

OREGON ROUNDUP SLACKERS PENDING

Salem—After removing the names of 51 Oregon soldiers and sailors which he found erroneously included in the government's official list of local draft deserters, George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, has telegraphed the federal authorities at Washington for sanction to proceed with a state-wide roundup of established draft dodgers.

If, after a reasonable delay for checking purposes, the government takes no action, Colonel White indicated that he would favor action by the various states in rounding up the thousands of slackers and turning them over to the nearest military posts as deserters.

County sheriffs, acting in conjunction with ex-service men's organizations and patriotic bodies, could make short work of locating those still in the country, he suggested.

Opposition to publication of the list until it had been cleared if all men who were in service during the war and who erroneously were reported by draft boards, was telegraphed by the adjutant-general to the national commander of the American Legion who has demanded the immediate release of the whole list to the press of the country. Colonel White called Commander Galbraith's attention to the wholesale errors found in Oregon in the government's list, and asked his co-operation in expediting corrections and in withholding the names until the list is corrected.

"Once a man has been heretofore publicly as a draft dodger it will be difficult, if not impossible for him to explain," Mr. White said. "Men who did not report to the draft board because of having enlisted and gone to the front never should be put in that position.

"At the same time this need not prevent or halt the roundup of draft dodgers the country over. Lists of draft deserters in each county can be reported to the local authorities, with requests for their arrest, as rapidly as the lists are cleared of ex-service men.

"In all but 12 counties of Oregon the lists of Oregon draft deserters could be turned over to the authorities now for action. These lists have been revised in every county excepting 12, where county clerks have failed to give proper co-operation in checking the lists. Other means of covering these counties will be adopted."

There are two lists of draft desert-

ers at Washington, Colonel White explained. One contains 175,000 names of wilful draft deserters. These are men who failed or refused to respond. It was from this list, as applying to Oregon, that the 51 ex-service men were removed. The other list is made up of 151,000 names of men charged as draft dodgers for technical reasons, and whose records the government has stated, can be cleared. These men are not listed for prosecution, as are the 175,000.

"Military courts are charged with the trial of all men apprehended," said Colonel White. "The procedure is to turn the deserters over to the nearest military post. It is a deplorable fact that practically nothing has been done by the government since the war ended to round up these offenders. The whole problem should have been dealt with long ago, as it is difficult to see any other obstacle to a roundup than a set disinclination to act."

Six hundred and sixty-three names now remain on the Oregon slacker list, after deducting the 51 names of soldiers and sailors. Of these Multnomah county contributed 316, or nearly half. Clatsop county stands second on the list with 54. But three counties returned a clean slate—Wheeler, Lincoln and Benton—not a single draft deserter appearing in any of these counties.

Of the 51 names removed by Colonel White from the official list, 17 were overseas soldiers, 3 were killed in the war and their names appear on the state's honor roll. 15 served in the navy and the others served in the army in the United States. An investigation of the for some time ago.

How to Identify Him.
An agitated woman burst into a police station in Chicago not long ago with this announcement:
"My husband has been threatening to drown himself for some time, and he's been missing now for two days. I want you to have the river dragged."

"Is there anything peculiar about him by which he could be recognized if we should find a body?" asked the inspector.

For a moment the woman hesitated and seemed at a loss. Then a look of relief came to her face, and she replied:
"Why, yes! He's deaf."—Harper's Magazine.

Or Wuff Hound
Owner (of noisy pup)—"Don't be afraid of him, old man; his bark is worse than his bite."
Caller—"Sort of hot Airedale, eh?"—Buffalo Express.

HOME TOWN HELPS

MAKE THE HOME ATTRACTIVE

Results Will Follow a Little Careful Planning and a Small Expenditure of Money.

Right now is a good time to plan how the homestead—perhaps new, perhaps old—can be made more attractive. A few years will pass surprisingly quickly, and the old home will become increasingly unattractive or beautiful, depending on whether the owner and his wife have done a little planning and a little planting, season by season.

The United States Department of Agriculture suggests in the pictures shown herewith some of the ways of



House Has Bare Look.

beautifying the changes produced by planting shrubs can be effected in one or two seasons, and even where trees are shown, often only five or six years are required to produce the effects pictured if quick-growing varieties are planted. In such a case, however, provision should be made for better, slow-growing varieties which will be allowed to come up and eventually take the place of the quick growers.

With cultivated land carried to the very door, the house shown in the first picture has no homelike setting. It appears merely as an intrusion in the landscape. But when it is given a dooryard, with lawns, trees, and shrubs, as shown in the second illustration, it takes its proper place



In a Proper Setting.

In the picture, without detracting from the value of the surrounding land. If you want more information on this subject write the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, for Farmers' Bulletin 1037, "Beautifying the Farmstead." It will be sent free on request.

Faulty Chimneys Cause Fire.

A summary of the various causes of fire shows that those attributable to chimneys annually amount to from 10 to 20 per cent of the total number, while in winter the percentage has reached as high as 50. This is significant when it is realized that most of these fires result from carelessness and could be avoided by proper attention.

In cities and towns with proper fire protection many fires are arrested without serious loss. It is evident that in rural districts where there are no organized fire-fighting agencies, and where a fire usually results in a total loss, builders should give more attention to making the construction of all new chimneys as nearly fireproof as possible.

Future Belongs to Small City.

It would be rash to conclude from the census figures that the problem of a better distribution of population is unsolvable. The fact that the small cities show the greatest gains is significant. These obviously permit freer living conditions than the large cities and at the same time are free from the isolation of the village or the widely scattered homesteads. The small city in these days prides itself upon its "metropolitan" aspect. It is conspicuously up-to-date and provides comfortable living. The tendency of industrial enterprises to seek locations at a distance from the centers of population has had much to do with the upbuilding of cities of this type.

Community's Real Worth.

After all is said and done, the number of persons residing in a community has little to do with its real greatness. It's the kind of people it has, the kind it turns out and the kind of things it does which bring everlasting fame in the end.

Because a place is not as big in population as its people had hoped for should cause no great regret; but if it is not forging ahead in numbers because of the care it takes of its residents, then there is reason for shame.—Exchange.

LOTUS HAS PLACE IN LEGEND

According to Mythology the Name Was Given to Flower by the Goddess Hebe.

The mysterious Egyptian lotus has been more identified with the world's history than any other flower.

The phrase "lotus enters" is a common one in literature, and is used to describe those who live in a dream world. The food made from the dried seeds of the Egyptian variety seems to have had an effect similar to various opium products, and once in the clutch of the drug the lotus enters forgot both past and family, and went about, oblivious of demands made by society, kin or even their own physical wants.

The lotus is closely identified with the ancient Egyptian religion, and was dedicated to Osiris, no Egyptian thinking of approaching a temple without three of the blossoms in his hand.

The name was given to, according to mythology, when a beautiful nymph of the same name, heartbroken over the coldness of Hercules, went to Hebe for sympathy, and by her was transformed into a flower.

The sturdy hero taking ship shortly afterward with Hylas, a youth he loved as his own son, came to an island where the latter landed and searched for a spring. He found one in the center of a pool, the pool being covered with beautiful blossoms. As Hylas stared at them, Lotus, in her nymph form, emerged from the blossom and drew him to her arms, and then to the depths of the pool, where he drowned.

NEVER GAVE UP A PROSPECT

Salesman Would Wait but He Had No Idea of Losing Sight of a Possibility.

Some years ago I went into a store to inquire the price of something, an expensive thing this was, that I wanted to buy some day when I had the price, says a writer in the New York Herald. They were just as nice to me as they would have been if I had come in ready to buy and plank down the cash.

Then for the time being I forgot all about it, but they didn't. About a year after my visit to the store the salesman I had seen there came in to see me. He was a very agreeable gentleman and in no way insistent; he had just looked in on the chance that now I was ready to buy; but my bank account hadn't looked up to any great extent and I was not ready, as I told him; but I added that when I was ready I would come in, and I would come to him.

That, I thought, ended it as far as hearing from them was concerned; but not so. A year later I had another call from the salesman, my friend, if he will now permit me so to call him, on the same errand; a pleasant call and a pleasant little talk, but with the same result as before; and now, a year to a day after that second call, he has been in to see me again. We had our usual pleasant little talk, and then I asked him:

"Don't you ever give up a prospect?" To which he answered, smilingly:
"We never give up a prospect till he dies."

Imprisoned in Coffins.

The most terrible prison in the world is in Urga, Mongolia. It consists of a triple stockade enclosing a number of underground dungeons which are pitch dark and almost devoid of ventilation. But this is not all. The wretched prisoners condemned to inhabit them are shut up separately in heavy, iron-clamped chests, in shape resembling coffins. There is a small hole in the side of each, just big enough for the poor wretch inside to thrust out his head or his manacled hands. They see daylight for but a few minutes daily, when their food is thrust into their box-prisons through the hole. They can not lie down flat, they can not sit for they are not only manacled but chained to the coffins. The majority are in for life sentences, and no prisoner is ever allowed out of his box under any circumstances, except when he is to be executed or, as happens very rarely—to be set free.

Antiquity of Peat.

The use of peat as a source of heat goes back beyond the historical period in the ancient history of the early tribes in northern Germany. Pliny, the Roman naturalist, gives us possibly the first indication of the use of peat. He reports that the Teutons on the border of the north sea dried and burned mud, what we now would call peat. In Ireland, Great Britain, Russia, Scandinavia, Germany, Holland, and parts of France peat has been used as a fuel since time immemorial. The peat was cut from the bog very much in the same manner as it is still being done in many parts of Europe, where it is cut in brick shapes, allowed to dry in the wind and sun.

She Knew a Windfall.

Mrs. Youngbride thought the apples the farmer had brought her were rather dirty, but he explained that this was because they had fallen off the tree onto the ground—in short, they were windfalls—so she bought them.

A week later she called the farmer's wife up on the telephone. "I ordered the best cucumbers for pickling," she said sharply, "and you sent me windfalls."

"Sent what?" gasped the farmer's wife.

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