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† FUTURE MILITARY POLICY. Doubt as to what necessity may layed decision of the War Department tion of the Army. In fact some persons question the wisdom of demobicluded, and they are impatient to go language. What then? home. They do not relish the pros- It would be a world Occupation or to pacify countries that rance and prejudice take the hind-fight for disputed territory or that are disturbed by Bolshevism. Under these of nations. circumstances demobilization cannot wisely be carried much farther until provision has been made for an ade-

quate force to perform the duty of cleaning up the final work of the war. Hence the House military committee has agreed with Secretary Baker and General March that the present organization and law be continued and that consideration of a permanent Army organization be deferred to the next session of Congress. But there is danger of grave dissatisfaction if a large proportion of the present Army should be retained

in service indefinitely for post-war work. While the President may lawfully detain these men until four months after the proclamation of peace, which cannot be till the peace treaty is ratified, much better feeling would prevail if he were to call upon the men now in the ranks for enough volunteers to do the post-war work and were to send all others home That course would avoid discontent arising from the employment of men do work which they did not under take, or at least did not expect.

Adoption of a permanent policy should not be delayed beyond the first session of the new Congress, and should be the work of a special ses sion this year. While the War Department and the General Staff propose to universal military training. Yet if we have learned anything from the war, it is that the general body of male citizens should have military training in order that there may be an ample reserve behind the regular Army. The draft law has served admirably to meet the situation in which the war found us, but it was passed for the present emergency and will expire four months after conclusion of peace. If it should expire before a new system has been provided, the Army would shrink to about 40,000 men whose time had not expired under the Hay law. By absorption into the National Army the National Guard has been practically destroyed and would

need to be built up anew. The Army would not then even be back where it was at the beginning of April, 1917. At that time, although war with Germany had been in progress for two and a half years, we were so ill prepared that we were not even with the excellent system of the draft and with its able administration by General Crowder, to put an independent American Army on the firing line until seventeen months after we declared war and only two months before hostilities ceased. In the absence of a trained citizenship to provide ample reserves for a strong firstline Army immediately on the outbreak of hostilities, we should be in the same position again in a future We might not then have allies to hold the enemy at bay until we got have suffered irretrievable defeat dur ing those seventeen months that we spent in preparing our first Army.

Me world with the words, fighting with our backs to the wall."

class to be trained before the present

or looks at an American picture or statue?"

Somehow we are reminded of this famous satire on the early provincialism and cultural isolation of America when we see a proposal to teach nothing but English in the public schools There is a bill at Salem to exclude al other languages, and another bill to forbid the teaching of German. The latter is doubtless superfluous. Who outside of Germany wants to learn letter; German?

Let us suppose that the United States excludes Spanish, and French and all the other principal languages. Let us suppose that the patriots of France then make up their minds that their children are being educationally corrupted by too much knowledge of English, or Italian, or Spanish, and arise from decisions of the peace con-ference and from the disturbed condition of the world has unavoidably de- suppose that every Latin country in Central and South America concludes and Congress on the future organiza- that the way to keep alive the spirit and ideals of loyalty and duty to native country and to resist the spread of American or other foreign influence lization in advance of the final set- is to eject English and all languages tlement, for there may be need of but Spanish from the schools. Let us demobilized, and might prove capable Japanese schools for the Japanese of serious resistance to execution of language. Let us suppose that all the allies' domands. Yet the men who other countries follow the conspicuous volunteered or were drafted to fight example of America and cut them Germany consider that their work was selves off from all outside literature finished when the armistice was con- and educational development through

It would be a world with every na pect of being retained as an Army of tion for itself, and the devil of igno-

WHY PICTURES ONLY?

There is a well-justified apprehension expressed in a letter published elsewhere today that if the new war revenue measure shall finally contain the proposed excise tax on films, admission prices to moving picture plays

The old doctrine that the consumer pays the tax will find no exception perein, much as one would like to have it otherwise. The proposed tax is er cent upon the amount that the exhibitor pays the producer for use of This tax is apart from that imposed upon admissions, which is frankly and specifically a tax payable by the purchaser of admissions

Whatever the method of collecting who pays the producer for the privi- world safe for democracy. lege of showing the film.

a standing Army of half a million him or passed on to him by the pro- munities which have previously gone ment. Let him do it under a good men, which is the force proposed by ducer. The exhibitor may be expected "dry" without bringing the house of man who was also a bank clerk in his the General Staff before the Hay law to recoup from the theater patron. The latter is the ultimate consumer. There is nobody on whom he can unload the tax. He can either pay it or believes. There is a strong undercur stav at home.

Regardless of the identity of the

The sum paid the producer for the fore and it will come to pass again. privilege of showing a film is not in an essentially different class from the the begie of empty stores and armies sum paid the owner of a play for of unemployed as the result of elimiproducing it in the spoken form. other managements for their rights persuaded that our boys in France in players. There is perhaps no paid think that they were fighting to make middleman. Inasmuch as Government revenues must be provided there can be little complaint when all in the ously. But it is not. same class are taxed alike and no class is singled out for excessive burden-But in this instance the bearing. amusement of the masses is taxed and the others are left untouched. Discrimination of any kind produces dissatisfaction. For our own part we should accept with equanimity a high tax on problem plays and sex dramas, spoken or pictured. There are others who equally abhor slap-stick comedy. In either of such cases there would be a semblance of argument for the law-also much complaint over its enforcement, In this case, wherein the law says that the pictured play shall pay an extra tax but the spe play shall not, there is no logic what-

SELLING OUR OWN GOODS. The new foreign trade policy of the United States will need to take account Congress did not learn its lessen of Franklin's maxim that one who the motions necessary to discover the while the fate of democracy hung in wants a job well done should attend percentage of germination in the seed the balance. An amendment to the to it himself. The Department of required for a ten or twenty-acre field, draft law calling for registration for Commerce has just called attention to besides the simple but bulky apparatraining of all boys of 19 and 20 was the practice of Americans of entrust- tus for which there is not always room voted down by the Senate on March ing the sale of their goods to foreign- in the farmhouse kitchen. The hand driving toward Amiens and only a few not be so glaring if it had been con- easily lend itself to finer operations days before Marshal Haig electrified fined to engaging as agents the na- The result has been, in practical ex-"We are tionals of the country in which busi- perience, that a good many farmers ness was sought. It appears, for ex- who admit the superiority of tested Not until August did Congress yield ample, that the representatives of seed put off the task until it is too to logic by subjecting all males over American firms in Latin-American late, and then plant haphazard as they 18 and under 16 to the draft. states have been largely Europeans, have always done. states have been largely Europeans. have always done. The prospect is that the United In Argentina recently it was found States will be called upon to provide that 62 per cent of the selling agencies lesson in drawing, arithmetic, geomean Army of Occupation for the Rhine for American goods were neither try, botany and biology for children Valley and probably for other dis- Americans nor Argentinans. Indeed, with deft fingers and active hands, it turbed countries for one or two years before the war they were chiefly Geris no longer drudgery. This has been after peace is arranged. This Nation mans, which probably accounts for proved in Connecticut. There the

may be called upon to administer and the fact that our trade prospered no farmer takes his selected ears to the police some of the new states which more than it did.

schoolhouse and the children first tag are to be set up, at least until they The reason why this practice was and number them. Ten grains are succeed in establishing stable govern- tolerated will be found in the relative picked from each ear and put in enments. Having spent less in men and insularity of American manufacturers velopes numbered to correspond with money than any of the allies, we may and in their lack of concern for formoney than any of the ailles, we may and in their lack of concern for forbe called upon to do the largest share eign markets. For more than forty ruled into squares, which are divided of the work. As we are less open years succeeding the Civil War they with double lines into numbered than European nations to suspicion of were extremely busy with projects for groups of ten. The grains are then selfish motives, we may be selected as internal development. The habit of moistened, another blotter is placed trustee to execute peace conference first creating home demand by pro- over them, and the whole is labeled. decrees. Aside from those considera-tions, several great countries are in ship which are peculiarly American the children are employed in identifysuch a state of transition that our and then filling it did not tend to ing, counting and listing the grains National safety requires us to be well develop knowledge of how to cater to which have germinated. When the prepared for the gravest contingencies. As wars are now fought between stubborn notions of their own. Our grain will show a little white curled rained nations, our citizens must be foreign trade omissions have been stem, which if it had been planted trained, that they may be ready in- many. Failure to conform to the cus- would have grown a stalk of corn. If toms of prospective customers is con- nine grains germinated, the corre-If Congress were to enact a law for spicuous among these. Americans have sponding ear is tagged 90 per cent, consin ratified yesterday.

universal training next Summer it been notoriously neglectful of foreign which is practically perfect, as seed would act barely in time for the first languages.

Our dependence upon foreign agents drafted Army is disbanded and after has made us the victim of trade which the seed came is rejected, or the new regular Army of 500,000 men sabotage in various forms. It is no in a season of great scarcity is reis enlisted. Experience has done away longer a secret that our foreign agents, served for a planting of double the with objection to military training on particularly the Germans, have delibthe part of all except a few radicals erately sacrificed us. This is quite

OUR DUTY.

The Oregonian has from a valued reader at Corvallis the following

I am a Republican and have road and taken The Oregonian for years. I have also taken the Thirice-a-Week World for many years, and I want to protest against The Oregonian linking up with the World for its European news. Most of us would prefer something from Europe that is not fulsome praise of Wilson. Surely there must be other news agencies aside from those controlled by the World and the Times. Most of us feel that their news is partisan and colored.

By the same mail The Oregonian has from Bandon the following sharp rebuke from an old subscriber:

It would afford a great chance for cademic debate, in the public forums might have happened to America and price. peech, in Congress and out, and the liberty of the press had been with-drawn from April 7, 1917, when we entered the war, until now. Let us ormulate the text:

Resolved, That the second clause of the Rosolved, That the second clause of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States be suspended for the period of any war, to the end that the President may assume all power, including the priv-lleges and prerogatives and duties of Consuggestion from any citizen or newspaper

For the instruction and enlightenaept of the world at large as to the whole duty of man and the press, we should like to assign a staff reporter to be present during the deliberations.

WITH GOOD GRACE.

The spirit in which President Norman R. Stern, of the Trans-Oceanic Commercial Corporation, a newly organized subsidiary of the Distillers' curities Corporation, approaches the the proposed excise tax, it justifies issue of accomplished National probi- ability to convert a hitherto neglected dismal forebodings for the individual bition will commend itself to those supply of forage into food for huwho loves to sit before the screen. If who like a good loser. Incidentally, it collected from the producer, who is in striking contrast to that of the reputed to be the greatest money irreconcilables who are now trying to maker in the industry, he will likely foment discord with statements as abreads that he is paying enough in surface, surface as that our returning soldiers will income, super-income or corporation taxes. His consumer is the exhibitor while the result of the sentimentalities about Arthur Davis? He was a bank clerk, handling other people's money. He handling other people's money. He handling other people's money. He took it, and kept it until caught. His Javie. taxes. His consumer is the exhibitor while they were fighting to make the

industry down upon their heads. We doubt, however, whether the surprise lement will be as great as Mr. Stern rent of confidence that the transition rom non-productive to productive in one that pays the tax there is an ele-ment of unfairness in the provision. disturbance. It has come to pass be-

The day for frightening people with nating liquor-drinking has gone by. Operas yield to their owners a similar It is equally improbable that any apincome. Baseball managements pay preclable number of people will be the country safe for John Barleycorn Such a conception would be an insult to the soldier, if it were taken seri-

MAKING THE KINDERGARTEN USEFUL Apostles of utility will commend the a report of the farm bureau of that state to the United States Department of Agriculture. Connecticut kindergartens in the rural districts were mighty factor in increasing food production in 1918 as the result of the substitution of seed testing for cutting paper dolls and weaving baskets. But the happiest phase of the scheme, it will be conceded, was that this practical exercise was made the vehicle for education in several important

Seed testing, as every farmer know is a slow and tedious process. It takes time and patience to go through with This error of judgment would that holds the plowhandle does not

But when seed testing is made schoolhouse and the children first tag

corn runs. If the rate of germination is less than 70 per cent, the ear from

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attractive, however, for that reason, campaign was the result of the disbecause the unfit are sure to be covery that home-grown corn of the weeded out in the competition, and 1917 crop possessed exceptionally low the rewards will be larger in propor- germinating power. As the result of tion to those who take themselves and planting from this crop, there was in the their work in all seriousness.

value of the work, however, lies bebranches" which it contains. The hold is receptive to the appeal of useful work. To be employed at a task which makes him a real partner in industry is in itself, an inspiration, which does not admit comparison with the making of futile little things which are created only to be destroyed. It is said that the seed tested by Connecticut kindergarten children last season brought the farmers of the state \$15,
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To be called in the Union.

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Charles R. Baker, business agent in advance of the San Carlo Opera Company, is at the Multinomah while completing arrangements for the early appearance of his stars in Portland, and the Sisters of St. Vincent's of the Union.

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The physician and surgeons on the heavy land to caste, creed or color, ric branches" which it contains. The nor-The Oregonian would serve its country and milefy its readers far more if it would not criticise the Wilson Administration in its said that the seed tested by Connecting of trouble. Then The Oregonian must not ques- brought the farmers of the state \$15,ion or discuss critically the acts of 000 in addition to that which was rethe President and his Administration served for home use. But the return military activity on no small scale. suppose, also, that Japan raises the at any time. For we very much fear in greater crops must have been enorthe German army has not been fully cry of Japan for the Japanese and that the Presidential troubles are to mous. It was play-work, but it was multiply, rather than diminish, for the highly profitable. We think its eduremaining period of his second term, cational force was not lost on the day when every farmer will realize of Bandon and elsewhere, as to what that inferior seed is dear seed at any

> country in the Far North and that the musk ox, with careful management, may become one of the world's great sources of meat supply, is only We need only to go back to the Pleistocene period to find records of his presence in Kentucky and other points farther north in the United States, and also in Europe and Asia. He is a true member of the family Hovidae and scientists think that he is entitled to have a subfamily division to himself. He so much resembles a large sheep that he is by some regarded as a "woolly cow," which is the way Stefansson prefers to view him, in view of the assertion that the meat is almost precisely like beef and the yield per carcass about the same as that from a range cow, The value of the ox rests upon its

took it, and kept it until caught. His Jayne. outward show of repentance dates only Mr. Stern's prediction that the country will have as good an regument as the producer for not pay
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Mr. Stern's prediction that the country will have as good an try will be surprised at the complete spect the trust placed in them and do Coast and who had the building of the argument as the producer for not paying the tax out of his own pocket, whether it be levied directly against in line with the experience of communities which have previously gone

There has been no fighting for two onths, but the ensualty list still drags along. If the war had continued for another year, the surviving veter-ans might have died of old age before they learned "officially" what had become of their missing comrades.

Capricornus and wife held the boards oday at Lincoln High, with Dr. Morrow and Editor Gage attending. All things considered, the milk goat is the most profitable animal, and if more people owned them the mortality among infants would diminish. The Clearing-house is financing the plan, and it is worth attention.

Years ago John B. Gough and Father Mathew were the apostles of temper If this country had followed their advice it now would not be going Connecticut genius who devised the into absolute prohibition, which is scheme for combining the practical something different from temperance something different from temperance with the theoretical in kindergarten Temperance is a virtue, but prohibi-work and whose work is described in tion has become a necessity.

Vigilance is up to the pedestrian on a crowded crossing, yet it would seem some of it should apply to the driver to avoid accident. All downtown intersections cannot be supplied

members of that conspiracy full freedom to spout lawlessness.

The 25,000 shipyarders going on while the strike lasts, and that is

says he will commit suicide before arrest. Not if they "sick" a Burns or a Pink on him, however.

real value, and must depend on the home." integrity of the buyer. It looks as though the first work of the peace conference will be to

The rattling of wooden shoes in the Dutch kingdom is not revolution. The Hollander is too thrifty to revolute.

form a bread line instead of a peace

league.

Weather folk say "Moderate to

to all comers. If Lenine is in Spain, there are

troublous times ahead for King Al-Milwaukee no more is famous. WisThose Who Come and Go.

Seventy-five nervous candidates for the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystia tor.)—In The Oregonian January to Shrine, otherwise known as the "Cheese relating to the action of the council on the use of masks to combat influence. Teachers probably have not over- Knife," because of the emblem used by the use of masks to combat influenza, estimated the educational advantages the Red Top Masons beard the tirers the part of all except a lew radicals and moral and cranks. The physical and moral clear to the Department of Commerce, estimated the educational advantages of the new plan. For beginners, the men now being discharged from the Army are recognized as better citizens for their experience, and they have not become militarists. They are first to admit that a valuable addition has been made to their education.

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Covery that home-grown corn of the 1917 crop possessed exceptionally low germinating power. As the result of planting from this crop, there was danger of a real food calamity. In one instance 700 samples taken from the 1918 crop were found to have only 30 per cent germinating power. In one county, the average of samples submitted was as low as 10 per cent. What this would have meant to the food supply of the country if it had been permitted to continue will be plain to any thoughtful observer.

It will be conceded that the chief value of the work, however, lies be-Calvin Heilig returned to Portland which have borne the burden of

A few months in the East was enough for George H. Stephenson. He left here several months ago after closing up his business, Getermined to live for the rest of his life in Boston. It did not take long for Boston's attraction of the Stephenson of the Good Samaritan Hospital and the Sisters of St. Vincent's did not take long for Boston's attractions.

day when every farmer will realize that inferior seed is dear seed at any price.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, returning from the Arctic regions with the message that there is a great herding country in the Far North and that

F. S. Lang, a stove manufacturer of Seattle, and his son, A. L. Lang, are installing a new range in the kitchen of the Hotel Portland. The range is telling us about an old-time friend. 22 feet in length, which will give elbow om for several chefs to operate at once.

> Among those at the Imperial who are here on fraternal business are Mert Kiddle, of Island City, who wants to attend the Shrine, and M. A. Rickard,

Rite yesteerday. They are at the D. C. Patterson and James H. Nich-

Auditorium in Portland, is at the Im-

Judge W. D. Barnes, of Benf, accompanied by his wife, is at the Imperial. The Judge is here to be that the Shrine ceremonial is a success.

Charles S. Springer, business manager of the Gazette-Times, of Corvallis, is among the out-of-town Shriners reg-istered at the Multnomah.

ompanied by Mrs. Welty. W. H. Fellman, who is in the furni-

ture business in Astoria, is at the Ben-son with Mrs. Fellman. Harvey Beckwith, member of the In-dustrial Accident Commission, came down from Salem yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Herron, of Centralia. Wash,, are among the arrivals at the

60TH C. A. C. HAPPY BUT HOMESICK Boys in Good Health and Spirits, But

tach to the driver.

Chicago has forgotten already that the conviction of Haywood and his companions branded the I. W. W. as a criminal conspiracy, for it may be of interest to the friends of the 67th C. A.C. to hear that the conviction of Haywood and his sac. France—a small village not far from Bordeaux. They were all in good health and say. from Bordeaux. They were all in good health and aside from the discomforts of continued rain and mud were in good spirits, though anxious to return

They had turned in their gas mask) The 25,000 shipyarders going on and "tin hats." along with the big guns, strike in Seattle next week will lose tractors and a part of the motorcycles. On their journey over they landed at while the strike lasts, and that is Avenmouth, England, thence by rail to outhampton, where they "rest camped" or a day before crossing the channel o Havre. En route to Southern France o Havre.

The Crown Prince who used to be ays he will commit suicide before trest. Not if they "sick" a Burns or Pink on him, however.

The man who sells his liberty bond to they had a taste of the famous "Hommes and every letter begs for more. "All the Oregonians," one writes, "and by the second day they are worn out. We don't the news is a month old, it's s not enough financier to know its care if the news is a month MOTHER.

Manufacture of Mirrors.

OCEAN PARK, Wash., Jan. 16.—(To the Editor.)—Please tell me what to use besides quicksilver in making a looking-glass of plate glass or tell me where I can get the information. Also how to apply mixture. J. F. MASON.

Modern processes of making mirrors are based upon causing a deposit of metallic silver on the glass. They are strong southerly winds." That's the intricate but within the ability of a stuff. Good-bye. "flu!" careful man. The New Standard Formulary (Hiss and Ebert) contains a Wasco is not a big town, but it description of an approved method, in shows a big idea in quarantining itself which silver nitrate is the principal ingredient used. It contains too much detail to give here. It may be suggested that it would be cheaper and more satisfactory to purchase a mirror outright than to procure measuring, weighing and mixing appliances, ingredients and formula for one small

WHY INFLUENZA IS IN HOSPITALS Cases Admitted and Cared for From

Sense of Public Duty. PORTLAND, Jan. 17 .- (To the Editor.)-In The Oregonian January 16

large city hospitals, like St. Vincent's and the Good Samaritan and others

itan and the usual quota of physicians and students were stricken with very virulent forms of the disease. Of these quite a few died.

The public is singularly apathetic to the scourge that is raging today and drawing such a heavy toil of our citizenship. They would run to the hills and valleys if it were the plague or cholera, and yet the present epidemic is worse than any pest that ever invaded the world. It is no respecter of persons and smites the just and the unjust allike, and only those who help themselves are relatively safe from attack. Public officials should take heed of the warning of professional men, who alone must work out the problems of defense and protection not yet. lems of defense and protection not yet forced to pay 20 per cent instead of 10 fully understood in this disease. The per cent as heretofore, medical profession will undoubtedly and the people who go to the opera solve the problem, just as it has that and the legitimate will still get away

attend the Shrine, and M. A. Rickard, an automobile dealer, of Corvallis, who is taking the Scottish Rite.

R. L. Davenport, Herbert Cohen and F. Perrett, all in uniform and all from the spruce country of Toledo, Lincoln County, came up to take the Scottish Rite spruced and the spruce country of Toledo, Lincoln Rite yesteerday. They are at the Rite yesteerday. They are at the spruce of the spruce of the spruce of the spruce country of Toledo, Lincoln County, came up to take the Scottish Rite yesteerday. They are at the carried in droplets from the nose and country the spruce of the s mouth in the act of sneesing and cough-ing. Thus the air around us becomes contaminated. The air cannot be ster-ilised like water, but devices can be ols, both of Baker, are at the Benson. used which would have the same effect They are taking the Shrine, now being as sterilization. The mask is such a exemplified in Portland on a "Victory" device, acting as a screen or trap to provent the transmission of infected Ralph H. Burnside, president of the vest Const Lumbermen's Association, prived at the Reason vestment's Association, proved at the Reason vestment's Association, pose being the only channels of infective at the Reason vestment of the could not feed the multitude,

We should join hands with the director-general and use every rational means to blot out this scourge.

KENNETH A. J. MACKENZIE.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16 .- (To the Edi- And the ragged little urchin perial.

C. C. Clark, former member of the Oregon Legislature, is at the Imperial, at Newport News on January 2. Activate on the Imperial, has been looking around the State-house at Salem.

PORTHAND, Jan. 18.—(18 the Editor.) And the ragged little urchin, And the orphaned little maid. Tearful, smiled and pressed the hand That on their heads he laid, And leaden clouds grew silver. To the widow, lone and ill, When his arm, though overhurdened, boyes at Salem. at Bordeaux on December 11 Waiting embarkation orders, with rumor that they might be home for Christmas. Have you any information as to whether they have yet sailed? They Portland yesterday on his way home left from Newport News—does it follow that they will return to that port? Also, will they be demobilized at Fort Though himself be bruised and shaken.

those already there SOLDIER'S WIFE. s among the out-of-town Shriners regstered at the Multnomah.

Per Lee Welty, an insurance man of Seattle, is at the Hotel Portland, accompanied by Mrs. Welty.

Up to January 15 the regiment had not been listed as having sailed. It is probable but not assured that they will be returned to Newport News. Its men from this section will be democracy, and yet, there are right here at home such abject slaves as we!

He is a tyrant! (All men are.) Too long have men held sway.

We've hitched our wagon to a star and now we'd have our say!

We've hitched our wagon to a star and now we'd have our say! part of a division. No additions are being made to the force in Russia at

> present. 109th Infantry. OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 18 .- (To the Editor.) -- (1) Where is Company I, 10218 Infantry. (2) Is it listed for return? (2) Could we get them home sooner on account of sickness, and where would we write?
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> A SOLDIER'S SISTER.

(1) Is in the 28th Division, Army of occupation, last reported at Heudi-(2) (3) It is highly improbable. soldier would have to make attempts

up with his commanding officer. You can only aid by sending him data and affidavits. PORTLAND, Or. Jan. 17.—(To the cated? tor,)—Where could I learn the where-abouts of a soldler, who, in 1915, was their r

stationed at the Presidio at San Fran-cisco with Company E, 16th Infantry and was transferred to Company D. 12th Infantry, in 1916, and sent to El Paso, Texas. I am sure that if alive this man is still with the United States Army and it is important that I lo-cate him. LUCIA SAWYER. ed home for many months. The divis-

The 16th Infantry is with the First Division, in Germany. You might address the commander and at the same time send inquiry to the Adjutant-General, United States Army, Wash

MILITARY QUESTIONS A SWERED IN SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

The Oregonian will publish Sunday another page of answers to inquiries concerning troop movements, divisional assign-ments, pay allotments, soldiers' insurance and other matters per-taining to the United StatesArmy. Persons who find answers to their questions in The Sunday Oregonian should know that this page is printed on Friday and that press dispatches published Saturday and Sunday may give additional Information concerning particular units or organiza-

Questions received later than Friday noon cannot be answered in The Sunday Oregonian.

In Other Days.

Twenty-five Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, January 18, 1834. Hastings, Neb .- This city was visited well-defined earthquake shock

Careful inquiry on the East Side falls to indicate the prevalence of diph-theria to any great extent.

Fifty Years Ago.

From The Oregonian, January 18, 186%. Paris.-The public newspapers report that the conference on the Eastern dif-ficulty adopted a conciliatory resolu-tion. All indications are that Greece is bent on war.

Washington, D. C .- Reports for January from internal revenue bid fair to reach \$5,000,000; from customs, \$15 .-New York -- A number of gentlemen

last evening organized a general asso-ciation of engineers of America. Branches are to be established in every

or opera tickets.

But they are going to try and put a tax on the movies that will make us "movie fans" pay 1 cent to 5 cents more

When he could not give a dollar He gladly gave a dime. And he smiled a cheery greeting As he said, "Some other time Perhaps I can do better— I should like to pay it all— My interest is with you.

Hut helped his fellow men
Who stumbled to his threshold
To arise and try ngain;
And although his load was heavy On life's highway till the last, He tried to bear the burdens

Of struggling ones he passed.

Stevens? Is the 49th part of a division:

If so, what division? Is it possible that any of the troops ordered home would be transferred to Russia? Or are there no troops being added to SUFFRAGETTE LOGIC.

Yes, Woodrow's gone across the feam to aid Democracy, now we'd have our say!

We're just as capable to rule as any stupid mals—

That e'er threw spitballs in a school or spent the night in jall.

And now to prove that we are fit to govern in our land

We'll burn those speeches Woodrow

made. Slave-sisters, lend a hand. Men must admit our mental power. This act of ours will learn 'em

That the they may may real smart things, we're smart enough to burn 'em!

JULIA REESE OSBORN.

125th Infantry. PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(To the Ed-tor.)—Kindly tell me what division a an Is in who is with Company K. 125th Infantry, also when they are exto effect release by taking the matter are now. A READER.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 15.—(To the Editor.)—(1) In what important engagements has Company L, 125th In-(2) Near what place are they now lo-(3) Have you information regarding their return? M. W.

The 125th Infantry is a part of the 32d Division, Army of Occupation, with last announced headquarters at Rengsdorf, Germany. It need not be expect-

Thierry and the Meune-Argonne sector. Base Hospital 32, Evacuation Hospital 27.
PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(To the Edi-

tor.)—(1) Where is Base Hospital 23 located? (2) Have you any information regarding Evacuation Hospital 27 and (2) When will the last ts location?

roops be sent home? (1) It was last reported at Contrexeville, France.

(2) We have not, (3) No one knows the answer to your question, if taken literally. If you refer to the hospital units, it may be said there is prospect that they will be sent back before many months elapse, some already being started.

Indemnity Paid by France in 1871. WALVILLE, Wash., Jan. 15.—To the Editor.)—What was the amount that Germany made France pay in the War of 1870-17 CONSTANT READER.

Germany exacted an indemnity of 5,000,000,000 francs. The actual cost of the war to Germany was a little more than balf that amount; the remainder