while he may be worth his feed at BEAUTIFUL JOE. THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN. Whining wheels, oh! shining wheels, Rolling your way o'er gleaming steels, Into the darkness, out of the light, Speeding, unheeding, into the night— Precious the cargo that follows along

Some of it sorrowing, some with a

song; Part filled with cheeriness, part filled with gloom. with gloom.

Now all together, but scattered so soon!

Hopes of a lifetime are trusted tonight.
Unto the driver of yonder headlight;
(Keep your keen eye on the bright,
glistening rail.
Scan every signal and dare not to fail!)

A flash in the darkness and other wheels go Back o'er the miles that seemed weary and slow; What of the faces that pass in a blur On youder wheels, with a grind and a whir? Whither and why are they rushing away? What is the errand that calls them today? Is it a sister, a husband, a wife, Calling, perhaps, with the last breath of life?

Maybe a wedding, with fair, blushing bride; Maybe a babe by a new mother's side: Maybe a soldier lad, going away; Maybe an erring one, fearful to stay! But ever the hurry and ever the throng, Ever the pushing crowd, wild "get on";

Ever the wheels, with their whine and their groan; Ever the final goal-back to a home! GRACE E. HALL, Portland. The Surgeon's Part. One more into the fold, One more with hand of skill; We're out to get your goat— Oh, Megalomaniac Bill!

So here's my heart and hand, With pills and knives for you, To do for fellow-man; There's work-and stern work, too. Then let's be strong, be bold, Let's up and at them right, Like Spartan sons of old

And when Berlin we reach, I'll hold the ether cone While you the scalpel wield: His heart-we'll bring it home.

Twill be one glorious fight,

And when the big thing's off, In grand review we'll file Through streets of old New York--Say, that will be worth while.

Then through the Portland streets In serried ranks we'll pass. While wives and sweethearts beam With pride-we're home at last J. F. VAN WINKLE

364th Field Hospital Co., Camp Lewis. Sale of Spruce.

REEDSPORT, Or., Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—I saw some little time ago where the Government wanted to buy all the spruce it could get hold of. I have 70 acres of timber that I would far rather sell to the Government than to real estate men who want to buy it. To whom should I write about it? OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Write to Colonel Brice P. Disque, Yeon Building, Portland, Or.