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to require that all should avail themselves of their privilege. It is a patriotic act to waive exemption, though the facts may clearly entitle one to its benefits.

The consciousness of the coming registrars will be clear when he has answered truthfully all the questions asked of him. Upon the draft boards and the doctors will fall the final responsibility if he is detained at home.

THE SLACKER SENATORS. When the supply of class I men available for the Army under the original draft law is almost exhausted...

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PORTLAND, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1918.

OURMOUNTING DIFFICULTIES.

The man who finds spread before him every morning in The Oregonian a detailed account of important events that have happened in Europe in the few preceding hours, has little conception of the difficulties surmounted to render its transmission.

There is, as may be naturally suspected, a congestion of business on the European cable lines. The Government makes constant use of them.

It is heard of the work-or-fight order. Much is said for legislation for the War Department is ready to start the machinery the instant Congress and the President say the word.

THE ROMANCE OF "BERRYIN". Berry time in America in 1918 has brought a new experience to millions of persons, and has awakened a keen interest in the berry crop.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. Negotiations have already begun between the United States and Germany for the exchange of prisoners of war.

General March says the Government will put the whole civilian population in shoddy next year, that the Army may wear wool. We can stand it.

General March's statement to the Senate military committee shows that the two things which we now need to speed up are airplanes and heavy artillery.

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the air, and that those who fall to pass the test have a poor sense of direction and equilibrium.

THEIR DAY IS DONE. The day of open defiance to the law by bootleggers and those who conspire with bootleggers seems to be over.

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MILITARISM LIKELY TO SURVIVE. Race Games activities in Central Europe will foster it even in defeat.

PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—In your admirable editorial of August 10 you argue ably that a defeated Germany "will yield gradually to the logic of facts" and will renounce her ambitions for world conquest.

You assume that defeat will mean the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, the independence of Poland, the restoration of Austria-Hungary into ethnic states, etc.

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Quick Aid to Tillamook Must Be Given to Save Spaghnum.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Spaghnum moss might just as well be in the moon as in the moss bogs of Tillamook County, so far as Red Cross bandages are concerned.

The moss is not gathered within the next few weeks. After the Fall rains begin it will be a physical impossibility to transport it from the bogs to the railroad in any appreciable quantity.

It is dry weather gathering this moss is just about the same as picking up bundles of cotton batting and putting them in sacks.

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In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 17, 1893.

Los Angeles.—The chief of police announced a general clean-up of the city. All side-entrance saloons will be closed.

San Francisco.—A California economist suggests that Great Britain sell British Columbia to the United States for \$100,000,000 in silver bullion and their coin.

London.—Gladstone announced that the Bering Sea treaty is satisfactory.

San Francisco.—The California baseball league, which was said to have collapsed, will continue through the season.

Forty Years Ago. From The Oregonian, August 17, 1884.

Colonel Lester, an ex-Confederate officer of Georgia, has come out strong for Grant for President.

Bishop Scott, of the Methodist Church, arrived at Salem last Wednesday via the Overland stage and is now in attendance on the Methodist conference in session there.

Paris.—In relation to the new French loan, 34 times the amount of money asked for has already been subscribed.

MISS ON THE FARM. I kind-a miss the trolley cars a-lumbering 'long the track.

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Two Crops of Beans Possible. PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Would your war garden readers like to reap two crops from their stringless bean orchards?

Future of Former Boston Students. PORTLAND, Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—I will be a third-term machinist at Benson Polytechnic school this fall.

Location of Cantonment. DALLAS, Or., Aug. 15.—(To the Editor.)—Will you kindly inform me where Camp Forest is located?

How Solomon Was Wise. Washington (D. C.) Star. "How did Solomon get his great reputation for wisdom?" queried Mr. Meekton. It was "Oh, I am sure, Henrietta, it was not through anything he thought up for himself."

Evils Needing Ridance. BEAVER CREEK, Or., Aug. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Apropos of the recent convention for pests, I am wondering if all our patriots have called for France.

MAKING MACHINES FOR ARMY SHOES—TOLD IN THE SUNDAY OREGONIAN

In the course of his war-time survey of American industries, Frank G. Carpenter finds much that is comforting to Americans—for his stories concern the marshaling of the ranks at home in the solid reserve without which armies in the field could not win battles.

PREMIER PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION OF WORLD.—In keeping with the opening of the 52d annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which convenes in Portland on Monday, the Sunday issue will present a history of that gallant old organization, with photographs of men who have led it and places that are sacred through their associations.

AMONG US MORTALS.—This week W. E. Hill, famous illustrator, offers a new page of pertinent photos in crayon. He calls it "Around Town," and there isn't a character missing.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.—The camera clicks just once, and on the plate is a whole page of history—more than the written word could tell. In each Sunday issue there is a grouped collection of views taken everywhere, depicting events that have figured in the news dispatches.

IN THE CHURCHES.—Complete news of all the churches appears in the Sunday issue, with announcements of all services. The great Jewish holidays begin on the evening of September 6, and tomorrow's issue contains important announcements pertaining thereto. The republished Sunday sermon is by Dr. J. F. Gormley, of Rodney-Avenue Christian Church, and is a plea for the unity of all churches in the common good.

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD.—Every issue of The Oregonian contains the finest news service obtainable, but the Sunday issue, with its greater scope, is amplified both in news service and in features. Few magazines hold more attractive articles and illustrations, and none combines with these in unequalled display of authoritative information from every part of the world.