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ARMY DRAFT BILL FIXES AGES FROM 21 TO 31

Washington, May 10.—The long deadlock of senate and house conferees on the selective draft military bill was broken today with agreement on a compromise measure under which a great war army would be raised by selective conscription of men between the ages of 21 and 31.

Authorization for recruiting Col. Roosevelt's proposed volunteer division, written into the bill by the senate and defended stubbornly by the senate conferees, finally was thrown out on the insistence of committeemen representing the house. In return the house yielded to the senate's proposal for prohibition at military posts.

The conference report is expected to be given approval by both senate and house in a few days and within two weeks after the president has affixed his signature registration of those eligible for conscription will be under way throughout the country.

Exemptions from the selective draft were left virtually as originally suggested by the general staff. Those absolutely exempt include officers of the United States and any state or territory; ministers, students of recognized divinity or theological schools, and members of "any well recognized religious sect or organization at present organized" whose "existing creed" forbids participation in war. The last class are not exempt from non-combatant service.

In addition the president is authorized to exclude or discharge from draft the following:

County and municipal officers, custom house clerks, postal employees, workmen in navy yards or arsenals or armories; others in the federal government's employ whom the president may designate; pilots and mariners actually employed in service; persons engaged in industries, including agriculture, found to be necessary to the maintenance of the military establishments or the effective operation of the military forces or the maintenance of national interest during the emergency; those having persons dependent upon them for support; and those found to be physically or morally deficient.

SHORTAGE IN FARM MACHINERY

All indications point to the fact that there is going to be a great shortage in all kinds of farm machinery this year. This will apply particularly to harvesting machinery of all kinds. There is a shortage in materials and the manufacturing establishments are turning out less implements on this account, or possibly devoting the capacity of their plants to turning out other things that are more profitable. With this condition prevailing the farmer who has a good wheat prospect now will do well to look after the purchasing of his harvesting machinery or the necessary repairs for overhauling his old machine at once before the season is too far advanced. Wheat and grain of all kinds are going to be high in price this year and the farmer can not afford to run even a chance of losing a crop on account lack of harvesting machinery.

HOLDING OF PRO ELECTION CONTESTED

Several Texico citizens have asked the district court to issue an injunction restraining the county commissioners from holding the county prohibition election which has been called for May 21st. The case will be heard at Clovis on Monday of next week. Both sides have competent counsel and the legal points of the new prohibition law as passed by the last legislature will be threshed out at this time.

One indication that people are intending to raise something at home this year is that merchants report the sale of more garden seed than ever before at this time of the year.

One quarter section near Clovis for only \$1100. Terms.—Reagan Land and Cattle Co.

LEGISLATURE ENDS WORK.

The special session of the third state legislature adjourned Tuesday after having enacted into law the measures recommended by the war board and the governor, including acts for agricultural extension, for vocational training for state defense, appropriating \$750,000 for the rehabilitation of the national guard, accepting the national defense act, and an act for the welfare, health and defense of the state, clothing the governor with dictatorial powers.

EXAMINATIONS FOR ANNAPOLIS APPOINTMENTS

Washington, D. C.—Senator A. A. Jones and Congressman W. B. Walton have arranged for an examination to be held at the University of New Mexico on May 25, for appointments of midshipmen in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, the two applicants receiving the highest grades in the examinations to receive the nominations for the Academy. The examinations will be conducted under the direction of the University authorities who will grade the papers, and will be strictly upon the merits of the applicants.

By putting the appointment of cadets to the Naval Academy on a basis of merit it is the idea of Senator Jones and Congressman Walton not only to remove this important position from any suspicion of politics, but also to bring out the very best and brightest young men in New Mexico to compete for the honor of enrolling in the school which is to turn out the future naval officers for Uncle Sam. In other words, it is their desire that New Mexico shall send only her best young men to the Naval Academy.

Full information regarding the examination can be obtained from Senator Jones or Congressman Walton. After the appointments are made it will be necessary for the applicants to stand another examination held under government supervision, in Albuquerque on June 27. If they pass this examination they will be eligible for entrance to the Academy, subject only to the physical examination.

RED CROSS CHAPTER ORGANIZED SUNDAY

Quite a crowd gathered at the Lyceum Theatre last Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross chapter in Clovis. The meeting had been announced for Friday evening, but was postponed on account of the rainy weather.

J. V. Rice acted as chairman of the meeting Sunday afternoon and, after a talk by Attorney Sam G. Bratton, explaining the objects of the Red Cross, an organization was formed with the following officers: J. H. Shepard, President. Mrs. C. A. Scheurich, Vice-Pres. Mrs. W. G. Nutter, Secretary. A. H. Wagner, Chairman Membership Committee.

VOLUNTEERING FOR NATIONAL GUARD

The following have enlisted from this place to serve in the New Mexico National Guard: Jas. S. Noble, Roy R. Smith, Othie V. Beck, Walter T. Staleup, John W. Hyatt, Henry W. Huff, Elmer W. Sessions, Idos S. Kelley, Harvey M. Smith, James A. Smith, Andrew J. Montgomery, Hilary B. Loper, Thos. A. Bonner, Wm. J. Crider.

Of the above volunteers, Messrs. Crider, Bonner, Beck and Huff were members of the Clovis company that was mustered out of service recently. Others wishing to enlist may apply to Capt. Brown or Lieutenant Miller at the Aldrome.

KEEP BUSINESS GOING

is a much better patriotic slogan than "Patriotic Economy." There are many who would have us believe that patriotic economy means something new. It means the elimination of waste and extravagance—just what every American family should not only be doing now, but should have been doing during the past generations. It means just what every human being should always be doing—putting more efficiency in everything we do so that each unit of money, energy and intelligence may accomplish the utmost.

Patriotic economy does not mean the lowering of America's standard of living. Cities and communities must go on with their civic improvements. Road building and public works must proceed. Railroads must renew their equipment. Factories must be kept going to their full capacity. Labor must be employed. Homes must be kept up. Merchandise must be produced, distributed and used.

Our industries can be made more prolific only if the people buy and use the merchandise produced. The one thing that might halt business now is an unpatriotic feeling of panic and a false idea of patriotic economy. Don't be misled by wise prophets whose predictions always savor of calamity. America never was more prosperous and will continue to be prosperous if you will help to keep business going.

VARIED PROGRAM AT THE CHAUTAUQUA

For season ticket purchasers, the Chautauqua which comes to Clovis on May 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, offers what might well be termed a bargain in high class entertainment, famous lectures and popular and classical music. The admission price to each program will be practically the price of a "movie" ticket to those who take advantage of the season ticket.

Seven days' programs are given, one program in the afternoon and one in the evening. Each morning the children have their games and supervised play, and prepare for the Children's Circus which is given on the evening of the last day. Approximately one hundred people are engaged in giving the programs, there being eighteen different lecturers, companies and groups of entertainers.

William Jennings Bryan is, of course, the most noted lecturer on the program. Many people consider his lecture alone worth the price of a season ticket. Regardless of whether or not people agree with his policies he is always heard by record-breaking crowds. He could be secured to speak in only a few cities and this city is fortunate enough to be one of them.

Other lecturers include Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee, an orator who upholds the best traditions of the South and who comes with a message and plea for better lives and higher ideals.

Brooks Fietcher gives you epigrams which burn into your memory. His pictures are more vivid than any cartoonist can draw with a crayon. His utterance is full of flash and fire. With a voice sympathetic and powerful, he speaks with the compelling mastery of a leader.

Lou Beauchamp brings to the chautauqua a lecture replete with new, witty stories. Along with his humor however are lessons given in an unusual but nevertheless effective manner. He is known as "The Humorous Philosopher" and has delivered his lecture "Take The Sunny Side" over 5000 times. William Rainey Bennett is one of the most impressive and striking lecturers on the platform. Of pleasing personality, and with a vigorous vocabulary he holds his hearers from his first minute, and gives them thoughts that mean better citizens and greater cities.

For six months Charles F. Horner was sending telegrams and letters to the last known address of Alexander Irvine, in an effort to secure this great evangelist and orator, mission worker and reformed pugilist and adventurer, to deliver his thrilling lecture on the Chautauqua platform. Just as he had despaired of ever finding him, and as the Chautauqua programs were going to press without his name, a cablegram was received saying he had arrived in London from the

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STATE LAND SALES VERY SUCCESSFUL

Santa Fe, N. M., May 7.—The state land office today completed and made public a summary of the seven sales of state lands held during the month of April in Guadalupe, Quay, Socorro, Curry, Chaves, Eddy and Union Counties. The sales brought the highest average price per acre of any similar acreage ever sold by the state. Distribution of the tracts as to acreage shows a marked increase in the number of buyers of small tracts, of from 10 to 640 acres. A total of 173,197 3/4 acres were sold, bringing the state a total price of \$1,334,563.29, or an average of \$7.70 per acre. The highest price per acre paid was \$39 for 292 acres in Chaves county, although several tracts in Curry county sold at \$20 an acre or better. The Union county sale was the most important, comprising 60 tracts totaling 120,372.54 acres, which sold for \$901,559.57, the largest total ever shown in a state land sale.

The Union county sale was remarkable for the attendance from other states and the uniform activity of the bidding throughout the auction. A tract of 38,000 acres was sold to the representative of a group of cooperative bidders, 110 in number. The purchase was made at \$10 an acre and the tract has now been subdivided among the group who came from 22 states in the Dominion of Canada. Their lots range from 100 to 1200 acres. Twenty-five or more will move onto and farm their land this year.

A total of 164 tracts were sold in these sales, being distributed as to acreage brought as follows: 40 acres or less, 11; 80 acres or less, 14; 100 acres or less, 45; 1200 acres or less, 22; 2500 acres or less, 14; 5000 acres or less, 7; over 5000 acres, 4. This latter group included the 38,000 acre tract subdivided among the 110 buyers in the co-operating group. Practically all sales made in April come under the new law by which the state requires a payment of 5 per cent of the purchase price in cash, the balance at any time within 30 years at 4 per cent interest annually in advance on deferred payments. All the property purchased goes into the tax rolls at once at full value, as other similar property is taxed. Thus, as a result of these sales, the state gains \$1,234,563.29 in taxable property and the institutions and schools, beneficiaries under the federal land grants to the state receive at once for their permanent funds \$66,725.10, and for their income funds for the fiscal year, a total of \$50,711.12. A considerable area of the land sold is being or will be farmed this year.

Including the 173,000 acres sold last month the state up to May 1 has sold or contracted for sale approximately 1,000,000 of the 12,150,000 acres granted to it and its various institutions

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PLENTY OF MOISTURE FOR CURRY COUNTY FARMERS

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE.

To be held at the Baptist church on Sunday, May 13, at 8 p. m. Processional.....Miss Baker (The Congregation.) Invocation.....Rev. Lambert "Gloria".....Mozart (The Chorus.) Scripture Reading.....Mr. Shepard Selection..... (The Male Quartette.) Prayer.....Rev. Culpepper Special Music..... (Mr. Burton.) Announcements..... Offertory..... "Thou Art Our Father".....Emerson (The Chorus.) Baccalaureate Sermon.....Rev. Redmon Hymn....."America" (The Congregation.) Benediction.....Rev. Lambert

ROBERT W. CHAMBERS SAYS—

"The Girl Philippa" is the most beautifully handled, most artistic motion picture I have ever seen. It is simply corking, in fact the whole presentation is perfectly delightful.

"In the role of Philippa, Miss Antta Stewart is most charming. I admired most the restraint in the interpretation of the part. I have never seen a more delightful piece of acting than that of Miss Stewart in the scene in the cabaret when she is told by Wil-drese to spy on the American artist—it is charming.

"The entire production is well cast, and S. Rankin Drew, the director, is entitled to the greatest credit.

"In fact, the whole performance is delightful, and most artistic. I might say inly."

Presented at the Lyceum Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16. Matinee each day at 3:00.

FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTER EXAMINATION.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Clovis, New Mexico, on June 9, 1917, as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Grady, New Mexico, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$339 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at eighteen years, women eighteen years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements.

Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at the place of vacancy, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, at Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practicable date.

N. G. Bailey has purchased the grocery business at the old Clovis Feed store from J. A. McFarlin and A. A. Adams. Mr. Bailey took charge of the business the first of the week.

Smashing, red-blooded love drama of the great war now in progress, "The Girl Philippa" by Robert W. Chambers, at the Lyceum Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 and 16.

I. V. White, proprietor of the Sanitary Barber Shop, has caught the spirit of helping the country to feed itself. He will have a crop planted near town and part of it will be five acres of beans. Indications are that beans will continue to be a good price this fall, and Mr. White is figuring on making a bigger profit out of his crop than from his barber shop.

The Clovis country has got plenty of moisture since the last issue of the News, and there is a smile on the face of the Curry county farmer. On Friday of last week a nice rain fell which amounted to more than a half inch. Saturday night rain began falling which turned into snow and all during the night snow fell, in fact it was the largest snow of the season, notwithstanding the fact that it fell in the spring. This was followed by showers during the week, including a steady rain on Thursday morning and Thursday night, and now there is ample moisture in the ground to answer all the needs of the farmer at this time. Sunday night this section was visited by a heavy frost which did some damage to the gardens that were up, but no damage whatever was done to the wheat fields as they are not far advanced at this time. With a few days of warm sunshine the wheat will grow by leaps and bounds and it looks like now that this section is certain to make a big yield, and the price will be so high that the pockets of the Curry county farmer will be fairly bulging with money. And wheat is only one of the money crops of the county. The rains insure plenty of grass for grazing put a fine season in the ground for the planting of maize and kaffir, and all row crops, of which we are almost sure to make good yields this year, as the spring and summer rains are starting in early. In fact, it looks like Curry county is this year going to furnish still more proof that this is just about the best section of country anywhere and that we can raise as much if not more per acre than the older farming sections where land is a great deal higher in price. Again we say—Come to Curry County.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

The following is the program for the commencement exercises of the Clovis high school which will be held at the Christian church, Friday, May 18, at 8 p. m.

Invocation.....Rev. C. W. Lambert Instrumental solo.....Miss Norma Baker Glee Club. Address.....Dr. David R. Boyd Vocal Solo.....Miss Jo Welch Presentation of Diplomas..... Presentation of Diplomas..... Dr. A. L. Dillon Benediction.....Rev. S. B. Culpepper

COMMITTEES NAMED FOR RED CROSS

A meeting of the officers of the local Red Cross organization was held Wednesday at the home of the Vice-Chairman, Mrs. C. A. Scheurich.

A membership committee consisting of A. H. Wagner, A. Mandel, Prof. Bleckley, W. J. Stewart, Mrs. E. W. Bowyer, Mrs. Dalton Reed, Mrs. John Barry, and Miss Hortense Tate was named by the president. Mr. Wagner is the chairman of this committee. The executive committee consists of Sam G. Bratton, A. W. Johnson, R. F. Pixley, Rev. Redmon, Dr. Scott and Mrs. Fred James.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a meeting of the officers and members of the committees at the office of J. H. Shepard, president of the organization. It is urged that the members of all committees be present.

MRS. LAWRENCE HICKMAN.

Mrs. Lawrence Hickman died Wednesday night at the family home 8 miles northwest of Clovis after a short illness. The funeral service was conducted Thursday afternoon at the home of C. W. Lambert, pastor of the Christian church, of which she was a member. Mrs. Hickman was only 22 years of age. Besides her husband, she leaves an infant daughter that was born only last week. The bereaved husband and other relatives have the sympathy of all in the loss of one so near and dear to them.

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