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ACCEPTANCE OF THE DRAFT.

Timorous people have feared a great upheaval on the occasion of the draft. They foresaw crowds parading the streets of the cities waving red flags and yelling "Down with the government." Instead of that, such draft disturbances as have occurred would be utterly insignificant were they not one evidence of the vast and complicated plotter system that is working all the time to beat out our government.

The American people have the reputation of being undisciplined. They do break out into riots much too frequently. Race feeling, anger at men who have taken their jobs during strikes, and such survivals of primitive passions incite the rougher type of men to mob action.

But when it comes to the call of the government to act and arm, the response is as prompt as in an autocratic country. If there is delay it is because our politicians quarrel and talk, not because there is any lack of spirit of unity on the part of the people. The principle of acceptance of majority rule has become ingrained into our national fiber as the result of generations of successful democratic government. It is a great safeguard.

"SUMMER COTTAGES."

The time has gone by when wealthy people are satisfied with one palatial home. There must be two or very commonly three, including those at both summer and winter resorts. These vacation dwellings are still somewhat apologetically called "cottages," a word that stood originally for the simplest and barest form of dwelling.

The summer "cottage" of the rich today is more lavish than the town houses of a previous generation of wealthy people. The price of the lot per foot is about what you would be asked on a business street of a good sized city. The value is not so much given by the view as by the fact that you get socially elect people as neighbors.

The original idea of a summer cottage was to get the simple life. There were and still are many wealthy people of naturally quiet tastes who buy nice old farm houses in secluded locations, decorate them tastefully and live an ideal life there of rest and refreshment. But perhaps these are not the ones whose names you see in the society column. The near palaces of mountain and seashore resorts are practically hotels where there is a procession of coming and going guests to be welcomed, and a retinue of servants to be kept efficient and cheerful. There are gardens in elaborate geometry, with every sprout trained and scissored. In many cases it represents the efforts of people living on hopes and prospects for the future. They may work harder than the simple-hearted folks across the bay who are doing their cooking in their little bungalow.

The Old Man of course enjoys it, for the all too brief week-ends and

holidays when he can slip away from business. Most of his summer he spends digging and delving so his family can play the game. Does it pay?

RECKLESS MOTORISTS.

When one complains of reckless driving of automobiles, many people take the easygoing view that as 95 per cent of motorists are cautious drivers, it is not worth while to take severe measures. It is probably true that not more than five per cent could be called reckless. Yet five people can make things mighty uncomfortable and perilous for the other 95.

The number of accidents happening all the time is a warning. After one has been through a smash and has been laid up and had to pay hospital bills, the thing begins to look serious.

One trouble is that in most places the local police dislike to enforce the law strictly, being fearful of making enemies. It is all right arresting thieves and drunks who have no friends. To file a complaint against some socially influential person is another proposition.

Yet public sentiment will support strict enforcement of the law. The people of any neighborhood know who the speeders are. Let them notify some official who will complain to the motor licensing authorities. These authorities have detectives on the trail of all alleged speeders.

This done, it is easy to secure evidence. Once a man gets the scorching habit, he keeps it up. He is not content with any beggarly 25 miles an hour but with a whoop he opens his throttle, regardless of obstructions to view and other traffic. Fines do not influence him. Juries are too good-natured to jail him. Let him lose his operator's license a year or two, and he will take notice and others like him also.

Mrs. George Carpenter and daughter, Miss Bessie, left Monday for Corvallis where they will visit Mrs. Carpenter's sister, Mrs. Miller, until next Tuesday, and where they will meet Mrs. James Rudd and Mrs. Boslough, Sr. at Albany. All four ladies will go on to Newport for a couple of weeks' outing.

Dr. C. F. Tilton has taken charge of the Methodist choir, and at the first rehearsal Thursday evening nearly 30 were present.

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Here and There Among Our Neighbors

The hop crop in Lane county is far short of estimates made when picking was begun last Monday, according to a statement made Monday by J. H. Seavey of Springfield, owning a 120-acre yard near that place, where between 500 and 600 pickers completed their work Saturday afternoon. The harvest is so short that some of the growers will be unable to meet their contracts, Mr. Seavey stated. The yield on Mr. Seavey's yard was 44,000 pounds as compared with a normal yield of 150,000 pounds, and the crops harvested from the E. E. Morrison and Benjamin Hammit yards, where picking has also been completed, show a similar shortage. Picking has been in progress at the J. W. Seavey yard on the McKenzie three days. He has 137 acres and expects a good yield as a result of irrigation. The rain so far has not resulted in damage.—Eugene Guard.

Portlanders Saturday kissed a sad farewell to the 15-cent shave. It has gone the way of \$3.50 shoes and the six-toed inkerus. Today Portland men are being shaved for 15 cents. Monday they must pay 20 cents. The barbers blame the war, which they say has forced up the cost of supplies. Some supplies have advanced 100 per cent.

Klamath Falls, Sept. 10.—Torace Marshall, engineer at Klamath agency, who has been lost for three weeks in the Red Blanket district, was found dead with a bullet hole through his head, 17 miles from Fort Klamath, by Wiley Engle, an employee on the Lisk ranch. It is uncertain whether death was the result of suicide or due to an accident. The body was head down over a log. He was a member of the K. P. and W. O. W., with \$2,000 insurance in the latter. He leaves a widow.

Another mining deal of more than ordinary importance is announced in the sale of the Waldo mine located a mile east of Takilma, to the interests who own the Queen of Bronze and other neighboring properties. The sellers of the property are G. W. Hales of Chicago, DeWitt VanOstrand of Phillips, Wis., Alvah H. Gunnell and J. F. Reddy of this city. The purchasers are John Hampshire and a group of associates including Judge John Twohy and R. B. Miller. The purchase price is approximately \$135,000.—Rogue River Courier.

Soldiers who have been guarding the forests of Oregon with orders to "shoot to kill" all persons detected in the act of setting fires were withdrawn Monday as the result of a soaking rainfall last night. It was the first rainfall in this section of the state in 77 days.

The grand jury Saturday indicted Ralph Turpin, who has confessed to the murder of William McCallister at a sawmill near Selma last month, on a second degree murder charge. When arraigned this morning he pleaded guilty. His trial will probably follow this month.

NUTINGS

By Leith Abbott.

This new camouflage movement which is causing such activity in this country of ours is sure a great art. This art of painting the landscape and machine guns and houses and automobiles and soldiers and things so that they can't be distinguished by a man in an aeroplane is a great stunt, all right, but according to Frank Sankey, local Metropolitan Life Insurance agent and former sign writer of note, the art is not near as recent a discovery as it is claimed to be. Frank says that he practiced the art when a boy, and that he has heard stories of how his father and grandfather both practiced the use of camouflage when they were boys in school and used to read "Diamond Dick's Revenge" hid behind the open backs of their big geography books.

"Where's the weather man?"
"He's downstairs getting a shower."—Ex.

He said:
"Are there any more at home like you?"
She replied:
"Yep, all of them at home like me."

Johnny Anderson, who delivers letters and things for the local postoffice, had a bad cold several weeks ago. It was so bad that he was compelled to go to a doctor with it. The doctor gave him some medicine. Yesterday he saw the doctor, who questioned him: "Well, are you keeping good care of your cold?" "You bet I am!" said Johnny. "I've had it three weeks now and it's as good as new."

Clix Delsman and Jeff Taverner were talking during a slack in their work on board the government tug which pulls a target around for the big guns to shoot at, which is a part of their work at Fort Stevens.

Jeff leaned over the rail as he spoke: "Ah! Isn't the salt air bracing? The sea is good for a man."

Clix had visited the boat side six times previous in the morning and was consequently pretty weak but he managed to nod and say: "Yes, it

certainly calls forth the best that's in you."

"It certainly does," Jeff assented. "Oh! I love it—my whole heart is with the ocean."

It was a hard blow to Clix, but he managed to control the threatening feeling in his pie shaft as he exclaimed: "Well, I thought I was sick, but you have gone me one better, for my heart has not gone yet."

We have decided not to take in the fair this year, but we will let them take us in.

Prof. Vining Pleads
For Red Cross

Professor Irving E. Vining of Columbia University, but who spent the greater part of his earlier life in Ashland, and who returns to his home in this city during the summer months, was one of the chief speakers at a big Red Cross rally which was held at Klamath Falls last week. Professor Vining made a strong appeal for work in the Red Cross and impressed the Klamath people with his stirring talk. The Klamath Falls Herald tells of his lecture in the following manner:

"Professor Vining, from his first word, seized and swayed the attention and sympathies of his hearers. No such appeal has ever been heard here, and the stirring of patriotism and sympathy for the suffering of those who are being sacrificed that we may live, struck into the minds of his hearers as nothing else has done here since the war started. The dramatic intensity of his portrayal of the transcendent horrors of the trenches and of 'No Man's Land' is indelibly stamped on the mind of every person who heard the address. A few of the thoughts had peculiar application for us:

"When the British gain a few hundred yards at Ypres, when the Canadians take another hill overlooking Lens, when the French drive the Huns farther back from Verdun, it is your liberty, your life and your home that are being saved, and others dying that you may live."

"The lack of evidence of flags of our allies in the world conflict throughout Klamath Falls was criticized by the speaker strongly, and the point brought out that the warriors under these flags had fought

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for this country for three years. Continuing, he said:

"This war will not be over for two, three and perhaps five years, and if the Germans overwhelm Petrograd, that means the food needed by Germany will be captured, and God knows when the war will end.

"We will have a million of our own men in France in a few months. Do you know what it means to be in a foreign land? Think of the boys dying in that far-off country. What are you doing for them?

"There ought to be 500 men and women working in your Red Cross. If these knitted garments you have been asked for are not furnished, the boys will surely suffer, and at whose door will be the responsibility?

"Do your part. Make it as necessary that you go to your service in the Red Cross as that the boys go to their daily duty in the trenches. Enable your own lives by taking a part

in the struggle."

"The effect of Professor Vining's appeal is electrical. Today there is a stirring and movement that is overwhelming the Red Cross workers to furnish work for the applicants.

"A movement is already started to have Professor Vining return and give another address in October."

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