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BACK IN THE OLD TOWN.

William E. Schimpff, member of the State Legislature from Astoria, got back to the old home town of Scranton, Pa., the other day, and quite

shipbuilding, of spruce production for oregon to every patriotic call. He talked not of the glo-o-rious climate. nor of the jumping salmon, nor of verdant forests. of blossoming orchards, of golden fields of grain. Dear, Bill is none of your common This is what he told them back in Scranton, according to the

Scranton Times:

Oregon is now heartily sick of its benedry prublishing, according to the man from
Anteria. The unity effects found from prohibition, he said, are a big depreciation in
property values, and abnormal decrease in
sonis, the falling off of population and a
hig increase in taxation. There is as much
integrination as ever before, he said.

The city of Portland, since it has been
home dry, has gone backward. The city no
homeor publishes the saradiment of pupils
in the publishes the saradiment of pupils
in the spanish schools at the beginning of
the achool term. For three of four years
the school registration showed a big desrease. This pointed to a decrease in
population as a result of families moving
out. The city then discontinued the publimation of the envolument figures, giving
consour as the reason, but the real reason,
according to Mr. Schimpff, was that they
did not want to advertise the fact that Periland was slipping as a result of prohibind was slipping as a remit of problic

Prohibition has not prevented drinking it has made it more difficult to get drink but when it is obtained, men drink it to secon, not knowing when they will get it again. Heatingsing flourishes. The boar is brought into the state by the "Putilman better cours," in stranks and entireses singular in proceedings of professional "solfiers" are employed. Their sole duty is to go around of trunks and suffenses, and these is absormal scenis have become so that they can detect concealed become sy get within sniffing distance of

seants into the state and into the

The facts are that school enrollment as grown steadily. The prohibition law went into effect January 1, 1916. the Spring term of the preceding nt on the wet year the school enrollme theet day was 28.054. On the corre-

Instead of a larger police force under prohibition, the department today has 102 patrolmen, whereas it had 225 in 1915 and 310 in 1914. The "squads" who sniff baggage consist of two men on dry law enforcement. The se in drunkenness" is indicated a total of 7056 arrests in 1915 and a total of 1123 in 1917 on that charge. Business in the Municipal Court has fallen off, and it would be a duli place but for the campaign against traffic regulations. Bank clearings have in-creased more than 50 per cent over 1915. Postoffice receipts have gained, the patrons of the gas company, electelephone company and the City Water Hureau have grown greatly in num-ber since 1915. There is not the lightest appreciable sentiment in Oregen for repeal of prohibition.

It is not infrequent that some fel-low who has never been much of anything at home comes out to Oregon expecting to get rich quick, fails, and goes whence he came berating the country and its people. But it is rare, indeed, that an established citizenone who has been honored with public effice—tells untruths about his state so

Perhaps Representative Schimpff figures that the way to get proper to tell the wondering Scrantonites the or perhaps the sudden change from drought to moisture has bewildered him; or perhaps he is plumb ignorant; bim: or perhaps he is plumb ignorant; bere for sutine. One will be able to by tention of abolishing the monarchy, across the Arctic zone in a day, and but its noble adherents were soon back again the next. It would not be pushed into the background, and the terview is preliminary to the important announcement that Scranton is pectors in the frozen North a decade the King's head, abolished the House

all the success to which a slanderous tongue entitles him.

boys range in ages from \$ to 12 years, and are to eat the experimental functions such as the construction shape of the functions were luncheous each school day for twelve weeks. The first three luncheous were limited to \$48 calories, but the limit these tests of brute physical soundness current, but he was still regarded as

of a pound a day after they begin to pick up."

a Democratic candidate for the Senate, had a plurality, but the Legislature, which by law was charged with the actual election, was Republican in both branches. Very honorably indeed it confirmed the popular choice, although it was under no obtigation to do so. Mr. Chamberlain, therefore, is the one Democrat in the Senate who was elected by Republicans.—New York World.

If the New York World will consult 1.95 the excellent almanac which it issues annually, it will discover (page 96, Postage Hates -12 to 16 pages, 2 cent; 18
32 pages, 2 cents; 24 to 48 pages, 3 cents; 51, 1913. On that date, the one and in 68 pages, 6 cents; 52 to 78 pages, 6 cents. Fureign stage, double rates.

Canter Bushess Office (1998) ect of the Oregon System, went into

Mr. Chamberiain was first elected to the Senate in 1908, by a Republican Legislature, after defeating the Resublican candidate in an election by the people. His majority was small (1522), but the mandate upon the Legislature was specific, and it was ot disobeyed. Mr. Chamberlain was elected in 1914 by a majority of 23,451

over the Republican nomines.

The point sought to be made by the World is that Oregon is a Republican tate, and that a key to Senator Cham berlain's motive in criticising the war measures of a Democratic Administration is to be found in that fact.

The World should continue its speculative inquiries, with a closer regard for historical accuracy, into the reasons why Senator Lewis, a Demonaturally has been expounding on the crat in Republican Illinois, Senator wonders of Oregon to the eager and Thompson, a Democrat in Republican Mr. Schimpf's fund of veracious in-formation was not what might have been expected of one from a thriving community in a great and growing ocrat in Republican New Hampshire, Senator Pomerene, a Democrate in Republican Ohlo, the late Senator Husting, a Democrat in Re-The Astoria statesman did not Senator Husting, a Democrat in Rethe wonderful development of publican Wisconsin, continue to be in accord with the Administration's war

SOUTHERN LUMBERMEN'S BOAST.

Considering that they were obliged o call on the Pacific Coast for material with which to finish the ships which they had contracted to build for the Government, the Southern pine lumbermen are not at all back ward about extolling their section and its timber for contributing ships to the transport fleet. The Southern Pine Association has issued to the press an article by Charles N. Crowell, district agent of the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Houston, Tex., telling what great bodies of pine and oak timber the South can use in building ships and what great ship yards are springing up all along the Gulf Coast. If one were to believe Mr. Crowell, the South is "the whole thing" in supplying wooden ships, for

The Pacific Coast can, of course, well do is share. The Atlantic states, however, are ntirely dependent on the South for this to share. The entirely depend timber supply.

So well did the Pacific Coast "do its share" and so far are the Atlantic states from being "entirely dependent on the South for this timber supply" that, when the South failed to produce hip timbers for the Atlantic and Gulf Coast yards, the Pacific Coast came the burden.

to the rescue with 50,000,000 feet for The new Federal income tax, with to the rescue with \$0,000,000 feet for the Gulf Coast, which professed to

sponding day in 1916 it was 28,407; in 1918 it was 19,226; in 1918 it was 28,226; in 1918 i fir should be proclaimed as widely.

STRUGGLING TO ARRIVE.

Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary reveals the secret of the motives of the true explorer when, in recounting the lifficulties which had to be surmounted y those who discovered the North and the South Poles, he rejoices that this was accomplished before progress in invention reached the stage where the work would have been comparatively easy. Whatever may be said as to the material value of polar discoveries, the thing that has given sest to the efforts patrons of the gas company, elec-companies, light companies, chief ing of tremendous difficulties involved. to the will of man, to achieve things is as old as old Rome, for the Roma worth achieving because they were have contributed most to the progress the same stages as have marked the

away from war, is quite likely to re-that road, which has always led back suit in the charting of every nook and to social inequality. cranny of the unknown lands within The English rebellion of the sever a few years. It will not be difficult to teenth century began, as did that in welcome for an adventurous spirit is establish any required number of sta-to tell the wondering Scrantonites the tions in the polar regions. To keep class or bourgeois, aided by a few them supplied with men and equip-ment of every kind will be only a mat-tyranny of Charles I. It had ter of routine. One will be able to fly tention of abolishing the monarchy good enough for him and that he in-tends to remain. Tropical explorations will of Lords and established a republic, be robbed of their zest when we are After Cromwell's despotism, the res-

which has been gained by our ex-plorers in the past has been valuable law, but classes revived and still live Twenty-five small boys suffering to us all, by setting examples for emu- The French revolution followed the from mainutrition recently gained half lation, and fixing a standard heroism. s pound a piece in three days as mem. The work done by those who sought under the lead of aristocrats likbers of a war diet noonday luncheon the poles seems bigger than ever, now Mirabeau and Lafayette, aiming only equad in New York, and the experitable its intricacies are revealed to us. to reform the monarchy, but the peoment is being continued, both for the Not only personal bravery and a high ple rose in fury, dreve out the nobility senest of the boys and as an object degree of ingenuity were required, but sacked their houses and select their lessen to the country. If a war diet almost unbelievable attention to detail estates, crying, "Liberty, equality, fracan be made so effective in this in- and a vast amount of hard work. Sucstance, it is plain that it is sufficient cess or failure of expeditions was often chose new leaders, who first impris-for any person in normal health. The determined by apparently trifling cironed, then deposed and guillotined the

men and few with the will to penetrate the far corners of the earth.

WHEN NURSES ARE LUXURIES.

Renewed demands for trained edition, 1917) that the seventeenth nurses for war service indicate a way amendment to the Constitution of the in which luxury-loving semi-invalids can do a patriotic duty. The obvious course is to release as many nurse as possible for those who really need the soldiers a front. An appeal to the people thus to deny themselves for the country's good has been made by leaders of the Red Cross, in the East, coupled with the statement that there is likely to be a shortage of nurses equipped for arduous service before many months have elapsed, and that the problem is certain to become serious if the war

is prolonged. There are about 90,000 graduate urses in the United States, of whom 16,500 already have been enrolled by the Red Cross. The needs of the civil population must not be neglected, nor must real needs be confounded with the employment of highly-skilled nurses to care for well babies and hypochondriacs. It is thought that many self-indulgent individuals be benefited by dispensing with their nurses altogether, and that others can employ attendants possessing

less training than is required for service with the Army. Army nursing is not the haphazard work it was a generation ago. Something more than a spirit of devotion is required. Evidence of special training is a prerequisite to assignment to heightened by prospective lack of phy dcians and surgeons enough for large Army we may be called upor to raise. Recent prevalence of pneu monia in the camps illustrates the pressing need of nurses who know their work thoroughly and are imbued with strong desire to uphold the standards of the profession

A SUPREME TEST OF TRUTH

Between now and March 1 the Amerian people will be subjected to a su preme test of veracity. This will be furnished by the obligation to make returns to Federal collectors of internal revenue of the income of each in fividual, upon which to base the tax decreed by law.

From time immemorial, tax-dodging has been viewed by many, if not most of the people as a practice not involv-ing moral turpitude. Like smuggling and moonshining in the mountain re-gions of the South, it involved penal ties when the offenders were caught but the disgrace was not keenly felt Some people have been known to hrag of their accomplishments. It has no been confined to any particular class. Small owners of property have been quite prone to neglect to make returns for local taxation, at the same time cusing their more prosperous neigh bors of deliberately attempting to shift

its exemption of only \$1000 for the unmarried, reaches a very large proproduce its own timber, and for the Atlantic Coast, which the Gulf Coast also was to have supplied. The three to patriotism added to implied obligations was to have supplied. Pacific Coast states, which were conlescendingly conceded to do their the past the easy-going attitude of taxshare, are now in a fair way to pro-duce among them one-third of the Shipping Board's 1918 tonnage. Government was due to a combination of circumstances. There was, first, the hipping Board's 1918 tonnage. of circumstances. There was, first, the When such loud boasts can be made feeling that the Government would not on such slight grounds as exist for the miss the money, and did not need it Southern lumbermen's statements, the quite so much as the particular indi-Douglas fir men of the Pacific Coast widual; and, second, a suspicion that would seem to have good, solid ground others were doing the same thing. But

> their returns both cheerfully and willingly. Besides, if they are caught slacking, as it is almost sure they will be if they attempt it, there will be a money penalty to pay.

REACHING FOR PHANTOM EQUALITY.

The ambition entertained by Lenine and his party in Russia to establish a pure social democracy, in which class distinctions shall be abolished and in To attain the hitherto unattainable, to which there shall be neither bourconquer mighty forces, to bend Nature geoisie nor capitalists, is not new. It republic had constant strife for equalhard to do has always been the mov-ing desire of the type of men who Many revolutions have passed through f the race.
Finding North and South Poles, if in the assertion of not only political there were any left to find, would be but social equality by the proletariat tame business under new conditions. Russia is traveling the same road as The development of aeroplaning, when other nations, and it may safely be men shall have turned their energies predicted that it will continue to travel

tends to remain.

If the latter be the case we trust she robbed of their rest when we are streamed to the latter be the case we trust she had been she to the latter be to the l

limited to \$48 calories, but the limit has since been removed and the youngsters are averaging 1600 calories and endurance which have engaged the attention of the world for several spiece without violating a rule of the Food Administration. A specimen menu consisted of cream of potato soup, ance, by the oldest and most perfect accordash, nut butter sandwiches and of all machines—man and the Eakimo baked apple with molasses. Meat, wheat and sugar will be conserved tiouslly—overtooks the cardinal principle that it was the spirit of the pionic forty-seven pears. Break-up of old estates into peasant-owned farms has

at an even greater rate than a sixth he calls brute endurance is probably not prevented formation of new es- HISTORY OF THE SERVICE FLAG. NEW ARMORY FLAG SUGGESTED more a matter of the soul. There intes and accumulation of new for-have been millions of physically strong tunes, which have again divided the Former Army Captain Holds Patent on

French people into classes.

The Russian revolution started as trate the far corners of the earth.

It does not make much difference that the era of exploration de luxe seems about to dawn. There will be but they soon gave place to Kerensky, but they soon gave place to Kerensky, who corresponds to the Girondists of France, and he has been driven out by the Bolsheviki, who are the Jacobins of Russia. By their murder of officers fields than on the ice caps and in the jungles. The indomitable spirit need never sigh for want of worlds to conquer while life endures.

The Russian revolution started as did others, led by aristocrats like Millukoff, but they soon gave place to Kerensky, who corresponds to the Girondists of France, and he has been driven out by the Bolsheviki, who are the Jacobins of Russia. By their murder of officers in these fields than on the ice caps and in the jungles. The indomitable spirit need landed estates, factories and banks, murder of any who oppose them, violent dissolution of the Constituent Assembly, war on the new republics.

Assembly, war on the new republics of Ukraine and Finland, they show a so much to so many thousands of determination, without regard to true Americans' homes. ocracy, to make all men equal in

the most meddlesome government. The most that law can give is equality before the law and equal opportunity As the results of men's exertions to use their opportunity vary with their ability, industry, education and thrift, they will again become unequal and class divisions will again Adoption of Lenine's creed by the Russian masses is but the swing of the pendulum to the opposite extreme from the most tryannical, orrupt and unjust despotism on earth with the possible exception of Turkey Confusion may reign for years, but when Russia settles down, it will be to that inequality which is inevitable among men of diverse character.

Co-ordination is more than a word It means, in a war sense, that all the operations and activities of the Government in the war shall be harmon-

ized, and made to work as a unit.

If the we're-doing-well-enough citiens think that co-ordination is not important, let them read the following extract from the testimony of Surgeon-Jeneral Gorgas before the Senate miliary affairs committee:

Senator Hitchcock—I want to ask General Gorgas about the hespital ships for bringing back our wounded from the other side. Have you taken up that matter?
General Gorgas—That has been considered for some time. It is a question of whather the Army is to have charge of the returning siek and wounded or the Navy.
Senator Hitchcock—How did the matter originally come up? come up? Gorgas—It came up over the re-

Gorgas—It came up over the re-hospital ships. Hitchcock—Who made that re-General Gorgas-Our department. Senator Hitchcock-When was that, Gen-

General Gorgas — It has been considered nos that time from various points of view. finally went back to the Secretary, proby 10 days ago. Senator Hitchcock-Has the Navy any ator Hitencom.
(a) ships?
(b) seral Gorgas—It has three hospital

Hitchcock-Are those hospital sufficient capacity for the Army General Gergas-No; that would not be

iew" for five or six months, nothing is yet been done about hospital ships That is what happens when there is a dispute between Army and Navy.

These are the things a superior war council should and would settle in time.

There is no need for them (the I. W. W.)

whether there ever was an instance where so-called "gentle attentions" may be the design patent, granted to that individual by the Government. If the Government should buy Mr. Queisser's rights, it could either litering and feathering is tyrangy but this year the Government needs the money fully as much as any individual needs it; and there is also reasonable certainty that not many who are subject to the tax are going to escape.

The tax-dodger in 1918 will occupy a position he never has held before. He will be a slacker as well as a cheat. It is the obvious and patriotic duty of all who fall under the law to make them by exasperated citizens equally object to going to jail by due process of law. It is impossible to tor.)—1. I am registered in a company please them, except by giving them in Montana. My order number is 257. I

famine, as was the case in Vienna, it should burn food stores. The folly of a mob is that of all its individual members combined.

Trotzky need not expatiate on his They are to crush the war aims. bourgeois and make Bolshevism supreme, for the only army his government has in the field is fighting Rus-

"Verboten" is the slogan of the come when any man who pronounces the word will lose his head.

The future Russia will have classes, according to one of the idealists; but the future Russia is too far north for an Eden.

The Finns have an Arctic climate. ut they keep themselves fairly warm with revolutions. Stay out, Mr. Groundhog, and help

whip the Kaiser. This is a ground-Registration next week is likely to

eveal a few alien activities now un-If this is a sample of February reather, it is well the month is short.

Almost everybody is glad for a little snow, but all will welcome rain. Some men will make the meal they

miss the wheatless one a day. Cleopatra never could have played the game north of the tropic.

Judge McGinn can warm up in any

"Snow of rain," a safe guesa,

Design Now in General Use.

The Outlook.

The records in the Patent Office show social status by exterminating all who rise above the crowd in fortune, ability or character. The former great landlord is to have only forty or fifty acres of land like his peasant neighbors, if he should escape murder.

There is no reason to expect that these reports were founded on fact, for on November 6, 1917, Design Patent No. 51464 was granted to R. L. Quelsser, of Cleveland, Ohio, for a flag with a red border, a white center field, and two blue stars in the field Mr. R. L. Quelsser was captain of the machine grant. acres of land like his peasant negarious, if he should escape murder.

There is no reason to expect that the machine gun company of the Fifth the Russians will remain equal, any Ohio Infantry, during its recent service on the border. He retired from the like that of equality at which Lenine mustered out of the Federal service mustered out of the Federal service in an injury received in an accident.

"When the war was declared," he writes in reply to a query from us, "the thought came to me that both of my sons who were still officers in the Guard would again be called out and I wondered if I could not evolve some design or symbol by which it might be known that they were away in their country's service, and which would be to their mother a visible ign of the sacrifice her sons were

making."
With this thought in mind he designed, with the advice of some of his military friends, the flag which he reminitary friends, the flag which he re-cently patented. He then suggested the use and distribution of this flag to the Council of the city of Cleveland (of which he is vice-president), and the Council passed an ordinance adopt-ing it, which provided that one flag should be presented to the family of every soldier and sallor entering the every soldier and sailor entering the every soldier and sallor entering the service. The example of East Cleve-land was followed by the city of Cleve-land and by the state of Ohlo. A little later, he informs us, some of his friends suggested that the design

might be patented, and Mr. Queisser accepted the advice. The patent was granted, the royalty fixed at a low figure, and an agreement made that half of all the net profits should be set aside for the benefit of the Red Mr Queisser states that ampaign which resulted in introducing he flag into common use cost him tearly \$2000.

Besides the benefits to the Red Cross and the possibility of the personal profit, Mr. Quiesser states that he was led to take out a patent in order that the distribution and quality of the flag might be properly controlled, and the irresponsible flag-making companies might not make undue profits from the sale of the flag for which there was destined to be such tremendous demand Some of the largest flag manufactur-ing concerns in the country have taken out licenses to manufacture the flag, and have agreed to subtract the licenses fee from their own profits rather than o increase the price of the flag to

This is the story of the Service Plag as it cames to us from its designer. Certainly no one can criticise the mo-tives which led Mr. Quiesser to design service flag, or his purpose in assist-ng the Red Cross, and also keeping ing the Red Cross, and also keeping the manufacture of his flag out of the hands of irresponsible flag profiteers; but the acceptance of a profit by a former army officer from the legal monopoly of such a flag seems to us to be in the same category as the making of profits by a physician from the

There is no need for them (the I. W. W.)
this year to follow the harvests and sublect themselves to the tarring and feathering and other gentle attentions invished
upon them by business men and officials in
the Western states.—From the Public, New
York.

It would be interesting to know
whether there ever was an instance
whether the present service flag outright, or a
new flag should be designed by the Government itself. The Government is in a
far better position to control the quality and the price of the service flag
than any individual. Either the
Government should buy the patent to
the present service flag outright, or a
new flag should be designed by the Government itself. The Government is in a
far better position to control the quality and the price of the service flag
than any individual.

Registrant Once Rejected.

please them, except by giving them the world to run in their own way, which most people are not yet prepared to do.

Who said the Italians could not come back? All they needed was the stiffening of their morale by rubbing shoulders with the French and British and by eating some of the good food which America is sending.

It is characteristic of a mob that when it riots as a protest against famine, as was the case in Vienna, it

SUBSCRIBER. 1. You may expect to be called for

physical examination any day. You can probably be transferred to the medical examining board nearest you by applying to your local board as soon as you receive your notice, 2. The Government will make an additional allowance of \$10 to your

mother, provided that that sum added to the allotment from your pay does not exceed the sum you have been con tributing to her support. 3. It will depend on his civil vocation and his physical condition. It is not certain that he will be called to

any service. 4. The soldier has no personal choice. The military authorities can transfer him if they find it advisable.

Allens in Draft. LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Jan. 30.—
(To the Editor.)—I was-discharged in the Navy. Now I am in class A. I am not a citizen. Could I be exempted? I was discharged in Bremerton when the war broke out for not being a citizen. My country, Switzerland, is not at war. JOE PANCY.

If you mean that you have been assigned to class 1 it is apparent that you have first naturalization papers. or, in filling out your questionnaire you have signed waiver of any exemption on the ground of allenage. When the blizzard season ends the ject to draft unless he has become a naturalized citizen of the U. S. or has filed declaration of intention to become a citizen.

JOE PANCY.

RIDGEFIELD. Wash., Jan. 31.—(To the Editor.)—What is the difference in classification in 4A, 2B, 3L, and which will be called first?

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The division letter has nothing to do with order of draft. Class 1 will be exhausted before any member of class 2 is taken; class 2 will be called be-fore class 3, and class 3 will be called before class 4.

Old Glory Should Show at Best on Gov-

ernment Buildings. PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(To the Editor.)—From time to time the writer has observed discussions in your paper suggesting that ragged and torn flags which we see on offices and public buildings about the city be taken down and replaced with new ones. This suggestion is a very good one and many people are acting upon it.

I write you at this time to make inquiry as to whether it would be a mistake that you advise a new flag be placed upon our Armory building.

placed upon placed upon our Armory building. Should anyone take the trouble to notice the flag in question he will dis-cover that it is entirely torn in two and that the two parts are mere shreds. It would seem that if there is any place
"Old Glory" should be shown at her
best it is on the flag staffs of such
buildings that are controlled by the
Government or state.

Might not the public be favored with

James P. Moffett, of this city, who
spent eight months in Hawaii in 1891,

a discussion on your part relative to has thrown some interesting sidelights this matter? Although it seems but a on the Hawaiian revolution situation trivial thing at this time it occurs to in an interview accorded The Gregor-the writer it is highly important that ian and published today. due respect be paid to our flag, look-ing at it from any angle.

H. E. BURDETTE.

Parcels Sent to Soldiers Abroad.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Jan. 31 .-- (To he Editor.)—I have spent several days going from house to house, collecting for the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. Some of the people here that have relatives and friends in France would like to know what has become of the packages estimate of his worth and ability. they sent to these friends.

Only very few letters are received and in these the boys say nothing of re-ceiving packages or even letters from Some of these folks have hinted that

I need not come again to collect for war relief work unless their friends get what is sent to them from here. P. S. weight and methods of addressing par-

cels. Parcels addressed to the care of the commanding General, port of embarkation, will not be forwarded, what ever their weight. They must be addressed to the care of American Expelitionary Force, via New York, Parcels weighing over seven pounds eceived at New York after December

were not forwarded. Sender of parcel not conforming to equirements is notified if the parcel ears a return address.

Persons whose parcels conform to requirements may rest assured that the parcels will reach their destination, barring such incidental losses as are

Time Limit on Soldlers' Insurance. PORTLAND, Feb. 1-(To the Ed-tor.)-Under the rule that enlisted nen must make application for insurance before February 13, how does this

apply to members of Portland Hospital Unit No. 46? The members were enlisted last July. but have not been called to service. Are than they eligible at the present time for insurance and will they be eligible after February 12, after being mobilized?

The February 12 time limit applies o those who were in the "active war service" on or before October 15, 1917. It would be our construction that members of Hospital Unit No. 46 are not yet in the active war service and cannot now take insurance, but it might be well to get a ruling from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C.

Real Estate and Income Tax.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1 .- (To the Editor.) —In regard to the income tax, if a person has a piece of property and sells it and puts the purchase price on interest, would the purchase price or the interest. est be considered the income? SUBSCRIBER.

If you realized any profit from the sale of your property you must include the amount of that profit as a part of your income for the year in which the property was actually sold. If the proceeds from the sale of the property are caned at interest, the amount of money paid in interest on the loan becomes a part of your income and must be included in your income tax statement to the Government.

Almond Instead o Pecan. PORTLAND, Feb. 1 .- (To the Editor.)—The tree blooming in the yard of William Burke, 778 Northrup street, mentioned the other day as a pecan, is, in fact, a sofe-shelled almond, probIn Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago. n The Oregonian, February 2, 1893. tland was visited by another storm last night. The snow is

Washington.—It is learned here on good authority that E. C. Wall is booked for the interior portfolio.

A farewell reception was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. William McGlichrist last night at Engine Hall on Mississippi avenue by members of the Mississippi-

The United States Personal Abstract The United States Personal Abstract Company was incorporated yesterday for \$50,000 by G. B. Markle, H. A. Dorsey and C. B. Yondell. The object of the company is to furnish "characters." Everybody who wants a recommendation can apply to the company, which will make a research and provide an abstract embodying his standing with former employers, personal history and

A Sadder Budweiser Boy.

There once was a man With a wonderful plan Of making the world all his own. This man, Kaiser Bill, Started in with a will Just training the boys at home

When this job was done He built him a gun, None like it was e'er seen before, And a nice submarine And then looked around for a war.

He saw one one day While he was at play, le caught it and kept it about. It grew and it grew Till he thought it would do. Then old Kaiser Bill let it out.

On a midsummer day-For impishness nothing could match it. It made such a fuss That it roused even us And then Kaiser Bill couldn't catch it

Then we entered the race; We have now set the pace. And when the U. S. starts to score I know that the Kaiser
Will be sadder "bud" wheer
Than he was when he started the wa
DOROTHY E. HALL.

Relations With Austria CAMAS, Wash., Jan. 31.—(To the ditor.)—To decide an argument would

you kindly explain the following: A claims that the United States declared war on Austria some time ago. B says not, but that she broke off re-B says not, but that she broke off re-lations with Austria. A claims that the severing of relations means the same as declaring war, as a state of war ex-ists. B claims that breaking off re-

The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Austria at the same time as war was declared on Ger-many, April 8, 1917, but did not declare war on Austria until December 7, 1917. Severance of relations is not the same thing as declaration of war. It means that the two nations have no diplo-matic representatives at each other's capitals and therefore have no official intercourse Nations have frequently maintained this position of non-intercourse for years, but have not fired a shot at each other.

The Unstable. Watch them go by, watch them and sigh: sigh;
They are the hopes that are dead;
They are the plans that are fied.
Watch them go by, wondering why
Others by "good luck" are led!

Watch them go by, watch them and sigh; They are the yester-year dreams;

They are the lost sunshine beams Watch them go by, marveling why "Luck" with the "other man" seems! Watch them go by, watch them and sigh;

They are the ones that years maim; Souls without strength, without aim; reatures grown old, foul with the mold That clings to the character-lame! GRACE E. HALL.

ably the Ne Plus Ultra variety.

M. C. GEORGE. AT THE HOUSEBOAT ON THE STYX, BY JOHN KENDRICKS BANGS, IN

The Sunday Oregonian

Back again with the good old "Houseboat on the Styx," in a new series to appear in The Sunday Oregonian, are those immortals to whom John Kendrick Bangs has lent the sparkle of his whimsical wit and philosophy. In the first number, issued tomorrow, the Gehenna Gazette interviews the Kaiser. Captain Kidd's comments on modern affairs, Attila's renunciation of palship with the latter-day Hun, invite laughter-and reflection.

THE AUTOMOBILE SECTION-Heralding the Automobile, Truck and Tractor Show, a special section appears in the Sunday issue, devoted solely to a complete exposition of the automobile world and its progress, with valuable sidelights on the industry in Portland and the Pacific Northwest.

LETTERS FROM CAMP AND TRENCH-In the Sunday issue, just as they came from the boys who have gone "to make the world safe for democracy," appears a page of letters. They are more than letters-these bits of comment that are to become history. They portray life at sea, in the trenches, in the great training camps—and they breathe a courageous faith and cheerful optimism.

STEP RIGHT IN, DWIG!-If any comic creator is equal to the contract of bringing back those boyhood comrades, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, up to date that artist is Clare Victor Dwiggins, by a rising vote. Dwig's latest essay in the funnies is the delineation of Huck and Tom. They are with us tomorrow-tonic ticklers for children and grown-ups-to spend a prolonged and hilarious vacation among the comics.

OUR COAL AS WAR ASSET-How long will America's coal supply last, with the transports steaming out over the blue in long lines, with the bunting destroyers, the gruff, gray battleships, demanding unlimited provender as they search the seas, with every factory toiling for the great cause? "Four thousand years, at our present rate of consumption," is the answer of Frank G. Carpenter. Read his special article tomorrow.

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR FOOT MODELED?-One lesson the war has brought home to American women, through the knowledge that men must march if victory is gained. That lesson is the essential need for good feet. It has sounded taps for the small-shoe fad and ushered in an era of common-sense in feminine footwear. And the girls are having their feet modeled. Read it.

SCORES OF FINE FEATURES-In Sunday dress The Oregonian is not abashed amid the bon ton of the news-stand. Its features are equal, in many instances superior, to the finest magazine articles. These at random from the offering tomorrow: "Among Us Mortals," crayon sketches by W. E. Hill, famous illustrator; "Who Is Number One?" the mystery serial by Anna Katherine Green; War Photographs, taken abroad; Fashions, Books, Drama, Church, Society-a dozen others.

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