

Merry Christmas
 To our many friends and patrons

McDOWELL'S
 Department Store

**ALL HANDS! SHOW A LEG!
 SHOUTS "JIMMY LEGS"**

"It's great to be a sailor on the land and a soldier on the sea!"

Sergeant E. B. Berryman of the United States marine corps recruiting office 8th and Willamette streets, Eugene, rustled some crisp, official-looking papers on his desk and went on: "I have here a report from the strangest ship in the world.

"It is located on the dry shores of Parris Island, South Carolina, and is manned by 'soldiers of the sea' who are learning to be sailors on dry land. Its name is the good ship United States Marine Corps Sea-Going Depot.

"The depot was recently established for the instruction of marine recruits who are to serve at sea. And it is some school.

"Not even the saltiest of tars has anything on the marine who finishes its course. He is even wise to the time-honored jests of the sea. He is taught that there are no such things as hammock ladders, green and red oil for the port and starboard lights or keys to the anchor watch.

"From the time the recruit arrives at the depot until he leaves for shipboard in his trim, blue uniform he hears nothing but nautical language.

"He sleeps in a hammock swung in approved navy style. In the morning "Jimmy legs" swaggers through the barracks—which is called a "compartment"—yelling, "A-a-a-all! h-a-a-ands! Show a leg! Hit th' deck!"

"The marine never says 'Shut up,' but always, 'pipe down.' His meals are cooked in a 'galley,' not a kitchen. One end of the barracks is 'forward' and the other 'aft,' one side 'port' and the other 'starboard.' Kitchen police are 'jacks o the dust,' and the company clerk is a 'yoeman.' He goes 'ashore' when he leaves the barracks, and when he is too ill for duty he is 'on the binnacle list.' When he goes before the commanding officer, he says he is going 'to the mast.'

"His instructors teach him to knot and splice and to row and sail small

boats. He learns how to handle the five-inch guns and anti-aircraft batteries at sea. He must also qualify as a signalman.

"And all this after he has been thoroughly trained in matters purely military. So, you see, 'Soldiers and Sailors, too,' is no mere recruiting slogan."

The marine corps are now recruiting especially for sea-going marines.

IMPORTANT CENSUS QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED OF FARMERS

Each occupant of a farm will be asked how many years, if any, he worked on a farm for wages; how many years, if any, he was a tenant; and how many years, if any, he farmed as an owner.

Whether he (a) owns, or (b) rents, or (c) partly owns and partly rents his farm, or whether (d) he operates the farm for others as a manager or superintendent.

How many acres in his farm? Number of improved acres? Number of unimproved acres and number of acres of woodland?

Total value of farm? Total value of buildings? Value of implements and machinery on farm?

Whether farm is mortgaged? If so, the amount of mortgage?

Expenses for feed, fertilizer, and labor in the year 1919?

Several questions concerning artificial drainage of his farm.

Number of cows, horses, sheep, chickens, and other domestic animals on the farm January 1, 1920?

Quantity and acreage of all crops grown on the farm in 1919, including fruits and vegetables?

Quantity of milk and butter sold off the farm during the year 1919?

Acreage of timber land on farm and value of forest products.

Correct answers to the above questions are of the utmost importance. The United States department of agriculture assisted the census bureau in preparing the questions on the agriculture schedule and appeals to farmers everywhere to keep farm records for census purposes.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Final arrangements for the State Teachers' association, which is to meet in Portland December 29, 30 and 31, have been made by President A. C. Hampton and the complete program for the three days' session has been prepared. H. B. Wilson, city superintendent of Berkeley, California, will speak before the general assembly on Making Education Significant, and Americanization of Education. Dr. F. G. Bonser, of Columbia University, New York, will address the assembly on Socializing the Public School Curricula, and Relating School Work to Life Activities in Country Schools. Both speakers will also appear before several of the departments.

Of special interest to county school superintendents, rural teachers, and club workers, will be the addresses of Prof. O. J. Kern, who made a national reputation in rural school work as county superintendent of Winne-

bago county, Illinois, and who now holds a professorship in the University of California.

Great interest is being shown by teachers in all parts of Oregon, and it is estimated that not less than 3000 teachers will be in attendance at these sessions.

FIRST LOGANBERRIES PLANTED AT SALEM

The honor of starting the loganberry in the Willamette valley may rightfully be awarded to Alex M. LaFollett, Marion county's veteran senator, successful farmer and orchardist. The first loganberry plants in the Willamette valley were planted on his farm, and they came directly from the farm of Judge Logan, the originator, at Santa Cruz, Calif.

Mr. LaFollett relates that while Dr. Richardson, a former Salem physician, was visiting at Santa Cruz, Judge Logan gave him a number of loganberry plants. When Richardson returned to Salem he gave them to Mr. LaFollett and asked him to plant them. Mr. LaFollett planted the loganberries on his Mission Bottom farm and in due time they began to produce amazing yields of the new fruit. That was 22 years ago and Mr. LaFollett has been growing loganberries ever since.

The following spring new plants were set out and the plants have been yielding heavily every season for 20 years. One crop a few years ago averaged 13,200 pounds to the acre, the record yield up to this time. The yield last summer was nearly four tons to the acre.—Cottage Grove Sentinel.

A CHANCE FOR THE YOUNG MAN

Have you a boy who wants to be a railroad president? If so, here's his chance.

Sixty railroad scholarships a year will be awarded by the Southern Pacific according to a plan announced by the railroad today. Appointments will be made by division superintendents and the heads of the various departments of the railroad, who are charged with the responsibility of not alone securing appointees but watching their progress carefully, and placing them upon graduation. Business men in the various towns along the lines of the Southern Pacific will be asked to recommend young men between the ages of 18 and 23 who will be sent to the agency school in San Francisco and there prepared for positions in the freight and passenger departments and the general offices. They will be paid a nominal sum while being instructed.

Superintendent of Telegraph E. L. King who has general charge of the scholarships, calls attention to the fact that most of the railroad presidents of today began in positions such as the students will qualify for. J. J. Miller of San Francisco will be the instructor.

Carelessness with the hands and teeth causes more deaths in America every year than carelessness with motor vehicles, says the United States public health service. Keep the hands clean, free from germs, away from the mouth and visit the dentist regularly.

Have you read the want ads.

We extend to you our best wishes for a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year

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 HARDWARE

LOGANBERRIES SLIGHTLY HURT

C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector reports that there was some damage to loganberry vines above the snow line, but below the snow the vines seem to be all right. He also says there is some damage to raspberries.

It is yet too early to determine whether peach trees have been injured.

Many fruit growers feel that the cold snap came at a fortunate time for the orchards, because the trees are as nearly dormant now as they will be during the winter. C. I. Lewis, a former horticultural instructor at O. A. C., advises fruit growers to watch their trees closely, however, and if the bark begins to split open, to tack it down with large-headed tacks. He says that thousands of trees were saved by this method five years ago when severe weather was experienced.

Rabbits have done some damage to fruit trees in some localities. They were cut off from their usual food supply and have been nibbling at the trunks of fruit trees.

OIL THE COMING FUEL.

The coal strike has served to bring home forcibly to the general consumer the immediate possibilities of oil as a fuel substitute for coal.

It is known that manufacturing plants, department stores, owners of apartment houses, and even private homes are now investigating eagerly the cost and advantage of using oil as a fuel in place of coal.

The fleets of the world, and particularly our own, have spectacularly blazed the way that has led to a now almost universal understanding of the possibilities of oil as a fuel.

American railways are rapidly turning to oil. Likewise the largest manufacturers. The steel mills are equipping for gas and oil as fuel.

There is practically no labor cost with an oil-burning system properly installed for the reason

WORLD CORN KING



This farmer has won world corn honors. His name is Louis M. Scott and he lives at Fairmont, Minn., on the southern edge of the North Star State. Mr. Scott's corn, which was of the white dent variety, took the grand prize at the recent International Stock and Grain Show at Chicago.

that nearly all labor is done away with. Together with the saving incurred by the non-handling of ashes, and the fact that a larger quantity of fuel may be stored in the same space brings the total amount saved to a considerable amount in a year's time.

These facts simply emphasize the necessity of a national policy encouraging to increased development of the oil industry so it may meet the rapidly growing demand.

A recent shipment of hogs to Portland from the Grange Cooperative shipping association brought the shippers 15 cents per hundred. The lambs brought \$12.75 a hundred and yearling sheep sold for 10 cents a hundred.

You may be in need of some typewriter supplies—The News has a good line of paper, ribbons and carbon.

Merry Xmas

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