

OREGON FIRST MARK - VERY ABLY SUSTAINED BY STUDENT OFFICERS

State Excels in Per Capita Representation and in the Number of Acting Captains

MARKSMANSHIP RECORD

Lloyd Spooner Calls Bluff of Montana, and Beats Him at Contest on Rifle Range.

By E. Roscoe Pershing

San Francisco, July 21.—(I. N. S.)—“Oregon first.” Members of the Reserve Officers’ Training camp who had heretofore not given this slogan much thought are beginning to sit up and take notice whenever they hear it mentioned now, and they have good reason for doing so.

First—Oregon has a larger per capita representation here in the R. O. T. C. than any other state in the western department.

Second—Oregon has more acting company commanders than any other state represented here.

Third—An Oregon boy, Lloyd Spooner, has made a record on the rifle range that no other soldier has equalled.

Fourth—Oregon is the only state represented here having three of its sons commanding companies.

Portlanders Officer One Company

It is the eighth company, infantry, that is so well “bossed” by Oregon boys. Frederick W. Rose of Portland, who held a commission as captain in the reserve camp, is acting commander, and his first lieutenant is Judge George N. Davis, also of Portland. His second lieutenant is Herbert Acheson of Portland, who holds a commission in the reserve as captain of infantry.

Captain Rose was in the forestry service, district six, of Portland, and served with the regular army in the Moro campaign in the Philippines under General John J. Pershing. He has been acting captain of eighth company for over five weeks.

Tidale Commands a Company

R. P. Tidale, who is a civil engineer engaged in the importing and exporting business in Portland, and is a golf enthusiast, is another Oregonian who is commanding a company. He holds a commission in the R. O. T. C. and is acting captain of sixth company, infantry. This ought to be good news for members of the Waverly club, especially those who have not heard that they are represented at the Presidio by a captain of infantry.

Captain Tidale is a graduate of the Illinois university, class of 1899, where he gained his first military experience, and later was stationed at a regular army post.

Pendletonians Also in Charge

Fifth company also has two Oregon representatives as its commanders. Dr. Max S. Kern of Pendleton is acting commander, and his acting lieutenant is Charles Vinter, manager of a clothing house in Pendleton. Captain Kern is well known to all Oregon national guardsmen. He was commander of Company L of Pendleton and the donor of the Kern trophy cup for which the O. N. G. rifle teams have been competing during the last eight or ten years.

Spooner Excels in Marksmanship

Speaking of expert rifle shooting, they all take their hats off to Lloyd Spooner of sixth company, who has seen 10 years’ service with the Oregon National Militia and the Oregon National Guard, and was also a member of the national rifle teams since 1914, and helped to bring back to Oregon his share of the prizes.

The fifth and sixth companies journeyed to the rifle range last week, where a reserve captain by the name of Forsythe, who hails from Montana, let it be known that he was the champion rifle shot of his state and offered to take on all comers at any range he chose at \$25 per shot. So all the boys of sixth company backed Lloyd Spooner to beat him. Spooner hunted up the supposed champion and offered to take him up at 200 and 300 yards,

rapid fire, at \$5 per shot, as he said he didn’t want all the money the generous man from Montana had. Then the shooting began.

Montana Is Beaten

Forsythe shot first on the 200 yard and secured bullseyes and a 2, which netted him 47 out of 50. But, to his surprise, Spooner scored a possible or 50 points, and then they started on the 300 in the same order. When Spooner was half way through Forsythe held up his hands as the signal that he was through. He refused to finish the match amid the jeers from the onlookers, and he got himself in bad when he refused to pay over the money. The company members have made life miserable for him ever since. Spooner, however, finished shooting and bagged a perfect score at both ranges, which is the best record and has not been equalled by any man yet on the range.

The Cow Command

On the range at Fort Barry every morning a cow detail is ordered from each company to drive all the cattle off the range, and they will not stop the bullets on their flight. The detail consisted one morning of some Portland boys. Among them was Stewart Zimmerman, former O. A. C. student and as the cows were being marched off one of them started to bawl, and Zimmerman immediately commanded her to shut up, with the remark that she was marching at “attention.”

Major Longan Arrives

Those of the camp here who attended the business men’s training camp at American Lake last summer will be interested in the news that Major Rufus E. Longan of the thirty-second infantry, U. S. A., who so ably instructed there, has arrived at the Presidio from the Hawaiian islands, and his first duties will be to examine the candidates for commissions as provisional second lieutenants in the regular army. When the next camp for the reserve is started it is believed that Major Longan will be one of the instructors. He was formerly instructor at West Point.

38 Boys Home From Strawberry Fields

Y. M. C. A. Lads Return From Successful Outing in Camp at Hood River—Helped Save Crops.

Thirty-eight boys have returned from an enjoyable and profitable outing at the Y. M. C. A. berry camp at Hood River.

The camps were under the supervision of E. G. Vincent. John MacLennan was in charge of the second camp.

From \$20 to \$30 was the range of the proceeds. The highest amount taken in by any of the boys was \$34.40.

The boys were a godsend to the berry growers of the region who, in spite of the small crop, were hard put to find hands to pick the berries. The growers sent hurry calls into the Y. M. C. A. camp for boys to pick. The camp saved many thousand boxes of berries for the growers.

Gas Tank Fatalities May Number Five

Oakland, Cal., July 21.—(U. P.)—The fatalities resulting from the gas tank accident at the Harbor Chemical Works today may rise five before morning. Four of the five men who plunged into the tank at noon today in an effort to rescue P. M. Gonzales had not recovered consciousness at a late hour tonight. Doctors, who have not yet been able to ascertain definitely the kind of gas which overcame them, do not believe any of the four can live many hours. Gonzales was dead when taken from the tank.

Gonzales was ordered by J. W. Bradshaw, foreman of the plant, to enter the tank and clean it. He did not return and Manuel Viera, sent to the rescue. He did not return and Bradshaw, his son, J. W. Bradshaw Jr., Wilbur Smith and August Menendez followed in order. All were overcome. Young Bradshaw’s condition is the least critical and it is believed he will recover.

Escapes German Camp

London, July 21.—After being a prisoner in Germany for two years, ever since the first battle of Ypres, Private Edmund Young has succeeded in escaping and reaching his home here.

LOWER FLOUR PRICES PREDICTED AS RESULT OF WHEAT MINIMUM

J. P. Griffin, President of the Chicago Board of Trade, Expects Big Reduction.

MAY DROP TO \$10 OR \$11

Operators Believe Minimum Should Have Been Above \$2—Farmer and Consumer Should Be Pleased.

Chicago, July 21.—(U. P.)—The senate’s amendment to the food control bill, fixing a \$2 minimum on the best grade of wheat, means lower flour prices, in the view of J. P. Griffin, president of the Chicago board of trade.

Board of trade operators have believed that the wheat minimum should have been placed higher, as July futures today closed at \$2.55 per bushel and September at \$2.27. Cash wheat sold at \$2.45 a bushel for No. 3 northern, which is two grades below No. 1 northern, fixed as a basis for the \$2 rate by the senate action.

Speculation in wheat and corn has practically ceased. The grain trade is frankly puzzled as to the future of the market, assuming that the house will occur in the senate amendment.

Heavy Planting Anticipated

The farmers of the great wheat growing states have been clamoring for a minimum wheat price for months. Urged by the government to raise more wheat, they have hesitated. Their argument was that at the present price of labor and seed, growing a big acreage might be disastrous, as a sudden ending of the war would result in prices tottering.

The action of the senate in extending the minimum period to July 1, 1918, will result in record wheat crops next year and a remarkably heavy planting of winter wheat in the fall of 1918, in the opinion of Chicago grain men.

Flour Price Drop Predicted

Griffin, while he refused to discuss the senate’s action at length until he had the full text of the amendment, said that while there is a wide difference of opinion on the minimum price that should have been fixed, the farmer and the consumer, especially the latter, should welcome \$2 wheat.

The consumer may now look for a drop in flour to \$10 or \$11, which means that the bread on his table will be cheaper.

“The cost of producing a bushel of wheat is not the same for any two farmers,” Griffin continued. “But since the government has stimulated the production by urging larger acreage, it is only reasonable that the farmer should receive a fair return for his patriotic service.”

Lower Oats Price Expected

Trading in wheat has been at a standstill for a number of weeks and new wheat has only begun to move,” Griffin was asked what effect the wheat minimum would have on prices of other grains, but refused to hazard a guess.

“However,” he said, “we are just now getting in the new crop of oats and it will probably be the largest harvested in years. I believe oats will sell at 50 cents a bushel when the new crop is on the market.”

Standard cash oats sold today at 84½ to 87½ cents a bushel.

PRICES TO BE ADJUSTED BY GOVERNMENT

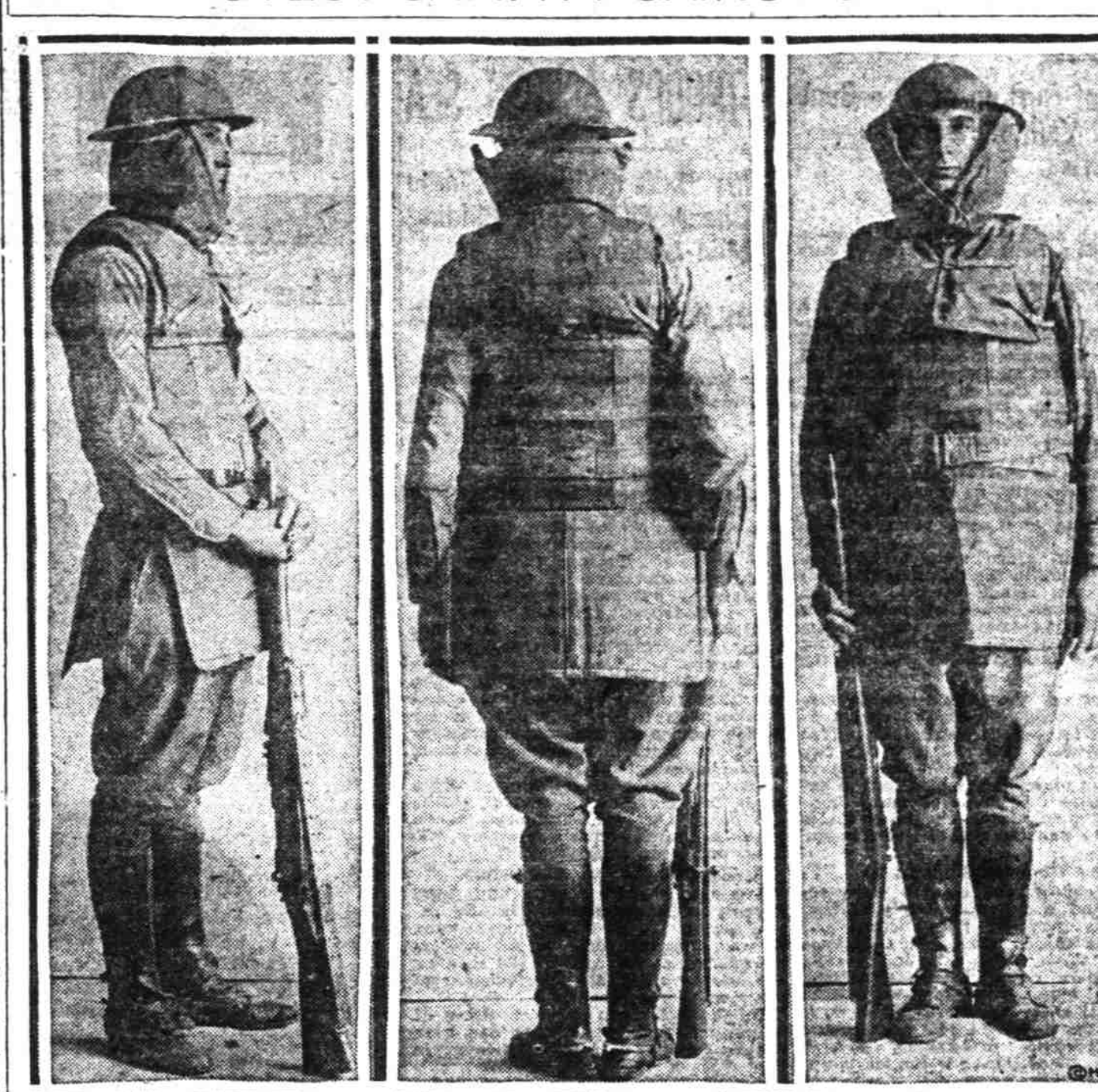
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This one man plan had a direct application upon the person of Herbert C. Hoover. It was lost by a vote of 60 to 23.

Senator Kellogg put in an unsuccessful amendment providing practically government ownership of railroads during the war.

During the voting there was no debate. Nearly all of the senators

TO PROTECT SAMMY AGAINST SHRAPNEL



United States soldier wearing approved helmet and body armor that will be recommended by army officers.

The United States field forces in France will be equipped with the British individual helmet shown in the accompanying illustration, and the shrapnel-proof body armor designed and used by the British will be recommended by army officers. The helmet will be supplied to each man to be worn all the time except when he is far in the rear. It weighs two pounds two ounces, and is of tough material, while the German helmet

weighs two pounds 11½ ounces and is inferior to the British type in shrapnel-resisting qualities.

No body armor less than 15 points thick satisfactory for stopping rifle bullets has been devised. The British light body armor shown in the illustration weighs 15 pounds three ounces and is supposed to stop shrapnel bullets, flying splinters and the like. The space about the neck of the soldier is protected by flexible canvas sack in

which there are 24 layers of Japanese silk. This, in turn, covers an inner layer of silk waste. Many hundreds of different protections have been investigated, and experience in actual use indicates that this armor seems fully equal to anything of its kind submitted to the war department.

The body armor will be issued only to men who are engaged in dangerous work, such as sallying into “no man’s land,” cutting barbed wire entanglements, etc.

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DRAFTED MEN WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT TO FULL PHYSICAL TEST

Examination Must Be Made Before Exemption Claims Will Get Hearing.

ORDERS ARE REVIEWED

Those Claiming Exemption Are Required to Fill Out a Blank to Be Provided Them.

Every man called for military service under the draft will first have to undergo the physical examination before other causes for exemption or discharge are considered. The information is contained in Form 19, entitled “Suggestions to Local Boards as to the Methods of Carrying Out the Provisions of the Law of May 18.”

“The reason for this is at once apparent,” says the bulletin. “If the person is discharged for physical disability it will not be necessary for him to present any further claim for exemption or discharge.”

Bulletin Is Quoted

Concerning how the men should report for physical examinations, the bulletin has this to say:

“The persons whose names are on the available list of those called will all be ordered to report for physical examination upon specified dates to be stated in the notice to be posted and sent out by the boards. One third of such list will be notified to appear on the morning of the fifth day following the mailing of the notices. Approximately the next third of the list will be directed to appear on the morning of the sixth day, and the remaining names on the list will be ordered to report on the morning of the seventh day.

“For illustration, if 150 men are to appear for examinations, 50 will appear on the morning of the fifth day, 50 on the morning of the sixth and 50 on the morning of the seventh.”

Absentees Cared For

It is further provided that persons absent from the area over which the local board has jurisdiction may have their examination by another board upon making satisfactory proof.

After the physical examination, an eligible for the draft who has claim for exemption may present his claim

Tardy Volunteers Have Week Yet to Pick Their Service

It isn’t too late even now to volunteer! This information was given out by the War Department yesterday. Adjutant General White following receipt of a telegram from the war department, stating that recruiting should continue. Recruiting officers are instructed to continue their work until after the actual draft has started. This will give belated volunteers a week or 10 days in which to join their favorite branch of the service by voluntary action. General White says there are still a number of vacancies in the national guard units which must be filled before they are called to the colors Wednesday and that applicants for these places should apply without delay at the usual recruiting stations.

by filling out the necessary blank form, which will be supplied by the board. In support of these forms he will also have to file certain affidavits, blank forms of which will also be furnished by the board. He has seven days to do this after his examination and ten days is allowed for an appeal.

Men desiring detailed information may now get the same by applying to their local boards, as nearly all boards by this time have or soon will be supplied with all the necessary books of information. Adjutant General White during the last few days has sent out nearly five tons of literature to the boards throughout the state.

It will be a week or ten days before the actual draft begins. The boards are now awaiting an official certification of the numbers carried by the press dispatches. The certification will come in the form of photographs of blackboards used in the room at Washington where the drawing was done.

These will be mailed. It takes four days for mail to arrive from Washington, and an additional four days will be required for all boards in the state to receive the records.

The boards stand ready to start the work as soon as these records come, the first thing on the program being the posting and mailing of the notices. Failure to receive a notice will not be accepted as an excuse, however.

Immediately