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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT CARDS FOR REGISTRATION

The following instructions for registering Sept. 15, were announced last night:

Name in full—Surname first.

Address—Permanent address is wanted.

Age (in years)—Omit months and days.

Married or single—Specify whether married, widowed or single.

Color or race—Specify which.

Country of birth—U. S. is sufficient if one was born on mainland.

Citizen—Write "yes" or "no". A married woman takes citizenship of her husband. The naturalization of a father controls that of all children under age.

Persons dependent—Give number and relationship.

Service offered—Specify whether one desires paid position, expenses only or is willing to render volunteer services.

Time pledged for service—State precisely in hours per day, days per week, or number of weeks or months.

Training wanted—Specify line in which training is wanted and whether wanted free or tuition can be paid.

Present occupation—Specify precisely. If one is keeping house state it so.

By whom employed—When employed by firm, corporation or individual give name.

Where employed—Give location by street and number.

References—In case one is registering for actual service, names of two or more reputable citizens as references are desired.

Education—Specify amount and kind of education.

Emergency service—Sign here an indicated if one is willing to serve in an emergency at any time.

Place of service—Answer "yes" or "no" as indicated.

Time of starting—Specify how soon after notice start can be made for point of service. Give this in hours only.

Training and experience—If one has been trained in any occupation draw circle around number at left of that occupation. If one wishes training in any occupation draw line under that one; i. e. a bookkeeper will draw a circle around No. 11 or if one desires training in signalling, draw a line under signalling.

Under "miscellaneous" one may specify any other knowledge or skill of possible value to the government.

The woman who thinks she can do nothing may find possibilities in 4, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 141, 142, 144, 154 or K.

There is no fee or contribution required.

Do not fill out back of card at all.

The woman who wishes to do some thing at once will find many opportunities by calling at the local Red Cross rooms, Sparta building, any Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

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VOTE FOR PROSPERITY

SATURDAY the land-owners of the Medford district vote upon the creation of an irrigation district. Upon the result depends the future progress and prosperity of the valley.

It is time wasted to argue the benefits and necessity of irrigation. It is self-evident. Experience has amply demonstrated its need. Comparison with irrigated regions clinches the argument. The entire output of the valley is but a fraction of what it should be, and will be, under irrigation. The contrast between the watered portions of the valley and the unwatered tell their own story.

Without water, the man with large acreage can eke out a living upon a small profit per acre—but the man with small acreage cannot. With water, the small farmer can make a good income and the large land owner can multiply his profits.

Without water, there is a depreciating and shrinking valuation and a loss of population. With irrigation there is a stableized and appreciating value for property, an increasing demand for it and a steady growth in population and industries. It is the same story the world over.

Granting the need of irrigation, the only question to be considered is the method of securing it. Experience has demonstrated the failure of private owned irrigation enterprises and time has proven that the district plan is the one satisfactory solution.

The district plan is the best because the people own and operate their own system. It is a co-operative affair. Favoritism between consumers is impossible. The burden of payment is equalized. The cost is minimized because every one must co-operate, and all share equally in its benefits. The few cannot profit at the expense of the many, nor can a few block the welfare of the community.

The district plan is under state and federal supervision. Expenditures are made only upon the authorization of the land owners affected, and the distribution of funds amply safeguarded. Moreover, in the Rogue River valley, it is the only practical plan, as the cost per acre of securing the water is excessive unless the entire district be included.

Saturday's election is for the purpose of organizing an irrigation district and electing directors, who are authorized to examine the various sources from which water can be secured and report to the district. Such an investigation, with preliminary expenses, is limited to a maximum expenditure of a dollar an acre. As a matter of fact, it will probably cost not to exceed a fifth of this amount.

The plan, or several plans, agreed upon by the directors after their engineers report, are then submitted to the voters of the district, and a majority vote is necessary for further procedure.

Any person owning an acre of ground in the proposed district, as shown by last assessment role, is entitled to a vote.

Many oppose the district plan because of opposition and prejudice to the Rogue River Canal company, a private concern which has supplied the little water that has been furnished for irrigation. But the primary object of the district is to get away from privately owned water systems and substitute a publicly owned water system.

There are several available sources of water supply. The Medford district might combine with the Talent district, if the project proved practical, and unite in the construction of a joint irrigation project. Or the district could condemn and utilize the Canal company system—all dependent upon the practicability of the project as demonstrated by the engineer's reports in the future.

Most of the opposition, however, comes from large land owners, who are satisfied with their meagre returns and oppose progress, even if lack of water spells bankruptcy to the small land owners.

There is another and still more vital feature to be considered—and that is the creation of industries.

The valley will lose the beet sugar industry, if the district plan is not adopted—for the district offers the only hope of securing water, and without water beets cannot be profitable. The valley will lose a sugar factory, with its payroll. The farmers will lose their chance of growing sugar beets or leasing their land for the growing of beets at \$25 an acre.

Irrigation will mean, besides a beet sugar factory, a large cannery, employing many people. It will eventually mean many other industries, none of which will materialize until the valley is under water. It will mean the stimulation of the live stock industry and of dairying, convert unprofitable orchards into dividend payers, double and triple the farmers' yields, insure the cultivation of idle lands and increased population.

The prosperity of the city depend upon the country—and the creation of an irrigation district is the first step towards a greater Medford and restored property values.

A vote for the creation of an irrigation district is a vote for the creation of prosperity. A vote against it is a vote for continued hard times.

GREAT SHRINKAGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF GERMAN SOCIALISTS

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—The managing committee of the German social democracy has issued a condensed report which is to be submitted to the party's convention at Wurzberg next month. The report covers the three years ending March 31.

The outstanding feature of the record is the appalling drop in the party's active membership. On March 31, 1914, this numbered 1,085,900. In March of this year the membership was but 243,000.

The report says that at the outbreak of the war half the male membership of the party was called to the colors, and that since then fully 75 per cent of the party's roll members have been drafted. The rupture in the party's ranks brought on by the defection of independents also has been responsible for the loss of members.

Three years ago the party counted 174,750 women members, and now this number has decreased to 66,500.

INDUSTRIAL TIE-UP IN SPRINGFIELD ACUTE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 13.—Unmoved by Governor Lowden's warning that anti-American influences were at work, the Industrial tie-up growing out of the street car strike became more acute today when barbers, grocery clerks, brewery workers and meat cutters joined the strikers.

In every case those who have walked out declared their action was not primarily in sympathy with the car strike, but because police and military authorities had denied unionists their right to parade last Sunday.

Estimates placed the number now on strike at between 7000 and 8000, most of whom are coal miners.

CANADIAN CREDIT FOR BRITAIN FOR MEATS

MONTREAL, Sept. 13.—It is understood negotiations are in progress to provide a credit of \$75,000,000 for imperial government purchases of meats, bacon, etc., in Canada.

DUTCH CONFER WITH HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Joost Van Vollenhoven, head of the Dutch mission, conferred with Food Administrator Hoover today on the food situation in Holland and the status of Dutch ships loaded with food stuffs held in American ports.

The mission is expected to present a new formal proposal offering a large amount of tonnage for use in American coastwise trade in exchange for food shipments. Holland with the other northern European neutrals, has received no foodstuffs from the United States since the American government took control of exports nearly two months ago.

JAPS AT SEA FOR 7 WEEKS IN BOAT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Sept. 13.—A lifeboat containing Captain Haruhiko Shiga of the Japanese steamer Kotohira and sixteen of his crew arrived yesterday at Ikeda bay, Queen Charlotte Islands.

The vessel was wrecked on July 27 in Alaska waters, and during all the intervening weeks the lifeboat was at sea making for this coast.

The boat was well provisioned, but the last stages of the trip left the Japanese sailors in a terrible condition of privation. The entire party will reach Vancouver next week to take steamer back to Japan.

Wireless reports at the time the Kotohira Maru was wrecked said the crew had left the steamer in a lifeboat, and from that time until their arrival on the coast no word had been heard of them. There was no loss of life in the wreck.

CAMP LIBRARY WEEK BEGINS ON MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The week of September 24 has been named "Camp Library Week" by the library war council appointed by Secretary Baker. During that week an intensive drive to raise the necessary \$1,000,000 will be made through the country.

BARRACK BUILDINGS AT AMERICAN LAKE NOW COMPLETED

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 13.—The 320 barracks buildings at the American Lake cantonment are 100 per cent completed, it is announced. This includes the infantry barracks, light and heavy artillery barracks, supply train, ammunition train, engineer and signal corps barracks. Stoves are yet to be installed in many of the barracks.

The base hospital is 80 per cent completed. The steam heating system will be ready in ten days, and shortly after it is expected the hospital will be ready for the finishings.

The bakery is about finished and will be in use September 20. Bread for the 18,000 men who will begin arriving September 19 will be baked there.

Work started yesterday on the fire station. It is near the postoffice.

Orders have been received for the construction of a two-story administration building for Major General Greene and his staff. Bungalows for General Greene and staff officers also will be built.

Construction is being rushed on the stables, post exchanges and regimental hospitals.

PERSHING'S MESSAGE TO U. S. SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Major-General Pershing has sent a message to American soldiers thru the New York Bible society which was made public today. The message, which will be inserted in the small khaki covered testaments given to the men, follows:

"Aroused against a nation waging war in vain on all Christian principles, our people are fighting in the cause of liberty.

"Hardship will be your lot, but trust in God will give you comfort. Temptation will befall you, but the teachings of our Savior will give you strength. Let your valor as a soldier and your conduct as a man be an inspiration to your comrades and an honor to your country."

Advertisement for Black Silk Stove Polish. Text: "A SHINE IN EVERY DROP". Image of a bottle of Black Silk Stove Polish.

Advertisement for Rogue Elk Resort. Text: "Rogue Elk Resort". Located at mouth of Elk creek on the Rogue. Best fishing grounds, good hunting, experienced guides, best accommodations.

Advertisement for Puritan Maid Butter. Text: "Puritan Maid Butter". Make your lunch the finest you ever ate by using the purest and best butter on the market.

Advertisement for Farm Loans. Text: "Farm Loans". From the Common School Fund, 10-year loan, 6 per cent interest. From the Rural Credit Funds, 10 to 36-year loan, 5 per cent interest.

Large advertisement for Bevo beer. Image of a man with a rifle and a horse. Text: "Bevo A BEVERAGE for the boys in khaki". Includes text about Bevo being a favorite in the Army Canteens and available at various locations.

DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS CONTINUE

HAVRE, Sept. 13.—The removal of the civilian population of Belgium continues, according to advices received here. The town of Roulers, immediately behind the battle line in Flanders, is being emptied gradually.

Advertisement for John A. Perl Undertaker. Text: "JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER". Lady Assistant. 28 SOUTH BARTLETT. Phone M. 47 and 47-J-2. Automobile Hearse Service. Ambulance Service. Coroner.

and 2000 persons already have been sent from Courtrai.

Many of the inhabitants of Courtrai have been taken forcibly to Courtrai to work on the defenses. All the inhabitants of Sledinge, Flanders, rich and poor alike, have been put to work on military roads.

Advertisement for Your Winter Suit. Text: "Your Winter Suit is here See Page 2".

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Advertisement for O. C. Boggs Atty. for State Land Board. Text: "O. C. BOGGS Atty. for State Land Board". Wiregrip Tires. have been tried out and proven the best on the market. See them at Riverside Garage. WESTON'S Camera Shop. 208 East Main Street, Medford. The Only Exclusive Commercial Photographer in Southern Oregon. Negatives Made any time or place by appointment. Phone 147-J. We'll do the rest. J. B. PALMER.